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MY SWEETHARTE.

Come pledge withe me the helthe of her
My harte dothe owne its queene
The sweetest and the bonniest
In alle the worlde, I weene.

At the Sygn of the Goate she dwelles
In Grecian Arcady.
Others there bee that bide thereinne
But nonne soe faire as she.

Her bodice and her kirtle trimme
Are of the wyne and blue;
The golden arrowe on her breste.
Dothe prove her love soe trewe.

Would'st knowe my winsome Ladye's name?
'Tis deare Pi Beta Phi;
Her will I love withe alle my harte,
And serve her till I die.

A RED CROSS PI PHL.

MARYLAND Alpha is just now proud and excited over the experiences of one of her members as a Red-Cross nurse. Cherrie Morton French, after taking training at the Red-Cross Hospital in New York, had the good fortune to be sent south to nurse the soldiers. She is now safe again in her home at Waterbury, Conn., and hopes soon to return to College. A Baltimore

Pi Phi has been so fortunate as to receive a letter from her recounting briefly her novel experiences, and has gained the writer's permission to send a few paragraphs from it to the *Arrow*, together with a photograph of "Sister Cherrie" in her nurse's costume.

Let her now speak for herself:

"A party of twenty-six nurses left Port Tampa, July sixth, on board the U. S. transport, *Lampasac*, bound for Key West. Here we waited a day for our sister-ship, and together, under the convoy of the little *Hawk*, we proceeded to Santiago. No lights were allowed on board, not even the light of a cigar, and this, with the manoeuvres of the little *Hawk*, made a very exciting voyage. The *Hawk* chased three vessels, two in the day time and one at night, but as everything concerning them proved satisfactory to their small captor, they were permitted to go their way, and we brought in no prizes. We nevertheless had the excitement and a good view of the action.

"Never shall I forget our entrance into the harbor of Santiago. When we were still at a great distance we could see *Morro Castle* and our ships lying beneath, coming more and more into view as we approached. We were now on the very site which, a few days before, had witnessed the destruction of *Admiral Cervera's* fleet. From *Morro* proudly floated the American flag, and we knew then that Santiago had surrendered. From the extreme top of the picturesque castle two soldiers shouted us a royal welcome. Just inside the harbor and beneath *Morro* was the partially sunk Spanish ship, the *Reina Mercedes*. It was a truly pitiful sight to see the proud coat-of-arms of Spain, so elaborately wrought on the prow, half submerged. It was with far different feelings, however, that we passed, farther up the channel, the *Merrimac*.

"We anchored in full sight of the city, which wore a deserted appearance. In fact, it had capitulated the day before. Owing to yellow fever we were not allowed to go ashore to join *Miss Barton*, so, having on board the engineer corps belonging to *General Miles*, we left Santiago for *Bay de Guantanamo*, where the General was preparing for the attack on *Porto Rico*. Here we

saw nearly all the fleet, and a beautiful sight it was as we entered the harbor just at sunset in full view of our noble war vessels.

“Having horses and mules on board suffering from the heat and close quarters, we anchored as near the shore as possible, close to Camp McCalla, where, you remember, our marines worked their way and repelled the three night attacks of the Spaniards, and where the American flag was first raised on Cuban soil.

“The next morning our engineers constructed a pontoon bridge, and the horses and mules were taken ashore, exercised, and given a bath in the salt water. Poor creatures! Some of them were so stiff they could scarcely walk.

“One evening a party of fifteen nurses was invited to go aboard the Oregon to hear a concert given by the Marine band. When the concert was ended we were shown over the noble battleship, and then, having drunk to the health of the officers and they in turn to ours, we spent an hour in dancing. As there were twenty-five or thirty officers and only fifteen nurses, some of whom did not dance, it was necessary for those who did to share the dances with three or four officers. They had not seen any women since they left San Francisco, March 19th, so you can imagine they made it pleasant for us.

“We left Bay de Guantanamo July 22nd, sailing with the fleet which consisted of the Massachusetts, Columbia, Gloucester, a tug and eight transports, for Porto Rico, where the taking of Guanica was witnessed. The Gloucester, commanded by Lieutenant Wainwright, one of the men who had cause to ‘remember the Maine,’ sailed into the bay and the town surrendered. We were immediately behind, and it was a sad sight to see the soldiers all eagerly disembarking, ready for anything. We had become more or less acquainted with the engineer corps, and dreaded their going ashore, for we knew not what they would meet. Fortunately, however, the few Spanish soldiers that were there ran for their lives, although had they offered resistance they would undoubtedly have been captured.

“We had been but a short time in the harbor when they began

to bring sick soldiers on board. Soon we had one hundred and forty, of whom, however, twenty were discharged. Two died at Guanica and two more at Ponce, where we had gone to unload the materials belonging to the engineer corps, and to take on board whatever supplies of food and ice we could obtain. On our way north four soldiers died and were buried at sea. I witnessed the first burial, and it is a ceremony I care to witness but once. The body, when prepared for burial, is wrapped in an American flag and placed on a litter with heavy weights attached to the feet. The steamer is stopped, and then, in the presence of the officers, nurses and crew, the chaplain reads the burial service, and at the proper moment, with the words, 'We consign this body to the deep,' the litter is tipped, and the body slides quickly into the sea.

"We landed one hundred and eight soldiers at Fortress Monroe, and proceeded thence to New York. Not one of us fancied returning from the front, as General Miles wished to take us into the interior with him, where he knew there would be fighting. But we had other orders. We left, however, with every assurance that we should be called back. Soon peace was declared, all plans changed, and our hope of returning to Porto Rico dashed to pieces."

A FEW WORDS ON PAN-HELLENISM.

ONCE upon a time there was a little freshman, who went to college in a state of ignorance about fraternities, quite inconceivable in these days of high-school Greek-letter societies. Except its literal signification of "brotherhood," she didn't even know what a fraternity was, and had never heard of rushing, nor pledging nor initiation. As she lived at home at some distance from the college, she missed the dormitory gossip and chatter that would have enlightened her on these points, and being of a retiring disposition, she did not make acquaintances easily. But though she was very innocent, she had eyes, and

she noticed that one by one the more attractive of her classmates blossomed out with pretty jeweled badges, similar to those worn by girls in the older classes. She admired these dainty ornaments very much, and when the pretty blonde who sat next her in "Freshman Math" appeared with a pin, "with all her blushing honors fresh upon her," the little freshman's admiration overcame her timidity, and she expressed her feeling openly. The new initiate received this barbarian homage with proper graciousness, and the little freshman was emboldened to seek for enlightenment on this interesting subject. "What do those letters on your pin mean?" she asked, only to receive the reply, "We're not allowed to tell—that's one of our secrets," in a very mysterious tone. Then, as the little freshman opened her eyes very wide, her astonished neighbor said curiously, "Don't you know what a fraternity is?" She didn't at all, but tried to avoid this humiliating admission by parrying the question with another: "How many of them can you belong to?" "Good gracious! Why, only one, and you must hate all the others just as hard as ever you can!" And that was her first experience with Pan-Hellenism.

All this happened many years ago. Long after, when the little freshman was a venerable alumna, teaching in a little country town, and hungering and thirsting for a little college or "frat" companionship, she stumbled by chance on a girl from another state who wore the same badge as her freshman neighbor (which was not an arrow, by the way). The meeting was cordial, and one would almost have supposed from the eager exchange of questions and news that they were friends long parted, or at least members of the same fraternity. This was her second experience of Pan-Hellenism.

Now, if you girls remember your ancient history, you know that though the Greeks were divided by bitter political rivalry (which ultimately proved their ruin), in any question of art, literature or civilization they regarded themselves as one people, and all mankind was divided into two great classes, Greeks and Barbarians. Whether he came from Athens, Thebes or Sparta, the Asiatic colonies or those in the golden west, the Hellene felt

an equal right to Homer and Phidias, for divided as the Greek states were in politics, in art and letters they were one, and the great names were common property and a common pride.

All this sounds dreadfully didactic, but the moral, though obvious, needs a little special emphasis just at this rushing season. It is difficult to realize that the girls who are trying so hard to coax that nice little freshman away from our inviting arms have substantially the same aims and ideals as ourselves, and that years hence, when the local chapter struggle is a thing of the past, though our warmest affections are always reserved for the arrow, still the anchor or the key will gladden our eyes, for they represent experiences and aspirations similar to our own, and a Greek is a Greek, though fate may have denied her the privilege of being an Athenian.

It has been my pleasant privilege more than once, in a crowd of total strangers, to have my arrow recognized with pleased surprise by a fellow Greek, and to be able to give her news of her own fraternity at my home college, while learning of Pi Phi friends in return, if she came from a Pi Phi institution. So remember, girls, and don't let rushing rivalry embitter you toward your sister fraternities, for rushing is for a season only, but Hellenism—Pan-Hellenism lasts the rest of your natural life.

M. E. P., Illinois Epsilon.

"SPIKES."

TODAY my heart is touched with sympathy for our worthy friend, Mr. Webster. "Why" do you ask? Because, by evidence given in his great and useful work, the Unabridged Dictionary, he shows that, notwithstanding his great talent and noble character, the mysterious gates of Greek life were never thrown open to him. How do I know this? Because I have searched in vain for a definition of the word "spike" that will embrace the meaning which we Greeks have presumptuously attached to it. He tells us a spike is a very large nail. Also, it

is an ear of corn or grain, or it is a young shoot. Again, he says—a spike is a cluster of flowers arranged on an unbranched elongated axis.

We readily see that all these definitions are exceedingly inadequate; so it falls to us to frame a new one. How will this do? A spike is an invitation extended to an individual to become one of a company of congenial associates banded together for the purpose of mutual sympathy, help and enjoyment. Or, a spike is the delicate key that unlocks the doors of congenial association and gives admittance to a realm where purity and nobleness of character are the ideal and sympathy and friendship are the ruling spirits. Who of us do not vividly recall the eventful day when this kind invitation was extended to us! When we stop to think of the near and dear friends that have become ours under the banner of the wine and blue, and of all the pleasant experiences we've had because the little golden arrow is *ours*, our hearts thrill with gladness that *we* were so fortunate as to be spiked.

You will agree with me, will you not, that in no other situation is the dignity, sincerity and womanliness of a Pi Phi brought to the test so strictly as when she stands in the open door of her fraternity and bids a friend come in. As she stands there, her words, actions and manner paint the picture of her fraternity. Be her words indiscreet or wise, her manner careless or womanly, not she but her fraternity receives the blame or praise. Let us then so thoroughly imbue into our lives the sentiments and ideals of our Pi Beta Phi that when we are privileged to invite a friend to sisterhood, our actions, words and manner will mirror forth truthfully the sisterhood we are upholding.

M. C. F.

THE RUSHING QUESTION.

IT has been very forcibly borne in upon the minds of fraternity women, at least in the larger colleges and universities, that a radical reform is needed in one direction, and that is in methods of rushing. With the growth of colleges and the mul-

tiplication of fraternities, the rushing season has resolved itself into a wild scramble, a two or three weeks' mad whirl of gaiety, which, with the accompanying emotional wear and tear, sends both rusher and rushee into their college work quite exhausted.

From the moment when the bewildered freshman is met at the train by excited delegations of rival Greeks, until she dons the pledge-pin or colors of her chosen fraternity, she is allowed not one waking moment to herself, but is so beset with calls, invitations and engagements, that she sometimes follows the example of the girl who married a man to get rid of him, and finds, perhaps, that she repents at a leisure which lasts through her entire college course.

Now, this is not fair to the freshman. She is not given time or data to form a cool judgment nor allowed to exercise it if she has. Surely it is not unreasonable to allow her space to look about a little before deciding a matter which is going to effect at least four years of her life very materially. If she is a stranger in college she needs time to become acquainted, while if she is already biased, by connections of family or friendship, in favor of some one fraternity, there can be no harm in waiting for her a little.

But the present system is not quite fair to the chapter either. All that glitters is not gold, and the most captivating freshman may lack solid qualities of scholarship and character, a lack which only time will disclose. Worst of all, this hasty rushing and pledging is unfair to the whole fraternity system. It is hardly an edifying spectacle to see one or more of the great national fraternities metaphorically on their knees, each begging a totally untried, albeit charming, little maiden to make them perfectly happy by consenting to be theirs. This is a reversal of the proper relations. It is the maiden who is to feel honored, and chapters which insist on this point are going to save themselves the trouble of ridding a popular freshman of some undesirable conceit.

Of course, the cause of all these troubles is the same as that of many social and a few moral ills; that is, over-competition. Every chapter naturally wants the most desirable girls in col-

lege, every chapter wants the prestige of winning from every other chapter and losing to none, and so the merry war goes on. The next result may be what business men call a "combine;" in fact whispers have reached us of one or two cases where two chapters have combined against a third strong one and then shared the spoils as previously agreed upon. Truly a charming state of things! So ethical!

Now we learn, or used to learn, from the economists that the cure for "cut-throat competition" was either co-operation or government control, which translated into the language of fraternities means either a Pan-Hellenic agreement or faculty rules which shall control methods of rushing and time of asking or pledging. Both have their objections. The latter smacks of paternalism, and a faculty usually hesitates to interfere in such matters unless they obviously interfere with college work. Moreover, it would seem in these days of increased student responsibility that this was something which the chapters ought to be able to settle among themselves.

Then why not a Pan-Hellenic agreement? Why not, indeed, if only it be operative? But a compact that is not kept is worse than no compact, and there are at least two ways in which such an agreement has been rendered partially inoperative in more than one college. First, it is difficult to get every chapter to agree to it, and reports from at least two colleges tell us that "all the woman's fraternities, but one, have entered into an agreement about rushing." Now, that one chapter, like the one merchant who fails to give the Saturday half holiday, is going to nullify the efforts for good of all the rest. Probably in the long run it will come to terms, but meanwhile it has built up strength by an advantage which is unfair, but which it cannot be prevented from taking.

The second objection is that even when all have entered into an agreement there is no means of enforcing it when made. The public conscience is unfortunately not very tender, and many a girl who would scorn to do anything dishonorable in her private capacity, thinks it rather creditable than otherwise to evade an irksome rule which touches her fraternity. For in-

stance, the agreement may be made to extend no invitation to a freshman before say, Thanksgiving, but without a formal invitation there are plenty of ways of letting the girl know what is wanted of her, and on her part it is easy enough to make known what she will do when the time comes for pledging.

Perhaps we are very pessimistic, but if our view of human nature is too low we stand ready and anxious to be corrected.

F. P. R.

ALUMNAE AND FRATERNITY.

A GREAT deal has been said and written from time to time concerning the duty of Alumnae to the Fraternity. That duty is, indeed, a large one, and the field of alumnae usefulness is broad, yet it is limited, and absolutely by one element entirely outside the alumnae control, namely, the *will of the active chapter*, and this is a side of the question which demands some thought.

However desirous the alumnae may be to keep in touch with the active girls, this is quite impossible, unless they are met half-way, and at least permitted to meet and become acquainted with the new girls who come in to fill the places their own graduations leave vacant.

There is too strong a tendency, in some cases at least, for the active Chapter to feel sufficient unto itself, and to regard the alumnae somewhat as "back numbers," who have had their day, and passed on into a sphere where common interests cease. This is not the case. Every loyal alumna is not only ready but anxious to do all in her power for the advancement of her Chapter, and the very broadened life-interests which may seem a stumbling-block to the younger girls, constitute her strength, and instead of taking from, add to her capacity for usefulness, and enable her to lend a helping hand over some of the rough places through which she herself has passed.

It is not the desire of the alumnae to dictate, in any case, but it is their desire to stand in the relation of elder sisters—that

relation which permits them to have a vital interest in all that the younger ones do,—and surely it is their right to be made acquainted with these younger ones as they take their places in the family of Pi Beta Phi.

Only in the unanimity of effort between the two forces, active and alumnae, can be attained the highest development of a fraternity, and the sooner this truth is realized and practically applied, the sooner will Pi Beta Phi reach the ideal our founders set for us when so many years ago they chose the motto which we have never desired to change.

Let then the active chapters seek out their alumnae, make them acquainted with the younger members, invite them to meetings sometimes, and to initiations always, and permit them to share their hopes and aims and difficulties. So shall new strength be gathered into the ranks of Pi Beta Phi, and by uniting in common interests the energies of past and present may be built a future for our beloved fraternity which shall be to us all a blessing.

M. E. G.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

I.

The Greek letter societies are constantly being asked *cui bono*, and it is well worth our consideration as to what is the real value of our fraternity. The question is not asked in any spirit of cavilling or criticism or disloyalty. What do the older fraternities mean? How is it that one of our statesmen today was heard to say, "My fraternity did more for me than the university?" How can some of the "old time" fraternities take, apparently, the most unpromising material and make these very persons graduate leaders in their respective classes? Why is it that a few fraternities—fraternities which take but few members each year—are always known to be strong, and are eagerly desired by all freshmen? The answer does not lie in the statement that they

have been *fortunate* in securing members, nor that their alumni are strong. But the answer is that these fraternities follow the old-fashioned method of thorough training. Theirs is not a social club which it is "nice to belong to" or a set of jolly friends with whom it is fun to live. Suppose we apply this method to our own fraternity. From the day the freshman enters one of these training schools she will be set at work, hard at work. She must know her place as a freshman; she must learn at once how to entertain the members of her fraternity who belong to the upper classes. She will be carefully supervised in the University work, and unsparingly criticised in all matters of dress and social form. She will be placed in positions of responsibility, and after the conditions of the undertaking have been thoroughly canvassed, she is then simply obliged to stand in her place and show that she is a woman of ability. The whole result of this course is summed up in the statement that such a fraternity makes a woman, while the University is making the scholar. I do not believe that it is possible for any fraternity to give a thoroughly satisfactory answer to the question *Cui bono*, until it can report a perfected scheme of discipline begun the day after initiation and not completed before Commencement Day.

Colorado Alpha.

II.

Every fraternity member who wishes to make her organization the power it should be must be thoroughly and absolutely loyal; loyal through college, through all after life. If the chapter does not approach your ideas of a helpful organization, still be loyal and help it to develop. Fraternity loyalty can manifest itself in no better way than a willingness to work in perfect unity and harmony with the girls who have pledged themselves to serve in a common cause. A state of inactive satisfaction with whatever may present itself in the line of opportunities is not the sort of spirit that contributes to the most complete development of any organization. If fraternity members are loyal they will be willing and anxious to work and to do that work in the very best

way that they are able. The chapter where every member does everything in her power to advance her fraternity interests is the chapter that comes nearest the ideal. Very often, perhaps most frequently in a large chapter, it happens that only a few ever exert themselves to think of or arrange any plan that will contribute to the building up of their fraternity, and the remaining members are satisfied with standing by and looking on. This should not be. The whole fraternity working together with a will can accomplish twice the good, and at the end have the satisfaction of knowing that every one has a personal interest in the result.

Fraternity loyalty shows itself in countless other ways. It is perfectly unselfish, always thinking of fraternity before self; it is charitable to faults, hiding rather than proclaiming them; it interests itself in the general life of the college and aims to improve it; it is Christian and womanly. The truly loyal fraternity woman leaves behind her a college career, brightened by the memory of opportunities used and hopes realized by means of perseverant work.

III.

The other day we asked a certain little freshman to share with us our joys and sorrows. It was with a good deal of misgiving, for the freshman was very popular and we had
Reality. been late in getting acquainted with her.

What was our delight to hear her say promptly: "I am not sure that I may join any fraternity, but if I ever do, it will certainly be Pi Beta Phi, for it seems to me that your girls, more than any others I have met, are really loyal, honorable friends to each other and will be to me."

It seems to me that this shows clearly a thing that we sometimes forget when we are rushing, and that is that a great many freshman, more than we usually think, have a very good idea of what a fraternity really means and are not always going to join the one that has given them the most good times, but the one which will give them the best friends, and help them to do their best, too.

Our freshman may be mistaken in thinking that our ideals are any higher than those of the other fraternities, but they are surely high enough, if we live up to them, to make any outsider feel sure that our fraternity is not just a club for having a good time. We are very much encouraged to think that one freshman has recognized in us what we are trying to be, and our chapter, for one, has resolved that it is going to work even harder to live up to its ideals so that not one or a few, but everybody, shall see what it really means to be a Pi Beta Phi.

Alumnae Department.

MARRIED.

June 15, 1898, Carline J. Clark, Indiana Beta, was wedded to Mr. Sherman T. Gerhart of Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Miss Clark was initiated into Pi Beta Phi February eighth, 1895, and besides very efficiently filling the offices of Corresponding and Recording Secretary, she has been a most earnest and active worker in Indiana Beta. On the morning of her wedding day she received a degree in Pedagogy from our State University.

Lethia B. Fertich, Indiana Beta, and Dr. S. G. Wright, of La Fayette, were united in marriage June thirtieth, 1898. Miss Fertich became a member of Pi Beta Phi October twelfth, 1895, and though she remained at college but one year, Indiana Beta found in her a true fraternity spirit which caused her to be very much missed when she left for other fields of work.

Effie Busselle, '94, and E. B. Henderson were married June seventh, 1898, at Indianola, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are now living at Marengo.

Miss Helen Burkit and Mr. Geo. Cleaver were married at Red Oak, Iowa, in August.

Miss Tella Talbott and George C. Clammer were married at the home of the bride in Indianola, October 12, '98. They will continue to live in Indianola.

On August twentieth occurred the marriage of Jessie Catherine Craig, Wisconsin Alpha, '96, to Daniel Alexander Campbell, at the home of the bride in Russell, Ontario. Miss Craig was editor of the Arrow during the two years from 1895-97, and Mr. Campbell is senior Science Master of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute. Mrs. Campbell's future home is at 316 Gilmore St., Ottawa, Canada.

Ethel Mae Tompkins, Illinois Beta, was married on Wednesday, June twenty-second, to William Harry Clayberg, at her home in Avon, Illinois.

Mary Snow, Kansas Alpha, was married to Ermine Case, Phi Delta Theta, at her home in Lawrence, June twenty-third. Professor and Mrs. Case are at home at 276 Nineteenth St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On July sixteenth, Martha Snow, Kansas Alpha, '98, was married at Nantucket to William Harvey Brown, Phi Gamma Delta.

Ethel Beecher Allen was married Wednesday, July the twenty-seventh, at nine a. m., in Grace Episcopal Church, Kansas City, to Mr. James Kent Hamilton. Her present address is 2317 Scottwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANNA PORTNER COYLE.

For the first time in her history, death has come to Louisiana Alpha, and taken from her a beloved charter member, Anna Portner Coyle, who died at Russellville, Tennessee, on the eleventh of August.

By her never-failing sweetness and gentleness she endeared

herself to everyone and the memory of this dear sister will live long in the hearts of all Pi Beta Phis who were fortunate enough to know her, and so to love her.

In love of her memory the following resolutions have been adopted by the chapter:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite mercy to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Anna Portner Coyle, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Alpha chapter has met with great loss in the death of a dear charter member, be it

Resolved, That the chapter extend to the bereaved family of their sister, their most earnest and heartfelt sympathy, in this their great sorrow. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the chapter and be published in the Arrow of Pi Beta Phi fraternity.

EVELYN REEVES.

The Chicago alumnae chapter of Pi Beta Phi is mourning the loss of one of its most active and enthusiastic members, Evelyn Reeves, who was lost in the wreck of the steamer "La Bourgogne," on July 4th, last. Miss Reeves belonged to the I. C. chapter at Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, and was a member of the class of 1882. After leaving college she taught for nine years in Silver City, N. M.; Waverly, Ia., and Santa Anna, Cal. She studied as a graduate student in Chicago University in 1895-96, devoting special attention to sanitary science and food economy. At the time of her death she had charge of the cooking classes at Lewis Institute, having been a member of the faculty ever since the founding of the school.

SUE ANDREWS GOTHE.

On September fourteenth Colorado Alpha was called to mourn the death of one of its dearest girls, Sue Andrews Gothe, who passed away after an illness of but two weeks. Mrs. Gothe lived in Boulder all her life, where she was a great favorite in both town and college, where her loss will be very hard to bear.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Miss Fannie Maroa Sutton, a graduate of Middlebury College in 1898, is now teaching in the grammar department of the graded school of Janesville, Minn.

OHIO ALPHA.

Caroline Schwefel, '96, was married in August, at the home of her sister in Brooklyn, to Prof. Clyde Brown, who holds the chair of psychology and pedagogy in Ohio University.

Florence Craig, '98, is pursuing her study of instrumental and vocal music this year in Columbus, the latter under Prof. Engmerson.

Lucy Weethee, '98, fills the position of assistant in the biological department this year, a work for which she is well-fitted and one most congenial to her.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Lida M. O'Bryon, '98, has returned to college to take post-graduate work in German for her Master's degree.

Clara E. Wyker is teaching in the academy at Red Creek, N. Y.

May V. Wheatley is teaching in the Classical Preparatory School, in Syracuse.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Hannah Middleton, '94, is teaching in Marion, Indiana.

Ethelwyn Miller, '94, teaches Latin and English in the Greensburg High School.

Lillie Weyl, '94, has a position as teacher in the Tipton schools.

Elizabeth Payne Martin, '95, is living in Indianapolis.

Viola Lukens, '95, teaches in the Franklin schools.

Nannie Drybread, '95, is doing work in the Chicago University this year.

Olive Moore, '95, is teaching in the Tipton schools.

Esther Howard, '96, is teaching music in her home in Livonia, Indiana.

Bertha Fletcher is teaching in Indianapolis.

Alva D. Gorby teaches in Muncie.

Carrie Daughters, '98, is at home at Moore's Hill, Indiana.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Jessie Ludlow left Irvington last summer for Denver, Colorado, where she is now making her home.

Ethel Curryer is clerk of the Medical Board of Registration and Examination.

Jessamine Armstrong is teaching school at Kokomo.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Bella Cass, '99, has moved to Ann Arbor, where her address is 523 Packard St. She has entered the University there.

Lena R. Judd, '93, was married August 21, 1898, to George W. Greene, Phi Delta Theta, Hillsdale, '94, and their home is now in Dowagiac, Mich.

Evelyn Smith, '92, is now taking work in the University of Michigan.

Anna Classon, '95, is teaching in Dowagiac, Mich.

Bertha Myers, '98, is teaching in North Adams, Mich.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Rebecca Finch, '98, is teaching Latin in the High School at Batavia, N. Y.

Harriet Beard, '98, is head assistant in a High School near Detroit.

Pauline Temple has become Mrs. Sheldon, and has gone to Arizona to live.

Gertrude Edwards, '99, is out of college on account of typhoid fever.

Laura Bevans, '98, has charge of the field excursions in the science department of the Chicago Normal School.

Florence Richards, '98, is teaching English at Three Rivers, Mich.

Flora Sigel is teaching at Mt. Pleasant, Penn.

Faith Gilbert, '96, who became Mrs. Parker in June, is living in Ann Arbor.

Evelyn Smith of Michigan Alpha is taking work in the University.

Bella Cass of Michigan Alpha is living in Ann Arbor.

Helen Wetmore, who for the past year has been studying art in New York, is again with us as an active member.

IOWA ALPHA.

On the twenty-second day of June occurred the marriage of one of Iowa Alpha's most beloved sisters, Anna Wallbank, to Mr. McGarick, of Fairfield, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. McGarick are now at home to their friends in Fairfield.

Fannette O'Kell will resume her art studies in Chicago this fall.

Lena Kirby, who has been attending the Chicago Training School for Nurses, spent the summer months at her old home. Miss Kirby will soon complete her course at the Training School.

Elizabeth Sawyers, instructor in the conservatory of De Pauw University, Ind., spent commencement week in Mt. Pleasant, visiting her Alma Mater and old friends. Her sister, Mrs. Linn, also a Pi Phi, accompanied her.

Mrs. Lulu Ambler Officer, of St. Louis, recently made a long visit at her old home in this city.

Mary Crane has been re-elected as drawing teacher in the Mt. Pleasant schools.

Mrs. Wheny, who has been instructor in the Deaf and Dumb School at Council Bluffs, Iowa, has taken up her residence in this city, and will receive a hearty welcome from the Pi Phi girls.

Clara Byrkit delivered the Master's oration in the University chapel on Commencement day, June sixteenth.

Olive Gass, '96, has secured a position as teacher in the Mt. Pleasant schools.

IOWA ZETA.

Clyde Beryl Cobb, '98, was married on August seventeenth to Edward White, superintendent of schools at Harlan, Iowa.

Of our other two graduates last year, Mary Kelly is at home in Waterloo, and Nancy Carroll is assistant in one of the Des Moines schools.

Mrs. Jessie Remley Lowell has returned to her home in Omaha, after making us a visit.

May V. Henry, '96, is teaching in Boulder, Col.

Bessie Parker, '93, is assistant in the University library.

Louise Bousche, '97, is teaching German in the Council Bluffs High School.

Mittie Pile, '97, is teaching in Council Bluffs.

Editorials.

Relative to the article on "The Rushing Question," which appears elsewhere in this issue, the editor would very much like a personal expression of opinion, from every college where we have a rival, as to a Pan-Hellenic compact. If one exists, what is its nature and in how far is it a success; if there is none, what would be the probable advantages and disadvantages of such an agreement in your particular college.

These letters we should like to have personal ones to the editor, stating the situation frankly. They are not intended, either wholly or in any part, for publication, but it is hoped that from them some facts and conclusions may be drawn at which will serve as a basis for a future article. The subject is one which has been brought into notice in several quarters of late, and Pi Beta Phi can well afford to give it her share of attention.

From all over the country come chapter letters telling how this "old girl" is teaching in such-and-such a high school, or that graduate of '98 is instructor in the academy at So-and-So. Un-

der our present conditions teaching, particularly in the secondary schools, is the most natural occupation of the college woman, and probably three-fourths of our graduates of last June who are occupied at all are engaged in some form of this work.

These girls come fresh from their chapter life and are full of Pi Phi enthusiasm, which is quite apt to spend itself in vain longings for the old chapter hall, the beloved girls and all the happy camaraderie of fraternity life. Will it console you young teachers, homesick for college ways and days, to feel that you still have a very real duty to your fraternity, which you, better than any one else, can fulfill? Realize then that it is upon you that there peculiarly devolves the duty of spreading the name and fame of Pi Beta Phi, particularly among the young girls who are soon to be college women themselves, and so candidates for fraternity membership. This does *not* mean that you are to do any "rushing" or that you are to single out the desirable girls and treat them with marked favor. That would be a grave offense in a teacher, and you are, first of all, a teacher now.

There is another and a better way of working for Pi Beta Phi. Be known to your scholars as a perfectly honorable, upright woman who stoops to no littleness, who is an example of character no less than learning, who gives sympathy as well as information. The young girl is very apt to embody her ideal in some older woman, perhaps oftenest in one of her teachers. If you are so fortunate as to be that one, try to be to her what she believes you, her ideal woman such as she hopes some day herself to be.

If she asks you about your arrow, as she doubtless may, do not tell her that it is the badge of the swellest fraternity in the world, the only one, in fact, worth considering. Granting that this were true, it would be putting before the girl a false ideal of fraternity life, and her uncompromising young honesty will either reject it and you with it, or she will cast about her to find out which really is the wealthiest and "swellest" chapter, and

some day she will be joining a fraternity, perhaps not Pi Beta Phi, for a motive surely not the highest.

Tell the little girl the truth, or what should be the truth to every Pi Phi; that your fraternity has helped you to be what you are, that it should have helped you to be more than you are, more unselfish, more sympathetic, more tolerant. Then when her turn comes to enter college, she will realize that a fraternity is something more than a mere society, and that that something must be found in Pi Beta Phi, because you are a member of it. If your little pupil is never to be a fraternity girl, you have at least saved her from the suspicion and jealousy of the outside girl who is prone to think that a fraternity is a mere clique for amusement, dress and outward show.

This is a great work for the new alumnae,—to kindle a love and respect for Pi Beta Phi through love and respect for one Pi Phi. Can we do it, girls?

Since the publication of the last Arrow two changes have taken place in the personnel of the Grand Council. Ethel Allen has been obliged by her marriage to resign the office of Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, Lucinda Smith Buchan has sailed to join her husband, Captain Frederick Buchan, at Manila. To fill out Miss Allen's term of office, the Grand President has appointed Amelia Alpiner of Illinois Zeta, who for some time acted as Corresponding Secretary of that chapter, and who has been a valued contributor to the Arrow. Mrs. Buchan's place will be taken by her sister, Ida Greeley Smith, of Kansas Alpha. She has for several months ably assisted in the work of the Grand Treasurer, so that her appointment is sufficient guarantee that this work will be well done.

Chapters will please take notice of the changed addresses of these members of the Grand Council, as otherwise mistakes will ensue, inconvenient for them and the new officers alike.

Regularly as the dropping nuts and reddening leaves comes that ripened chestnut, the editor's annual sermonette on the

chapter letter, for autumn sees the new crop of corresponding secretaries garnered in, and the old, old story must be told anew. Would that the blue pencil we wield could become Jove's thunderbolt for just one moment, that we might hurl zigzaggy fulminations upon the heads of those unhappy maidens who insist on writing on both sides of the page, or worse, on alternate pages, or up and down, or catcornered, or any way but the right one.

Some day we are going to issue a manifesto which shall express our entire and unexpurgated feelings in the matter of the chapter letter, including such stock phrases as "elegant refreshments," "tasteful decorations," and "dear, sweet pledges." Until then, perhaps we would better not waste any more good, valuable emotion on the subject, so we will merely observe that letters written on both sides of the sheet have to be entirely re-copied before they can be sent to the printer. Moreover, such letters, in fact all matter for publication, must, must, MUST be in the editor's hands by the tenth of the month preceding date of publication, as the whole issue is delayed by the tardiness of two or three correspondents.

Our chapter letters of last year evidenced marked improvement in manner and matter, and in most cases the secretaries showed a thoroughly business-like promptness. Let our new secretaries try to reach and raise the standard they have set.

It has seemed wise to issue the fall issue of the Arrow hereafter in November rather than October, for the reason that many colleges open so late that matter for publication must be sent in vacation time. This renders the task of the chapter correspondents very difficult, as there is often almost nothing to write about. The girls are scattered, chapter life is suspended, and beyond such scant news as the Round Robin brings, or an occasional notice of a visit or a wedding, the letters have to be a product of the secretary's own inner consciousness. Putting the issue into November obviates this difficulty, therefore the change.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The members of Vermont Alpha think with Shakespeare: "Parting is such sweet sorrow," for had we not known the pain of parting we never could have experienced the joys attendant upon our return. Refreshed by what are now simply the memories of a glorious summer, we are eager for the work and pleasure of another college year.

Immediately following the gayety and confusion of Commencement, the two weeks spent in our camp on Lake Champlain afforded a delightful change and even now, while deeply engrossed in some puzzling problem, we find ourselves pausing to laugh over some pleasing reminiscence of camp life.

We miss, it is true, the loving guidance of our three '98 Seniors, but we were doubly rejoiced on our return to greet all the other faces so familiar in our Pi Phi Hall. We have received delightful letters from two of our last year's graduates, Luella C. Whitney, who has spent the summer traveling in Europe, and Fannie M. Sutton, who is now teaching in Janesville, Minnesota. Florence C. Allen, our third '98, is teaching so near us that she has already delighted us with one visit and we have others in prospect.

The fraternity girls of Middlebury College are trying an experiment this year in their method of approaching the new students and it is not, as yet, an assured success. Before we separated for the summer, at our suggestion, a committee from our chapter conferred with a committee from Alpha Chi, our only opponent here in the field, and together they agreed upon November eleventh as a pledge day. Written invitations will then be sent out, at the same time, by both fraternities. We have given one reception to the girls of the Freshman class and we are trying in a quiet way to make their acquaintance. Although the percentage of girls in the entering class this year is smaller than usual, we hope in our next letter to announce that several of them have become more closely united with our interests by the bonds of sisterhood.

MILDRED WELD.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Vacation is over and college girls are hurrying back to their homes, intent upon making records and "rushing." Columbia Alpha has been widely separated throughout the summer and the

only visible tie has been a fraternity "round-robin," which had a rather short and contracted career. Undoubtedly they are splendid things, when well carried out, and as a means of communication between the graduates, we hope will prove successful.

As Columbia Alpha gathers together again an annual sigh goes up, "Oh, for a fraternity room" and we shall strive our utmost this year to gain this desired end.

The class of '98 are busy in various ways: Lillian Pace is teaching in the Richmond High School; Mary Hinman is in Alliance, Ohio; Georgie Sanderlin is teaching Latin and mathematics in a private school; Elise Bradford is making experiments in house-keeping.

There seems to be an epidemic of Cupid fever, running riot in the Grand Council. Last spring we heard of the Grand Treasurer's marriage and this fall we learn of the Grand Secretary's.

The conclusion is,

'T is true "Pi Phis,"
Do make good wives.

ELISE BRADFORD.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE, PA.

I opened the July Arrow a few moments since and the first words that met my eye were these: "The 'rush' of Commencement time is already on at Hillsdale. . . . Several of the old girls are back . . . and our tongues wag incessantly talking over old times and planning for the future." These words, I think, present a very vivid picture to the minds of most of us who probably can summon at will memories of many a thrill of satisfaction when we, too, talked over "old times" with the "old girls" and "planned for the future."

The summer with its heat and drowsy leisure, with its merry times of joyous gladness and abandon, is slowly turning from us. Soon the active chapters will once more gather together and "planning for the future" will be decidedly in order. That minor strain that rings through all the magic harmony of college life, and especially college fraternity life, will then be most distinct. "Where, O where are the dear old Seniors?" and the answer, "Safe now in the wide, wide world," will give us a very poor kind of comfort. But with the inspiration of those old talks in the rush of Commencement to spur us on to victory, and with those words of the July Arrow ringing in our ears to steady us, "The solemnity and value of the initiation service will be forever marred if *once* we have set aside its truth," we shall all surely push forth, led by the force of friendship's highest law, sincerity, to the conquest of "the true, the beautiful and the good."

MARY E. SEAMAN.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta sends greetings and best wishes to all her sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Our school began very much later than usual this year; however, we are now getting settled down to hard work. We are starting in the year with bright prospects, having thirteen girls in the chapter. Two of the sixteen of last year graduated, Grace Slifer and Ruth Sprague. Grace Slifer is now teaching at Mt. Pleasant Seminary near Pittsburg; and Ruth Sprague has a position as teacher of Latin and German in the high school at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Grace Williams, '90, is teaching in the Oral school at Scranton. We are glad that our loss is no greater though we miss these girls exceedingly.

We take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Eddleman to Mr. Heim, professor of Latin and German in Bucknell College. Miss Eddleman held the position of senior teacher in Bucknell Institute for five years, and during that time she took a very great interest in our chapter. She joined Pi Beta Phi while attending Franklin College, Indiana, and it was due to her influence in a great measure that our chapter was founded. Mr. and Mrs. Heim are now living in Lewisburg, and we find their cosy home a pleasant place to talk over fraternity matters.

Quite frequently the Pi Beta Phi girls who live near Lewisburg have reunions during the summer. The one most enjoyed was held on the campus where ten Pi Beta Phis with three patronesses held a picnic. We were not all privileged to attend, but we are assured that they had a fine time.

We are not doing much rushing this year, because none of the fraternities are allowed to take in, or even pledge, any person who has not been in college a year. This gives us a good chance to become acquainted with the girls, and know exactly what ones we want.

We hope the year has begun as well for the other chapters as is has for us, and as a last word, don't forget to send us the annual chapter letters. We enjoy them so very much.

GENEVIEVE WHITE.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The girls of the Ohio Alpha at the beginning of the college year send hearty greetings to their sister chapters. We are gathered again though a smaller band than of yore. At the opening of the term we numbered but six active members, but on September twenty-second an event most interesting took place—the initiation of two of our three pledges, Lucile

Lovell, of Lathrop, Ohio, and Bessie Harris, of Athens. Assembling at the mystic and romantic hour of 11:30 A. M. in our hall, we found it fittingly arranged, darkened and lighted with tapers preparatory to the solemn festivities appropriate to the occasion. After the pledges were initiated with due ceremony into the sacred mysteries of the cat immortal, and the echoes had resounded with the Pi Phi yell, we laid aside all dignity and partook of one of the most enjoyable lunches in our history. How good everything tasted! Several of our alumnae members were present and mirth and jollity reigned supreme.

Our college opens with a number somewhat smaller than last year, but a larger number of new students and of higher rank than usual have entered. So the outlook for the year's attendance is quite encouraging.

Our chapter is looking about for desirable members, but, as we have no rival chapter rushing is not very exciting. We often wish there were another chapter to awaken more enthusiasm during the rushing season.

VIRGINIA M. HOUSTON.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The time for writing the first Arrow letter of the college year finds New York Alpha well started upon her work. College opened the thirtieth of September, with an entering class of five hundred, and with brighter prospects than ever before for a most prosperous year. There are but few changes in the faculty: Professor Edgar A. Emens, head of the Greek department, who has spent a year and a half in advanced study in Europe, has returned and resumed charge of his department; Prof. Richard P. Jones and Mr. Farley, have been added to the English department.

That most exciting part of the college year — rushing season — is now practically over, most of the fraternities having made their elections and begun to hold their initiations. Pi Beta Phi initiated at the chapter house, October eighth, and takes great pleasure in presenting to our fraternity sisters the following girls: Lucie Campbell, L. Grace Huff, Georgiana Fulmer, Charlotte Nearing, Grace Van Wie, Isabelle Moore, Bertha H. Vedder and Laura Wightman. They are ideal Pi Beta Phis — every one of them — and every wearer of the Arrow may justly feel proud of these latest additions to our fraternity ranks.

During the summer vacation some of our members had the pleasure of seeing Miss Frances Jacobs, a recent alumna of Columbia Alpha, and Miss Anna Lewis, of California Alpha, who spent a few days with us at our chapter house, last spring.

The event which attracts the most attention in college circles now is the opening of the new Esther Baker Steele Hall of Phys-

ics. From the outside this building appears to be completed and the architect, Prof. Edwin H. Goggin, assures the professors who are to have rooms within its walls that it will be ready for occupancy this or the following week. The fact that the inside is finished in wood instead of being plastered will greatly hasten its completion. The departments of physics, biology and the new course in electrical engineering will have their headquarters in this building.

FRANCES E. MADDEN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

During the summer our girls have carried with them the memory of the delightful afternoon that we enjoyed with Mrs. Tyndale, our Pi Phi patroness, before college closed. One afternoon Mr. Tyndale escorted us in a private car to their beautiful home in Weymouth. We spent the time roaming about their fine estate and returned to the house to find a banquet spread there for us. We left our host and hostess with a parting Pi Phi yell, and it is easy to imagine how twenty girls made that car resound with our fraternity songs!

About a week later Mr. and Mrs. Tyndale came to college to take us from there to the studio of one of Boston's most famous artists, a personal friend of theirs. Here we were delightfully entertained by looking at pictures and listening to interesting anecdotes.

A week before college opened our chapter had two reunions. However, we met but to part. Those of us anywhere near Boston assembled to see Dell Brooks, '99, off to Minneapolis, where her family has moved. She is to finish her course at the University of Minnesota, and writes us that she has met many Pi Phi sisters who have shown themselves most friendly and possessed of the true Pi Phi spirit.

Our second reunion was at the Charlestown pier where we bade bon voyage to Olive Gilchrist, '98, who has gone abroad for a year's study and travel. As the gang plank of the "New England" was raised we tried to cheer her by a rousing Pi Phi yell.

One of our western girls, Clara Fish, '99, was married in June. We all regretted that we were not near enough to see her.

Our chapter starts out this year reduced in numbers from twenty-three to nine, but our band is an united and enthusiastic one, and thus far we have met with encouraging success.

Again this fall four of the five women's fraternities have united in a pledge to give no invitation until a month from the opening of college. We, like all the rest of our chapters probably, have been very busy with our studies and rushing parties. One Saturday we gave an informal reception at one of the

hotels. Several of our alumnæ have been near and have proved a great help.

That all our chapters may get just the right number of the right kind of girls—girls who will be true to our fraternity's highest ideals—is the sincere wish of Massachusetts Alpha.

FLORENCE N. FLAGG.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

A Red Cross nurse and two students at Wood's Holl—all three again to be active members of Maryland Alpha! What splendid themes for conversation when once more we shall have gathered in dear old Goucher Hall! Indeed, so many pleasing things have happened to us since last we wrote to *The Arrow* that we can now but briefly mention the more important of them. Will you pardon us for turning away back to Commencement times to tell you about them?

Class Day, June the sixth, was to us one of the happiest occasions of the year, for on that day Blanche Reisinger, Pi Beta Phi, graciously held sway as president of the graduating class, while Wanda Hartshorn upheld the honors as class poet. This latter, however, was not the only laurel won by Miss Hartshorn. To her was awarded the first European fellowship ever offered by The Woman's College of Baltimore, which entitles her to a year's study in any university of Germany she may choose. This is in our opinion the crowning honor of the year.

Commencement Day saw four shining arrows go forth from our college, but their wearers are still, and will always be, loyal Pi Phis of Maryland Alpha. We are gratified to learn that May Kellar, '98, has postponed her trip abroad until next spring, and will therefore be with us for another winter. Blanche Reisinger is about to start for Cornell, where she will take post-graduate work in English. What interesting letters she will send us! Of Beall Martin's plans for the coming year we have not yet learned.

Among President Goucher's announcements on Commencement Day were those of the Wood's Holl biological scholarships, awarded to Alice Wood, '99, and Edna Stone, 1900, both of our chapter. The girls have written us glowing descriptions of the most ideal times one could possibly imagine, so that we have come to think of the study of biology as social, rather than scientific, in character. But of course they did work diligently in the laboratory.

Elsewhere in *The Arrow* you will read of our "Sister Cherrie" who has spent a novel vacation which most of us envy her.

Although "Round Robin" has not yet completed his circuit, he has brought pleasure and fun to many, and will probably be adopted in future years. He has by no means superseded our

individual correspondence, however, for letters have been flying back and forth almost as briskly as before.

In two short weeks we shall be together again to sing with renewed fervor the words we love so well:

"Come, join in the song with friendship and love,
Those bonds that far stronger than adamant prove;
In the name of the triple, mysterious tie,
Come singing to the honor of Pi Beta Phi."

HELEN BENSON DOLL.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Old Lombard again opened her doors to old and new students on September seventh, 1898.

Each member of Pi Beta Phi, joined in sisterly bond of union, began the college session with great hopes and expectations for a happy and prosperous year. Our numbers are smaller than last year, but we have brave hearts and know that the few will be true and loyal to Pi Beta Phi.

On September seventeenth our girls gave a reception, at the home of Helen McKay, to all of the young women of the university, in order to become acquainted with the new students. The members of the fraternity acted as the reception committee. Light refreshments were served, and dancing and singing were made one of the pleasant features of the afternoon.

A few weeks later the first annual college dance of the season was held in the gymnasium. As usual a very enjoyable evening was passed. In this way a little spice was given to the every-day routine of college life.

One morning not long ago the students' merry voices were heard uniting in the patriotic songs such as "Star Spangled Banner," "America," and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." What was all this for, but to welcome home to our Alma Mater one of the boys in blue, who had braved the hardships of Porto Rico. The chapel exercises were devoted to the hero. Several addresses of welcome were given, one by Dr. Nash, and two by the students. Two of our members were honored by being chosen as part of a committee to escort our comrade to his seat of honor. The Friday evening following President Nash gave a reception at his home in honor of our soldier boy. Dr. Nash and the guest of honor stood in an alcove decorated with the stars and stripes. Old Glory was in evidence everywhere, giving one the feeling of patriotism.

Hoping we will all have a prosperous and happy year in every respect.

FLORENCE P. KING.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

It seems hardly possible that our three months' vacation has already nearly passed — and yet we eagerly await the time when we shall all be together again in our cozy fraternity rooms.

Two of our last year girls have left college but will still belong to us.

Besides these, one of our '96 girls will be in Evanston again this winter.

On June twenty-second one of our "old" girls, Avis Stratton, ex-'99, was married to Mr. Raymond C. Libberton of Delta Tau Delta. They will also reside in Evanston, so you see we shall have jolly times with so many together.

With the opening of college, Northwestern welcomes to its home Mary Norris, the writer, as the new Dean of Woman's Hall, Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller, the former Dean having resigned her position to devote her time to literary work.

From what we hear we judge that Northwestern is to have her usual large number of Freshmen, — poor things, how unconscious most of them will be of the curious glances of upper-classmen, especially fraternity members! We who have already passed through that strange, "green" period can well afford a backward gaze and a thought of how it was with ourselves.

Our Professor Hatfield, head of the department of German has returned from the east armed with his discharge from the Navy and will take up his work again next week.

Illinois Epsilon has had no visitors during the summer. We have been so scattered that frequent reunions were next to impossible. On July fifteenth we had a right jolly Pi Phi picnic and had our young bride with us for the first time.

We shall have a chapter of twelve to begin our fall work with and hope to make our number large very soon.

With best wishes for a happy "rushing" and lots of good-luck.

MARJORIE LUCILLE FITCH.

ILLINOIS ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The new year is already a month old — for with all colleges we count our months from September rather than from January. Illinois has welcomed the students — old and new. The buildings wear their "old, familiar faces," the campus is more beautiful than ever in its freshness and sunshine, and the tread of feet and sound of voices through the halls is much the same though some well-remembered ones are not heard and new ones come in their place.

We are rejoicing over the added strength which comes to our Woman's department, with an increase of forty over the largest number ever registered before; and this with our Dean, Miss

Jayne, at the helm, means much to us. Miss Jayne is making a strong attempt to organize the department in order that it may have more influence in the university life, and we feel sure that her careful thought and work will always help on toward the best good of all.

The library school has drawn to us many fine women, and among them Sarah Ambler, already a Pi Beta Phi, from Iowa Alpha.

Five active members, several inactive, and two pledged girls, made up our numbers at first, but since then we have pledged four more girls, three of whom were friends of some of us before entering the University. During the autumn we hope to pledge more girls, though as yet we feel that we hardly know them well enough to ask them.

Our rushing this year has been rather quietly done—a dance, a fudge party, and one or two very informal gatherings of a few girls, make up our tale of society events.

One Saturday afternoon Mrs. Davidson asked the members of the fraternity to meet the patronesses at her home; and over a cup of coffee and a plate of salad, we discussed fraternity conditions and prospects to our hearts' content.

Our meetings, this year, will have to be in the evening, and as the girls are widely scattered, must often be short, but we hope to devote at least one each month to a social good time with the Pi Phi songs, which we shall sing with even greater zest when we have our new song books.

We feel some pride—perhaps quite justifiable—in the thought that one of our "old girls" is now our Grand Secretary, each thing of this kind goes so far, too, in helping make us feel more surely a part of the great national sisterhood, Pi Beta Phi.

Laura Russell Gibbs.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The summer has come and gone and Pi Beta Phi is again at work. Although many of us live here in Franklin most of the girls were away during the summer and we were widely scattered. But a number returned in August and we entertained for one of our patronesses, Mrs. Juliet Monroe, who has gone to New York City, where she will make her future home. We shall miss her very much as she has been such a kind and loving friend to us, a most ideal patroness. But to tell you of the reception we gave for her. It occurred at the home of Jeanette Martin. The house was artistically decorated with cut flowers, palms and potted plants. We served punch, grape-ice and cake. We invited no boys and made the affair very informal. Each girl took her mother and we also invited our

alumnae chapter. Afterward we went to the train with Mrs. Monroe and bade her "Godspeed."

College opened September twenty-second and found us with eight active girls. The first Saturday was a bright day for we initiated eight new girls, three of whom were pledged last year. The rest are new in college, but we know they are fine girls and we are proud to introduce them to you. They are: Inez Ryker, Grace Drybread, Eva La Grange, Alice Van Nuys, and Bertha La Grange. The other three are: Gladys Miller, Inez Gorby and May Carney.

After the initiation we gave a characteristic "cookie shine," at which we entertained our patronesses, our alumnae and the most of the new college girls. We sang Pi Phi songs and spent our time most pleasantly in the "frat" hall until nine o'clock when we went in a body to a reception given for the new students at the home of Prof. Hall.

Last Saturday night Phi Delta Theta entertained and there we introduced as a pledge, Berenice Childers. We also have pledged Mabel Mathews. We expect to initiate both these girls this term.

Our chapter is certainly flourishing and we have every reason for thinking this will be a profitable as well as a pleasant year.

We hope this year to make our fraternity ideals as well as vows mean more to us than ever before. We hope more faithfully to live up to those ideals and also to strengthen the bonds of sympathy that bind all wearers of the arrow. Nor do we intend to neglect our college work. Far from it! We expect to raise our standard of scholarship until every Pi Phi can proudly say: "We are surpassed by none."

With best wishes to all sisters in Pi Beta Phi for a successful and happy year.

MAY CARNEY.

INDIANA BETA — INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

At the writing of this letter Indiana Beta is casting a long, lingering glance at the lazy pleasurable summer that has just ended, and has begun to pack her trunk to go back to the halls of learning.

It makes me sad to think of those eight Seniors who will not be with us this year. Yet we know that while they are not with us in person they will be in thought. We cannot tell as yet just how many of us there will be, but through correspondence we have learned that we need not worry as to our number or strength either. We have our chapter house improved with hard wood floors and other conveniences and we feel that we have all in our favor for a good beginning. With a band of good archers and a supply of strong arrows, how can we help

but have a fruitful hunting season? How glad we were to get the July Arrow! It certainly is a magazine to be proud of. The benefit our fraternity receives from our Arrow cannot be estimated. Wishing you all a prosperous year.

MABLE C. FERTICH.

INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Indiana Gamma is just beginning to adjust itself once more to college life and work and to recover from the excitement attendant upon the first week of "rushing" and "spiking." We started out with five girls who tried to make up in energy what they lacked in numbers. Four of our girls did not come back this year, which was a great disappointment to us, but we were made glad by having Lena Randall, who had doubted whether she would return, come among us again from far away Oneida, New York.

Our girls were scattered far and wide this summer, so we did not get to see as much of each other as we should have liked.

On August twenty-seventh, however, we succeeded in gathering quite a number to celebrate our first anniversary as Pi Beta Phis. Need I tell you that one day in the woods was a very happy one?

We feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves in being able to introduce to all the sisters two of the finest girls who entered college this term,—Adora Flint of Chicago and Katharine Burrell of Brownstown, Indiana. They are girls who from the very day they joined our number have evinced a true spirit of Pi Phi loyalty and devotion.

We have started in the year very auspiciously with a round of most pleasant gatherings. On October fifth, Mrs. Cook, one of our patronesses, entertained for us and the new girls we were interested in. On Saturday of the same week we had our first party at the home of Mrs. Brown in Irvington. The following week Mrs. Clarke, another of our patronesses, with whom Miss Flint is making her home, entertained our girls at her home. These with the other college affairs made the first two weeks very full ones.

There have been several changes in our faculty this year. Professor Bridges has left us, and Professor Kies has assumed her classes. We have two new professors—Professor Jenkins in New Testament Literature and Exegesis, and Professor Garrison in Church History. Professor Brown, who was not able to take his classes last year on account of illness, has resumed his work.

An innovation has been introduced into the chapel exercises. The time has been lengthened from the usual fifteen minutes to half an hour and the professors alternate in giving us helpful

talks. It is certainly a wise change, for if we listen carefully and thoughtfully, we will be inspired each to endeavor to make our work and conduct conform to the highest ideals.

We have much reason to look forward with most pleasant anticipations both to the work and the pleasure of the coming year, and I hope that we shall not forget to live up to those best and truest principles impressed on us by Pi Beta Phi. With best wishes to all the girls for a pleasant and prosperous year.

EMILY HELMING.

MICHIGAN ALPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

A part of the busy work of the fall term has passed for us, as we have finished our rushing. We are well pleased with the results as we were entirely successful and now introduce as our new girls Annie Vernor, Blanche Bradley, Mary Wells and Bessie Fay. We have initiated two of our pledged girls and are now eleven in number, with the expectation of having two more active by the time you read this.

At our rushing party we entertained, with the girls, the women instructors and wives of the professors.

Not long ago our lady principal, Mrs. Copp, entertained the Kappa Kappa Gammas and Pi Beta Phis at her home one evening, and not long after, Mrs. Mosher, the wife of our president, entertained us. We thought our good things were coming thick and fast, but enjoyed them none the less for that.

Effie Browne, '99, was the delegate of the Young Woman's Christian Association to the summer school at Geneva, Wis., last summer. She met four other Pi Phis while there. How pleasant it is to meet the girls from other chapters!

Hillsdale College has an additional member in her faculty this year, Mrs. Eleanor Johnson, who has already won the girls through her pleasant face and kind manner.

Prof. D. M. Martin has charge of the gymnasium, having received instruction in that work at Chautauqua this summer. His methods are the best and the girls are very enthusiastic over the work.

Before we say good bye, we must tell how much we enjoyed the last number of the Arrow. From seeing the college homes of so many of the chapters we cannot do otherwise than feel better acquainted with them.

We send best wishes to you all.

LORA MARSH.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Beta has entered upon this year's work with unusual enthusiasm, despite the fact that our active members numbered thirteen at our first meeting. Three of the girls

whom we had counted upon, were unable to return. Up to the present time, we have enjoyed only part of the pleasure of a fraternity house—our matron would never undertake the responsibility of catering to the capricious appetites of fourteen fickle girls, so we had to seek our board elsewhere. This year, however, we are enjoying a home dining room, where we can assemble at meal times to discuss the virtues and foibles of prospective "spikes" without fear of eavesdropping. Our house is the pride of our hearts. This fall, each girl returning brought some dainty gift for its decoration. We wish we could illustrate this letter with views of our parlors—people who know, say they have quite the best floors in town. One hour after dinner, every evening, we spend in dancing. Just now we are practicing leading, in view of the Freshmen spread, given by the Sophomore girls to the Freshmen, when the Juniors and Seniors act as escorts, and the sombre dress suit is an unknown quantity. The only men who have ever succeeded in beholding this festival of virgins have viewed proceedings from a lofty and uncertain perch on the window sills of the Gymnasium.

The past two weeks have been spent in the most vigorous kind of rushing, including trap-riding, dancing, and marsh-mellow roasts, etc. As a result, we have pledged four girls, one of whom won the \$1000 scholarship from the Saginaw High School. We have found our new chaperone, Mrs. Carpenter, an invaluable aid in rushing, as several of the Freshmen girls, whom we have in view as prospective Pi Phis, have confided to us that they have fallen desperately in love with her, for which we are truly thankful. We girls have had several flash lights taken of ourselves in the parlors, and hereby offer to send them to all chapters who will send us some in exchange. We shall feel so much better acquainted, if we can see each other as we really are in every day life, rather than attired in best bib and tucker for a fraternity picture.

GRACE ROBERTSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Once again, Iowa Alpha sends hearty greetings to the wearers of the wine and blue, after the long silence of the summer months.

Wednesday, September fourteenth, the doors of the Old Wesleyan will stand ajar, to bid her students welcome. Then the air of desolation and gloom which has pervaded not only the college halls and campus, but the entire peaceful village, will

vanish as the old familiar faces appear for another year of work and happiness.

The year opens bright and favorable both for the university and Pi Phi. To be sure, a number of our former faculty have gone to other fields of labor, and we lose some very proficient instructors, yet their places will be filled by men who come highly recommended, and we are assured that there will be a large and excellent corps of teachers. New departments have been added, and Iowa Wesleyan is rapidly becoming one of the best institutions of learning in the state.

We expect to have a dozen girls in our chapter at the opening of the term. We are grieving over the departure of three of our old girls, whom we shall sadly miss, but in one instance loss will be a gain for Nebraska Beta, as Maude Dutton, '01, will attend the University of Nebraska this year. Elizabeth Griffith removed to Cedar Falls during the summer and expects to enter the State Normal School. Olivia Ambler will not attend college, and will be greatly missed by Pi Phis, but as she will remain in the city, we hope to have her with us at our gatherings.

Myrtle Jacobs attended the Y. W. C. A. summer school at Geneva this summer, and reports a very pleasant time with the Pi Phi sisters and other Grecian maids whom she met there.

And now as the rushing season approaches, Iowa Alpha wishes for all her sister chapters the greatest success. May our shining Arrow ever lead us on toward our ideal and aid us in upholding the dignity and purity of our beloved fraternity.

KATHERINE ALICE LUNDGREN.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Iowa Beta has opened the new school year with the initiation of three girls, Wilma Haldeman, Inez Park and Ethel Cooledge. Jessie Mitchell, also, has been pledged. The chapter is not large but is very congenial and has much activity in its mystical circle. We find it hard to become reconciled to the fact that some of the old girls will not be back this year. In addition we fear the loss of one of our most active and beloved sisters, Florence Hatfield, whose name is familiar to you all as last year's corresponding secretary. She will leave us soon to seek in other places for the health and strength denied her here.

The numerous receptions which mark the opening term are over and the new students are fast becoming "old" like all the rest. The college has opened with affairs in better shape than ever before. Our former pastor, Mr. Harris, is now our president. It would be difficult to find any one more respected and loved by students and towns-people than he.

Just now the college girls are planning for and looking for-

ward to the Y. W. C. A. convention which is to be held here in November. We hope that several Pi Phis from the two other chapters in the state will be present and get acquainted with us. This intangible, sisterly feeling for girls one has never seen holds a charm not found in any other connection. The anniversary of the founding of our chapter is drawing near. It comes on Hallowe'en night, so giving chance for a varied and interesting celebration. What happens then will be told in our next Arrow letter.

ETHEL V. COOLEIDGE.

IOWA ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Once again, after our long summer rest, we are ready to take up our college duties.

We feel very much encouraged over our work thus far this fall, as a fraternity, for we have already initiated three girls and have one pledged. So let me now introduce to you Laura Peterson of Marshalltown, Ia., Madge Robb of Albia, Ia., and Helen Haynes of Centerville, Ia., three "full fledged" Pi Phis, and lastly Ethel Bond of Sioux City, whom we hope will soon be entitled to all the honor and dignity of a worthy Pi Phi.

At the beginning of this school year we had only seven active members, all of whom proved to be very enthusiastic over the work to be accomplished.

We began the "rushing season" by taking the girls out for a country drive one beautiful Saturday morning, we continued with spreads and social gatherings, and last but not least, we took them, together with our alumnae for a drive to our famous summer resort, "Minnehaha," where, after enjoying the sports of boating, dancing and strolling amid the rustic scenes, we sat ourselves down to a banquet. We left for home, satisfied that on account of the favorableness of the weather, the congeniality of the girls and the splendid accommodations, we could not have had a better time.

On Wednesday, October fifth, we initiated our three girls, after which we gave a spread.

Dear Pi Phis, we wish you all a very successful school year, and may our present standard be always maintained.

ALICE HOWARD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Not even the strongest adjectives in the college girl's vocabulary can unduly praise the pretty brown cottage where Wisconsin Alpha is now at home. We have christened our home by a luncheon of sixteen covers, our first meal in our own dining room. Our alumnae and friends have been "perfectly splendid" in making us gifts of carpet, table linen, and silverware. Our parlor and reception room are cozy and dainty.

Altogether the lodge is a very charming place to live in, as well as to serve tea and chocolate, and make fudges in.

We welcome back to the chapter this year Elisabeth McGregor, one of our charter members. We have had a visit from Alice Dacy, which brought happy recollections of last year, and a tiny visit from Vernie McKenzie, which gave us happy thoughts of next year when she will be with us and become a Pi Phi. Wilhelmena McCartney of Colorado Beta has come to Madison to live and Wisconsin Alpha's thirteen members all bid her welcome.

Four of the "dearest, sweetest, brightest" pledges ever raved over by Pi Phis any where are ours. In our next letter we hope to introduce them as wearers of the shining arrow.

We have given one very successful dancing party this year. At the Smith home we gave a conversation party and at Eunice Welsh's home a house picnic, realistic in vines, leaves, bubbling spring and — snakes. Mrs. O'Shea and Mrs. Sober have been at home to us and our friends.

On the whole we feel so abundantly blessed this year, that we can wish nothing better than that equal blessings may befall each and every chapter of our dear Pi Beta Phi.

MARGARET M. HUTTON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Doubtless, before this, many of the sister chapters have returned to their fraternity homes and settled down to the pleasure and work of the winter. In just three weeks our college will open, and then our four little "goats" who were taken in last June, will begin to learn all the manifold delights of fraternity life.

These four initiates, all of the entering class of 1902, are Edna Schrier, Adele Matthews, Lily Post and Alice Monroe, and it is needless to say, that these newest Louisiana Alphas are fully expected and trusted to be real Pi Phis in every way.

Their initiation was a huge success, not the least interesting feature of which was the present of a dear little "Billy" from our friends, Beta Epsilon of Alpha Tau Omega. Just as we were in the midst of the ceremonies, in a perfectly dark room, suddenly the door was pushed open and we heard loud bleatings and the patter of small feet on the floor. When we recovered from our consternation sufficiently to find a light, we discovered a most beautiful little goat with gold and blue horns (the A T Ω colors) and with Φ B Π and A T Ω painted on either side.

We tied him up in the yard, where the dulcet and *continuous*

tones of his voice contributed greatly to the dance, which followed the initiation. The next afternoon Tau (for so the boys named him) was walked 'way up town on the *principal* avenue by two most proper and dignified sisters. I am told that it was a beautiful sight to see two elegant young women each holding Tau by a horn, walking up St. Charles Avenue at the most *alive* hour of Saturday afternoon.

Since our last letter Louisiana Alpha has had a great loss in the death of a charter member, Anna Portner Coyle, who died at Russellville, Tennessee, on August the eleventh. To most of us, she was not very well known, having graduated in '93, but nevertheless, we all feel this, the first name to be struck from our roll, very deeply, for we know that she was a strong, sweet woman, and one to whose memory all Louisiana Alpha, present and future will pay loving homage.

But to happier things, for after all, we must not intrude our own loss too forcibly upon our sisters at large, sympathizing and warm hearted as they are. We have many and great plans for the "fixing up" of our room this year, and perhaps by the time this is in print, some of those plans may be realities. If the alumnae can be made to see things as we want them to, and if the present enthusiasm among the girls lasts, we shall have, by Christmas, the coziest and most attractive of quarters.

Louisiana Alpha sends to everyone warmest greetings and best wishes for the year.

ROSALIE NIXON.

KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

After three months of summer vacation full of enjoyment for all of us, we are once again preparing to enter upon the rushing season.

The opening of the new year brings with it very bright promises for Kansas Alpha. With thirteen enthusiastic, active girls, and four loyal pledge girls of last year, and with the new girls we expect to pledge, we hope to have a stronger chapter than ever before.

At the opening of school the new Electrical Engineering shops will be ready for use. This is a large stone building, and a great improvement upon the old building which was destroyed by fire last spring.

Several of our girls who visited the Exposition at Omaha, were delighted to meet Pi Phi from many different chapters.

This summer has brought us three brides, or rather has taken them away. The marriage of Lucinda Smith was announced in the July Arrow. On June twenty-third, Mary Snow was married to Mr. Erminie Case, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Case is professor of Biology in one of the Wisconsin Normal Schools, and their new home is in Milwaukee. On July six-

teenth, Martha Snow, '98, was married to Mr. William Harvey Brown, Phi Gamma Delta, at Nantucket, Mass.

With best wishes for a profitable and happy year.

WINSLOW HUTCHINSON.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The girls of Nebraska Beta are twelve strong this fall. The absence of Neva Morris, '01, and May Dorrington, '01, as well as of our pledge, Evangeline Hazelwood, makes us realize what odds we will have to face next year when we add four more to the list of our alumnae with the class of '99.

Of our alumnae of '98, three are filling high school positions: Mary McGahy, Anna Lytle, and Edna Carscadden. Kate Snow Walker, '97, is also in high school work.

The fall semester has opened with every indication of a prosperous year to come. The attendance is so greatly increased that the departments are almost dismayed at the immediate prospect. Classes meet everywhere — in cellar, in garret. By the middle of October, the new building for Mechanic Arts will be ready for use and will we hope accommodate the overflow from the other buildings. The Chancellor has promised us that the day upon which the opening of this fine building is celebrated will be the event of the year, and even become an anniversary day.

The courses or groups in the university have been entirely remodelled with a view to combining associated studies and widening their scope. A new course has been introduced — that of Domestic Science.

This new grouping is declared to place our university foremost among the universities of the west.

Owing to the fact that classes met for the first time on September seventeenth, there has been little of a social nature among the students.

The Christian Associations gave a very successful reception to new students during registration week. On opening day Chancellor McLean welcomed the students with a peculiarly helpful address.

For ourselves, we have met several times a day on the campus and have renewed our many friendships. One afternoon was spent very pleasantly at the home of Darleen Woodward. There we made our plans for the coming weeks — weeks which are full of hard work and yet will allow us time for much pleasant recreation.

GRACE REYNOLDS.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Once more the members of Colorado Alpha are together and very pleasant it seems after being separated all summer.

We are very glad to have with us May Henry, a former member of our chapter. She will be instructor in German this year and will also work for her Master's degree.

The University of Colorado has not been lacking in improvements this past summer, for a new hospital is being erected, so that medical students are now able to take the full course of four years here.

We are glad to introduce three baby Pi Phis to you, Margaret Ramsay, Julia McKinley, and Lulu Pinger, all pledges from last year. They are, of course, very charming girls. This gives us twelve girls in college to begin the year.

Colorado sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters.

FANNY TOWNE PLUMMER.

COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Our university opened on the eighth of September with bright prospects, as long needed financial aid has at last been secured and the courses of study extended.

The new chair of pedagogy is filled by Prof. Phillips. Prof. W. D. Engle has returned after his year's leave of absence with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, conferred by Columbia University. Prof. I. E. Cutler of Albion College has succeeded Prof. Lee. Our German and French professor, Miss Anna Grace Wirt, has left us for a year's study abroad. Her place is filled by Miss Lucy Tappan of Minneapolis.

One of our own girls, Edith Ingersoll, is instructor in English and Latin. Another of our girls, Gertrude Beggs, D. U., '93, has a graduate scholarship in Yale this year.

Josephine Trott, one of our resident Pi Phis, is in Berlin for the winter, where she is to pursue her study of the violin.

We expect to have with us soon again our Province President, Miss Louise Foucar.

The social life of the university was opened this year with an informal reception given by the old students to the new, at which Denver University songs and yells were greatly enjoyed.

Our joint Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. receptions have proved very successful. Each association enjoys a short program in their separate rooms, after which they meet together in the University parlors.

Our opening fraternity social event was a tennis party given by Mr. and Mrs. William Seward Hiff to the Beta Theta Pi and Pi Beta Phi chapters.

We are now engaged in making plans for an especially enjoyable initiation, and in our next chapter letter will introduce some new wearers of the arrow.

* LIDA BURKHARD.

Exchanges.

The men's fraternity magazines are fairly reeking with patriotism this month. One flaunts "Old Glory" upon its cover, several proudly display boyish faces under the ugly slouch hat of Uncle Sam's uniform, and nearly all teem with lists and sketches of the brothers "gone at their country's call." While we say all honor to the lads who so promptly answered that call, yet we shall have to own that our first impulse after worrying over the usual sterility of an autumn issue of our own, was to exclaim: "What a beautiful way to fill up space!"

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi with the October issue passes from the practiced hands of Mr. Gretzenger into those of the new editor, Mr. Frank C. Bray.

That Mr. Bray is a practical newspaper man with a diversified editorial experience, augurs well for the future of the *Shield* and his first number gives substantial basis for that augury. From the editorials we clip a few of the hints on rushing;—a little late perhaps to be timely but none the less practical and valuable.

The problem has two factors: the individual rushed, and the individuals rushing; which, being interpreted, means that no two cases are exactly alike, and method must be intelligently adapted to them, according to the best of a Chapter's knowledge and ability. To find out what a man is may cost the labor of every member of the Chapter, but it is worth while to insist that the men take pains to that extent. And it is equally essential for the Chapter to thoroughly know its own strength and weaknesses on the rush line.

Remember that the Freshman nowadays may know *Baird on American College Fraternities* better than the average rushing committee. This committee should have data of its own, always at command, to supplement published Fraternity records.

Study and explain the system of general government, the district supervision, the alternating Conventions and their leavening value.

Master the significance of the Alumni Association movement.

It pays to be fair with a man. "Playing" him is not only degrading

but may breed life-long regrets. If a man is wanted he ought to know it; he is responsible for his choice.

Sympathize with the strength of rival fraternities, not with their weaknesses.

The Fraternity is judged by the practice its members make of its precepts. Material advantages count, but personality is of more account. What appeals to you in Phi Kappa Psi will appeal to the man of similar characteristics and ambitions. There is no rushing argument half so effective as the story by a living witness of what Phi Kappa Psi has done and can do for him. Tell it.

It is interesting to notice among the observations of a Beta Theta Pi alumnus at the last convention, the following rather significant comment on the attitude of the fraternity towards a sophomore society, more widely than favorably known to faculty and students alike.

Probably the thing that impressed me more than any other was the stand taken by the delegates in regard to Theta Nu Epsilon. It showed more clearly than any other action taken during the week the real rock upon which Beta Theta Pi is builded. Here was an organization sprung up among American colleges that had been on the increase and showed rapid growth. Many of the delegates were members, but they were the ones who denounced it in round terms as detrimental to the truest aims of manhood, and as something antagonistic to the true principles upon which the fraternity is founded. They announced that Theta Nu Epsilon was not elevating, but, on the contrary, degrading in its influences; that its members were not induced to cultivate those virtues for which Beta Theta Pi strives, and with one voice they demanded that the convention place upon it the strong stamp of their disapproval, and this was done. Can fond fathers and fonder mothers, who are opposed to secret organizations because of their evil influences and profligacy, longer class Beta Theta Pi in that category? I think not.

Phi Delta Theta evidently shares the opinion of the Betas if the following clipping from the *Scroll* is an indication:

To the list given in the December *Scroll* of fifty-two colleges and universities at which Theta Nu Epsilon has established chapters, should be added the University of Illinois, Roanoke College and Central University. The latter is the only one reported as starting this year. Baird gives no Chapter list for Theta Nu Epsilon, evidently disapproving of it. He says that there is good reason to believe that many of the chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon have been established without the consent of the organization as

such. In fact, it is generally reported that each new chapter is allowed to charter one other of its own selection. It is said that the five members of Beta Theta Pi, who joined Theta Nu Epsilon at Dickinson this year, were disciplined by their chapter for doing so. The Phi Chapters at Case and Dickinson have by-laws against Theta Nu Epsilon membership. The *March Kappa Alpha* journal contains an unsigned letter to the editor from a member of Phi Delta Theta who comes out strongly against Theta Nu Epsilon.

It would seem that when the very members of an organization denounce it, its speedy dissolution might be safely predicted.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* divides its energy if not its space, about equally among the coming convention, its chapter houses and reprints of its most popular songs. It does, however, so far remember its existence in the autumn issue as to offer this most novel advice to Freshmen. With the substitution of almost any other name for that of Delta Upsilon, and the possible change of sex, the argument would still hold good, at least in the opinion of the members of the other fraternities:

To each young man who may be considering the invitation of Delta Upsilon, we would say, if you desire to be helped in your college course; if you desire to join yourself to a company of young men who have high ideals in their fraternity, and whose fraternal life does not end with college days, but goes on increasing and strengthening as the years pass by, we advise you to accept Delta Upsilon's invitation. If you simply want a good time or desire to get all you can out of a fraternity without yourself being of help to the fraternity and to others in the fraternity, we would respectfully suggest that Delta Upsilon is not the fraternity for you.

Many of Delta Upsilon's rival circles are composed of manly, earnest young men. We have no desire to cast any stigma or reproach upon any other organization, but we know from experience that our members are universally glad that they joined Delta Upsilon, and we believe that we are in a position to render more substantial and valuable assistance to earnest, true, manly young men than are our rivals. There is no college fraternity that has a better or livelier or jollier set of brethren than can be found in our circles.

Beta Epsilon, the Barnard College Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, has taken umbrage at a statement of ours in the *April Arrow*, in fact waxes "real nasty" at our expense. We re-

marked that "we read in a certain chapter letter that that chapter has never had an invitation refused, a statement which we suspect is not quite in accord with the facts." This statement Beta Epsilon chooses to take as referring to herself, with what warrant, it is difficult to see. We did not say anything at the time which could indicate what chapter of what fraternity we had in mind, nor shall we do so now. For aught Beta Epsilon will ever know, it may have been one of our own chapters which we had in mind. We beg her to believe however that the exchange editor of the Arrow would hardly have voiced such a suspicion had she not been reasonably certain of her facts. If therefore Beta Epsilon is conscious that our statement does not apply to her, she may rest assured that it was not meant to. It is he whom the shoe fits that is to put it on, and if Beta Epsilon has been trying on a misfit, we cannot see how we are to blame if it hurts. We want to say in conclusion that the exceptional character of Beta Epsilon is well known to us and we can heartily congratulate Kappa Kappa Gamma on possessing a chapter of which she has every reason to be proud.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held its biennial convention with the chapter at the University of Nebraska in August, Alpha Phi held hers at Boston University in October, while Gamma Phi Beta meets at the University of Wisconsin in November.

NOTICES.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions to the January Arrow will be expected from the following chapters: Columbia Alpha, Ohio Beta, Illinois Delta, Indiana Alpha, Michigan Beta, Wisconsin Alpha, and Kansas Alpha. Unless these chapters are requested to treat some special subject will they please consider further notice unnecessary, and send articles with the chapter letter by the tenth of the month preceding date of publication.

ALUMNAE CLUBS.

The Washington Club of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae desires to announce that the time of its annual banquet has been changed from December to April

and that in future this function will occur on Founder's Day, April 28, when all Pi Phis are cordially invited to attend.

Any non-resident "Frats" expecting to be in Washington at that time, are requested to notify the Club Secretary, who will gladly furnish all information desired. Address:

MARY E. GRAVES,
319 East Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

The Chicago Club of Pi Beta Phi holds its next meeting the last Saturday in January. Any non-resident Pi Phis who expect to be in the city at that time are cordially invited, and the club and secretary will be glad to furnish any desired information. Address:

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