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THE PAN-HELLENIC CONVENTION.

Wednesday afternoon, April 15th, the Kappas of Boston University ushered in this most auspicious Convention by an informal tea to the delegates, visitors, and fraternity women of Boston.

The spirit of the occasion was contagious. The interest aroused by the arrival of delegates, the desire to inspect strange badges, and the pleasure afforded by the opportunity of meeting fraternity women known long by name through the various magazines having created an enthusiasm that would be neither suppressed nor controlled.

The earnestness and sincerity of the young women present was at once apparent, each face in itself inviting study, and making of the whole a body evidently capable of anything undertaken; and the Convention so pleasantly inaugurated meant just that its delegates were representative college women who by reason of their ability, and pre-eminently because of their fitness by training for leadership, are destined to be the leaders among women.

A spirit of hearty good will prevailed everywhere, and a courtesy for difference of opinion that was as noticeable as

gratifying; but the differences were found not so many or so great as might be expected. It was readily seen the ground on which fraternity is based is not the exclusive property of any one fraternity organization, but is held in common, and that on this ground the delegates had met, and from it they would consider the topics of interest to all and the evils common to the fraternity system.

The tea on Wednesday evening presaged a most fruitful session, such an one as might only theoretically have been expected.

Thursday, April 16th, at 10 A. M., the first Pan-Hellenic Convention of Women's Fraternities, convened at the call of Kappa Kappa Gamma, met in business session at 5 Park street, Boston. The Convention was called to order by Mary M. Kingsbury, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chairman of the Executive Committee on Convention, and prayer was offered by Mrs. B. F. Freeman, Alpha Phi.

In behalf of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Chapter of that fraternity, Miss Kingsbury warmly welcomed the delegates and visitors to Boston and to the possibilities before them in the Convention at hand.

Miss Chase, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Committee on Credentials, reported the following delegates present:

ALPHA PHI.

Carrie Jones, Alpha, Syracuse University.
Bertha Mansfield-Freeman (Mrs.), Eta, Boston University.
Lillye S. Lewis, Eta, Boston University.

GAMMA PHI BETA.

Austiana E. Taylor, Alpha, Syracuse University.
Mary L. Lamphrey, Grand Secretary, Delta, Boston University.
Louise L. Putnam, Delta, Boston University.

DELTA GAMMA.

Bertha Reed, Chi, Cornell University.
Tirzah L. Sherwood, Omega, Wisconsin University.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Bessie Leach, Gamma, Adrian College.
Edith Noon, Delta Delta, Simpson College.
Blanche E. Seaver, Alpha, Boston University.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Margaret Smith, Alpha, De Pauw University.
Annie Florence Moon, Iota, Cornell University.
Mittie P. Skinner, Lambda, University of Vermont.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

Lucy Evelyn Wight, Grand President, Beta Beta, St. Lawrence University.
Emily Hudson Bright, Grand Secretary, Phi, Boston University.
E. Jean Nelson, Iota, De Pauw University.

PI BETA PHI.

Emma Harper Turner, Grand President, Columbia Alpha, Columbian University.
Minnie Howe Newby, Grand Vice-President, Michigan Beta, University of Michigan.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Lucy Evelyn Wight, Kappa Kappa Gamma, President; Margaret Smith, Kappa Alpha Theta, Vice-President; Emma Harper Turner, Pi Beta Phi, Secretary.

A committee consisting of a representative from each fraternity, with Emily Hudson Bright, Kappa Kappa Gamma, chairman, was appointed to nominate committees for convention work. The committee's report, which was adopted, is as follows:

I. INTER-FRATERNITY COURTESY.

Kappa Alpha Theta — Margaret Smith.
 Gamma Phi Beta — Austiana E. Taylor.
 Alpha Phi — Lillye Lewis.

II. FRATERNITY JEWELRY AND STATIONERY.

Gamma Phi Beta — Mary L. Lamphrey.
 Delta Gamma — Tirzah L. Sherwood.
 Delta Delta Delta — Edith Noon.

III. WORLD'S FAIR.

Alpha Phi — Carrie Jones.
 Delta Delta Delta — Bessie Leach.
 Pi Beta Phi — Emma Harper Turner.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma — Lucy Evelyn Wight.
 Gamma Phi Beta — Louise L. Putnam.
 Kappa Alpha Theta — Mittie P. Skinner.
 Delta Gamma — Tirzah L. Sherwood.

IV. GREEK JOURNALISM.

Pi Beta Phi — Minnie Howe Newby.
 Alpha Phi — Carrie Jones.
 Delta Gamma — Bertha Reed.
 Kappa Alpha Theta — Annie Florence Moon.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma — Emily Hudson Bright.

V. INTER-CHAPTER COURTESY.

Delta Delta Delta — Blanche Seaver.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma — E. Jean Wilson.
 Pi Beta Phi — Emma Harper Turner.

Convention adjourned to meet Friday morning.

At the close of the morning's session the delegates were quite ready to enjoy the hospitality of Gamma Phi Beta in an elegant luncheon at the Parker house. Sixty was the estimated number of guests, and a thoroughly congenial party it proved. The table was beautiful with flowers, and

the guest cards, bearing in silver the dainty Gamma Phi Beta monogram resting in the traditional crescent with its mystical 4, will prove souvenirs laden with happy memories of this pleasant meeting with a sister fraternity.

Thursday afternoon was spent in committee work, and a more earnest, sincere, and intensely loyal body of young women would be hard to find. Differing widely as to particulars, they were yet in perfect harmony as to belief in the fraternity idea, and were capable of recognizing good wherever found or by whomsoever presented.

Thursday night, at the Parker house, occurred the formal reception, of which a Boston daily well writes:

"The parlors at the Parker house never formed the background of a prettier or more animated scene than last evening, when Phi chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, received the delegates to the Pan-Hellenic Convention. There were more pretty girls than the men in attendance could comfortably be gallant to, more bright ones than they could converse with, and the percentage of men was large for Massachusetts gatherings, too.

"There were no decorations. None were needed where every other girl wore flowers, and every girl a dainty evening gown.

"At one end of the long rooms there was a comfortable tea table, over which several young women of Phi chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, presided, relieving each other as the duties of tea-pouring became arduous."

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe received, assisted by Miss Kingsbury, of Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, together with a representative from each of the seven fraternities in convention.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 17th.

The convention was called to order by the Vice-President, Margaret Smith, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Helen Hope Wadsworth, Phi, Kappa Kappa, Gamma, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The report on inter-fraternity courtesy coming first in order, was presented by Lillye Lewis, Alpha Phi, and upon discussion and amendment was adopted, as follows :

We heartily recommend :

First. The annual publication of an inter-fraternity directory, in which shall appear names of the general secretaries of each fraternity, and the names of the governing boards of such fraternities as do not object to the publication ; also the names of the corresponding secretaries of the individual chapters of each fraternity.

Second. That each fraternity at large and each of the individual chapters in some way make formal expression of their opposition to the practice of lifting, which term shall be defined as follows : The extending of overtures by one fraternity to a member in full connection with another.

Third. That each fraternity make formal expression of its opposition to double membership without honorable dismissal.

Fourth. The abolition of the practice of pledging and initiating preparatory students.

The discussions plainly indicated that the fraternities were desirous of knowing more of each other, and that the various organizations had caught the true fraternity spirit, which cannot be confined to thought and action for any one body alone.

It was an opportune time for discussing the question of initiating preparatory students. The unanimous opinion prevailed that in the abstract such practices were incompatible with the highest development of chapter life, and that

if the Pan-Hellenic resolutions be ratified there would result the desired elevation of fraternity standards, since no excuse of rivalry would then palliate the practice.

The report on fraternity stationery and jewelry was received through Chairman Mary Lamphrey, of Gamma Phi Beta, and after amendment was adopted as it appears :

We recommend :

First. a. That fraternity badges shall be obtained *only* from seven authorized jewelers, located respectively in Boston, New York, Chicago, Ithaca, Syracuse, Columbus, and San Francisco.

b. That each fraternity not already provided with one be advised to adopt a fraternity seal as a method of certifying to membership, and that the authorized jewelers be forbidden to provide with fraternity badges any person whose order is not endorsed by the seal of said fraternity. Certificates from a person authorized by each fraternity to be accepted by jewelers until the adoption of said seal.

c. That a committee consisting of one member from each fraternity be appointed to investigate and choose one firm in each of the seven places named.

Second. That there shall be but three fraternity stationers, located respectively in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago, but that this provision shall relate to steel-plate stationery only.

The adopted report of the Committee on World's Fair, given through its chairman, Carrie Jones, of Alpha Phi, is as follows :

First. That the fraternities represented in the Northwestern University, together with a committee from Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta, be considered a standing committee to have charge of Pan-Hellenism at the World's Fair in 1893.

Second. That if practicable a certain date be fixed at which time a *fraternity* excursion be arranged.

Third. That the committee be empowered to provide a reception, banquet, or to call a convention.

Fourth. That a place of registration be secured, if possible, in the woman's building, where fraternity women may register their names.

This report appealed to the interest of every one—should there or should there not be a Pan-Hellenic meeting at Chicago in 1893?

While the first convention *per se* was proving an unqualified success, how much of its work would prove practicable or effective was a question uppermost in the minds of all, and just how far the fraternities cared to bind themselves at this time to a second convention was a matter of most serious consideration.

However, the inspiration of the time was upon us, and we could but feel 1893 presented an opportunity not to be lightly set aside, but just what form Pan-Hellenism may take at the World's Fair will be due largely to results of this first Convention. It is a source of congratulation that although the point excited much discussion, the committee in charge is not to be limited by any action of this Convention, but will be guided only by their several fraternities.

Convention adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

At noon a luncheon served at Hotel Bellevue made the visitors recipients of kindness at the hands of Delta Delta Delta. Thus the youngest fraternity royally entertained its older sisters, and they in turn, perhaps in compliment to the pansies at each plate, responded with only thoughts of a hearty welcome to the newest comer among them.

Repairing to the convention hall, President Wight rapped for order at the appointed time, and the Committee on Greek Journalism reported, through its chairman, Minnie Howe Newby, of Pi Beta Phi.

We recommend :

First. That the fraternities exchange quarterlies throughout the chapters.

Second. That there be uniformity in the date of publication, issuing the quarterlies in October, January, April, and July.

Third. That at the next Pan-Hellenic Convention one delegate from each fraternity be appointed from its editorial staff.

The work of this committee vied with that of the World's Fair for interesting both delegates and visitors, so important and far-reaching were its measures.

The apparent ignorance of individual chapters concerning the strength and work of the various fraternities was a common matter of regret, and nothing short of an exchange system under control of the highest authority in the fraternity organizations promised a desired relief. The matter of additional expense to be incurred by such a system dwindled to insignificance compared with the vast amount of benefit to be derived, while Section 3 was but a just recognition of the important place in each fraternity organization held by the editorial staff of its official organ.

Blanche Seaver, chairman of the Committee on Inter-Chapter Courtesy, presented the committee's report, which, in its adopted form, reads :

We recommend :

First. That greater moderation be exercised in rushing, and that chapters be more watchful that they pursue no methods that could be considered questionable or underhanded.

Second. That the women's fraternities of each college appoint a committee to decide upon regulations for the control of pledging in that college.

Third. That greater importance be attached to individual opinion and judgment in college politics.

Fourth. That in order to facilitate inter-chapter communication, all chapters in a college be notified of the election of a new corresponding secretary in any chapter.

Fifth. That in case of dismissal or expulsion of a member by any fraternity notification of the same be given all other chapters in the college.

This report threw open the whole question of practical fraternity life.

The Convention most emphatically put itself on record as opposed to fraternity combinations that lose sight of everything but booty — since such combinations defeat the very object of fraternity organization.

Preparatory to closing, a committee was appointed composed of one representative from each fraternity to have in charge the work of keeping the fraternities in touch, of notifying them concerning ratification or rejection of the proposed measures by the several fraternities, and of all work recommended by the Convention. The members of the committee are :

ALPHA PHI.— Lillye Lewis.

GAMMA PHI BETA.— Austiana E. Taylor.

DELTA GAMMA.— Bertha Reed.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.— Bessie Leach.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.— Margaret Smith.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.— Lucy Evelyn Wight.

PI BETA PHI.— Emma Harper Turner.

The committee effected its organization by the election of Emma Harper Turner, chairman, and Lucy Evelyn Wight, secretary.

After hearing the greeting sent the Convention by friends in the various fraternities, and heartily voting thanks to Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, and Delta Delta Delta, the convention closed.

An entertainment at Hotel Huntington given by Alpha Phi awaited the guests at the close of the Friday afternoon session. Here, as before, the entertainment was delightful, the cordiality sincere, and beauty was everywhere.

But the climax of that week of social gatherings was the banquet at the Brunswick, Friday night. The brilliantly-lighted dining-room, the long "U"-shaped table, bright with its softly shaded lamps, its jars of stately lilies, and the bright faces of deeply earnest young women, each in dainty evening dress, all united to make a picture not soon forgotten.

The menu was all that could have been desired. The toasts perhaps more. Miss Ida Davis as toastmistress presided in a most charming manner — wit, sharp and keen, she gave us, and so happily prepared the way for what was to follow. Nothing but appreciation could possibly be felt by both speaker and hearer. The toasts were responded to as follows :

Twenty-one Years of Fraternity.— Margaret Smith, Kappa Alpha Theta.

East and West.— Charlotte Joslin, Delta Delta Delta.

Greek Journalism.— Sarah S. Windsor, Alpha Phi.

A Flower Garden.— Tirzah L. Sherwood, Delta Gamma.

Greek and American.— Annie E. Boardman, Gamma Phi Beta.

War and Peace.— Emma Harper Turner, Pi Beta Phi.

Auf Wiedersehen.— Lucy Evelyn Wight, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

With college yells, and yells suitable to this occasion only, and with an impromptu entertainment the banquet closed, each heart responding to each with Kappa's kindly words "auf wiedersehen."

Saturday morning the guests still in Boston, with the Kappas of Boston University, were shown about Harvard.

Through the courtesy of Harvard men, a breakfast at the Divinity school expressed the kindly feeling of Mr. Frederick Brooks, of Boston, and a reception by Mrs. Alice Freeman-Palmer was an honor highly appreciated by the young women who have revered her name so long.

The dreaded inevitable hour came at last, and the Convention that meant so much to all of us became a memory. The records of Kappa Kappa Gamma and of Phi chapter will ever be honored by the account of this *first* Pan-Hellenic Convention, made a possibility and a splendid success through their efforts. All that could possibly be touched upon in a first convention was brought to notice, and the adoption of the proposed inter-fraternal laws to prevent future misunderstandings will most surely be a step toward the development of the fraternity possibility.

EMMA HARPER TURNER,

Secretary Pan-Hellenic.

Boston, April 17th, 1891.

THE CARNATION.

Just left the drooping fringed fluff
 Of a flower
 True crimson deep dyed to the very heart,
 Whence all the close-folding leaflets start.
 This dower
 Of beauty and fragrance were surely enough
 If this were all and all that it meant.
 Simple beauty
 If in the wholesome and haunting scent
 And intent lingered no hint
 Of lessons of love and of duty.

Nay, but you breathe more than you deem,
 Little Sphinx,
 Folding close in your fringes its heart from the eye
 Of the loving intent of Pi Beta Phi.

Methinks

Your fragrance is sweet with all that we dream
 Of the love of girl hearts, the incense
 They send

Those altars of friendship — and

The intense

Deep of hue, unshadowed and true?

Oh! faithful indeed are the wounds of a friend!

— *Nannie Pugh, Kansas Alpha.*

FRATERNITY AS AN EDUCATOR.

The following is a delayed contribution for March's Symposium, but too good to have its appearance in *THE ARROW* indefinitely postponed. Mrs. Small is a valued member of the Pi Phi household, one who during her years of Grand Presidency endeared herself in a lasting way to the entire membership:

"There can be no doubt that a Greek fraternity is an educator of some sort, and the *sort* will depend on the principles its members advocate, or perhaps more especially on those they put into action.

"The Greek fraternities all claim that their respective organizations are helpful to the members.

"The associating together of any number of people necessarily leads out their thoughts and personal characteristics, and the closer the social relations the greater the influence. The expressed thoughts of one will arouse

thoughts in another's mind. They may be antagonistic, yet they are no less his educators, for they set him to thinking.

"Let us see what sort of an educator our own organization is. In our articles of incorporation we find this: 'The object for which Pi Beta Phi is formed is the mutual encouragement and assistance of its members in social, mental, and moral advancement.'

"The member who lives up to any or all of these requirements is an educator, and that of the better sort, for to advance these principles so that they will have a lasting effect on her associates is a nobler work than to impart instruction from mere text books. The member who does not help to advance these principles is not a true Pi Beta Phi, no matter how fine a badge she may support, nor how well she may know the signs and secrets, nor how lofty a place outside society may assign her, she must, to hold a place as a true Pi Beta Phi, live up to the principles of the fraternity.

"There seems to be a very wide difference of opinion among fraternity members as to *how* and *what* should be done at the chapter meetings. These meetings are of all-importance to the chapter, for they constitute the very life and character of it. The greatest care possible should be exercised to make them profitable as well as enjoyable. If chapters will only direct their attention to the social advancement, the mental and moral will be the natural outcome of their efforts. To do this they must read into its true meaning, viz.: An understanding of the great social problems of to-day as well as those of the past. If this principle is thus understood it will be an easy matter to see how from its study and advancement the mental and moral will follow. We cannot help but grow mentally if our reason and judgment is exercised, nor will our moral natures be at a standstill if our sympathies are called into action, as they will be if we study the wrongs and oppressions as they exist. It has been truly said the chapter meetings should to some extent supply the home enjoyment. If they do this the

home amusements must not be overlooked; yet we will find that the best regulated homes are *not* mere play-houses, but they *are* work-houses as well, where the social, mental, moral, and the very psychological well-being of its inmates are carefully looked after. Therefore, if we would make our fraternity the best possible educator, model its chapter meetings after a *well*-regulated home.

"Yours for the fraternity as an educator.

"RAINIE A. SMALL."

WOMEN AS NURSES.

In these days of the busy type-writer, when we women look into every sort of workshop, we find almost nothing that we cannot do. And the precious sense of security that has come to our sex with opportunities of self-support makes attractive the nearest source of revenue. For this very good reason some of the most worthy callings peculiarly our own are often overlooked. Let me now select from that list the profession of *nursing*, and see whether it has not claims to preference scarcely yet recognized.

To-day I visited the Washington Training School for Nurses. This institution owes its existence to the disinterested efforts of some of our best citizens, including prominent physicians and their wives. It is thirteen years of age. It has already furnished a fair return of skilled nurses, and has so educated public sentiment that *the people* believe training schools to be a necessity.

The matron says that during last month she sent out all nurses on the register, then issued a call for reserves, and finally asked that all women who believed they could per-

form the duties of a nurse should report for service. But notwithstanding her efforts, more than fifty calls were un-supplied. So great a demand for professional nursing exists only when we have La Grippe, or an epidemic of measles or of cholera infantum; but the supply of thoroughly trained nurses is not at any time adequate to our city's needs. The same is everywhere true, as I must believe from physicians' reports, and because so few of us have thought how really necessary, desirable, and honored is the service rendered by a competent nurse.

The Washington Training School proves to be the "little leaven" which "leaveneth the whole," for now various hospitals of the city give practical instruction in nursing. Garfield Hospital has a fully-equipped training school in successful operation. The candidate for admission into this school must furnish certificates of good moral character and sound health, and must possess at least a common school education. She enters on one month's trial. If on the expiration thereof she and the powers that be are satisfied that she possesses the qualities essential to success in the profession, she enters upon a three year's course of study and clinical work. She is paid about \$10 per month while in training, is at no expense save for her own wardrobe, and has regular hours for rest and recreation. Upon graduation she presents her diploma wherever she may choose, and finds remunerative employment.

The true nurse is an educated and refined woman. She is strong in the consciousness of her own power, yet ever mindful of the utter weakness of her patient. She does all things in the most delicate manner, yet finds nothing beneath her doing that will enhance his comfort; she is sympathetic, but never sensitive; she knows what to expect, and

meets emergencies as though they had been expected; she prepares the most wholesome dishes in the daintiest manner; her kindly smile sweetens the doctor's bitter drugs, and her methodical doses increase their potency.

Could you know the exactness of nature's chemistry — how in a favorable hour she builds with what is useless in the next; how she slays the germs of one disease by means of the very conditions which foster those of another — you could understand how necessary is intelligent obedience in the sick-room.

The mother becomes a skilled nurse by loving devotion and cruel experience. Anxious friends sometimes divine the needs of the sick, but I have heard a faithful attendant say: "If I only knew what to do for you, I'd gladly do it." And this was her attempt to ease (?) a "torturing back-ache." A true nurse *knows* what to do, and gladly does it! (Please note the difference). Her patient rests in that comforting, health-promoting assurance that the right thing will be done.

Certainly no calling affords a greater field for good works than that of the nurse. The rich and the poor, the wicked and the just alike put their trust in her. Thoughtless men have declared themselves converted to "woman's rights" after a single month of helpless invalidism. Apparently frivolous women have owned themselves converted to woman's duty by a similar experience.

It is indeed a grave responsibility which attaches to such certainty of influence, but she who is gifted for the service finds all her efforts bring their own reward. And, girls, do not, I implore you, believe that to become a nurse is to resign oneself to a narrow, monotonous, and solitary life. All trades and professions and pleasure-seekers will

pour their stories into the nurse's ears, and she must make intelligent answer. Old friendships will cling and new ones will come into her life. And she must find time to visit and entertain, and to be, even more than before, a very certain part of the great, busy world.

Washington, D. C., May 14th, 1891.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Soon the happy times, mingled with some trying hours, and the spring term of '91 will be a thing of the past. We are loath to think such will be the case.

Columbia Alpha is working energetically, and loses none of its enthusiasm. One of the most pleasant things we have enjoyed in connection with our fraternity work was the report of the Pan-Hellenic Convention. It has our decided approval.

Columbian has enrolled this year seven hundred and thirty-six students. An excellent course of lectures, numbering eighteen, were delivered this winter, most of them by the university professors.

Those of us who took the time had the pleasure of attending the public session of the National Academy of Science, which convened in Washington lately. At one of these sessions the Watson gold medal was presented to Dr. Auvers, of Berlin, for his excellent work in sidereal astronomy.

Miss Nellie Stearns, of Colorado Beta, made the city a flying visit.

Misses Carraway and Allyn, Alpha Phis, entertained our chapter several evenings ago. We had the pleasure of meeting their friend, Miss Sawyers, of Syracuse, New York, who was their guest at the time. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

A magazine called *The Outlook* came to our college library lately. It is of particular interest to college women, and every girl would do well to ponder on the things therein contained. It surely could not help but serve as an inspiration to higher and nobler work.

With best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

Washington, D. C., May 14th, 1891.

INDIANA ALPHA.

In these closing days of work there is much regret mingled with the pleasure of soon being free for the summer. Five of the girls graduate and leave us entirely, and one or two of the others will probably not return. But those who remain, together with the *alumnæ* members, take so much interest in the chapter that we are certain it will never suffer for lack of members.

On April 28th we celebrated in our hall the founding of the sorosis. The program was very informal, consisting of music by the Pi Beta Phi quartette, a paper on "The Sorosis," by Harriet Palmer, and a pantomime of Cinderella, after which refreshments were served. The hall was decorated with dog-wood blossoms and red-bud, and looked very pretty indeed. Our guests, who were all gentlemen, pronounced the affair a success.

We look forward to a visit from our Grand President during Commencement. Her sister, Nell Turner, graduates in music this year.

We are anxious to hear about the Convention at Boston.

Ona Payne, who is a member of the senior class, was compelled to leave college on account of illness. She has lately returned from a visit to New York.

We expect soon to have our annual fraternity group picture taken. We should like to have the pleasure of hanging in our hall groups from the sister chapters.

With a warm interest in all our sisters.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Franklin, Indiana, May 14th, 1881.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Is it possible that another letter is due THE ARROW from Michigan Alpha? Consulting our constitution and calendar we find it even so. How quickly the days pass; it seems but yesterday that we last sent greetings to you all.

As the year draws to a close, and we commence preparations for Commencement, June 18th, mingled thoughts of joy and sadness come o'er us: Joy at the thoughts of vacation, rest, and the dear ones at home, who are so anxiously awaiting our return; sadness at the thoughts of parting with the girls, some of whom we may never meet again on earth.

Class '91 takes two of our most valuable girls away — Adah Browne and Josephine Graham, the last charter members to leave. As their homes are near we shall see them often.

May 13th Sister Elia Riford was married to Mr. Carroll, a lawyer of Port Townsend, Washington. We wonder who will be our next?

Friday and Saturday, May 22d and 23d, Alpha Tau Omega hold their convention here. Friday afternoon and evening they give a reception and banquet, to which all the Pi Beta Phis and Kappa Kappa Gammas are invited. We are anticipating a fine time. Albion, Adrian, Ann Arbor, and Hillsdale Colleges are represented.

Again we introduce to you sisters most loyal. This time 'tis Nettie Bates, Ana Closson, and Julia Walter.

Article XI., Section 18, of our Constitution, is one of the most important, it seems to us, and we are sorry to say that, outside of Alpha Province, we have received but one letter this year, and that was from Kansas Alpha. Michigan Alpha has not done the whole of its duty, either. Sisters, let us do better next year, by commencing ere the time is nearly gone.

The letter concerning our Pi Phi history has just been received from Ohio Alpha. With our members scattered from Maine to Washington it means much work, but we will push the matter as fast as possible.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has eleven members, Phi Delta Theta has sixteen, Delta Tau Delta has sixteen, Alpha Tau Omega has eleven, and Pi Beta Phi has twelve. All are congenial.

May you all enjoy a pleasant and profitable vacation is the parting wish of Michigan Alpha.

Hillsdale, Mich., May 16th, 1891.

ILLINOIS BETA.

This is the month when most of us begin to think of the long vacation which always seems so short.

Illinois Beta will lose three of its members at Commencement time. Jennie Grubb, Della Rogers, and Villa Cole are our Pi Phi girls who will be graduated on June 17th. We shall miss them so much next year, but will be proud to point to them as "our girls" when they go into the world.

We have enjoyed a prosperous term. Our whole year has, on the whole, been profitable and pleasant. On April 11th we gave an afternoon reception to the ladies of the university at the home of Sister Alvia Myers. The favors were carnation-shaped cards. In the evening we gave a progressive crazy card party to the Phi Delta Theta boys and a few others. The invitations for this were written on playing cards in the craziest possible manner. The gentlemen drew large hearts and diamonds of pretty colors, on the backs of which were painted the table, number of couple, and the game to be played. Then they hunted up the lady holding the corresponding diamond or heart. The score cards were white cards with holes for tying in a ribbon for each game. Our colors were used for this, blue being for the winners and wine for the losers. The favors were pretty little paintings by Della Rogers for the first prizes; a toy drum with an appropriate inscription for the gentleman's booby, and a small mirror for the lady's. A good deal of sport was made by the cards, cut in every imaginable way, which were used to find partners for supper. We enjoyed the day and evening very much, and believe the others did also.

We shall be so glad to have a new catalogue. It will be such a pleasure to know all that we can of our alumnæ as well as our present members. We are looking forward with pleasure to Commencement, for then several of our old members will be with us again.

Our sister Maud Conger has met with a sad loss in the death of her aunt, Mrs. Case. We knew and loved Mrs. Case when she lived in Galesburg last year.

We have received a few newsy letters from sister chapters. We enjoy them very much.

With many wishes for a happy, restful vacation, Illinois Beta sends greetings and a short farewell to her sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., May 20th, 1891.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Again Commencement time draws near, and we are led to look back upon the year which is so soon to close. It certainly has been an exceedingly pleasant and profitable one for us. While we anticipate the pleasures of Commencement, we dread to think of losing three of our most active members, who expect to graduate this year.

Four of our sisters.—Grace Lass, May Phimister, Elizabeth Boggs, and Margaret Tait, members of the senior and junior classes—have appointments on the Ladies' Annual Declamatory Contest, which is always of great interest, and we cannot but hope that one of them will take the prize.

Six of our girls took prominent parts in the little drama, "The Princess," which was presented about a week ago by the Young Ladies' Literary Society of the college. Every one seemed to take an active interest in it, and all declared it a success.

March 9th we celebrated the seventh anniversary of the founding of our chapter by the typical "spread."

The term throughout has been one of especial interest and delight to us all. We have not given any entertainments, for there scarcely seemed to be time for them, but our meetings lately have been even better than usual. We are trying to be of more practical help to each other, as we feel that sisters ought to be, and have employed the method of criticising each other in a loving way wherever we see that it is needed. Have we not a grand opportunity to help each other in this way if we will only do it in the right spirit? It seems to me that we would fail to accomplish our object of making truer, nobler women of ourselves if we failed to improve this opportunity.

We have had no initiations this term, for we feel that our chapter is now just large enough.

Before the school year opens again we hope to see our new alumni building completed. It is a beautiful building, and will no doubt be an ornament to the campus.

Illinois Delta sends greetings and best wishes for a pleasant vacation to all sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Knox College, May 18th, 1891.

IOWA ALPHA.

How true is the saying, "time and tide wait for no man." We were peacefully sitting in our arm-chair, deep in a fascinating volume, when without a moment's warning a merciless fiend whispered: "The 17th of May, and THE ARROW letter due by the 20th." Our peaceful repose departed as we realized the truth of that reminder, so we hasten to greet our sister Phi Phis.

Recently our mystic doors opened to admit a new sister, Cora Libby. She is a musician of rare talent, and we love her the more as we know her better.

Sister Rose Andrews left us this term to teach. We were loath to give her up, but are glad to learn of her success in her work.

Not long since we enjoyed visits from Sisters Carrie Shannon, of Muscatine; Grace Simmons, of Osceola; Elsie Byrkit, of Red Oak, and Lizzie Kirkendall, of Leando. Sisters Elsie and Lizzie were members of last year's senior class, and it seemed like old times to greet them again.

Lena Bereman is our only representative in the class of '91. Heretofore we have had more, but we are sure in this case quality will recompense for lack of quantity.

Social life among Pi Phis has been at a low ebb this term, our only indulgence being a spread at our senior sister's.

Our only trouble this year has been on account of the "anti-frats." They have drawn up a petition to do away with secret societies in the college, and intend presenting it to the trustees at their meeting in June. We hope for the best in the result, however.

With love to all Pi Phis.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 17th, 1891.

IOWA THETA.

Since our last letter to you Iowa Theta has met with a terrible grief. Our beloved sister, Clara Warden-Benson, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, April 13th. It is the first death which has occurred among the Pi Phis of Iowa Theta. In this God has been good to us, and that

his loving kindness will so far continue as to guard us against further painful separations is our earnest prayer. Our sister was born October 14, 1867, graduated in 1888, and at once took her position in the front rank of the profession she loved. Less than one year ago she was married to Benjamin S. Benson, upon whom we can bestow no higher praise than to say, Clara loved him. Our girls attended the funeral in a body, and did such things as to us seemed most appropriate to give consolation and sympathy to her bereaved relatives.

The programme we had decided upon for our work was dropped in consequence of this invasion of our circle, hence we have nothing to report in the way of progress. We have received the new initiatory service, and have been practicing so as to be in readiness to perform the ceremonies in a proper manner when we take in some of the bright lights of the class of '91.

This is the last letter of the year, and in bidding you adieu for the long vacation, we most heartily bespeak for you all the fullest meed of good and enjoyment in the season of rest so thoroughly earned by many Pi Phis. We hope that with the opening of the new year we may have a fund of more cheering intelligence to communicate to THE ARROW readers, and close with good-by and bon voyage.

Ottumwa, Iowa, May 19th, 1891.

IOWA BETA.

We are glad that we are so soon to receive another ARROW, as that is about the only way in which we hear from some of our distant sisters. The chapter-letters we have received have been very few, but much enjoyed.

We are pleased to have with us again Mrs. Susie Winchel-Bare, who has just returned from missionary work in India. She is still a loyal Pi Phi, though it has been twelve years since she has enjoyed a meeting.

Our girls who attended the Inter-state Contest at Des Moines were very much pleased at seeing some members from other chapters there, and were sorry not to have them visit us when so near.

Besides the ever-present "lessons," the Pi Phis are unusually busy just now preparing for a reception to be given May 27th at the home of Louise Meek.

We will be sorry to lose from our list of active members at Commencement time Marie Bradford, who completes the course in music. We have one to fill the place, however, for we have taken unto ourselves a new sister, Effie Busselle, and we think we have in her a loyal Pi Beta Phi.

The Deltas celebrated their eighteenth anniversary recently, and the seven sisters who were there made the arrow quite conspicuous. We have Auld's sample pins, and some of them are very much admired.

Indianola, Iowa, May 13th, 1891.

IOWA GAMMA.

Our college term is drawing to a close. We have only four more weeks, and of course we are very busy with our studies.

We have no new members, but we have ten active members.

At our meetings our chief work has been the discussion of current events. This is something we are all interested in, and often deficient in, too. We have no hall

at the college, and all our meetings have been held in the girls' rooms, which is not so pleasant as when we had a hall. One afternoon was spent at the house of Sister Kittie Freed. It was one of the happiest meetings we have ever had. After we had disposed of our business, sung our songs, and wandered about under the trees to our hearts' content, we were summoned to a bountiful supper, which Pi Phi girls know so well how to appreciate and dispose of. We returned to college cheered up for many days of hard work.

We have had several visits from our alumnae this term, and they all remembered us with dainty spreads. Sisters Hattie Elden, Ada Mills, Mame Zimbleman, ——— Parrett, and Alice Ford have visited us this term.

We expect to have a grand reunion of our girls at the end of this term, as we then dedicate our new chapel, library, and museum, and expect many visitors.

We are very fortunate in having one of our girls who graduated last year, Minnie Roberts, with us again this year. She is assistant professor of mathematics.

Of course we have many plans for next term. We shall then have a hall in Ames. As our college is two miles from Ames it is at present impracticable to have a hall so far away. But a motor line is being put in between the college and Ames, and when this is completed we will be able to go to town to meetings and lose very little time in going and returning.

We have great opposition to encounter, as almost all the students are "barbs." But though our numbers are few we have great hopes and plans for the future, and look forward to a time when some strong element will enter here and harmonize the contending forces.

question, probably an oft-considered one, is in regard to chapter letters. How may we receive the most benefit and help from them? It seems to us that if certain topics or subjects were suggested from time to time in THE ARROW by the members, and the different chapters responded to them, our letters would be improved. This might form a prelude to the items of chapter life.

Our university is to have another building erected this summer, as an appropriation has recently been made for the erection of a medical college.

The local fraternity here has at length received a charter from Psi Upsilon, and as this will be the only chapter west of Ann Arbor, our university has been highly complimented.

We must not forget to speak of our party on April 10th, at the home of Ava Lumbards, where we had a most enjoyable time. Next Saturday afternoon Maude Thompson will entertain our chapter.

This spring the three older ladies' fraternities here united and gave a reception to the Alpha Phis and ourselves. They must be sincerely complimented on its great success.

We are to celebrate our first anniversary June 3d, and, following a foreign custom, instead of *receiving* all the good wishes, we will *extend* them to the members of Pi Beta Phi.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

COLORADO BETA.

Again we find it our delightful duty to send our quarterly letter of greeting to our sisters through THE ARROW.

This past winter has been a struggle with us for several reasons, but now the skies look brighter for Colorado Beta, and two new stars have taken places in our firmament since we last wrote — Mattie Loescher and Nannie McFarland.

she would be with us in Denver soon, and the groom would be a "brother" to us, we felt that we might truly say that we were gaining, not losing. Our "spike" and sister, Elsie Mayham, attended the wedding from Denver, and Sister Jennie Hitchcock was the bridesmaid. It was very fitting the arrows should gleam on the breasts of the bride and her maid, the present from Pi Phi being a pin set with diamonds.

A short trip to Boulder a while ago gave us a chance of meeting sisters face to face who some of us had only known by letter, and of course we enjoyed the opportunity exceedingly. It was so delightful to feel the grasp of a dear friend in a stranger's hand. We are hoping to have the pleasure of entertaining them in Colorado Beta soon.

Next year we expect to do "wonders" for our chapter.

Loving greetings to all the chapters, and especially to all new sisters.

Denver, Col.

KANSAS ALPHA.

The spring term is drawing to a close, and we look back upon the year with much satisfaction.

Our latest initiates are Lucinda Smith, Clara Wheeler, and May Stephens, who increase the number of our active chapter to eighteen.

Last night was the occasion of our annual spring party. Several variations in the way of receiving and of serving refreshments were introduced, which made the affair all the more enjoyable. Two of the dances on the program were the "Pi Phi York and Waltz," the Pi Phi whistle having been taken as a theme.

Our alumnae members have taken a great deal of interest in the fraternity this year. We were given a most delightful

reception by them a few weeks ago. Members of both alumnae and active chapters responded to toasts, and Miss Nannie Pugh read an original poem on our fraternity flower.

We have had two very interesting lectures this term — one by Prof. J. H. Canfield, on "A Trip to Europe," and the other by Mrs. Prof. Carruth, on the old German poem, "The Hildebrandshied."

Several weeks ago Prof. Penny, the Dean of the music department, and his wife very pleasantly entertained the fraternity at their home. Part of the evening was spent in listening to a very interesting talk by the professor on the forms of dance music in the different countries, illustrated by several exquisitely-rendered selections.

Our meetings have never been more thoroughly enjoyed or better attended than this year. Every week we have a review of one or two of the leading periodicals, and a report of current events. We find this very pleasant and profitable.

The Commencement exercises will be somewhat varied this year, as it will be the quarter-centennial anniversary of the establishment of the university. One day will be given up to addresses by the ex-Chancellors of the university and other prominent men, and for a history of the university and reminiscences of old times.

Mr. Depew will give an address on Commencement day, instead of the usual orations by the students.

Lawrence, Kas., May. 20th, 1891.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA.

Iowa Zeta and Kappa send greetings from their new halls. We now have a share in the elegant suite of rooms in which Delta Tau Delta has hitherto reigned supreme. To say

that we are elated with our pleasant quarters is to put it mildly; and indeed we need some good fortune to counterbalance the bad this term. Four of Zeta's girls have left college for the term, and it is needless to say that they have left with us a dreary, forsaken feeling. They all expect to be back in the fall, however, and with this assurance we try to sustain our wavering courage.

We have had few parties this spring, and only two or three delightful spreads. One was given on the eve of Julia Rogers' departure for home. Another took place at Ella Ham's beautiful new home, and was a sort of Pi Phi dedicatory service.

University circles are very much alive this spring. Not only is there the commotion that always ushers in Commencement, but this year there is a remarkable interest in athletics, due, perhaps, to the fact that State Field Day is to take place here. The rowing club have new boats, the tennis champions new courts, the base-ball nine are unusually distinguishing themselves by coming, seeing, and conquering every nine that dares to meet them; and one cannot even take one's constitutional walk in the early morning without being impressed with the athletic spirit that is abroad in the land, for the sprinters are out *en masse* taking constitutional runs.

The new university buildings grow apace, and are beginning to put on a semblance of beauty. Everything looks bright for the State University of Iowa. Not only has the attendance in all departments been phenomenal this year, but the much-desired college spirit seems to be growing with the growth, and strengthening with the strength, of our "Alma Mater, O."

One thing saddens us, however, Prof. Melville B. Anderson, who has done so much for our English department in the State University of Iowa, has accepted the English chair in Leland Stanford University. While we are proud to send such a man from our midst, we should be yet prouder to have him stay. His place can hardly be filled; and that misfortunes never come singly, is proved by the fact that the assistant in English will probably accept a position in Cornell University.

The graduating class in the collegiate department this year numbers forty-eight, two of whom are Pi Beta Phis. We are gratified that one of the six honor-speakers Commencement day is one of our girls. Another one of our girls was to have had the junior oration this year, but illness compelled her to give it up.

We hope all of the chapters of Pi Beta Phi may have pleasant Commencements, with all the honors that we are sure Pi Beta Phis deserve.

Iowa City, Iowa, May 20th, 1891.

PERSONALS.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Carrie Rice, '89, attended the Universalist Minister's Convention held in Galesburg in April. She is pastor of the Chicago Lawn Universalist church.

Lilian Wiswell, '90, is teaching near Cameron this spring.

Ella M. Grubb, '87, and Anna Ross, '90, are achieving great success in their work at Camp Point. We expect Anna back for Commencement week.

Lizzie Wigle, '90, paid the university a visit April 25th.

We are glad to state that Izah Parker, '76, is much improved in health since her recent severe illness.

Lizzie Furniss has a position in Denver, Colorado, schools.

Libbie Ingersoll is teaching at New London, Wisconsin.

Jennie Colegrove is principal of the Concord, Michigan, high school. Her sister Carrie teaches in Stony Point, Michigan.

Sara Richardson, the founder of Illinois Beta, is in Lawrence, Kansas, where she holds a position with the Western Farm Mortgage Trust Company.

Sallie Stickney is attending school at Painesville, Ohio, this year.

Lura and Clara Grubb are not in school this term. They are teaching near Liberty.

Mollie Donohoe expects to return to her old home in Rockport, Illinois, soon. We are very sorry to lose her.

Jennie Grubb has returned to take reviews and examinations. She will graduate with '91.

Ada Quaintance visited the university May 19th. We were glad to have her with us again.

Mae Bradford, one of '92, visited us in May.

IOWA THETA.

The home of our Grand Secretary, Sister Sude Weaver-Evans, is now brightened by the presence of a daughter.

COLORADO BETA.

Our "old girls" are all away but Jennie Hitchcock.

Nellie Stearns sails for Europe the 4th of July, expecting to be gone a year.

Elsie Mayham will probably go east this summer.

Nannie McFarland returns to her home in Longmont, Colorado.

Mattie Loercher remains in Denver.

Bertha Brooks and Charlotte Fowler are coming up to Commencement.

Lottie Waterbury is contemplating a short trip to Manitou, Colorado.

Mrs. Ida Winne-Ballantine is still in Denver, and is our refuge in all perplexities.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Mrs. Maud Mansfield-Gibb, of Larned, is visiting friends in town—Stella Hutchings, one of our last year's girls, will be here until after Commencement.

Nannie Pugh expects to study this summer in Burlington, Vermont.

Nettie Brown, of Polk, Iowa, spent several weeks with the girls on her way home from New Mexico, where she has been for nearly a year.

MARRIAGES.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

RIFORD—CARROLL.—At Port Townsend, Washington, May 13th, 1891, Elia Riford to Mr. Carroll.

IOWA EPSILON.

LINABERRY—CAMPBELL.—At Bloomfield, Iowa, April 21st, 1891, Juda Linaberry to Roscoe C. Campbell, of Fort Scott, Kansas.

IOWA KAPPA.

SELBY—MOOR.—At Hastings, Nebraska, May 15th, 1891, Lillie M. Selby to Sidney A. Moor.

COLORADO BETA.

ARMSTRONG—MARETZ.—At Fort Collins, Colorado, Caroline Eleanor Armstrong to Charles G. Maretz, both of Fort Collins.

IN MEMORIAM.

IOWA THETA.

DIED.—On Monday, April 13th, 1891, Clara Warden-Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Warden, and our beloved sister in Pi Beta Phi. The announcement of her death caused deep sorrow throughout a wide circle of friends, and universal sympathy is felt for husband and family so sadly bereaved. As an active member of Theta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi, she was ever ready to lend a helping hand to encourage and uplift.

EDITORIALS.

ANY Pi Phis wishing a small supply of fraternity stationery at the reduced rates given by Dreka in large quantities can avail themselves of such an opportunity by ordering from the business manager of THE ARROW, Ella M. Ham, No. 1012 East Washington street, Iowa City.

AMONG the good things now a matter of record, owing to the recent Pan-Hellenic Convention, is that "we recommend that the fraternities exchange quarterlies throughout the chapters." The ignorance of individual members of all chapters of all fraternities of the doings of other fraternities than their own is deplorable, though not wonderful. We do believe the only available means of education in this direction to be the universal circulation of all fraternity journals. The practice of reading fraternity journals should, and we believe will, do much toward keeping up a vigorous chapter life. Knowledge is power in this, as in all things.

Delegates will be enabled to go to Convention with an education in fraternity matters that is acquired by a process more gradual, more wholesome, and more certain of satisfactory results than that of cramming for the occasion.

THE *Rainbow* comments as follows on who shall represent the chapter at the Karnea: "Then the question arises: Who shall be sent? Not the senior who has just graduated (and who will not be with the chapter again), if any one else can go; not the latest freshman just acquired; not the most brilliant man in the chapter, for the Karnea is not the place for the brilliant man to shine, be his brilliancy of the oratorical or the social order. Send a man who will give the chapter at least one year's benefit of his experience at the Karnea; send a sophomore or a junior, an all-around *fraternity* man, a man who is already full of the fraternity spirit, and who will, because of his experience at Cleveland, be just running over with energy and enthusiasm for the rest of his college course. If possible, send more than one man — a half dozen, if so many can go. Do not fail to elect an alternate, so that in case the regular delegate finds it impossible to attend the chapter will not be unrepresented." It would be an excellent idea for every member of every chapter to see to it that he is a qualified member for such a task. Each member of Grand Alpha needs to have an opinion of his own, and that well grounded, on subject-matter certainly to be, or likely to be, or should be, called up for consideration. Otherwise a good leader can lead wheresoever he will, and be followed by the crowd. An able organizer should not thus be laid liable to censure. The more intelligent membership at home should not be in danger of

having to live under such management. Let every one learn his own fraternity, and as much as may be known about the fraternity world at large.

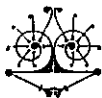
WE think the entire membership of the several fraternities represented at Boston in April will echo our sentiments when we say, may the good work in regard to fraternity headquarters at the World's Fair go forward to a happy realization. The college fraternities are preparing many young women for active life in a way that nothing else does or can. This idea will be emphasized by the work of the World's Fair Committee bringing upon the scene of action, as it will, so many able representatives of the younger class of collegiate alumnae and students. It will index and unify the strength of the women there brought to the threshold of real, busy life, where individual strength must assert itself and assume the burdens, the fitness for which has been acquired to no small extent by fraternity work and association. Fraternity young women learn themselves better from the frequent association of a few people selected for their congeniality, and are better prepared for what follows college life than those who have never identified themselves with an organized body of highly intelligent young women, where mental and social aims are high. The harmonious earnestness of the young women who met at Boston in April was a grand step in the right direction. We believe that a Pan-Hellenic Convention in 1893 at Chicago will be a rousing success.

"It's strange what a charm there is in these old songs as we sing of them," remarked Sands, who had whirled around on the stool on which he sat at the piano. "They seem to get better each time we repeat them."

"Oh! that's easy enough," rejoined William, "a good song is the best breeder of enthusiasm going. Nothing will liven the boys up and get the kinks, if there are any, out of a chapter quicker than a feast of song."

This, from the April number of Phi Delta Theta's *Scroll*, suggests the value of a song-book. May Pi Beta Phi have one that she can enjoy and will use at a very early date.

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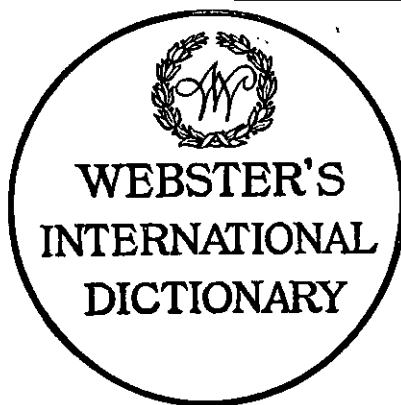
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