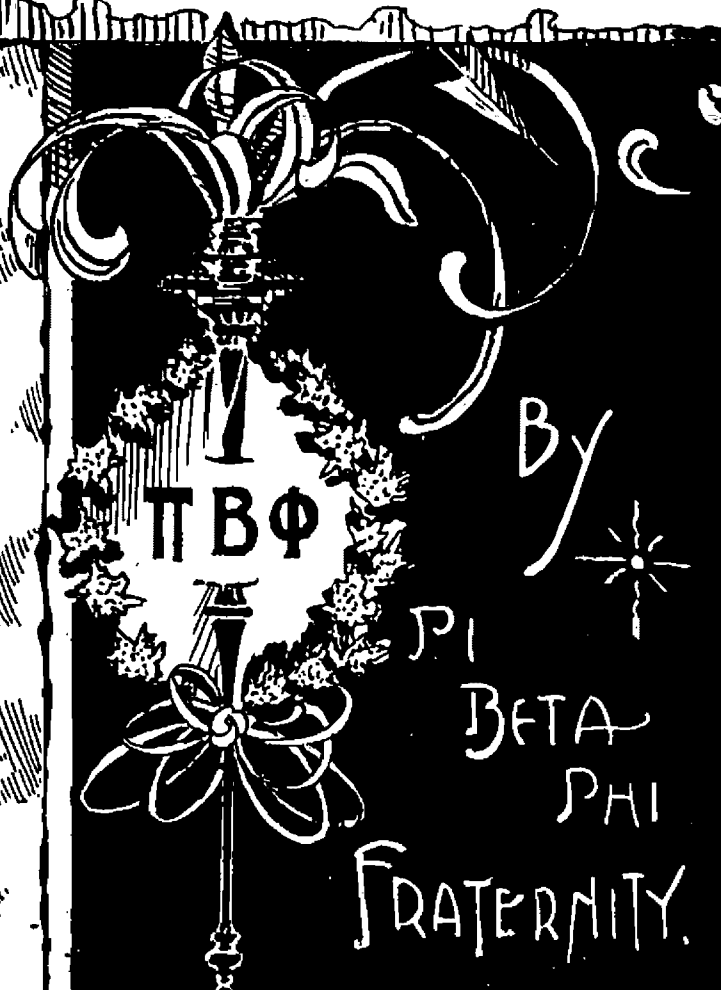


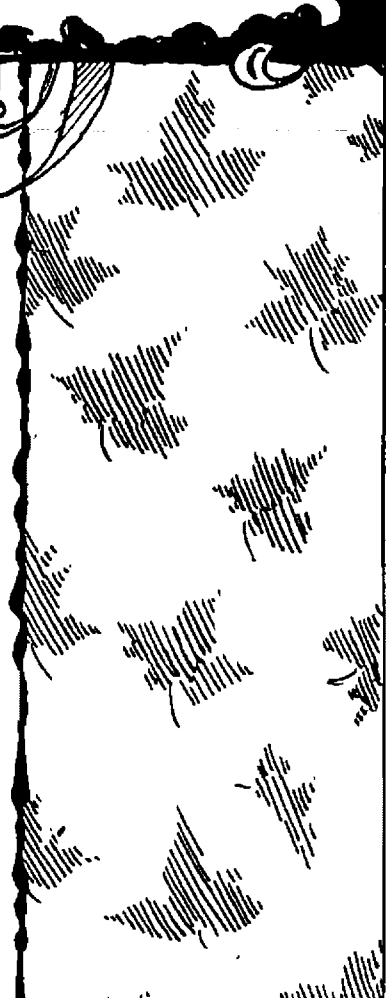


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THE NEW GRAND COUNCIL.

GRACE LASS SISSON, GRAND PRESIDENT.

MRS. FRANCIS HINCKLEY SISSON, better known to Pi Beta Phi until quite recently as Grace Lass, was born in Galesburg, Ill., and is a graduate of Knox College. She was a member of the class of '92 and composed the class day poem of that year. During her college course she showed special dramatic talent and took several honors, including first prize offered by the college for excellence in that study.

After graduating Mrs. Sisson continued her study of dramatic art in Boston, and for three years she held the position of instructor of elocution in Knox College. Mrs. Sisson has been a member of several concert and dramatic companies, and for the last two seasons she traveled with the Mendelssohn Concert company as reader.

She also finds time for considerable social and club work in Galesburg, is a member of two of the leading literary clubs, and also the Comedy club of that city.

In Pi Beta Phi Mrs. Sisson first became known as delegate to the convention of '89. For two years she was chairman of the executive committee. Since then she has been a member of the Grand Council, serving first as Grand Secretary, and at convention this summer was re-elected for a second term of two years as Grand President. It was in June of this year that Miss Lass changed her name to that of Mrs. Francis H. Sisson. Mr. Sisson is himself an active fraternity man, and is at present a member of the board of trustees of Beta Theta Pi.

GRACE GROSVENOR, GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

PI BETA PHI has no member of whom it can more justly be proud than Grace Grosvenor.

Miss Grosvenor was a charter member of Ohio Alpha, established in 1889 at Ohio University, from which University she was graduated in 1893. The following year she was appointed Grand Vice-President to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mrs. Stine. Miss Grosvenor refused the nomination for Grand Vice-President at the Boston convention two years ago but was induced to accept the appointment to that office when Miss Gamble went abroad the following winter, and was re-elected at the Madison convention in July.

Our honored President could have no abler coadjutor in all progressive fraternity work than Miss Grosvenor. She has had the advantage of wide study and extensive travel, which added to a charming personality make her one of the most attractive of women. She spends the winter each year in Washington and naturally feels a particular interest in the development of Pi Beta Phi in the East, and it is largely owing to her untiring zeal and devotion that we have made such rapid progress in establishing eastern chapters during the last two years.

The girls who come into personal contact with Miss Grosvenor feel always a renewed enthusiasm for fraternity work and an inspiration to seek for Pi Beta Phi the realization of the highest fraternity ideals.

C. S.

ETHEL ALLEN, GRAND SECRETARY.

ETHEL BEECHER ALLEN was born in Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio. When scarcely past infancy, she removed to Kansas City, Mo., which has since been her home. After four years of schooling in Kansas City and New York City, she entered the State University of Kansas, where she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later she received the second degree of Master of Arts, and delivered the Master's oration. Early in 1886, she left for Europe with a family

party and spent the three succeeding years in travel and in the study of French, German and Italian. Since her return she has been busied with literary, philanthropic and social interests. She is at present a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Colonial Dames, secretary of a prominent benevolent organization, president of the Kansas City Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, a member of the Friends in Council, one of the oldest literary clubs in the city, associate member of the Shut-in Society, and holds an office under the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

LUCINDA SMITH, GRAND TREASURER.

LUCINDA SMITH, whose able performance of the duties of Grand Treasurer during the last four years, has made her well known to the general fraternity, spent the greater part of her life until entering college, in Leavenworth, Kansas, where she received her high school education. From 1890 to 1895, she attended the University of Kansas, becoming a member of Pi Beta Phi during her Freshman year. During her Senior year, she was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and for the two years subsequent to her graduation, she has been filling the post of Junior Assistant in the department of English in the University. At the last convention, she was unanimously re-elected to her third term as Grand Treasurer. The qualities which make Miss Smith so valuable to the fraternity,—her enthusiasm, loyalty and ability,—also make her popular and influential outside of fraternity circles. Miss Smith comes of a family noted locally for its beauty and its Pi Phi proclivities. Three of her sisters are members of the fraternity.

CHARLOTTE FARNSWORTH, GRAND GUIDE.

CHARLOTTE JOY FARNSWORTH was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1868, where she received her early education. She attended Wellesley College for three years, from '87 to '90, while there, being prominent in the literary, social and athletic life of the college.

In August, 1890, she was married to Charles Herbert Farns-

worth, head of the musical department in the University of Colorado, where she has since taken her degree and joined Pi Beta Phi. Since then her life has been closely associated with the social life of the university and of the progressive town of Boulder. Literary, musical and dramatic talent make her a brilliant leader.

In Pi Beta Phi her influence, confined at one time to the local chapter of Colorado Alpha, in which she has held nearly every office, has been extended to the State Alumnae of Colorado of which she is president, and is now widened to the whole fraternity, through the office of Grand Guide.

These details in the life of Mrs. Farnsworth should reveal a woman of charming personality. She has the gracious manner, graceful bearing and sweet voice of a Josephine.

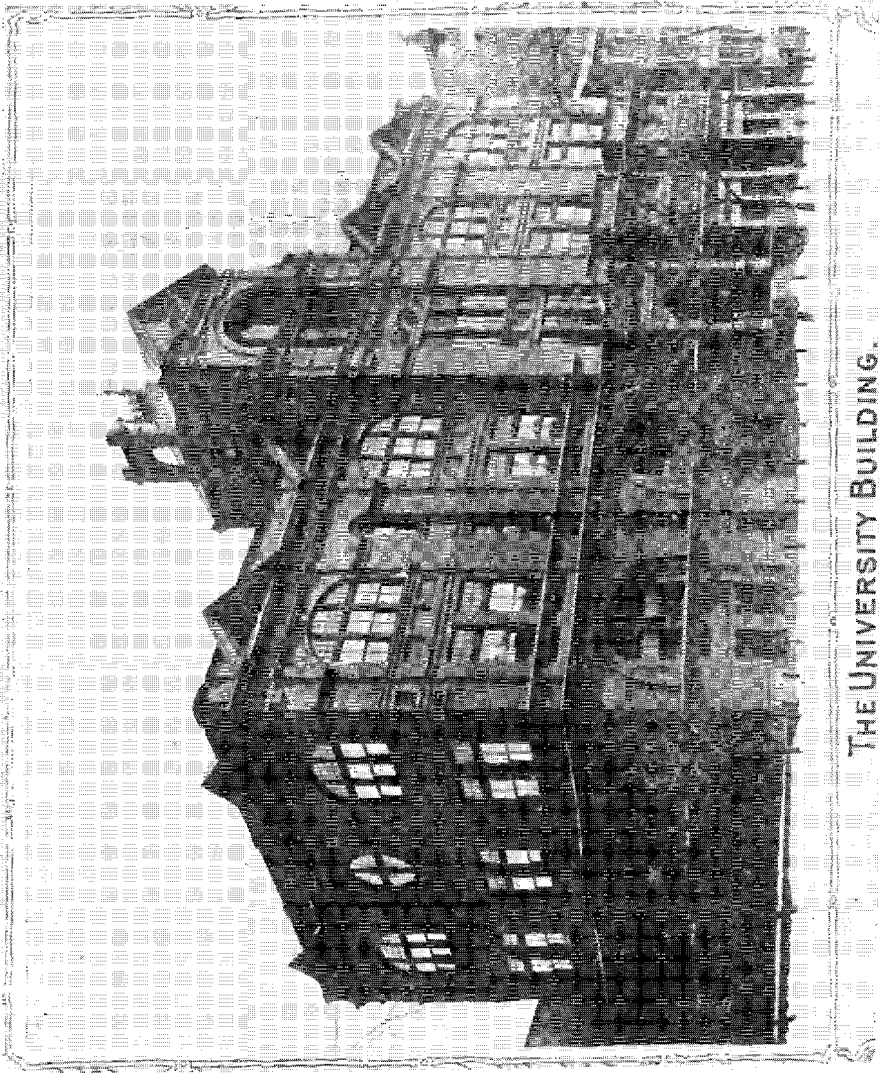
A sympathy, deep and broad, pervades her whole person. It silently draws and holds one, while a power such as is possessed only by one who has lived deeply and thoroughly, is given generously to her friends in need.

E. C. S.

SUSAN LEWIS, GRAND HISTORIAN.

SUSAN WHIPPLE LEWIS, our Grand Historian, was born in Hyde Park, Ill., on September 2, 1872. Surrounded from the first by books, her literary education began very early in life. In June, 1891, she was graduated from the Hyde Park High School, her essay receiving the prize for the highest literary merit.

The following fall she matriculated at the University of Michigan. Trained from childhood to think on whatsoever things are true, just, pure and lovely, she easily grasped the ideals and spirit of Pi Beta Phi, and in November was initiated into Michigan Beta. After two years at Ann Arbor, where her chapter life was her greatest pleasure, she entered the University of Chicago. Here she specialized in Greek and Latin and in 1895 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Since her graduation she has done private teaching. This summer she was offered a position in one of the Chicago high schools, but declined, preferring to go on with further university study.



THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING.
COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

At the Boston convention in 1895, Miss Lewis was elected Grand Historian, to which office she was re-elected at the Madison convention. It is very fitting that the Pi Beta Phi history should be in the hands of one who does all her work with such accuracy and painstaking thoroughness.

Of a reserved and modest disposition, Miss Lewis has failed to make herself known to many of our girls, but one who has come into close friendship with her, can say with truth that to know her is to love her.

A. P.

THE COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Whang! Bang!
Siss Boom Bah!
Columbian! Columbian!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

WASHINGTON, the capital of the United States and the most beautiful city in America, with its fine national library, its renowned Smithsonian Institute and the many other advantages for general culture, seems a paradise to the student.

Such indeed was the opinion of a certain wise body of men, who determined in 1817 to found a college in the city of Washington for the education of Baptist ministers. Two years afterwards an association was formed for the purpose of obtaining land, and contributions were made by noted men, among whom were James Monroe, John Quincy Adams and John C. Calhoun. In 1821 a charter was granted and the first commencement of the Columbian College was held on the 15th of December, 1824. Verily that was a day famous in the annals of the Columbian, for not only did members of both houses of congress attend, but President Monroe, the secretaries of state, war and of the navy and General La Fayette were present at the great occasion. The college grew steadily, but like many other institutions, at the outbreak of the war its attendance was greatly diminished and although there remained only a few faithful students, who preferred the mental struggle for a university education to the fierce civil struggle which was raging

around them, still the classes were not suspended. They were, however, confined to a few rooms, as the greater part of the buildings were used by the government for hospital purposes.

Then came to Columbian the late President James C. Welling, LL. D., a man whose great interest and untiring energy did much for the college, and it was through his efforts, that the name was changed from Columbian College to Columbian University. The college buildings until 1884 were at quite a distance from the city proper, but in that year the present university building, which is at the corner of H and Fifteenth streets, was built, and used by the Academic, Law and Scientific Departments. It is a large, imposing, brick building, three stories high and situated in the very heart of the city. On the first floor are the offices of the president and treasurer, a library for the students and a large hall, where the daily devotional exercises are held and all general lectures are given. On the second and third floors are large airy class-rooms, an examination room and a large lecture hall used particularly by the scientific students. The Chemical laboratory is very well equipped, while the Physical laboratory was the scene of the greatest excitement last year, when for some time it was the only place of its kind, where experiments with the recently discovered Roentgen rays could be tried.

It would seem impossible that three departments, as large as the law, scientific and academic, could be housed in so small a building, but by skillful arrangement, there is no conflict, as the scientific and law classes meet in the evening, thus giving opportunities for study to those who are occupied in the day time, and from nine in the morning until half-past four the rooms are used exclusively by the academic students. In addition to these three departments of the university, there are four others, the Dental, the Medical and Graduate schools, and the Columbian academy. The Dental and Medical schools have a building of their own, the Columbian academy has spacious quarters near by and the Graduate school uses certain rooms of the college building.

The Law department has a good standing and is the oldest and

largest law school in Washington. On the faculty are two judges of the supreme court of the United States, an honor of which few, if any other, law schools can boast. Students come from all over the country, grey-haired men and rising young lawyers, to attend the lectures, for it is indeed a privilege to have the law expounded by such authorities as Justice Brewer and Justice Harlan.

The Corcoran Scientific school, established and endowed by Mr. W. W. Corcoran, Washington's great benefactor, offers great facilities to special students, and among its number are men of great ability. One special attraction in this school is that men and women share alike in the opportunities for study, while the women are debarred from study in both the Medical and Law schools, and thus out of the seven departments of the college only three, the College, the Corcoran Scientific school and the Graduate school are co-educational.

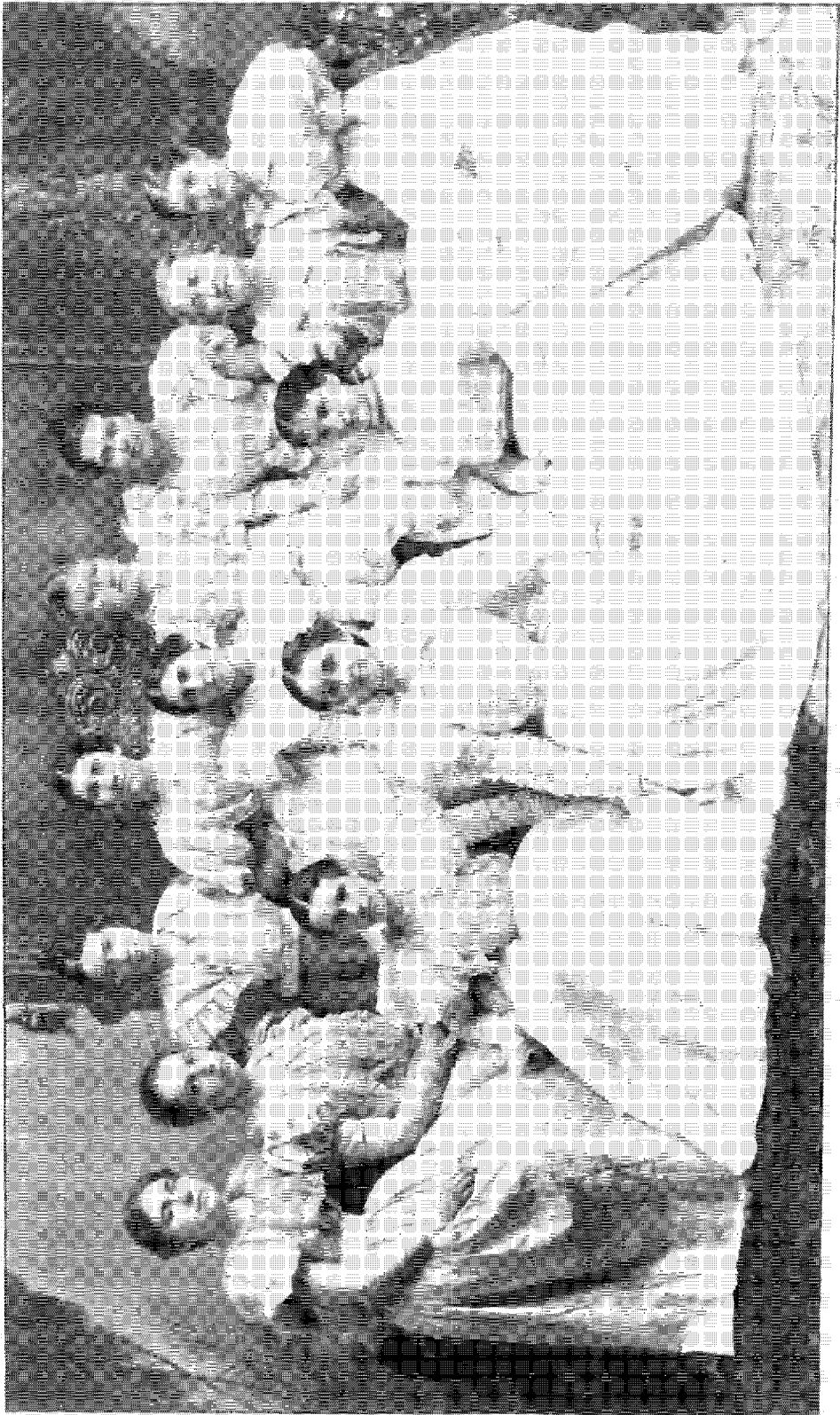
The Columbian academy and the College are the oldest departments of the university and the College is, of course, the most interesting part of the university, to Pi Phi at least. There are two courses offered to the student, a scientific course leading to the degree of B. S. and an academic course leading to the degree of B. A. Four years is the general course for each degree, but some students by an extra effort are able to win their diplomas in three. It is impossible to speak of the college faculty, for an entire article could not do them justice. Suffice it to say that it only depends upon the student to make the four years at Columbian, the most useful years of his life. It would not be possible even in a brief sketch like this, to refrain from saying a few words about the president of the university, Beniah L. Whitman, D. D. He came to the university last year and every student then in the university, will remember the night of the inaugural ceremonies. A band of students with blue and orange banners, shouting the college yell, until their voices broke with hoarseness, and bubbling over with enthusiasm for dear old Columbian, marched down to the hall, in which the ceremonies were conducted. The hall is the largest of the kind in the city, and on that occasion it was filled to over-

flowing with a distinguished assemblage. The faculties of all the other institutions in the city were present and made a dignified and imposing appearance. Dr. Patton, the president of Princeton, Dr. Strong of the Rochester Theological seminary and Dr. Greene, who had been acting-president ever since the death of President Welling, were among the speakers of the evening. The crowning success, however, was President Whitman's address. It was a clear, forcible, striking speech, delivered in a distinct and melodious voice, and when he had finished the hall rang with applause and college yells.

There are many societies connected with the university, and one of the strongest and most interesting features is a course of lectures under the auspices of the college, delivered by noted men. These are generally given through the three winter months, and among the names of the lecturers are found those of such men, as Prof. W. O. Partridge, Prof. W. T. Harris and Prof. T. N. Gill. One of the greatest helps to the university, particularly financially, is the strong Alumni association. Every year the Alumni give a dinner and the evening is devoted to pleasant reminiscences and the future possibilities of the beloved Alma Mater. Columbian is justly proud of her Alumni, for from the list of her graduates have come men, who have held prominent positions in the government, men who have distinguished themselves in literary work and scientific research, and all are enthusiastic and loyal to the blue and orange.

The following fraternities are represented in the university: Phi Kappa Psi, established in 1869, exists in the Law and Medical departments. Phi Delta Theta, exists in the Law department. Kappa Alpha, is composed of students from the Law, Scientific and Academic departments. Kappa Sigma is made up of men from the Law department. In the college the Greeks are represented by Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Chi, the former, although established only last year is much the stronger in numbers. Both fraternities are loyal friends to Pi Beta Phi. Our sorority has been in existence here ever since the doors of the college were opened to women, in 1889.

Every member of Columbia Alpha has advantages, of which



she ought to be proud; first, she is proud of the beautiful city in which she lives; second, she is proud of her chapter, and third, she is proud of the many distinguished Pi Phis, whose homes are in Washington. No other chapter has more advantages in the way of seeing and meeting non-resident Pi Phis. For Washington is an attraction to so many travelers, that hardly a year goes by, in which two or three non-resident Pi Phis do not make us a flying visit. Miss Edith Ingersoll and Miss Allen were here last winter. Then the Alumnae Council; words cannot express how kind and interested they have been in Columbia Alpha. It is a privilege to be able to meet Pi Phis like Emma Harper Turner, Florence P. Chase, Sarah M. Sterrett and Anna Hazelton, and Columbia Alpha's welfare is to them a subject of the greatest importance. No matter how busy they are, they have always time to discuss fraternity questions and by their valuable advice and splendid examples as loyal Pi Phis, have done much for Columbia Alpha.

Elise Bradford,
Columbia Alpha.

OUR NEW CHAPTER.

AT the convention last July, a charter was granted the local society Alpha Phi Psi of Butler College of the University of Indianapolis. Alpha Phi Psi was organized November nineteenth, eighteen hundred ninety-four, with six charter members. Four new members were admitted before the end of the year, and in the following January the fraternity became publicly known and the members appeared in chapel wearing their chosen colors, black and crimson. One week later, Kappa Kappa Gamma received the Greek letter fraternities of the college in honor of Alpha Phi Psi.

To Bertha Holland, of Indiana Beta, we owe our thanks for our new sisters, since it was Miss Holland who, when attending Butler as a pledged member of Indiana Beta, first aroused an interest in our fraternity among the girls of Alpha Phi Psi.

The initiation into Pi Beta Phi took place Friday evening,

the twenty-seventh of last August, at the home of Annie and Mary McCullom. Besides the eleven initiates, there were present eight members of Indiana Alpha, one of Indiana Beta and one of Michigan Beta.

Mrs. Grace Lass Sisson was with us to take charge of the initiation, which was simple but very impressive. After the ceremony an elaborate spread was enjoyed, and we then listened to an informal talk by Mrs. Sisson. We were all glad to have this opportunity of meeting and knowing our Grand President.

The new sisters to whom we, as members of Pi Beta Phi, owe our support and sympathy, are in every way worthy to be members of our fraternity, and what higher praise can be bestowed? They are: Elizabeth Maxon Banning, Ethel Curryer, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Ethel B. Roberts, Emily Helming, Annette Seely, Grace Marie Cassady, Olive Inez Phares, Caroline Snoddy, Mariette Thompson, Annie McCollum, Mary Gertrude McCollum, and Jessie Lanier Christian Brown.

Leila Kennedy Galpin.

FAREWELL TO COLLEGE.

As one who, swiftly borne away from shore,
 Sees fading dimly from his straining sight
 His home-land, in the evening's ruddy light,
 That land whose joys he thinks to feel no more,
 So we who face a future all unknown,
 With spreading sails, while sky and waves are fair,
 Turn, homesick, back to the safe harbor's care,
 And fear to trust our little boats alone.

Farewell, dear place, from which we go for aye;
 Our life, with grief or pleasure, lies before,
 And years shall bring us changes as they fly;
 But thou shalt stand unchanged from day to day,
 With lofty purpose and ideal high,—
 To noble life and knowledge true the Door.

Jessie Lanier Christian,
 Indiana Gamma.

THE COLLEGE SETTLEMENT MOVEMENT.

HERE are so many things to learn in this nineteenth century that sometimes one is almost overwhelmed by their number. College graduates used to seem very wise beings to us when we were in the grammar school, but as the years of college life slip away, one wonders how she ever could have thought that four years would give her so vast a store of information that she would be satisfied with her learning when she had received her bachelor's degree. More and more one feels that her information on any one subject is inadequate and superficial. It is with some hesitation, therefore, that I write for the Arrow something about College Settlements, for the experience of one who has never lived in a settlement must necessarily be incomplete and it will be impossible to give more than an outsider's view.

The settlement idea has been one of gradual development. In 1867, Edward Denison, an Oxford graduate, took a lodging in one of the worst parts of London. He was inspired by a genuine desire to help the people about him. He saw the weakness of a civilization in which the very rich and the very poor are so widely separated and he endeavored to do his part toward removing this weakness. Down in the East End he organized clubs, addressed the people on the subject of religion, and best of all endeavored to establish the close relation of friendship. "His real power," we are told, "lay not so much in what he did as in what he was," for he had to leave England on account of ill health only two years after he had started his work and in a few weeks after his departure, he died. But his work was not forgotten, and in 1875, another Oxford man, Arnold Toynbee, went to the East End of London. He too was soon forced to give up, but after his early death his work was carried on by his friend and co-laborer, Rev. Samuel A. Barnett, who felt strongly the needs of his parish and laid the foundation of his work there. In '85, through his earnest efforts the two great English universities united to establish Toynbee Hall.

The work, however, was not to be confined to England, where

it continued to grow, but must spread to America, where in 1889, a few college women founded the Rivington St. Settlement in a part of New York City, which "is said to be more densely populated than any part of London." One can but wonder in passing along those streets on a Saturday afternoon where the throngs of people come from. There are so many of such varied types and kinds.

In the spring of 1890, the College Settlements Association was founded. To this any college contributing, annually, one hundred dollars or more, may belong. All the large women's colleges and some co-educational institutions, twelve in all, are represented, and the association has now under its direction three settlements, the one in New York, the St. Mary St. Settlement of Philadelphia, and Denison House of Boston. The work in this country is by no means confined to the association, for many of the larger universities have settlements of their own in the large cities. The Social Settlement of Hull House in Chicago was started in the same year as the Rivington St. Settlement, and there are settlements in San Francisco, St. Louis, Pittsburg and other cities. But the work does not belong only to the cities. In western North Carolina, in the midst of glorious mountains, there has long been a need of the infusion of new life into the mountaineers. One can scarcely believe when looking at nature's exquisite loveliness in that region that there is a terrible state of degradation among the mountain dwellers. There one may see "what a woman looks like who works at the plow, who eats hog and drinks whiskey, who sucks at a wad of snuff, who is as licentious as the worst women in cities." A Log Cabin College Settlement was opened three miles from Asheville, in 1895. The Head Worker says, "Here there is not the need, as in the city, for a large number of workers in one settlement, but there is a crying need for many settlements."

Perhaps it may be of interest to readers of the Arrow to learn a little in detail of St. Mary St. Settlement, with which the writer is most familiar. It is situated in a short and narrow street which in former days must have been in a terrible condition of pauperism and crime. In truth one may judge something of the

character of St. Mary St. by the fact that the name was changed to Carver St. because it was almost impossible for men living there to obtain work on account of its evil reputation. Now, instead of rough cobble stones, one finds asphaltum paving, and there is little of that dreadful shut-in feeling of most of those narrow streets. A number of the worst tenements near the settlement have been torn down and although the ground has not yet been made into a park, as is to be done some day, one finds plenty of light and sunshine in the immediate vicinity of the settlement. There are now three buildings used, the house in which the head worker, assistant, and some of the residents live, the Coffee House and the Stuart Memorial Church, which is used for lectures, entertainments and, among other things, for the Saturday morning games in which college girls from Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore sometimes assist. Let us suppose that the visitor to St. Mary St. goes down Seventh St. First she will come to the Coffee House. Entering it she must at once be delighted with the brightness and freshness of everything about her. The tempting look of the food which is served at low prices, and the dishes, which are dainty and pretty, everything in fact, presents a pleasant surprise after the dirty streets. Upstairs is a library which is a branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Here too some of the residents live and the visitor is allowed to look at the rooms fitted up by Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore. Fortunately for the college girls the residents do not seem to object to the examination of their rooms.

After leaving the Coffee House one turns along Carver St. and passes the church, obtaining a glimpse of its pleasant yard where many children are playing. The little ones are not afraid of strangers and sometimes flock around the visitor and apparently enjoy talking to her. The college girl is much amused the first time she is called "teacher" by them. There seems to be a distinction in the mind of some of them between a "teacher" and a "lady." Not long ago one of the residents asked a child what it was. She said that she did not know exactly, because a "lady" when she was dressed up looked just like a "teacher!" Next to the church is the house. Such a charming house it is! The

pleasant little hall, the parlor with its pictures and bright flower window, to be seen from the outside as well as the inside, the dining room, the cheerful rooms of the residents upstairs, all suggest a home and a very lovely home it seems to be. If the Head Worker, Miss Katharine B. Davis, is not too busy and one can meet her, she should not miss the opportunity, for her earnestness and enthusiasm are truly inspiring. One of the residents will always show visitors about and tell many interesting things. There is something about the atmosphere of the place which gives one the impression of sincerity and heartiness. One loses somewhat, the terrible sense of depression which the dirty streets and foul odors and the stories which are told of the awful degradation of the slums have left in her mind.

Of the kinds of work undertaken at the Settlement, it would be impossible to tell much in detail here. There are classes of many sorts. One of these classes has studied *Twelfth Night* this winter and not long ago went to see Julia Marlowe. They went home very enthusiastic and were almost ready to learn and act the play themselves. The clubs and classes are by no means all of the things which call for the attention of the residents. Some of these have specialized work, some of them collect the rent in neighboring tenements. Educational work is an important feature of their labors. There are Sunday evening lectures. The Philadelphia Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae has co-operated with the Settlement and as a result University Extension lectures have been given. "The executive committee became convinced that it was its duty and its privilege to take a step toward the education and practical training of young people who have the desire to be of service to the community in social or philanthropic work and who wish to know what has been thought and done by other people along these lines." Lectures have been given with this purpose in view. Although the organized work seems to fill a large place in the life of the settlement, we must not forget that it is not only that which makes it such a busy life. "It is as an effort of the human spirit to do human work that a settlement must be judged. Its clubs, its social schemes, are not so true a test of its success as its effect in establishing friendship between man and man." That there is a

need for this part of the work and that it must be an increasing need unless we can find some way to fill it, we cannot doubt. Whether it be true or not that there is a growing indifference on the part of the rich and a growing hostility on the part of the poor, the chasm is already too wide.

It has been said that the settlement idea is looked upon with too much sentimentality by outsiders, that the residents are thought of as giving up all the pleasant things of life, making a complete sacrifice of them. The life of the educated man or woman, were it lived entirely among the poor, would fall short of the high mission of drawing all classes together. The resident must not come in contact with one kind of life only, but must be sympathetic and helpful toward as many sorts and conditions of people as possible. It is the fact that "one has placed her life at the point of greatest need in the modern world, between those alienated classes which cry out for a mediator," that is of the greatest importance in the settlement movement. When we think of the sacrifice a resident must make as almost too great, do we not forget that the poorest have some things which a college man or woman does not possess and that he or she is gaining as much as the poor? The settlement is "one more illustration of the divinest law man serves—that he must 'die to live,' must surrender to obtain."

The objection is sometimes urged against the settlements that the results do not pay for the expenditure of time, money and strength, that there is too much unorganized work about them. Can we expect the settlement, when it endeavors in its measure to strike at the root of the difficulties of modern civilization, to show vast results in twenty or thirty years when the conditions have been growing and becoming firmly established for hundreds of years? Personal, unorganized work may seem sometimes ineffective, but in our seeking for the universal good we must not neglect the particular, for only through the perfection of every individual can come the perfection of the whole. May it not be that the fact that the women's settlements are really homes makes them of greater usefulness. And though we need more and more organized work, may it not be that through the ideal of establishing true friendship, intimate personal contact with the

poor, shall come the most potent force for the uplifting of humanity. Organized work, united effort is of very great importance, but we must not forget that there is some work which can be only individual. What though the sacrifice be great, it must seem small, if it but lead us closer to the realization of the brotherhood of man.

Sarah Bancroft,
Pennsylvania Alpha.

THE CONVENTION FROM A COLORADO MID-SUMMER POINT OF VIEW.

SOMETHING in the atmosphere of a Colorado summer day is antagonistic to the mere thought of settling down to the reading of any sort of literature. Even the novel, usually recommended as good summer reading, grows stale, flat and unprofitable if our gaze happens to wander, as it is sure to do, from the first page of our paper covered book, to the line of many mountain peaks, just across the meadow and beyond the nearest foothills. Or even if it is not the mountains that distract our thoughts, but only the deep blue of a Colorado sky, or the scattered Mariposa lilies at our feet, we are just as sure to feel that sudden distaste for the whole realm of literature, and the pages of our book are turned—if turned at all—by a breeze that has rustled the branches of many an old pine tree.

What wonder then that, resting on a mossy bank, with the gentle murmur of a mountain river in my ears, the picture of other waters should be present in my mind. And now it was not Lake Monona that I saw with a swiftly vanishing city on the further side, but Lake Mendota, along the shore of which were the tops of the buildings of the University of Wisconsin, as I beheld them that first day, from a rowboat on the lake. The magnificent gymnasium standing out in fine relief above surrounding foliage, like a feudal fortress; and far down to the left the dome of the capitol building shining in the glory of an afternoon sun. Could any place have been more perfect than this lovely college town for the holding of a fraternity convention.

On Mendota Court at the left of the gymnasium building

were the three chapter houses of Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta, which were given over to the use of the Pi Phi girls during the convention week, and next door to them the building used as a men's club during the school year and converted into the gathering place at dinner time of Pi Phis, eighty strong, where the long room was filled with the chattering of merry voices, or where in some quieter corner such questions would come up for discussion as the proposed changes in fraternity policy, or as the most approved methods to be used during the rushing season; or how and why the various chapters differed in their ways and means.

Oh, if the other girls who can know of the convention only by report, could have looked across those long tables, on the morning after the informal reception, when the Pi Phis were seated for the first time together, what a thrill they must have felt, and how much more deeply the faces there would have been impressed upon their memories than even the university, or the lake, or the business sessions, or the social functions of the convention. For truly the chiefest inspiration of the whole convention week was the gathering together of so many beautiful and representative girls and women. Instead of feeling this for themselves, they must listen to the utterly inadequate account from their one delegate—for what delegate could do justice to that fine spirit of enthusiasm which pervaded the convention from beginning to end.

Again the murmur of the water at my side brings up the remembrance of our first glimpse of Lake Mendota in the radiance of a moonlight evening. We were the first delegates to arrive. How much the others missed by not going a day early, as we did, they will never know.

There were two of us. I remember so distinctly how anxiously we hoped that this at last was Madison, as our train pulled in, and how tired and bedraggled we felt after our hot ride, when we stepped upon the long platform; and how all this was forgotten when three girls came toward us, giving us only time enough to think that surely these girls ought to be Pi Phis, if they were not, before we received from them the Pi Phi grip,

and a welcome hearty enough to offset the fact that we were at once assisted into a carriage bearing the rather ominous title of the Madison "Hearse." But indeed, we were much alive when we reached the steps of the Beta Chapter House and saw standing there to make our greeting the more emphatic, our Grand Guide, Mrs. Sober, whom we shall always remember as the one untiring spirit of the convention—the one to whom the brilliant success of our convention was most largely due. Fancy then how great a privilege we counted it to be chatting later on over a cup of tea, out on the veranda of the Beta house, overlooking the lake and Mendota Court, with the four Pi Phis whom we had already seen, while from within we could hear the scurrying of feet and sudden bursts of sound that betokened the arrival of other delegates, on the later evening trains. That first night anticipated the delightful days that were to follow.

The advantage and pleasure to us of the first day was immeasurable, for it was then that we had opportunity to know something of the chapter which was to act as the hostess in the next few days, and as each of the Madison girls were introduced to us we stopped and wondered if it could be true that this chapter had known less than three years of active life in an institution where six of the seven sororities were represented. Besides, we saw something of the university buildings in that day, and we had our first row on the lake, and we were shown the beautiful university drive, and driven through the quaintly crooked streets of the older part of Madison; and we did not need all of the day to convince us that it would be rather a delightful thing to take at least a year for knowing the University of Wisconsin.

Then came the evening for the first informal reception where we familiarized ourselves with the faces of every delegate, officer and visiting Pi Phi. Fortunately some brilliant mind evolved the happy idea of reviving that old custom of labelling each girl or we should have had a sad time in locating each other, but the delegates from our new chapters were easily found, and our only disappointment was that nowhere among the names could we find that of the Louisiana delegate.

How oddly confused my memories of the next few days have grown to be, and what a comfort that small red note book of mine will seem, when I care to know at just what business session this thing or that thing was done, or the particular morning on which we arose at five o'clock for a steamer ride across the lake, with a breakfast awaiting us on the other side; but it would not help me to recall those best to be remembered talks that came in between whiles of business or the more formal conversation of the receptions or the banquets, where girls would drop in for a moment's chat, and where we really grew to feel the closer bond of fraternity life, and to gain a knowledge of the strength and weaknesses of our chapters, or where sincere friendships were begun, which we still hope may last a life time. Nor does my note book chronicle the impromptu gatherings in some one's room, and gay chatter after the initiation or the dance. Nor do I gain from it the picture in my mind of that dear little lady from Monmouth, who came to give in her delightfully droll way the greeting of the original chapter of the fraternity to our twenty-eight chapters, all of whom have begun their existence since those thirty years ago.

As she told of the origin of this first chapter of the first woman's sorority, every Pi Phi would have been glad to arise and call her blessed, though her lively talk and ready wit made the "Ring Ching Ching" more appropriate. Surely her coming was the most distinctive event of the fifteenth biennial convention. I shall not even forget the last glimpse of her as she waved good-bye from the top step of the stairs to sleepy heads in evidence at every door, for it was still long before breakfast time and our charter member had been called for an early train. She could not stay for the banquet in the evening, though we felt that her presence would have added to an event which was the last, and truly the most brilliant, social function of the convention. Ah yes, my note book can remind me that this banquet was given on Friday evening of convention week, but it cannot assist in any way the picture which it is a pleasure to recall, of flowers and ferns, and softly shaded lights, glowing faces turned toward the long table where the Grand Council had

their places, listening to a toast gracefully responded to by one whom we were happy to think of as our Grand President.

The faces were graver the next day when, the last business session over, the girls were gathered together in front of the Beta Chapter house, to await the coming of the carriages which were to bring with them a realizing sense that the end of the convention was at hand. The few fortunate ones who waved good-bye to the departing carriages were not wholly sad. They were thinking not so much of parting as of the privilege it had been to know even for so short a time, Pi Phi from the East and West, the North and South. Besides they could not but anticipate even then the days to come, having had already some indications of what hospitality could mean to the Pi Phi of Madison.

How I wish that all the girls might have shared the pleasures of the next few days! That they too might look back upon that long twenty-six mile drive around the lake, and remember the songs sung and the stories told by fourteen Pi Phi, and the luncheon over on the other side, where the savory contents of a chafing dish distracted our attention from the rippling water at our feet; and where we made plans for a trip to be taken down the lakes next year, and for our reunion at the Boulder convention in two years. Nor would they soon forget the dance at the Phi Delta house, nor the delightful hospitality of some of the Madison fraternity men; nor two rival lakes in the enchanting stillness of a moonlight evening, with the gentle flash of water and the sound of distant voices and the snatches of merry song from other boats.

I opened my eyes and saw no lake at all, but instead, my Colorado mountain stream, and I snatched my book, and sat very erect; but a warning of crackling willow bows had come too late and was followed by a voice which said, "Oh, don't trouble yourself to look intellectual. If you don't mind I'll cut the pages of that book for you."

E. H. S., Kansas Alpha.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

It is a very difficult thing, indeed, to choose an exact standard, according to which we are to judge new applicants. In the first place, what may seem a good standard to one person is unsatisfactory in another's opinion, and again if there be an exact standard a girl may seem to meet it in the judgment of some, and fail to do so in that of others. The problem is not reducible to exact rule. The following, however, is the solution of the difficulty as reached after much thought, by one fraternity member:

Rushing,
Its Standard and
Etiquette.

Select those for members who will aid in building up the fraternity in *one way at least*, and will hinder its progress in *no way*. An illustration will make this plainer. A person can help a fraternity in many ways, by scholarship, personal attractiveness, superior social ability, and financially. One can hardly expect to find all these qualities combined in one person, and so, as we need them all to make up a fraternity, we must choose those for membership, possessing at least one of them. But, suppose a girl does possess one of the desired qualities, should that necessarily entitle her to membership? By no means. She must not only possess one of the desired qualities, but must not counterbalance this by the possession of other qualities, which are undesirable. For instance, a girl is perhaps very attractive personally, but a very poor student, or perhaps very wealthy, but unattractive in spirit. Can a fraternity afford to admit such persons to membership? In the writer's opinion, no. We want personal attractiveness, but not when combined with poor scholarship; we like money, but not when united with uncongeniality.

Then, when we have found those to whom we feel we can extend the hand of fraternal friendship, we next ask, how can we secure these for members? "There's a trick to every trade," is an old saying, but it does not apply to rushing, if we consider that a trade. Experience teaches that the most successful results

are obtained from frank and straightforward dealing. Show to the uninitiated the beauty of your fraternity life, but don't try to persuade them that yours is the best in college, and that it can do more for its members than any other. Probably you do think so, but don't try to make every one else think so, too. Let each one find it out for herself. Don't prejudice her against your rivals. Acknowledge their good points, for they probably have just as many as your fraternity. Reveal to new friends your fraternity life as it is. More than one chapter has lost an excellent member by striving to do more than it was really able to do. It has carried rushing to such an extent, that those who were the recipients of it, dared not join, fearing that, if they did so, it would require far more money and time than they could possibly spare. In reality, it does not, and they can afford it, just as well as the members, and their grave mistake arises from the false impression gained from the lavish rushing. And, if after all your efforts, your friends should think differently from you and decide not to join, accept the fact good-naturedly, allowing that they can judge best for themselves and that because their opinion differs from yours, is no reason why you should henceforth cut their acquaintance. One should have friends out of the fraternity as well as in it, and to me nothing seems ruder and more ill-bred than to rush earnestly and then to drop immediately the friendship of those who prefer a rival fraternity perhaps, or none at all.

Clara G. Hookway,
New York Alpha.

As all nature, from the mightiest to the most fragile creation, seeks renewed strength, at certain times from outward sources, so a fraternity—that most natural production of the American college—must reach out at times and gather unto itself sufficient strength for the future. The term “rushing” should mean no more, no less, than this. But what college girl so ignorant as not to understand the multiplicity of meanings conveyed by this simple term? The word “scramble” would often serve

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“Rushing.”

as an excellent definition. A most unnatural method for a perfectly natural necessity.

To one having two years' experience behind the scenes, and about to enter the third, the subject seems serious. Not in anxiety as to the results attained—rarely will there be none to show for hard work, but as to the kind of results and the method, most womanlike and Christian, of conducting the rushing.

Though methods must necessarily differ in the small and the large colleges, yet one thing remains the same—the kind of woman sought. For it is a woman we seek, is it not? A chapter can not afford to number among its freshmen too many little girls—though they may make the very best seniors. It is not for the good of the fraternity that unknown powers lie dormant so long.

A chapter does not want all gay girls or all sober ones; neither all exceedingly studious maidens nor shining social lights. We must not look for a perfect girl, for if by chance one such lone, stray mortal should be found, she would undoubtedly be looking for a perfect chapter, and we might not meet the requirements. We should not expect that any one girl can have all the desirable characteristics—gaiety, sober-mindedness, studiousness and all the rest, but we can and do expect that she can have, whether gay or sober, studious or socially inclined, a quiet womanly dignity which will insure her a good mental and social standing in college, and we also expect a certain amount of enthusiasm to carry into her fraternity. Fraternity parasites are exceedingly doubtful acquisitions.

We should seek girls excelling in various lines, but let none of these excellencies be abnormally developed—to the detriment of many congenial qualities.

Finally, let us seek the womanly girl, the one having the courage of her convictions, and whatever may be her predominating characteristics, not lacking in that sixth sense which, though called common, is too often wanting. Then with enthusiasm added, we shall have one who will develop towards the

ideals of Pi Beta Phi and our chapter will then really become an organization for the intimate association and the mutual co-operation of the college and fraternity woman.

F. M. S.,
Vermont Alpha.

Who can help being attracted to the popular freshman, to the one with self-possessed manner, pretty gowns, and the indefinable air of the society girl. Yet it sometimes happens that this girl is but an indifferent student, or that the social demands upon her interfere with her study to a dangerous extent. It is well to bear in mind then, that as between the student pure and simple and the society girl pure and simple, the former is by far the safer choice. The fraternity itself will develop the social side of a girl's nature, but all the fraternities in Baird's Manual will not give brains to a girl who has none. Pi Beta Phi wants no girls, no matter how charming, who will be forced to leave college at the end of their first term; it wants none, who, remaining in college, cannot do such work as is creditable to themselves and their fraternity.

Now, as regards rushing, that exciting but unpleasant necessity of fraternity life. It really does seem as if one caution should be iterated and reiterated until it becomes ingrained in every one of us. We *must not* allow ourselves in rushing to say one word against a rival fraternity. That is a small and dishonorable device unworthy of any Pi Phi. The plea that other fraternities do it, has nothing whatever to do with the case. It may be that their ideals are not so high as ours, or perhaps, which is far more likely, they are falling as far short of what they know is best as we should be in doing the same thing. That, however, does not concern us in the least, as we have to act according to our own standard, not theirs. To attempt to magnify our own fraternity or chapter by belittling others does not add any importance to ourselves, but merely puts all fraternity life on a lower plane, which is a result none of us desire.

A. A.

We are spoken of as a college fraternity, and it is, of course, with college interests and college life that we are especially identified. But let no one think that fraternity influences end here. Those of us who have passed beyond the college gates, are finding out in very delightful and substantial ways the truth of our first fraternity principles—once a Pi Beta Phi always a Pi Beta Phi.

Beyond College
Halls.

I cannot help growing enthusiastic and personal on this subject, so many, many pleasant fraternity experiences come crowding into memory. The first memory is perhaps the best of all. It is of a dark-eyed, sweet-voiced girl (whom many of you know and love now) who hunted me out, a lonely teacher in a strange city, homesick for the college just left, simply because we were both Pi Beta Phis. A pleasant friendship resulted, filled with countless gracious little acts of kindness to me, which I can never forget.

It would take too long to tell of all the charming girls I have met through Pi Beta Phi, perhaps just for a moment's chat, and perhaps for long acquaintance, but every such meeting helps define the feeling that nearly everywhere are Pi Beta Phis whom we could love and trust, if fate threw our paths together.

Three times within as many years there have been reunions of my own chapter in my home city, at which from seven to nine girls who were in college at the same time, were present. The first was planned and arranged for beforehand, and there were three delightful days when we lunched, drove and picnicked together. The others merely happened, and were in the form of lunch-parties, but none the less delightful.

A province convention at which our Grand President was present, a visit to a neighboring chapter to attend a reception, including a short stay in the home of one of the members, which gave me a glimpse of a home life I delight to remember, are also fraternity experiences of post-college days.

To crown all there is the constant association with three members of my own chapter, and thus the enjoyment of a friendship which has never waned. So there is one alumna, at least, who feels that her fraternity life out of college has been as delight-

ful and rich in pleasant experiences as the fraternity life in college and that she is bound by ever-strengthening bonds to the beloved fraternity. M. R.

Alumnæ Department.

BRIEF NOTES CONCERNING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONVENTION DELEGATES.

(CONTINUED FROM JULY ARROW.)

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

'93.—Dora Gilbert, Chester, Pa.

'95.—Lauretta Smedley, Chappaqua Mt. Inst., Chappaqua, N. Y.

ILLINOIS BETA.

'80.—Mrs. Clara Berry Powell, Wichita, Kansas; Ella E. Williams, Colorado Springs, Col.

Miss Williams was also a delegate in 1882, and is now teaching in Colorado Springs.

'84.—Mrs. Jennie B. Conger, Olive, Cal.; Mrs. Emma Livingston Wing, Galesburg, Ill.

Mrs. Wing is prominent in the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae club of Galesburg.

'85.—Mrs. Rainie Adamson Small, Machias, Washington.

At this convention Mrs. Small was elected Grand President of Pi Beta Phi, which office she held until 1890, when Emma Harper Turner succeeded her.

'86.—Ella M. Grubb.

In 1895 Miss Grubb was county superintendent of schools in Adams county, Ill., but is now teaching at Berry.

'88.—Mrs. Lizzie Wigle Anderson, Pawnee City, Neb.

Mrs. Anderson was once president of Beta Province.

'90.—Miss Grace Harsh, 608 S. Pine St., Creston, Iowa.

Miss Harsh was one of the organizers of the Alumnae Club at Creston, and is very prominent in the society of that city.

'93.—Mrs. Margarette Titus Olmstead, Earlville, Ill.

Mrs. Olmstead is a Universalist minister.

'95.—Elice Crissey, 24 Davis Ave., Arlington.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

'85.—Mrs. Caroline McMurtrie Conyers, Chillicothe, Ill.

Mrs. Conyers is a member of the Chillicothe University club, which studies Universal History.

'90.—Grace Lass, Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Lass was instructor of Elocution at Knox College for two years after her graduation; was Grand Secretary, 1893-5; Grand President, '95. She was married June, 1897, to Mr. Francis Hinckley Sisson, Beta Theta Pi, Galesburg, Ill.

'92.—Mrs. Marion Hayden Niles, 802 Forest Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Mrs. Niles is a member of the Nakama club—a benevolent society of Oak Park.

'93.—Frances Arnold, Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Arnold is principal of the Henry High School, Henry, Ill.

'95.—Mabel Aylesworth, Roseville, Ill.

INDIANA BETA.

'93.—Della Mount, Greensburg, Ind.

'95.—Stella R. Fox, Wolcott, Ind.

Miss Fox is teaching in the Indianapolis schools.

IOWA ALPHA.

'78.—Sophia Zimmerman, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

'80.—Mrs. Lillie Cooper Weber, Villesca, Iowa.

'82.—Cora Panabaker, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

'84.—Josephine Gasnot Gardner, Welman, Iowa.

'85.—Mrs. Lulu Ambler Officer, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'86.—Sadie Hadden.

'88.—Mrs. Laura Crane Woolson, Toledo, Ohio.

'90.—Cora Dill.

'92.—Mrs. Laura Peterson Spurgeon, Cripple Creek, Colorado.

'93.—Mabel Melner—died Nov. 2, 1895.

'95.—Olive Gass, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

IOWA IOTA (during its existence).

'85.—Anna Saunders McArthur, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

'86.—Florence Housel McDougal, 1017 Clark St., Chicago,

Ill.

'88.—May Snider, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

'90.—Lizzie Perry.

'92.—Ida Van Horn, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

IOWA BETA.

'80.—Mrs. Martha Dashiell Spaulding, Des Moines, Iowa.

'84.—Mrs. Florence Slusser Smith, Des Moines, Iowa.

'85.—Tella Talbotts, Indianola, Iowa.

'88.—Mrs. Anna McLaughlin Buxton, Indianola, Iowa.

'88.—Mrs. Lou Humphrey Van Scoy, Belle Plain, Iowa.

'90.—Estelle Hartman, Indianola, Iowa.

'93.—Ethel Gilbert, Indianola, Iowa.

'95.—Effie Busseli, Indianola, Iowa.

NEBRASKA BETA.

'95.—Mae Lansing, 1835 N. St., Lincoln, Neb.

COLORADO BETA.

'85.—Mrs. Mary Carpenter Sadtler, 1234 York St., Denver, Colorado.

'88.—Mrs. Ida Winne Ballantine, 1361 Pearl St., Denver, Colorado.

'90.—Helen J. Stearns, Lynn, Polk Co., North Carolina.

'92.—Lottie Waterbury, University Park, Colorado.

Miss Waterbury is teaching in Denver.

'93.—Nan McFarland, Longmount, Colorado.

'95.—Mary Edith Ingersoll, Catskill, N. Y.

ILLINOIS EPSILON.

'95.—Ada M. Griggs ('96).

Miss Griggs taught in the Batavia, Ill., High School, '96-7, and is now principal of the High School at Mt. Carroll, Ill.

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The new editor has no particular policy to announce regarding the management of the Arrow. She purposely leaves herself foot-loose in this matter. The Arrow is for Pi Beta Phi and for Pi Beta Phis, and whatever will further the best interests of our fraternity or its members, that, with all it includes and excludes, will, we hope, make up the contents of the Arrow.

Nor is it necessary to limit too closely the term "best interests." The purpose of the Arrow is threefold and it exists first to strengthen the bond of the fraternity by promoting acquaintance and interest between chapter and chapter; second to facilitate the practical workings of our order, and third to help us in the realization of the ideals for which Pi Beta Phi stands.

Whatever will serve these three interests may appropriately find place in the pages of the Arrow. It may happen that this will differ much at different times as Pi Beta Phi grows and expands in varying directions. It may also chance that there will be a difference of opinion regarding the present needs of the fraternity. With that thought in mind, the Convention provided for an advisory committee of three members who should assist the editor to keep the Arrow in touch with the life, the growth and the needs of the Pi Beta Phi. The members of this committee have been selected so that each section of the country should be represented, and that both alumnae and active members should be included.

Besides this prop and stay the editor asks the help and cooperation of the whole fraternity. Let every member of every

chapter consider herself a specially appointed member of the advisory committee, and feel free, yes bound to offer anything in the way of comment, criticism or suggestion which her experience may afford. Be sure that such tokens of interest will be welcomed with eagerness, nay more with effusion, be they appreciative or the reverse. A preacher would far rather expound his theories to a hostile congregation than to one fast asleep, and an editor, even a very insignificant one, would rather face fusillades of criticism than find the leaves of his magazine uncut.

Therefore, members of this greater advisory committee, please read your Arrow. There is nothing from cover to cover which is not intended in some way to help you, and if there is anything which does not, it is yours to show wherein it fails. Look, too, to your own chapter experience and see if that holds nothing which can enrich the chapter life of others. We are all in burning need of suggestions,—for chapter meetings, for entertainments, for little shifts and devices which oil the wheels of chapter machinery. Will you not share with us your perplexities and their solutions?

Finally, read the journals of the other fraternities. They are not sent you to be tucked into the waste basket unopened, and among their several uses is that of suggesting to us ideas for improving our own magazine.

There is a question in the minds of some, both within and without our order, as to why Pi Beta Phi, almost alone among the women's fraternities, holds her convention in the summer. Certainly the advantages and pleasures of a term-time convention are sufficiently obvious. It is both enjoyable and profitable to visit a college when it is in session, to compare its buildings, its instructors, its students, its general tone with that of our own. Delightful, too, is the social dissipation, the round of teas, receptions and dances with which the college youths and maidens are so glad to honor a visiting convention. Everybody knows how stupid and deserted a college town is in the

summer time. Everybody knows, too, what potentialities for discomfort lie in summer weather, potentialities developed into actualities for those who attended the convention of last July.

On the other side, however, there is more than enough to overbalance the arguments for a term-time convention. The primary object of the convention is the transaction of business. Social distractions which trench upon the too few hours for convention duties, or which outside the business hours fatigue the delegate so that she is only half fit for her duties, are far better dispensed with.

Another object of a convention is to promote better acquaintance among its members. Now if a convention is held when the college is in session, we cannot help suspecting that the delegate in her confused memories of many faces sometimes has but a shadowy recollection of which ones belonged to her own sisters.

Then, too, a summer convention means a large convention. Not only are many more of the active members free to attend, but the alumnae, if they are ever at leisure are at that time, and this in itself is a sufficient justification for our system.

Last but far from least is the consideration of college work. With chapters so widely separated as are ours, attendance at convention may easily mean for some of the delegates three weeks' absence from their studies. This surely is too long a time to be sacrificed by the delegate, and puts upon her too great a handicap in completing her term's work, while it certainly does not increase the estimation in which college authorities hold the fraternities. Let us then, stick to our plan of a summer convention, sure in our own minds that we are doing the most sensible thing which sometimes is even better than the most agreeable thing.

It is a great pity that every college girl does not combine in the highest degree all the attributes which are desirable in the ideal fraternity woman, noble character and high principles, pre-eminent intellect, womanly charm, social instinct and train-

ing, and versatility of talents and accomplishments. Such, alas, not being the case, the question often arises, especially at the annual advent of the freshman, as to whom and whom not to invite to join Pi Beta Phi.

There are a few things, however, which are absolutely imperative, and at the risk of being voted a vender of self-evident truths, of second-hand commonplaces quite worn out, the Arrow is going to suggest these essentials:

First, we owe it to our college that the candidate for our fraternity be a good student. This does not mean a grind, a book-worm or a prig; a spectacled specialist or a meteoric genius. It does mean a girl who is able to take and hold her place in her classes and keep well abreast of her work. We have no right to be known as a college fraternity unless we can meet the common requirements of a college course.

Then, too, we owe it to our fraternity at large that our new member shall be a girl of character, who will never by frivolity or any breach of honor bring a stain upon the fair name of Pi Beta Phi.

Lastly each chapter owes to itself that a girl be thoroughly congenial. Now, congeniality is by no means to be construed to mean uniformity, and it is not at all necessary that our chapter mates share our ideas on every possible subject. Chapter life, however, is a pretty severe strain on the unselfishness and adaptive powers of the members, and since all girls, being but human, have their good and bad points, it behooves us to select as members those whose virtues we most admire and whose faults are of the sort we most easily forgive. Better a small chapter where love is than a large one and discord therewith.

Within these limits let our chapters choose whatsoever girls they will. Be they grave or gay, grub or butterfly, Pi Beta Phi will gladly bid them welcome, sure that they will always be glad to have taken her ideals as their own.

There are many changes in the editorial management of the woman's fraternity journals this fall. Besides the Arrow, the Anchora, the Trident and the Alpha Phi Quarterly pass into

new hands. Delta Gamma is particularly unfortunate in losing the services of Miss Ina Firkins, who for ten years has successfully guided the helm, or let us say more appropriately, the fluke of the Anchora.

It is a great comfort to the Arrow editor to feel that in her inexperience she has the sympathy of others, perhaps equally inexperienced. To sister editors, across the miles, the Arrow offers the grip of fellowship. We belong to a common fraternity now, whose name is "Esteemed Contemporaries," whose badge is the blue pencil, and whose motto is "Our magazines forever. May they live long and prosper!"

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

To Vermont Alpha the summer months were almost perfect. This certainly was not due to atmospheric conditions since intense heat and heavy rains were the two extremes at which we lived most of the time. For all Pi Beta Phis the center of attraction of the year 1897 has been the convention, and too much can not be said in its praise and its benefits, both practical and social, for all.

But Vermont Alpha has had the lesser attractions of the faithful Round Robin, the pleasant meeting with other Pi Phis — Massachusetts Alpha in particular, and our experiment no longer — chapter camp life. It was such an unqualified success that it is established as a permanent custom. So henceforth Vermont Alpha will hie her away to the dear little cottage half hidden by the trees, and there rest after the gayety of commencement week. Boating, fishing, bathing and everything known to camp life we experienced, even to taking straw rides with a certain small boy as our driver. It was said that strangers would recognize us as college girls by the number of books read. But what so pleasant on a hot July day as a broad spreading tree, a hammock or the soft green grass, a book, and the water murmuring close at hand? Especially when accompanied by the thought that you are miles away, and no one, excepting your chaperon, to notice your costume. Vermont Alpha strongly

urges every chapter to avail herself of one of the most delightful of fraternity privileges — a chapter camp.

Commencement passed in the usual gala fashion, though we lose two girls by graduation. The morning after, something very interesting was announced about one. It concerned especially our little Pi Phi alumna and a certain member of Delta Upsilon.

This year we shall have with us one of our '96 girls who is to be assistant preceptress in our high school. We have a very warm welcome for her.

As rushing, that disagreeable, fascinating season, comes at the beginning of the fall term here in Middlebury, we shall hope to introduce a number of baby Pi Phis, or at least pledgings through the next Arrow.

May all success attend every Pi Beta Phi, striving after that higher and nobler development of womanhood.

Fanny Maroa Sutton.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY — COLUMBIA ALPHA.

The summer is over and all busy Pi Phis are hurrying back to begin work again. It seems hardly possible that vacation is over and that it is nearly three months since our delightful trip to Madison. What an education in itself is a convention, and what pleasant memories come back to the Pi Phis who met there! No one can thoroughly appreciate chapter letters until she goes to a convention and becomes personally interested in each and every chapter.

Columbia Alpha has been widely separated during the summer months. One of our girls has been spending the summer in her country home in Maryland, another has been in dear old Virginia, still another in Ohio, while three of us have been enjoying the brisk breezes of Maine.

We hope to go back to college eight in number, although five of our dearest girls were graduated last June, leaving a large hole in Columbia Alpha.

We are very much interested in a Pi Phi baby, who made his appearance last spring; he is the son of one of our alumnae, Florence Bowman Johnson, and he will seem like a true Pi Phi brother.

There are rumors from Columbian that our dean is to accept the presidency of a southern college. This will be sad news to the Columbia Alpha, for if we lose our dean we lose a very good friend and well-wisher. Prof. A. P. Montague, and his wife, who is one of our patronesses, have always been most cordial and hospitable to Columbia Alpha, and one of the last of the June festivities was a delightful evening spent at their home.

This year brings many changes but we have hopes of a chapter room and many things to make our fraternity intercourse more delightful than ever.

May the enthusiasm gathered from the convention bring forth good results, and may the success of the Pi Phi "rushers" be phenomenal.

Elise Bradford.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

I suppose by the time this Arrow appears Pennsylvania Alpha girls will be again at Swarthmore glowing with "Convention" inspiration and working with "Convention" energy.

We are feeling a little sad just at present over the fact that three of our members—Amy Mabel Young, '98; Georgia Walter, '99; and Mary Hutchinson, '99—have decided not to return to college this fall, and we are very much inclined to disagree with that poet who found anything sweet in parting. Still, we receive such glowing letters from Margaret Kyle, '98, who is now in Germany for a few years, that it is with enthusiasm we are writing our steamer letters to Sarah Bancroft, who sails this month for England. She intends to study in Oxford until spring when she will go to some place in Germany.

We that are left in America have many plans for the fall and winter. Some may be tinged with the fantasy of a fairy tale, but we think most of them will materialize and we do hope to be able to further strengthen and improve our chapter.

We of Pennsylvania Alpha wish each and every one of you a truly successful year.

Edna Harriet Richards.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta is very glad to greet again the fraternity at large. The convention and the convention Arrow have brought the other chapters much nearer and we feel better acquainted with the national Pi Beta Phi.

Our chapter had quite a reunion this summer, as so many of us live in or near Lewisburg. We all met one day for a picnic on the campus. Two of our ladies, Mrs. Leiser and Mrs. Bartol, were with us and we had a delightful time.

We have lost, this year, several girls with whom we find it hard to part. Kate Goddard and Rosa Hartley, who graduated, were charter members. Laura Allen, '99, went to teach at Perkiomen Seminary and Eloise Schuyler, '99, decided to finish her course at Mt. Holyoke. Ten, however, have returned, full of enthusiasm for fraternity work.

We find a local fraternity this year, Theta Delta Psi, but we

have had no difficulty in securing the girls we wanted and we hope soon to initiate several whom we have pledged.

We were delighted to greet our new Dean of Women, Miss Eva Stanton, of Scranton, Pa. Plans for the Woman's Hall have been submitted to Dr. Harris, and we hope soon to have a fraternity home. The regime at present is very strict and we are not allowed to occupy a hall of our own, but we enjoy fraternity life, and perhaps we thrive best under difficulties.

□ The institute where most of our girls live has been much improved during the summer and the new, handsome foyer can hardly be recognized as the old Front hall.

Pennsylvania Beta has met with serious loss in the death of Mrs. Frank Saunders, of Alexandria, Indiana. Mary Eddleman was a charter member and very dearly loved in the chapter. Her death has been a great shock to us and to our sister, Miss E. C. Eddleman, we wish to offer sincerest sympathy.

Ruth Sprague.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha sends greetings to the other chapters and to the members of the Grand Council.

Another school year is here and once more the groups of students make gay our beautiful campus. Our enrollment is larger than usual this fall and we have every reason to believe that this will prove a most prosperous year for the Ohio University. Most of our girls are here again after spending a pleasant summer at their homes and are much interested in the reports of the convention. We number eleven active and two pledged. We are indeed very sorry to lose two of our most charming girls besides our two seniors of last year. Grace Reah of Zaleski, Ohio, will attend the Women's College of Baltimore, and she carries to Maryland Alpha our best wishes. Lucie Murdoch, of Chillicothe, Ohio, will attend the Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware. We regret that we have no sister chapter there to welcome her. One of our pledges, Elizabeth Shaw, who has been spending the summer in Colorado, will not enter college until next term.

Three valuable members of the faculty have resigned and their places have been filled by Louis Baker Phillips, of Syracuse, N. Y., as instructor in music, and Dr. W. E. Henderson of Johns Hopkins, instructor in chemistry. Both gentlemen come highly recommended. Miss Bredon's place as art teacher has not yet been filled. The Emerson prize which is awarded every two years at our university, for the best original poem, was won by one of our girls, Virginia Houston. The judges were W. D. Howells, Margaret Sangster and Clinton Scollard. This is the second time that the prize has been won by a Pi Phi.

Frank W. Moulton, Beta Theta Pi, a graduate of the University last year, has been appointed by President McKinley on the United States Commission to the Exposition at Paris. We all enjoyed our "circulating letter" so much this summer and expect to have one between the girls that are out this year and the chapter.

With best wishes to all the Pi Phis.

Florence Craig.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio State University expects to have this year, at least a thousand students, and to accommodate this number, three new buildings are in the course of erection, two of which, the agricultural and the biological, are to be used exclusively for those branches, while the third structure is to be a drill hall and gymnasium for the use of all the students.

Ohio Beta began work this year with eight active members and three pledges, which is none too many, when we have as our opponents three rivals, equally strong in numbers and energy.

We are now in the toil and turmoil of the rushing season and our members are alternately in the heights of bliss and the depths of despair.

Saturday afternoon, September 18, an afternoon tea was given at the home of Laura Weisman, 1900, in honor of the new girls, and smaller parties are being planned to follow at short intervals.

The past summer we tried a circulating letter but as it was our first attempt the success was not flattering.

Those of us who live in Columbus had two picnics and also several informal meetings at which we discussed events past, present and future.

Five of our girls graduated last June and two of that number have accepted positions as teachers.

Ruth Houseman is teaching in the high school in Painesville, Ohio, and Mona L. Fay has a similar position in Sidney, Ohio.

May Smith, '97, will take graduate work in history and literature this coming year.

Leona Humphreys, '95, is teaching Latin in the high school in Plains City, Ohio.

Our delegate to the convention returned home much delighted with our representatives from other colleges and with the work of the general fraternity. We hope to do our share this year toward making this work a success; and in sending greetings to the other members of our organization, we hope for one and all, the highest and broadest development possible.

Mary B. Porter.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

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pect of hard work is a little formidable to us now, the pleasure of being together again will more than compensate for the trials of getting under way.

Lucy Allen Gardiner.

MARYLAND ALPHA — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

It is no easy matter to write a letter for The Arrow with fraternity incidents and college happenings left out. Community of interest and experience makes a letter containing these points acceptable to all Pi Beta Phi's, but what can we offer The Arrow readers from three months of summer vacation other than reminiscences? True it is that these months have been full of rounded enjoyment for all of us, especially to those privileged to attend the convention at Madison, where we met those long in the organization, and who love it for its principles, practices, and its influence. And now once again within the college walls we are preparing to enter upon our first rushing season.

Eleven of our number have returned to the Woman's College, and another, Jennie Smith, expects to take up the study of medicine at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. Two new members were added to our chapter in June. Beall Martin, '98, and Elizabeth Rogers, 1900, who have been pledged to us since January.

A number of changes in and additions to the faculty have been made this year. Professor Charles W. Hodell of Cornell, is to take charge of the English department, Mademoiselle Rosine Melle, the author of several French text books, comes as instructor in French, besides several instructors in other branches. With the exception of Prof. Hodell, all the new instructors are women, thus making sixteen women on the faculty while the men number twelve. In a college for the education of women this seems a true and proper order of things.

The year on which the college is entering promises to be a very prosperous one; the freshman class already numbers over one hundred, which is larger than ever before in the history of the institution. The next few weeks will be taken up largely with teas, receptions, and various other functions for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the new girls, and the reign of the freshman, though short, is delightful while it lasts.

As we saw the golden glory of the summer sunsets fade away into the twilight, and our only thought was of the pleasures of the morrow; so now we watch the departing beauty of the autumn days, thinking of the summer time joys, of the friends we met, of the ties we made, of the varied experiences now history with us, then suddenly remember, that to-morrow means work. Work, will it ever cease? Not while mind lives or matter lasts, and with this reflection, Maryland Alpha's autumn letter to The Arrow is closed.

May L. Kellar.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the new year brings with it very bright promises for Lombard in the shape of increased facilities and larger attendance.

Our unselfish sisters must surely rejoice with us in our new gymnasium, which was but yesterday publicly opened, and dedicated. Elaborate exercises were attendant on the great event in our history, but the object of the celebration is worthy all the attentions that were showered upon it. It is a building we would proudly compare with any other designed for similar purposes.

United States Senator, W. T. Mason, did us the honor to assist in swelling our "hallelujah chorus," as did also the eminent Alonzo Stagg, professor of athletics in the University of Chicago. In the evening a reception was tendered the guests of honor in the new building. The students furthermore were permitted to test the dancing properties of the new floor. Once a month they are to be given the privilege of enjoying an informal dance in the gymnasium.

We have indulged in but two general social events as yet, though the season promises to be a gay one. The first was the students' reception, at Dr. Nash's home, and the second the chapter-house dance given by the Phi Delta Theta boys.

The football team indulged in initial barbarities a few days ago, and failed to win the game. The experience was apparently effective, for they are practising with renewed vigor.

Our chair of literature is occupied by a new teacher this year, Professor Fowler, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and University of Chicago. We again have with us, as elocution teacher, Mrs. Gunnell, a Pi Beta Phi. Our musical faculty is enlarged by the addition of Mrs. Sykes, a most capable instructor in violin and mandolin.

To all appearances there will be a great deal of hard work done among us, for nearly all of the students are taking more work than is customary.

We have, as yet, initiated no new members, and pledged but two, who, however, overbalance, in our estimation, a number of others we might easily have gained. We are proud to say that we have done no rushing; but we are far from idle, and expect to have great results to report before long.

With best wishes for a successful year's work Illinois Beta will say "adieu."

Ruth Nash.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Once more the students of old Knox have resumed their studies and the opening of the year finds Illinois Delta with a membership of twelve loyal and enthusiastic girls.

As usual the outlook for this college year seems brighter than for any which has preceded, and this is due in no small degree to the fact that we have been fortunate in securing several new professors who will greatly add to the strength of the faculty—Professor Neal, of Harvard University, and Prof. Griffith, of Northwestern, will take charge of the departments of biology and chemistry respectively. Mr. Wilfred Arnold, a former student of Knox and later of Harvard, has been secured as athletic instructor.

Our girls were naturally delighted to learn that in addition to these our grand-president, Mrs. Sisson, was to assist in the department of oratory. The conservatory of music has also made several changes in its corps of teachers, the director as well as one of his assistants being absent in Germany for a year's study.

The prospects for our chapter this year are especially encouraging as we have with us several girls who had not expected to return, and have also two girls pledged some time ago, who will be initiated this fall.

We have as yet secured no new girls, partly owing to the fact that college has been in session so short a time and partly because last spring the girls of Delta Delta Delta and ourselves agreed to say nothing of fraternity matters to the new girls in the fall, until the two chapters should have a joint meeting, which meeting has not yet been held. We also decided no longer to extend invitations to preparatory students.

It is a pleasure for us to tell you of an honor conferred upon one of Knox's women, Miss Janet Greig of the class of '94, who has been chosen as Dean of Whiting Hall. This also confers an honor upon Delta Delta Delta, as Miss Greig is a member of that fraternity.

The annual reception given to the new students by the Young Men's and Women's Christian Associations, was held the first Friday night of the term at Whiting Hall and so far has been the only social event in college circles.

The enthusiastic accounts of the convention received from our delegate and other representatives, have inspired us with a still greater desire to do our part to increase the welfare of the national fraternity, by setting a higher standard for the individual chapter life.

Mabel W. Aylesworth.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern opens her doors on September 23d, and we are all looking forward eagerly to our fall work, and especially to the results we are hoping for. Last June we lost but one senior, Hila May Verbeck, of Aurora, Illinois, who was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

On June 10th, just as the examinations were drawing to a close, we initiated Bess Hutchinson, whose home is in Mineral Point, Wis. She is to be a senior this year, and though she is new in the fraternity, we count her one of our strongest girls.

We Chicago Pi Phis (by "Chicago" we mean both those of Chicago University and ourselves) have contrived a scheme by which all Pi Phis who are in Chicago permanently, and those who happen to be here staying, can take lunch together at Field's tea room the last Saturday of each month at twelve o'clock. We shall always try to be in the southeast corner of the room after twelve, but will wait until then near the elevator at the north side of the room. We shall be very glad to welcome each and every one of our Pi Phi sisters. We had our first lunch on the first Saturday of September, but thought it best to change to the last Saturday of the month, so there will be two lunches during October, one on the first and one on the last Saturday.

From what we can gather from the papers it seems that Northwestern's foot ball team is not to be up to its usual grade this fall. The famous half-backs, Van Doozer and Potter, have left the team and the loss is felt greatly.

Northwestern's faculty has adopted the semester system, the first semester to close February 1st. There have been a few changes made in our faculty this year. As head of the French department we are to have Prof. Baillot, of Indiana University, whose wife was a patroness of the Pi Phis there.

Illinois Epsilon wishes her sister chapters a profitable and happy year.

Marjorie Lucille Fitch.

ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The school year has barely opened at the University of Illinois, but even now a large increase in the number of students over the last year is apparent. There are a number of eligible girls and Illinois Zeta hopes for her share. Quite a large number of students have registered in the law and library courses, which are new this year.

On account of a treaty with Kappa Alpha Theta we shall not pledge girls for several weeks. We want however to introduce

Blanche McLaughlin, enter the great world which lies beyond college halls, and which we hope they will find neither a cold nor a heartless one. Pearl Neeld and Pearl Grimes are to teach in our city schools; Maud Orr, Lethia Fertich, Lora Grimes, Margaret Waite and Stella Fox in other parts of the state.

We boast now of a tiny Pi Phi, the first baby of our chapter. She is the little daughter of Jessie Traylor Grimes, and we all hope that she may follow in the footsteps of her mother and become a loyal worker for our beloved fraternity.

Prospects are bright for this year's being the most prosperous in the history of our college. Our registrar reports the correspondence of this summer to have been greater than any previous year, and it is expected that at least eleven hundred will be enrolled before the end of the school year.

As is usual, there will be many changes in the faculty. Dr. James A. Woodburn has returned from abroad and will resume his work as professor of American history. Edouard Baillot, professor of Romance languages, has been called to Northwestern University, while Dr. G. J. Pierce, has accepted a position at Harvard as professor of botany. Guido Stempel, of the English department, has returned from Germany, where he has been studying for the past two years.

Indiana Beta sends best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

Caroline J. Clark.

INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Indiana Gamma sends greeting to sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Since Friday evening, August 27th, we have been wearing the shining golden arrows with pride and a certain feeling of satisfaction at our success. There were present at the initiation besides the grand president, Mrs. Sisson, Miss Graves, Miss Martin, Miss Zeppingfeld, and the Misses Lukens of Indiana Alpha, Miss Holland of Indiana Beta, and the resident Pi Beta Phis, Mrs. Galpin, Miss McCoy and Miss Moore.

The letters and congratulations we have received from members of Pi Beta Phi, are constantly reminding us of our new found sisters and inspiring us to begin the year with united effort to make the fraternity feel no disappointment in Indiana Gamma.

Now that the happy restful summer is nearly over the active members are looking forward to new friendships and to that ever-exciting feature of college life, "rushing."

Indiana Gamma extends best wishes to sister chapters for the coming year.

Annie McCollum.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Very soon the girls of Michigan Alpha will return to college halls for another year of study and pleasant association with each other. We are very fortunate in that we lose only one member, Clara Hughes, who graduated last spring.

We enjoyed our "Round Robin" so much. Blessings on the one who first invented it! It is certainly delightful to receive at one time so many letters from Pi Phi friends.

We shall certainly be glad to hear our delegates's report of the convention. Of course we have all read the report in the Arrow, but that only increases the desire to know more about it.

One of our girls, Lora Marsh, was winner of a tennis prize at the Michigan Inter-collegiate Field day. We all rejoice with her.

Mrs. Ellen Copp, who has for several years been teaching in the college, will be our lady-principal this year.

Greetings to all the chapters and best wishes for a prosperous year.

Effie Browne.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

During every summer since its founding Michigan Beta has kept up a circulating letter among its active members. This year, having become more ambitious, we started two; one beginning with the girl farthest west and traveling to the east, while the other went in the opposite direction. That the carrying out of this plan has met with success is evident from its repeated trial.

We are sorry to lose one of our resident alumnae, Mrs. Mary Pyle-Davoll, but the girls at Chicago are to be congratulated, since Mr. Davoll has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry in the school of pharmacy of Northwestern University.

Of the girls who do not come back to Ann Arbor this year, Frances Foster and Faith Gilbert will be at home, as will also be Mary Wilson and Grace Hunt. Jessie H. Smith, '97, will teach Latin and Greek in the high school at Pontiac, Michigan, and Jessie Keith, '97, will teach the same branches in the high school at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mary Bartol goes to Philadelphia as the holder of the Bennett Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Michigan Beta's outlook for the coming year is good. Of last year's chapter of twenty-three, sixteen expect to return at the opening of college this fall.

Mary Bartol.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The summer has passed quickly and pleasantly for the Pi Phi girls, for although our homes are widely separated, through the medium of Uncle Sam's mail and an occasional reunion, we have kept in touch with each other.

We expect all our girls back at the opening of the university ready to do earnest work in college and for Pi Phi, except our four graduates. How strange it will seem at first to hold chapter meetings and those four not present, but it is a fashion things have of always coming to an end, and college days end all too quickly for some of us. We have two new sisters to introduce to the fraternity world, Grace Swan and Elizabeth Griffith, who were initiated at five o'clock on the morning of June 15th. Surely the year is opening auspiciously for us.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Lula Baxter, '97, and Mr. W. S. Shearer, '95, an alumnus of Phi Delta Theta.

Miss Fanette O'Kell, who for several years has been the art instructor here, has resigned and will go to Chicago. We shall miss her very much.

Miss Dietrichson, instructor in vocal music, has accepted a position at DePauw University.

During the summer extensive improvements have been made in the main college building, and a large number both of old and new students are expected to be in attendance.

Miss Olivia Ambler, whom many Pi Phis met at the convention, has been quite ill but will be able to enter college. We were very much pleased with the report she gave us of the convention, which made us realize more fully than ever the possibilities before us as a band of young college women.

At this, the beginning of the second thirty years of Pi Beta Phi, let every wearer of the wine and blue in this year of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, take more closely to her heart the ideals of the girls of sixty-seven, and strive more earnestly after that pure and noble womanhood for the attainment of which our organization was effected. And may we so continue to "think on these things," that when another year is gone and one more mile-stone is passed, we can feel that the time has been well spent.

For each and every wearer of the golden arrow we wish a pleasant and successful year.

Eva Freeman.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Simpson College opens this year with an unusually large number of new students, especially among the undergraduates. This gives the fraternities good working material and the rushing season has already begun.

During the summer vacation our college has been repaired and improved, so that it presents an attractive appearance to the new students.

When college opened, Iowa Beta was dismayed to find, that out of a large chapter of twenty-two, only five active members would return to college, but since then another has come back, and we already have two girls pledged and several more in view, whom we hope will join. Several of the other girls expect to return in the winter term.

One of our girls, Miss Myrtle Reid, is teaching in the city public schools.

Inez Henderson, who went to California for her health, this spring, is greatly improved but will remain until next spring.

The Senior reception takes place on the evening of September fifteenth. The other classes are preparing themselves, with colors, yells, and songs to see which can be the most prominent.

The State Oratorical Association is to meet here this winter. Simpson feels honored to entertain this association.

We enjoyed very much our delegate's account of the convention. A meeting of the resident members was held as soon as she came home, to hear her report. She spoke very highly of the pleasant way in which the delegates were entertained at Madison.

While our chapter roll is not so large as last year, still we are looking forward to an increase of membership and a pleasant and profitable school year, and we wish the same for every other chapter.

Florence Hatfield.

IOWA ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Zeta sends greetings, and a glad and hearty welcome to the Pi Beta Phi all over the land, who are returning after the summer's rest to their life in college. The summer has been so restful and happy to many of us that it seems but the other day we bade good bye to some of our sisters.

We who have been in the city during the summer have had some delightful outings. Our boat has not been idle, and the woods and river have been enjoyed.

We were very much delighted by a visit from Jessie Johnston during the summer; she is one of our most noble and most loyal

Pi Phis; a graduate of '94. While she was here we gave a picnic for her, as that seemed most appropriate and enjoyable for mid-summer entertainment.

Later, two of our home girls, Mary Kelley and Leda Pinkham, gave a party to the resident Pi Phis and special friends. It was very pleasant to meet in such a way,—a connecting link from June till September.

This summer has brought Iowa Zeta two brides. In June Anna L. Robinson was married and now lives in her own home at Evanston, Ill. In early August, Bertha Horak and Dr. B. F. Shambaugh were united in marriage. Mrs. Shambaugh was an alumna, but as Dr. Shambaugh is assistant professor of political science in the university she will be back with us again.

One of our June graduates, Louise Boesche, is teacher of German in the Council Bluffs high school, another, Florence Zerwekb, is to be principal of a high school. Two remain at home and the other, Nora Allin, will be with us still, as she will study for a higher degree.

Iowa Zeta feels that she has a good outlook for the opening year, as we have nine loyal enthusiastic girls to open the campaign, and have every reason to believe that by earnest united effort we can make our chapter a power in college.

To-day was the opening day, and all were busy as bees helping the new girls with their registration and schedules. There seem to be more girls entering the university this fall than usual; that gives us a larger field for work and hope of a richer harvest. With best wishes for the success of Pi Beta Phi in all her undertakings.

Nancy Carroll.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Again it is time for our chapter letters, and how much pleasanter it is now for us Madison girls to write since we know so many of our sisters in all parts of the country.

Probably most of you have begun your work for the year; however the University of Wisconsin does not open until Wednesday, September 29th, and work does not begin in earnest till the following Monday.

When we stop a moment to think of last commencement when we did not lose one of our girls, the convention and the pleasure of meeting so many of our sisters, we realize how many things can happen in a very short time.

We begin this year with an active chapter of twenty—a chapter larger than ever before. A number of our girls who were not able to return last year are to be with us, also Miss Gillies of Colorado Alpha, whom we are very glad to welcome. We think we are more fortunate than the other chapters in having one of our new girls, Mabel Moore, already initiated.

This summer we have had no Round Robin letter although we have heard from all the girls that they have been having fine times camping or at different summer resorts. A party of Madison Pi Phis were in camp at Mrs. Barnes' cottage with Mrs. Sober as our chaperon. You can imagine what a delightful time we had. I am sure you must envy us in having such a lovely Pi Phi with us.

We are to have the same chapter house as last year and with twelve girls in it, it will be a jolly place.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas hold their national convention here this fall. We hope that they will have just as pleasant and successful a time as we did.

Wisconsin sends especial greetings to the new chapter at Indianapolis and wish all Pi Beta Phis a happy year.

Eunice W. Welsh.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA — NEWCOMB COLLEGE.

At present the girls of Louisiana Alpha are still enjoying their hard-earned vacation. Some are spending the time on the Gulf coast, some among the mountains of Virginia, while others prefer the west and the mountains of the New England states.

The breaking out of yellow fever in Louisiana and Mississippi will delay the opening of college for a month or so, and perhaps the students will not be able to resume their work until the New Year. Lily Logan, '97, will continue her studies at Columbia College, getting the degree of M. A.

At the end of the year, with the help of "our goat," we initiated Rosalie Nixon, '97, and Nora McLean, 1901, into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

We had five seniors this past year but will only lose two girls in '98. Elizabeth Hunt Henderson, one of our charter members, was married in the spring to Mr. Labron, of Kentucky. Cards have just been received for the marriage of Isabella Brownlee Coleman, charter member, to Mr. Herman Wiese, of Denmark. The wedding took place on the twenty-first of September in Glasgow, Scotland.

Edwa Hellwege, '95, was married in the spring to John Stewart, of New Orleans.

During the past year our rooms were very much improved by the gift of a number of water colors and charcoal sketches. They were all the work of Susan Andrews, 1900. Edith Dugan, our artist, has done a great part of the illustrating for Jambalaya, our college annual.

Louisiana Alpha wishes you all success in every undertaking.

Clara Matthews.

COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

On September eighth the University of Denver opens its broad doors of learning, and Colorado Beta will begin the year with eight girls. It is somewhat premature to discern the "signs of the times," yet at this season the clear starry heavens above the campus afford excellent opportunity for the astrologer's art. Maybe it can tell us something of Pi Beta Phi.

One of our modest but loyal pledges who will soon make her acquaintance with the goat, recently whispered in our ears that she was "so anxious for school to begin—and for the initiation." We observe with pride these healthful sentiments, our labor seems not to have been in vain in one case, at least.

Round Robin has been flying very swiftly among us this summer, and what treasures he has brought. However, we shall soon be face to face and the greetings of many a Round Robin are not to be compared with that. For two dear girls are coming back after a year's absence.

At Trinidad, Colorado, July seventh, Alberta Gearhart Bloom, Pi Beta Phi, U. of D., '97, was married to Mr. William Seward Iliff, Beta Theta Pi, U. of D., '88. When the peregrinations of their honey-moon are ended the Iliffs will make their home at University Park — a prospect in which we all rejoice.

Martha Nutter Kimball.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It hardly seems possible that the summer months have come and gone and that once more we are ready to resume the work that seems so recently laid aside. Our university opens late this year, consequently our letter must be brief, as few of the girls are back yet and everything so very unsettled.

We expect to have a chapter numbering sixteen to begin the year. As the registration week has but just begun, we cannot tell yet what the prospects are for the rushing season.

The summer has been one of rest and pleasure to all our girls and we feel that we are ready for active work again. Those of us who have been favored with even a little visit with our convention delegate, Anna Lytle, already feel the inspiration of her enthusiastic account of Pi Phi days. The convention seems to make us better acquainted with the chapters and their individual members, and to encourage us to a more concentrated effort toward maintaining the true ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

A number of improvements have been made on the university campus during the past few months. Paint has added brightness to our main hall both inside and out, and even old students will not recognize the chapel where saw, hammer and paint brush each has done its work.

Several changes have occurred in the faculty and alterations have been made in the courses of study. A large increase of students is anticipated, and every effort is being put forth to give them the welcome of true hospitality. Perhaps following the thought that "Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."

We will be able in our next letter to tell some of the plans of Nebraska Beta for the coming year, which this letter coming so early cannot attempt to do.

Adaline Quaintance.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

When this issue of the Arrow has reached its readers, our campus will once more have been waked from its slumber at the approach of a throng of light hearted students eager to resume the hard work looked forward to for so many weeks.

Despite the continual cry of "hard times," Colorado University is looking forward to a larger enrollment this year than ever before.

Since our last letter the university has undergone many changes. At present two new buildings are under process of erection — or rather a wing to the splendid gymnasium and a new chemical building. The engineering building too is being dignified by an additional story, besides numerous lesser improvements in the way of library books, and stone side walks, etc.

However our additions are not limited to the grounds. Our faculty will be increased by six new members and several courses added.

Colorado Alpha, notwithstanding her bright outlook for the year, chronicles with a tinge of sadness the loss of five graduates, besides four others of our girls, who will not be with us.

Since our last letter we have been very fortunate in securing as patronesses Mrs. W. H. Allison and Mrs. S. S. Downer, making now five in all, and we regret only that we cannot introduce these personally to our sister chapters.

The location of our rooms for the year has not been determined, but it will probably not be long ere the walls of some cheerful room will echo back the dear old "ring, ching, ching," in response to a circle of merry hearted "cookie shiners."

Although our chapter have not all returned we feel free to express our appreciation on their behalf also, — of the decision of Grand Alpha regarding the convention and to assure you all that Colorado Alpha will do all in her power to show that appreciation.

We send our best wishes to all our sisters for a pleasant and profitable year.

Anna Ramsay.

Personals.

Margaret Kyle, Pennsylvania Alpha, '98, has been spending the summer with the Minister to Germany, Andrew D. White and family, at Herringsdorf, a popular watering place on the Baltic, not far from Berlin.

Mary L. McDowell, Pennsylvania Alpha, '96, is teaching in the Friends Academy at Locust Valley, Pa.

At Trinidad, Colorado, July seventh, Alberta Gearhart Bloom, Colorado Beta, '97, was married to William Seward Iliff, a member of Beta Theta Pi, and a graduate of the University of Denver in the class of '88.

On September first, Jessie Lanier Christian, Indiana Gamma, '97, was married to Demarchus C. Brown. Miss Christian was one of the charter members of our new chapter at the University of Indianapolis and was poet of her class. Mr. Brown is professor of Greek at the same institution and a member of Phi Delta Theta. Professor and Mrs. Brown sailed immediately for Europe and will spend the winter in Athens.

Mrs. Frank Saunders, formerly Mary Eddelman, a charter member of Pennsylvania Beta, died this summer at her home in Alexandria, Indiana.

Laverna Gillies, Colorado Alpha, has entered the University of Wisconsin with the class of 1900.

Leila Lane Smith, Michigan Alpha, sends her address as 486 Wade Park avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Bartol, Pennsylvania Beta, and last year with Michigan Beta, holds a fellowship this year in the University of Pennsylvania.

Exchanges.

NOTICE.—The favor of *two copies* of all exchanges is requested, to be sent to Miss Florence Porter Robinson, 228 Langdon St., Madison, Wis. Two copies will be sent in exchange wherever desired.

The special student is growing to take a more conspicuous and important place in college life, particularly in that of our larger colleges and universities. This class of students may be said to include, roughly speaking, the following genera: first, the special behind her class at entrance; second, the special in advance of the requirements for entrance; third, the special who has time or money for but a year or two of study and must choose those courses which are most practical; fourth, the specialist; and fifth the regular backslid to special. Now Alpha Phi formed a precedent, back in the days when women went, not to universities, but to colleges of an inelastic, cast-iron curriculum, that none but regular students should cross the portals of her initiation. This precedent the last convention crystallized into a law. Now many of the Alpha Phis seem wisely to have concluded that a law which offers such temptations to systematic evasion is far worse than no law, and the *Quarterly* has therefore opened its pages to a frank discussion of the whole subject. The following seems to voice the general sentiment:

When we find a girl, who, though a special, has marked intellectual ability and is more highly endowed than her associates with the grace and power of a vigorous personality, we rightly covet her ability and strength for our society. Clearly it appears unwise to legislate ourselves into a position which will compel us to ignore a girl who possesses vital qualifications for a noble life success, because she is not a regular course student, or because she does not take her special course at a particular institution.

The point is, not that any chapter should be made up of specials, or that we should in any sense weaken our society by lowering our ideals, or by lessening our true conservative spirit, but that in place of iron-clad laws we give our chapters a discretionary power which shall permit them to receive into membership one of these exceptionally fine girls, who, because of her rare endowments, is capable of bringing to our fraternity a noble enthusiasm and power which will help us to realize more fully our high ideals.

A stream long dammed, when it bursts its bonds, gives way with rush and whirl of waters. The *Key* for July has settled its long-discussed question of illustration or no illustration by issuing a pictorial number which surpasses in ambition and execution all previous efforts of its contemporaries. It was the idea, as the editor explains, to present half-tone groups of the seven grand presidents, and of each of the chapters. While this plan, like most human effort, especially when it depends on the co-operation of other humans, has not met with complete fulfillment, yet the groups present, in truth, a goodly show. Such an issue cannot help but prove a great assistance in Kappa's fall campaign. It is a freshman of more than common courage and conviction who when offered, nay besought to accept the sisterhood of so many charming maidens, would fail to yield an awe-struck acquiescence.

To the anthropologist, the *Key* offers an excellent opportunity for studying the college type of womanhood as she exists in the different sections of the United States, or as she differs when evolved by the large or the small college, by the state or sectarian institution, by the co-educational college, woman's college or Annex.

Like the *Key* the *Trident* celebrates the summer season with and efflorescence of illustration, and inserts half-tones of four of its chapter groups.

It seems to be the fashion nowadays to make public confession of our own weak points. Taking as text and title "The Disadvantages of a College Education," a late article by President Thwing of Western Reserve University, the Alumnae editor of the *Trident* discusses the same subject in a manner as unusual in the college-bred woman as it is to be expected from the skeptical outsider. The drawback mentioned below is not a common one we trust, and hope we may never encounter it.

It is the "certain condescension" which the college graduate feels toward former associates who have not had his advantages; perhaps it is not too much to say that he shows it even in the home. No doubt the temptation to appear in this undesirable attitude is great. Take, for ex-

ample, a girl graduate who comes back from her college life filled with high aspirations and far-reaching plans of study. She looks up her old circle of friends only to find one a typewriter, another the book-keeper in the town store, others living at home, but all absorbed in a frivolous round of dances, card parties, and so forth, the chief object of which is to present opportunities for the girls to look pretty, in hope of "catching" husbands. At home, perhaps she finds incessant worries and uncongenial duties. She may attempt to organize a Browning, Shakespeare, or Travel Club among her friends with the idea of introducing some higher interests into their lives without avail. No doubt she wants to give of her richness of life and thought to the home folks, but sees no way to go about it. At length, meeting with no sympathy, finding no outlet for the direction of her tastes, she withdraws into herself, passing among her acquaintances for a conceited blue-stocking.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* has touched upon another and more serious objection to a college training for women, this time not in the minds of the ordinary observer or the plain home folks, but of those specially gifted and cultivated, though with a cultivation gained outside of college halls.

But a lack of appreciation of the strength of the past and a lack of gratitude for the lessons it has taught us is prevalent amid the women of this recent college training and culture. In all our large cities to-day are forming societies of college women, all eminently clever and pre-eminently confident. Budding authors are here, fellows are numerous, and in the strength of learning they are strong. But the women who made these women and who are making others like them, where are they? Our new societies cut themselves loose from all but collegiate associations with a rigid constitution and go their ungrateful, stumbling way alone — for ungrateful it is to announce to some eminent but not college-bred educator, as has been done in a club composed of women whose only bond was a collegiate education, that she would be welcome only on a few stated occasions; a stumbling way it needs must be, for the greatest loss comes to those who cast themselves adrift from the advice of years and experience.

The following from the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega, explains the rather peculiar fraternity government at the University of Chicago. It needs, however, to be supplemented by the statement that as yet no woman's fraternity has been allowed admission.

That the fraternity system has become an important factor in the life of the University of Chicago there is no longer any doubt. There is a much better feeling on every hand toward the organizations, and a statement made by President Harper in his quarterly report for the autumn of 1895 fully sets forth the present attitude of the faculty and trustees toward fraternities. I quote him on the subject of student organization:

"The faculty of arts, literature and science has taken up for fresh consideration, in the light of the experience of three and a half years, the question of student organizations, including Greek letter fraternities. Instead of the old policy in accordance with which fraternities were admitted under certain regulations, and at the same time with the disapproval of the authorities, there has been adopted a new policy in accordance with which all student organizations are brought under direct inspection of the university council, while groups of six or more students living together as an organization are required to organize themselves also as houses of the university in accordance with the general rules of such houses. This action contemplates a close and sympathetic interest on the part of the university, which will now co-operate with the societies to bring about the best possible results. The university under no circumstances will interfere in the legitimate exercise of the privilege of fraternities. It will undertake, however, to elevate and purify that life so far as this can be done by influences working from within as well as from without."

The rules regarding the organization of chapter houses were adopted December 7, 1896, by the committee on student organizations and the board of trustees, and are as follows:

1. Each organization will file with the university council: (1) Its name; (2) a list of members; (3) such statement of purposes and methods as may be required.
2. It will appoint a representative who shall be the official medium of communication with the university authorities.
3. Eligibility to membership will be subject to such restrictions as may be required by the council.
4. Any organization which may be disapproved by the council shall cease to exist. The council will at any time have the right to disapprove of any existing or proposed organization.
5. Such organizations as may occupy distinct buildings or rooms as residences shall be organized as university houses under the general rules governing houses.

Another important faculty regulation is that prohibiting any fraternity from initiating or pledging a freshman until he has been a student in the university six months. This rule does away with much of the rushing at the opening of the school year which is so common in most schools and has the double advantage of protecting both the societies and the candi-

dates. It is very generally observed, and the supervision which the university has taken in regard to fraternities is looked upon by all as most wise and judicious measures. The provisions in no way limit the activities of the organizations, and as the system becomes better known it is coming to be looked upon with great favor by all of the fraternities.

The following quotation from the *Kappa Alpha Journal* is marked by that quarterly's usual originality of thought, but, oh dear, what logic!

Very many Utopian schemes have been suggested for the relief of the dangers and risks attendant upon "rushing." Time limits appear to be the favorite cure-all elixir for the complaint in hand. "We don't know enough about the man," is the antiquated complaint: "Give us more time in which to judge him." It may be only an opinion, but after all it is seriously questioned whether the present regime could be improved upon. True, there is danger in taking to your bosom a man whose worth and compatibility you are not sure of, *but if we are only to clasp in fraternal grasp the hand of the man who has already proved his friendship we need no clasp to hold him to us.* As in the case of the small chapter, intimate acquaintance lessens the degree of danger involved, but what is there left for the fraternity to accomplish? Besides, is there not some premium due to the ability to judge good material, the enterprise in working to obtain that material, and the ability to develop the same? Further, there is time to be economized, and time limits only lengthen the spiking season, which ought naturally to conclude with preliminary collegiate work out of justice to both spiker and spikee. It is likewise a mistake to hold that an occasional "bad man" ruins a chapter. In a chapter of earnest, unselfish men *he frequently serves as the real leaven of salvation*, stimulating the pride and concentrating mutual and united efforts to bring him to the chapter's standard.

Now if Greek and non-Greek would only go and do likewise, we should be sure the Millenium was upon us. The lion and the lamb would be nowhere beside this state of affairs.

Can it be that the iridescent dream of the Pan Hellenic Daniel is at last assuming definite form? Sometime ago the *Beta Theta Pi* directed attention to the fact that a body of petitioners to that fraternity were formally endorsed by chapters of two other fraternities. The January *Kappa Sigma Caduceus* officially and publicly extends to Mr. W. C. Gretzinger, editor of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, expressions of that fraternity's appreciation of his labors in actively assisting Phi Epsilon, a Bucknell local, to

get a Kappa Sigma charter. The Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow*, however, raises these incidents several stacks, recording the actual founder of their latest chapter at the Univ. of Pennsylvania as Prof. Edgar W. Smith, who was a Phi Kappa Psi, inaugurated the Penn. chapter of that fraternity years ago and has always been active in the councils of his own organization. It appears that this hitherto unheard of incident resulted from the venerable Doctor's friendship for an alumnus of Delta Tau Delta, his position as professor rendering his knowledge of the students intimate. Dr. Smith was a conspicuous figure at the banquet subsequent to the installation ceremonies and delivered a toast, "La Fraternite."—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The biennial convention of Delta Delta Delta was held with Theta chapter at Minneapolis, August twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth.

Kappa Alpha Theta holds her convention with the chapter at the University of Wisconsin, the first week in October.

Alpha Phi celebrates this fall the twenty-fifth anniversary of her founding, which took place at Syracuse University, October twentieth, eighteen hundred seventy-two.

NOTICES.

The plate which was used for the convention menu cards is now in the hands of Wisconsin Alpha. Any chapter desiring to use it for menu or dance card is welcome to do so by paying charges for sending.

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