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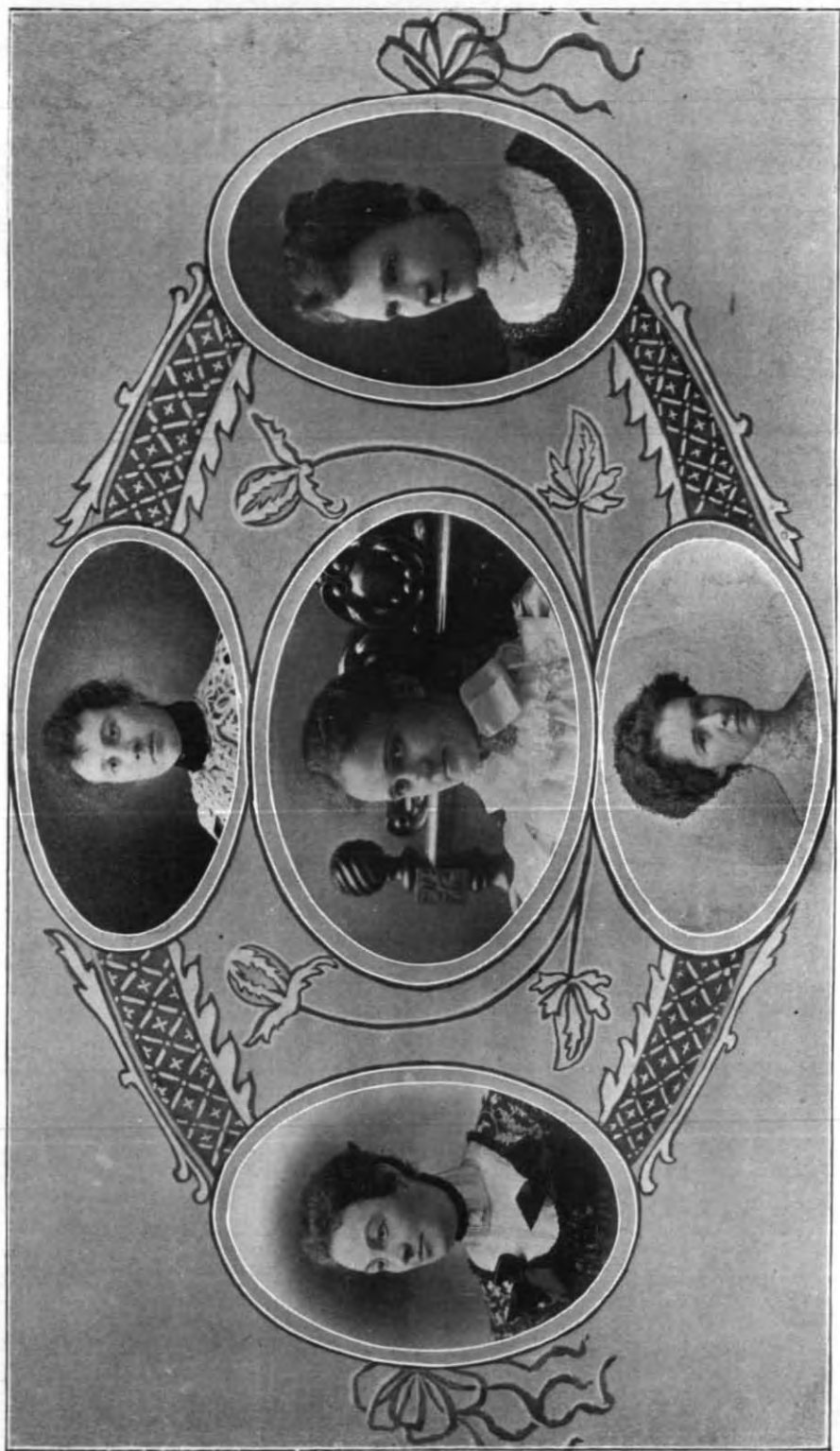
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NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

IT IS with a feeling almost of reverence that most students think of Oxford and Cambridge. Nevertheless very few people in the United States who have not been intimately associated with either of the two great English universities realize even the most striking of the differences between them and our universities. Explanations usually fail to explain the differences, but perhaps a few words may make the subject clearer to those readers of the Arrow who know little of either Cambridge or Oxford. A writer in the November Popular Science Monthly says: "The characteristic peculiar to Cambridge and Oxford, and which distinguishes them not only from American but also from all other universities in England and elsewhere, is the college system. Thus Cambridge is a collection of eighteen colleges which, though nominally united to form one institution, are really distinct, inasmuch as each is a separate community with its own buildings and grounds, its own resident students, its own lecturers, and Fellows—a community which is supported by its own moneys without aid from the university exchequer, and which in most matters legislates for itself. The system is not unlike the American Union on a small scale. * * * All professional chairs and certain lectureships belong to and are paid by the university; the latter has the arranging of the curricula, the care of the laboratories, the disposition of certain non-collegiate scholarships; but broadly speaking, its two functions

are the examination of all students and the conferring of degrees."

To obtain the degree of bachelor of arts a man must be in residence nine terms—three terms a year for three years. He may obtain it by doing general work somewhat similar to that necessary in our colleges for that degree or by taking the Honors Examinations on work much more specialized. These Honors Examinations are the ones which women are allowed to take and for the passing of which they receive certificates.

There are in Cambridge eighteen men's colleges and two women's. Of the latter Girton, the older, was started at Hitchin and afterwards removed to its present situation about two miles out of the town of Cambridge. Newnham is in the town. It consists of three halls and has more than one hundred and fifty students. Most of the students work with the object of taking at the end of the six or nine terms required the examinations mentioned above. One's daily work is of course of the utmost importance if one wishes to succeed. The weekly papers and yearly examinations are valuable in preparing one for the final test, but the Honors Examinations alone determine whether one shall receive the certificate which stands for a degree.

In filling the hours of recreation, games hold an important place. Almost every one spends the hour or two hours after lunch in walking, bicycling or playing hockey, tennis, "fives" or cricket. Hockey, "field hockey" as it is sometimes called in this country, is the most popular game in autumn and winter. A very enthusiastic hockey player at Newnham once remarked that she expected to play golf when she was too old to play hockey! It is indeed a most suitable game for busy college girls who need plenty of out-of-door exercise and must get it in a short time. After learning ever so little of it one wonders why it is not introduced into American colleges more widely than it has yet been.

Societies abound at Newnham. There is a debating society which meets five times a year; there are historical, literary and musical societies. The whole college forms a political society which meets weekly in the autumn and winter terms as a House of Commons.

In America we are likely to forget the struggles of women less than a hundred years ago to obtain an education more extended than the three R's. We forget even that only within the last half century the first college for women was founded. Perhaps with the new questions which are confronting us in regard to women's education we are excusable for not turning our attention often to those which were already solved before many of us went to school. The important fact is that they have been solved. That point is so clearly settled that it is no wonder that we are fast forgetting by what a struggle it was settled. This is not so true in England as in America and it is less so in Cambridge than in almost any other English university except Oxford. During three terms spent at Newnham and since her return the writer has been more and more impressed with a realization of what we owe to the brave women who have opened for us the way to higher education. There is more than one reason why a girl at Newnham is less likely to forget her debt than is an American girl. In the first place she is nearer in time of the great struggle.

It was only in 1875 that the first hall of Newnham College was built and it was not until 1881 that women were formally admitted to the degree examinations. For nearly ten years before that time they had been taking the examinations, but only by courtesy of the examiners. They did the work of preparation not knowing whether they should be allowed to prove that they had done it. "The first period of Newnham's career may be said to have ended in February, 1881, when the University, by a vote of the Senate, granted to the two women's colleges the privileges which have given them the position they now hold." Memorials had been presented asking that women might be granted degrees, but after consideration the Senate decided only to admit them formally to the examinations. The matter was again brought up in 1897 contrary to the desire of many friends of the colleges, who believed that the time had not yet arrived to press the question of degrees. Their attitude appears to have been a wise one for the decided refusal in 1897 makes it impos-

sible for the subject to be brought up for several years to come.

An American girl at Newnham is irritated by the little things which constantly remind her that Cambridge was made for men and that many men prefer that women should not have anything to do with it. She prefers to be admitted to lectures by right instead of by courtesy, and, fresh from an American women's college where there were no men to contest her "rights" or from a co-educational college where woman was certainly not second and was perhaps often first, she thinks that all the lecturers should be glad to admit women instead of merely tolerating them, as some appear to do. But by and by though she continues to deplore what she still considers injustice she must feel that there are some compensations for it. The real end is accomplished. Women have the opportunity to study, they are allowed to take the important examinations, their place is acknowledged by certificate; and although one wishes for the university to grant them degrees and acknowledge them "members of the university," they could hardly do better work if they were thus acknowledged. There is an added zeal and earnestness in the students because, for the sake of their colleges and for the advancement of their cause, they must do the best possible work.

The almost daily contact with those who have helped along the good cause and are still working in its behalf is very stimulating, nor can any one who has lived at Newnham ever forget the memory of a beautiful life which is among the noblest and best of its associations, the life of Anne J. Clough, its first principal. The story of her life is closely connected with the story of the advancement of women's education in England. A memoir of her was written a few years ago by her niece who is one of the vice-principals of the college. It was undertaken, she says, "chiefly in the hope of giving pleasure to Miss Clough's friends" and "to preserve a record of her character and her aims, for those who are now or may be in the future connected with the college which she helped to create, and on whose development she exercised so powerful an influence." But her life is of far wider interest and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that one

must record the debt which we all owe to Miss Clough and to those others who by their earnest endeavor in the cause of our higher education have made the lives of women richer and fuller.

—S. B., Pa. A. A. A.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

LETTERS FROM MANILA.

WHILE Manila and the Philippines are still occupying the national attention to a great degree, the following extracts from the letters of Mrs. Fred E. Buchan, with their vivid touches of local color and bright description, will be of general interest. Mrs. Buchan, who was Miss Lucinda Smith, a graduate of Kansas University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Beta Phi fraternities, went to Manila with her husband, Captain Buchan, of the famous "Twentieth Kansas." The untimely death of Mrs. Buchan in April of last year was a sad ending to her happy interest in all the new and wonderful sights her oriental travel was bringing.

Nov. 7.—I've had a fine time in Honolulu. We went ashore Saturday morning and did a little shopping. The town is seventy years old, and the older business portion bears more marks of age than any of our Kansas towns. The newer buildings are altogether twentieth century in their appearance. It seems strange to be so far away from everything that has constituted the world of my former experience, and yet to find in the shops everything I am accustomed to see at home. If it were not so difficult and tedious to communicate with one's friends at home, one could be here without feeling at all out of the world. All the Kansans are perfectly captivated with the city and the people. It really is more like an Eden than any place I ever found myself in.

After luncheon we went out to Oahu, where we spent a delightful afternoon going over the college and grounds. When we had been shown the native fruits in their garden we armed ourselves and climbed up Rock Hill, just back of the college.

From there we had a splendid view of the city and harbor and sea beyond. We had supper at the college, too, and were much interested in hearing the instructors and students wax enthusiastic over the game of football played that afternoon between the college and the Pennsylvania recruits.

Dec. 2.—After we left Honolulu we had a most monotonous stretch of days ahead of us. The third week was almost unbearable for the lack of something to do. We actually spent whole days propped up in our chairs, with an umbrella to temper the sun's rays to our eyes, doing absolutely nothing until the gong for meals rang. Then we would lazily pull ourselves together and go down—not because we had an appetite, but because there was nothing else to do.

However, we had a few things of exceptional interest to divert us. We reached the 180th meridian on the morning of the 14th, so this day we dropped from our calendar. Ever since we have been involved in arguments as to whether we lost or gained a day.

Another of our red letter days was Thanksgiving—a day it seemed strange to spend “so far away from heaven and earth,” as one of the officers put it. That morning the sea was almost as smooth as a piece of plate glass. The day itself was much like any other day on board, the exceptional features being the dinner and our evening diversion. Our salon was very artistically decorated with flags. The regimental colors occupied the place of honor. Near by was a British flag—this, I presume, because our captain is English by birth. Altogether there were colors of one description or another over all the available space of the salon. We had especially ornamental menu cards, for which we had a post-prandial scramble. Special music was furnished by four mandolin and guitar players. The band came up on deck after dinner and between selections there was an extensive toast series responded to by all the commissioned officers on board. It lasted until ten o'clock.

We sighted the first Philippine islands in our course Monday night. Tuesday we could see land at a greater or less distance all day. Our course is around the north of Luzon. We passed

the famous island of Corregidor and entered the bay between nine and ten o'clock. At that time the only thing we could see on the island was the lighthouse, but that was particularly interesting because it is a twentieth century light, with all the latest prismatic reflectors. The Spaniards kept it extinguished after the first of May until Dewey got control of affairs.

MANILA, Dec. 7.—It is no strain on the imagination to realize that the city is 300 years old. If you had to sum up into one word your impression of the buildings and walls, I have no doubt the word in your mind would be "antiquity." The streets are exceedingly narrow and ill-smelling, but with a proper confidence in what the Americans will be able to do to renovate them, you can pass in and out very complacently, thinking of little else than the strikingly picturesque whole. I was tempted to snap my camera every time I turned a corner yesterday.

The narrow streets fairly swarm with human kind of so many different stamps that as you watch the moving throng you feel sure that you must be at the meeting point of the four corners of the earth. I would give anything if I were a water color artist. Photography cannot do justice to the coloring at all.

We took dinner at a French restaurant and enjoyed the meal very much. It was served in courses, one dish at a time. First we had a peculiar concoction of native rice; then an excellent ham omelette made of native duck's eggs and imported ham; after that some very palatable tongue; then beefsteak; bananas and goat's milk cheese, an absurd combination they always serve together, followed the steak. The last course was native coffee, into which we could put native sugar, but no milk or cream. With this were served some unnamed small confections. At every course we ate from bread which looked like an American roll burst open at the top along its length. To the palate it bore every evidence of having been put together on a strictly hardtack recipe. For beverages we had iced water and imported claret up to the last course. This repast cost \$1 a plate in Mexican money.

Our house is not in the walled city—Intramuras, as it is

called, but in Ermita, one of the numerous suburbs. The house is another evidence of our continual good fortune. We just happened to find this as a Spanish family was moving out. The exterior is very attractive; besides, it is in a very recherche neighborhood. Our next door neighbor on one side is a Russian consul. On the other side we have another foreign consulate. Our back door is but a short distance from Manila bay. The broad expanse of water before us will always be dotted with shipping of every sort. We can look down to Cavite, and with the glass see the various ships of Dewey's fleet. Immediately in front of us we will have the transports. Then, too, we can see numerous supply steamers, such, for example, as the colliers and the government steamer laden with frozen meats from Australia. This is to supply the army and navy stationed here for the next eight months. When I go out to take my morning plunge I can take a squint at my government butcher and see that the mainstay of my larder has not been tampered with over night. In addition to these steamers there are lesser boats of all descriptions, from four-masted schooners to the frail looking, out-rigged canoe of the native. There is really a wonderful amount of shipping here, not only in the bay, but in the river Pasig. In places the river is all but choked with a tangle of hulls and masts.

If you get "Yesterdays in the Philippines" you will be interested in the pictures and descriptions. You could not get a better idea of a Filipino bed than is given here. They are the hugest affairs you ever saw. They have no springs. Instead they are strung with strips of bamboo, like the seat of a wicker chair. They are made here, and out of native wood by Chinamen. All the wood work is carved by hand. When we get under our mosquito netting, which is heavy and effective, we feel exactly as if we were caged up. Such a thing as sleeping without a net is impossible.

January.—Processions occur nearly every day. In fact we haven't had an ordinary business day since before Xmas. Somebody's fiesta takes up each day as it comes along. Today is

the fiesta of the Three Kings, and you can't get in a business house for love or money.

The climate is not a dangerous one for Americans—except for such unthinking Americans as are too careless to take ordinary precautions. For instance, it is unwise to be out in the middle of the day, say from eleven to two or three o'clock. No Spaniard does this, neither do the other residents, unless it is unavoidable. If the day happens to be cloudy, which is frequently the case, one need not observe this precaution.

From November to May is the pleasant time of the year. The rains set in in May, and after a down-pour, of the cloudburst style, the sun comes out and makes everything steam. Then, too, vegetation naturally becomes very rank, and precautions have to be taken accordingly. But if a person understands the conditions of the climate and arranges his mode of life to suit them, there is no reason why he should not live here in safety all the year round. He should live in perfect comfort for at least six months out of the twelve. The other six can be fairly comfortable a large part of the time, especially if one does not fly in the face of Providence in trying to follow one's erstwhile American habits.—*The Western College Magazine*, September, '99.

A LETTER FROM CUBA.

MATANZAS, CUBA, December 5th, 1899.

MY DEAR GIRLS: The November Arrow came to me like a ray of bright sunshine thro' a bank of thick New England fog (Boston girls, you can appreciate the feeling!), and like a child with a box of sweets I devoured the entire contents from cover to cover before going to sleep. We arrived here on the 5th of November, and on the 9th—four days later—my husband was ordered off on a fortnight's tour of inspection and pay, leaving me behind with my three children. I don't mind being left behind, but being left alone in a foreign city is quite another thing! Our troops are quartered about two miles out of the city, but Captain Helmick, being on staff duty, is obliged to

live in the city. This throws me on the town, and since his return I find I have been very shrewd. The Cuban merchants and peddlers seem to think Americans gather their money from trees up north, and that every American has a large orchard and has just gathered in the harvest previous to sailing for Cuba. The charcoal man brought me a bag of charcoal for which he asked one dollar. Without a dissenting word I paid the dollar. Soon after one of our army women came in and I told her I had bought a bag of charcoal and we were going to experiment with the Cuban charcoal stove. Of course she asked me what I paid for the charcoal and when I told her, she gave me my first lesson in Spanish tactics. "Why, I never pay more than forty cents a bag," she explained, "and you must never think of paying the price they ask," etc. You can imagine the rest she said, and as she has been here nearly a year I took her advice, and I *did* find that they actually doubled their prices to Americans. In one store where a sign was posted in Spanish, "Bread six cents a loaf," the clerk insisted to me the price was twenty cents a loaf. One day while alone I found a lovely little mahogany dressing table, with a perfect oval French plate mirror, which I had half a mind to buy on the spot, especially as the man wanted only \$5.00 for it, but as they never deliver purchases here I concluded I would see my husband and have him send 'round for it. But, girls, that miserable creature jumped the price up to \$10 when his eyes fell upon the American officer! Mahogany is very cheap here and I hope to add a number of valuable pieces to my household effects. Another thing that is cheap here and so popular at home now is the Panama hat. We get them from \$1.50 to \$75.00, but \$4.00 will buy a very fine durable one, and you know they wear a life time.

At this time of the year Cuba is perfectly lovely. I can't imagine a more delightful spot. Overhead the sky is a beautiful, clear dark blue, the atmosphere is perfectly clear, the hills and country all around are covered with a bright, luxuriant growth of green. The lofty Royal Palms stand out on the hill

tops in straight regular rows like so many giant sentinels keeping silent watch. The houses are built like all houses in the tropics; there are no chimneys, no glass windows. The streets are just wide enough to allow two to walk abreast. All houses are built close to the sidewalk. The rooms are immense in size; the ceilings are all at least twenty feet high. Every house has its balcony up stairs facing the street and a large open court in the center of the house upon which all the rooms open. This open court corresponds to our garden at home, and is filled with the choicest of flowers. In Cuba the first meal of the day is taken in bed about 8 o'clock, and consists of coffee and bread—this is called simply "coffee." At 11 or 11:30 breakfast is served, and dinner at 6 o'clock. All Cubans drink wine. Even the working classes who carry their dinner pails have their pint of wine with their meal. I haven't seen one intoxicated man since I have been here, and my husband tells me it is almost unheard of among natives.

Cuban or Spanish etiquette requires the new-comer to call first upon the resident. I have made a number of very delightful acquaintances here and wish I might take the space to tell you of some of my experiences with them. The women are all beautiful to look upon. What nature failed to give them they supply by art. They all have beautiful glossy dark hair and perfectly glorious, large, soulful brown or black eyes. Every one wears very thin wash dresses, beautifully made. Even the very poor children are clean and wear nicely made dresses—generally nothing more.

I look upon Cuba and sigh. By nature she is a garden of paradise, but misrule and dishonor for these long years have turned her into a hot bed of discontent and grief. We have freed her from Spain, and I hope the time will soon come when we may give her the stable and independent government she so long fought for.

—Elizabeth A. Helmick.

MEMOIR OF SARAH M. STERRETT.

Sarah M. Sterrett was born at Bellefont, Pa., of Scotch Presbyterian parentage. The family names, Sterrett and Macbride, are indissolubly interwoven with the development of both church and state in Scotland and America, and are prominently before the college and fraternity world today.

Dr. James Macbride Sterrett, a brother, is professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at Columbian University and the author of various philosophical treatises; he is also honored and loved in Theta Delta Chi.

Prof. Thomas Huston Macbride, a cousin, occupies the chair of Botany at Iowa State University, and is prominently identified with the scientific world.

The sturdy elements of character vital to the development of such a family history—fidelity to principle, unswerving loyalty and strength—which the Highlanders have so invariably bequeathed us and to which American manhood and womanhood owes so much—all these are found in the character of her whose memory is now one of our sacred legacies.

Miss Sterrett was clear and brilliant in mind, widely read—literature being her favorite study—broadly cultured, deeply religious, gentle and patient, but above all strong in character, yielding graciously in matters of method but holding resolutely to the right on questions of principle. For her there was no difficulty in saying *No*. Once the right were seen and the matter was settled for all eternity. This was above all the characteristic, the strength felt by those who knew her. The imagination is awed in contemplating such an influence. Surely, it is that by which God is lifting the world back to himself.

In early girlhood Miss Sterrett moved with her family to Iowa and entered the Presbyterian Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, graduating in 1871 as valedictorian of her class, the only honor conferred by the school. In 1879 she graduated from the Chautauqua S. S. Normal, and out of a class of 300 was one of 13 to



SARAH M. STERRETT.
Entered into eternal rest June 25, 1899.

receive honorable mention. In 1882 she graduated from the scientific and literary course of Chautauqua with seven seals on her diploma and the highest grading in the class.

Afterward she taught, first at St. Mary's, Faribault, Minn., the Episcopal school for young women, where for eight years she held the chair of English and wielded a beautiful influence over the students. For a number of them she stood as sponsor at confirmation and from them,—girls now grown to womanhood,—she has so often received the sweet tribute of gratitude, "You have been the strong influence for good in my life."

Later Miss Sterrett taught in New York state and last in the private schools of Washington.

It was at the Seminary in 1869 that her fraternity life began. The cousin, Thos. H. Macbride, then a student at Monmouth college, approached her in behalf of the I. C.'s at Monmouth regarding establishment of the fraternity at the Seminary. The idea was favorably received, the requisite number of associates found, and a chapter organized, the third on our rolls. Miss Sterrett was its first president and doubtless a guiding spirit. Subsequently as is a matter of history, this charter and chapter roll were transferred to Iowa Alpha at Iowa Wesleyan University.

Miss Sterrett's fraternity allegiance never flagged in interest, enthusiasm or loyalty to the end. Coming to Washington she was soon identified with the work of Columbia Alpha and proved a helpful alumna.

In 1895 she was elected treasurer of the National Alumnae Association and filled the office with efficiency, as the Association files will show, but deeper in the hearts of her associates on the council are records of her wisdom and consideration that may never find a place on the written page, perhaps, but that give her a place among those who with great care have guarded well that better part,—the fraternity spirit,—and to whose efforts the organization itself is a lasting monument. We are what we are because "such as these have lived and died."

This sketch would not be complete did we not make grateful

mention of the many courtesies shown the fraternity in Miss Sterrett's home. The mother and sister as well have always proved warmest friends and their home in truth kept an open door for all Pi Beta Phi; there have we celebrated Alumnae Day; there greeted the visiting member; there for two years the Alumnae Council held its meetings, and there each individual member has always found the welcome home.

But the dark, the awful days find us out even in the fraternity, and the strong, beautiful characters we there have known and made a part of our very own, are taken from us and in the presence of their sacred memories we know as never before the beauty of our relations in a fraternity, and the privileges of such association with the noble and true—God's gentlewomen.

In November, 1898, Miss Sterrett fell ill of nervous trouble, neuritis, and lingered in intense suffering for seven months, yet never once in all that time did the sweet, unselfish spirit forget itself. Enquirers at the door had a flower and a word from the sick room, even the little children on the street were not forgotten, and for the Pi Phi there was ever "Give them my love." Patiently she bore the agony, stayed upon God's presence and His holy word and in her favorite quotation, so often repeated, gave the evidence of faith triumphant:

"Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace.
Over all victorious in its bright increase.
Perfect, flowing fuller all the day,—
Perfect, growing deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are wholly blest,
Finding as He promised
Perfect peace and rest.

But skill and care availed not, and on June 25th the spirit, released

"Slip't away."

Sadly, reverently we gathered on the evening of the 26th to sit in common sorrow and bow "Where in the shadow of a great affliction the soul sits dumb."

In the still hands were held carnations, on the breast shone the I. C. arrow, binding those first days to these. The services were conducted by Dr. Hamlin of the Presbyterian Church of the

Covenant, the lesson read by Mr. Hilliker, assistant Rector of Epiphany. "I am the resurrection and the life," fell the sweet words of the promise, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord I believe."

Pi Phi hands wrought the last tender services and Pi Phis lingered last in sympathy.

"I cannot say and I will not say
That (s)he is dead; (s)he's just away
Till the day break and the shadows flee away."

—Emma Harper Turner.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

Whatever may be the ways and means of forming and holding the bond between the alumna and her chapter, we in our chapter have never felt the need of such means, because of the vital interest that our alumnae have always shown. As our chapter is young, our alumnae are correspondingly few, but their remembrance of us, and interest in our welfare, to say nothing of sundry substantial gifts to our chapter hall, make us feel that their quality as good Pi Beta Phi alumnae quite makes up for their lack in numbers. It seems to us that a good fraternity girl, whose enthusiastic work and best judgment are always at the call of her chapter, can not help being enthusiastic and helpful as far as possible after she has left her college. So if this co-operation and interest on her part does not appear in her post-college life, it is likely to be largely the fault of her chapter, as it gradually loses sight of her. It should be the aim of the chapter to have the presence of its former members that are within reach at those chapter occasions when Pi Phis meet to enjoy their fraternity and each other; and it will be found that nothing can so strengthen the bond between active and non-active members as this constant meeting. When the alumna lives at a distance and can not attend the chapter gatherings, it is her due that

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Alumnae
Interest.

she should be invited to some of them—the annual banquet, for instance, if that is a customary affair.

These invitations and the replies which they bring from the distant alumna, will do more to foster her interest than any request for aid in carrying on chapter work; and this keeping in touch with her chapter is the most potent means, we all know, of keeping her in touch with her fraternity world as a whole.

—E. L. S., Md. Alpha.

It is supposedly a foregone conclusion that a chapter's alumnae are bound to it by such ties that the chapter shall never lack their sympathetic support. It would not be impossible for such a relation to become strained, in case the alumnae should come to feel that they were looked upon as a source of supply only. Those who read last year's Arrow will remember the fable of the elder brother who received "letters of request" from unknown brothers, who "kept a-borning." Another side of the question was presented by "Forty-two," who asked that alumnae have more authority given them over chapter affairs. Few will dispute the right of the chapter to decide its own affairs—we feel any other plan would be fatal. Would not the best adjustment of the matter be found in an organization of alumnae, such as exists in many places and in which the alumnae could best decide upon some definite plans for their relation to the active chapter? In this way the alumnae can most effectively influence the chapter life, for the strength of the organization is that of its individual members, and more than that of friend to friend without a definite purpose. Let us have more alumnae clubs.

—G. E. R., Nebraska Beta.

I cannot claim the usual picturesque ignorance of a freshman, having lived in a college town for more than ten years, but I wish to make a plea in behalf of my less fortunate sisters.

Meditations
of a
Freshman.

Now, a freshman isn't expected to know much, is not supposed to care how the wheels go round, is admonished not to know any more than she has to, and is told that it is

usually wise to vote with the crowd. I have dared to observe the effects of this plan on our sophomores; they are timid, and imagine that what they say and think counts for nothing. Speak out in meeting? Never! But once in a while in private, to a freshman, for instance, one of these sophomores proposes a good idea, reasonable, seasonable, and practical, and the saucy freshman advises the unheard-of audacity of saying that in meeting. But she has seen no results yet.

Now, as a freshman, I put in a plea for frat education of pledgelings and initiates. The idea of preserving the tender innocence of the new member is no doubt touching to the hardened upper classmen, but we are the sophomores, juniors and seniors of tomorrow and the day after, and that ingenuous helplessness which may be interesting in a freshman, is maddening at a later date. Of course we have read the constitution, but there are many unwritten laws, some in regard to interfraternity relations and so forth, that it would be most agreeable to see set down in black and white for the benefit of the initiate. Another thing which would be very valuable for the initiate to have, is an acquaintance with chapter history and traditions, to say nothing of general fraternity history, founders, and government. These are things which every Pi Beta Phi should know, of course, but how is the initiate to learn them? Further, an occasional peep into "Baird's Manual" would give an idea of the other fraternities which could not fail to be useful.

—E. I. P., Illinois E.

As our great fraternity becomes more of a university, and less of a college organization, the importance of a strong active working corps of alumnae scattered through the surrounding country is being felt by every chapter.

**Alumnae
Duties.**

It is not enough to see a girl entering college—converse with her a few times and judge her. First impressions are often lasting, but quite as often deceptive, and the fraternity selected by them alone cannot be the strongest. For this reason, every alumna ought to feel it not only her duty to inform the chapter

of every desirable girl about to enter that school, but also of those not desirable and why. Our organization has the advantage of age with its resultant—a large number of alumnae, and if each of them followed this rule carefully, almost every new girl would be reported and her standing known at the opening of the school year. This would greatly facilitate the fall rushing.

Of course, where the chapters have six months or a year to choose members, this help is not so necessary, though enthusiastic absent alumnae are quite as much to be desired; and one of the aims of every chapter should be to have them. For it is the fault of the active girls if there is any trouble in this regard. When the girls leave college it is with a greater love for their fraternity than ever before. Every letter and scrap of information about the pledgelings of the next year is eagerly sought and studied. But gradually the old acquaintances leave, too, and letters of school life are less frequent; and, in three or four years, the name on the roll book is all that is known of the member who has gone.

But even if she is one that they have never seen or known, write to her! Tell her of all the successes, yes, and failures, too, for sympathy more than pride in what was loved will command effort.

—Iowa Zeta.

In Memoriam.

INEZ LUCILE GORBY.

On the 2nd of May, 1879, in the little town of Manchester, Ind., began a life which, though brief, was destined to be a peculiarly beautiful one—the life of Inez Lucile Gorby, third daughter of S. S. and Anna B. Gorby.

The first ten years of her life were the usual happy uneventful ones of childhood. After the election of her father to the position of state geologist, the family, in 1891, moved to Franklin, shortly after Mrs. Gorby's health began to fail. The re-

lation of these two, mother and child, was a peculiarly tender one, while the adoration of Inez for her mother, whom she strongly resembled, was frequently remarked upon. Doubtless much of the beauty of Inez's almost angelic later life was due to her mother's careful, tender training.

In February, 1896, her mother died of consumption after a long illness, and very bravely Inez assumed the duties, which, as an elder sister, devolved upon her.

In the fall of 1895 she entered the preparatory department of Franklin College. Always during her college life her work was above criticism. In her freshman year she was pledged to Pi Beta Phi and in September, 1898, she was initiated. She continued active until after the appearance of that dread disease, consumption. All last winter she endeavored, single-handed, to keep house, "mother" a younger sister and brother, and carry on the usual college work. So much care and labor, although not too much for her brave spirit and loving heart, overtaxed her ever frail body, and all during last spring and summer she was fading away. A trip south accomplished nothing, and she was brought home to die. Always hoping to be "better" during all her pain and weariness, she never once complained.

November 21st we knew that she was dying, yet even then, in that last terrible agony, she thought not of self, but died trying to wipe the tear from her father's face.

No words can tell what this loss means to her family and her friends—to Indiana Alpha. It can truthfully be said of her that she never touched a life but what she bettered it.

—Mary G. Hall.

Colorado Beta has been called upon to mourn the sad death of Mary Edith Schuyler Ingersol, '98, who was fatally burned at her home, Catskill, N. Y., December the first.

On October 27th, New York Alpha was saddened by the loss of Grace Von Wie. The funeral services occurred October 30, at Episcopal church, Baldwinsville, N. Y.

Alumnae Department.

ALUMNAE CLUBS.

NATIONAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The National Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi was organized at the Chicago Convention July 18, 1893. It was the crystallization of a well-developed conviction in the fraternity that alumnae relations would be best conserved and productive of the most good through a definite, concrete organization. The subject had long been one of discussion at meetings and reunions, in correspondence and in the Arrow, until the way for action was thoroughly prepared.

The inauguration took place under most favorable circumstances, the largest convention the fraternity has ever held being then in session, enrolling a representative alumnae contingent.

"To maintain the fraternity associations of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae, and secure their co-operation in development of the fraternity" was set forth as the object of the Association, and bearing in mind the varied and busy lives of the alumnae to be served by the organization, a very simple form of government without requirements or demands, was adopted. The new organization was not covered by any provision of the fraternity law, yet it must, if successful, become an important factor in the general fraternity welfare and hence the movement. The constitution and officers recommended were submitted to the general convention for action and by it were at once officially recognized and enthusiastically endorsed. Thus bearing the seals of official and general approval, this little alumnae bark was launched.

The first council of officers consisted of:

Emma Harper Turner, Col. A.—President.

Mrs. Laura M. L. Vance, Ia. A.—Vice President.

Mrs. Effie J. Scott, Kans. A.—Secretary.

Mrs. Ina H. Payne Newsome, Ind. A.—Treasurer.

Dr. Phebe R. Norris, Col. A.—Guide.

are probably only a novelty and a passing fad, they are nevertheless very fascinating and almost tempt us to discard our old pins, quite too large by contrast, in favor of this last dainty arrow.

THE editor wishes to thank those chapters whose letters and contributions came promptly to hand, and is of sad necessity compelled to refer the corresponding secretaries of the following chapters—Indiana Gamma, Indiana Beta, Illinois Delta and Illinois Zeta—to the notice, reprinted from the last Arrow, on page 119 of this number. It is very demoralizing when the two states in which our chapters are most largely represented, go down in the archives of the Arrow as having contributed chapter letters written on *both sides of the paper*. No chapter letter has been received from Columbia Alpha. Any one who has a knowledge of a fraternity publication, from “behind the scenes,” knows that chapter letters are always the editorial bug-bear. As long as they have to be written, why delay it until the last minute?

If ever a magazine is late—and a fraternity one always is—attribute it principally to letters which delay the printing by arriving at the last minute, or not appearing at all.

Also, a little thought exercised in the right direction, which is *not* that one which points to the most glowing description of a social event in the chapter, where “frosted mirrors,” “exuberant palms” and “massive silver candelabra” seem to form the most noticeable features, will ensure a bright newsy letter.

OFFICERS of the Grand Council and chapter correspondents will please notify the business manager of the Arrow of any failure to receive exchanges from the different fraternities. We send Arrows to all chapters and grand officers of the women’s fraternities, and it is doubtless an oversight which may be easily rectified when the same courtesy is not accorded us.

If by any mistake a chapter does not receive its full quota of Arrows, the business manager should be notified of the omission.

COLORADO BETA.

Miss Kate Porter is to be married January first to Mr. Bert Shattuck of University Park.

The sad news was just received of the death of Miss Mary Edith Ingersol at her home in Catskill, N. Y. Miss Ingersol graduated from Denver University in '97 and has been teaching since.

The marriage of Miss May Miller to Mr. Albert Hamilton will occur in January.

Editorials.

ON reading the accounts of alumnae clubs in this number, one can not fail to be impressed with the fact that alumnae associations are of great help and importance in the raising and maintenance of the general fraternity standard. It is a truth verified by long experience, that in no other manner can universal chapter excellence be so well attained and so long upheld as when the active members are assisted by the co-operation and interest of a large corps of enthusiastic alumnae.

Thus this problem of alumnae interest is a vital one for all fraternities and many are the solutions proffered, yet there can be no one formula warranted to always bring about the right result.

The National Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi aims to unite its alumnae members in upholding the principles and maintaining an active interest in our fraternity. For this reason, let us urge the chapters to do all in their power to increase its membership. Besides other things, each alumnae association member receives the "Arrow," and membership may begin at any time.

PERHAPS not all of our chapters have been visited by agents from our official jewelers, but those who have, were doubtless greatly pleased with the new line of pins displayed and especially with the small ones. Although these liliputian badges

Mrs. Emma Haddock, '65, charter member of Iowa Zeta in 1875, is now secretary of the state university of Iowa.

Mrs. Nell Custer Swisher was grand president of Pi Beta Phi in '84-'85.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

Maude Miller, '99, now holds the chair of Latin and Greek in the Highlands University, Highlands, Kansas.

LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Edith Duggan is studying art in New York during the winter. Elizabeth Woods, '97, is teaching kindergarten.

Lily Logan, '97, is continuing her work at Columbia College, New York.

Mrs. Josie Craig Hicks has recently left us to make her future home in Scotland.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Mrs. Bryce Crawford of Omaha spent the month of November with Pi Beta Phi friends in Lawrence, Kansas.

NEBRASKA BETA.

Bertha Quaintance, '99, Phi Beta Kappa, and Quete Haskell, '99, are doing post-graduate work in Nebraska University.

Anna Webster Lytle, '98, is taking post-graduate work at Wellesley.

Mrs. George Risser will be at home in Lincoln after November 25th, at 1544 G Street.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Florence Wilder Coates is receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Elizabeth Gamble, our grand vice president, is teaching in Alleghany, Penn.

Edith Weymouth, '97, is assistant principal of the Chittenham School in Denver.

Mrs. Etta Squires Seeley is teaching vocal music in the University at Salem, Oregon.

Florence Alvord was married in June to Mr. W. W. Crofoot. Their home is in Adrian, Michigan.

Ana Cloccon, '95, was married to Mr. B. F. Green, Phi Delta Theta, during the summer and is living in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Michigan Alpha has a "real" chapter baby, Zelda Marguerite, the little daughter of Mrs. Munson.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Jessie Hunter Smith, '97, was married September the fifth to Dr. William R. Bagley. They are at home, 129½ W. Fourth St., Duluth, Minnesota.

Rebecca Finch, '98, was married June the twenty-sixth to Mr. Elbert S. Boughton. They are at home, 121 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Mrs. Martin L. O. Ooge is in Athens, Greece, where her husband has charge of the American school.

IOWA ALPHA.

Kate Corkhill, post graduate of Harvard, fills the chair of literature in Simpson College.

Anna Karson is a missionary in Meerut, India.

Elizabeth Sawyers is director of the Conservatory of Music, De Pauw University.

Mrs. Mattie Andrews Guy is a missionary in Japan.

IOWA BETA.

Antoinette Ericson is associate professor of English in Simpson College.

Marcia Stanly is studying art in the Art Institute, Chicago.

Flora Slusser, '81, is a deaconess in New York city.

IOWA ZETA.

Susan Smith Tyndale, formerly instructor at Wellesley, is now professor of English at Iowa University.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Daisy Wiswell, '93, and Mr. G. A. Franklin were married during the summer at the bride's home, Cameron, Ill. They reside at Carpinterice, Cal.

Georgia Stanly, '96, was recently married to Mr. Nickham.

Frances White, '97, is studying music at Knox Conservatory, Galesburg, Ill.

Mabel Dow, '95, is teaching elocution at Carthage, Mo.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Lucy Fisk of Atchison, Kansas, was married on November thirtieth to Dr. Baily. Their home will be in West Virginia.

Blanche Smith is spending the winter in California.

Edith Hess is studying music under Liebling in Chicago.

The engagement of Esther Orr and Walter Spry of Quincy, Ill., is announced.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Mae Carney and Katherine Graves are teaching in Muncie.

Sara Covert is teaching in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

After the death of her sister, Inez, Ada Gorby returned to Muncie and is now continuing her work there.

The alumnae of Indiana Alpha have recently organized a magazine club, from which they all expect enjoyment and profit.

INDIANA BETA.

Alice Pittinger, ex-'97, has recently been married to Mr. J. C. Gough.

Mary Stuart, '98, has gone to Cincinnati to study to become a trained nurse.

Anna Ida Stultz, '98, is teaching English in the high school at Rockport, Indiana.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Mrs. E. A. Helmick sailed for Mantanzas, Cuba, where Capt. Helmick is permanently stationed.

OHIO ALPHA.

Grace Grosvenor, '93, our former Grand Vice President, was married to Dr. C. M. Sheppard, Phi Delta Theta, November twenty-fourth. They will have their home on Fourth St., Columbus, Ohio.

Lucy Wuthu, '91, assistant professor of geology in the Ohio University, was married September second to Mr. Chas. Bryan, Beta Theta Pi. They are living at Athens, Ohio.

OHIO BETA.

Agnes F. Chalmers, '95, is teaching in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mary B. Porter, '97, is living in Tyrn, North Carolina.

Mona S. Fay, '97, is Mrs. Eugene Gee of Wheeling, West Virginia.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Edith L. Floyd, '98, is teaching in the Madison High School in Maine.

Olive Gilchrist, who has been abroad the past year studying French, German and music, has returned to Boston University for her degree.

Martha B. Luther, Phi Beta Kappa and class historian, is teaching Latin and Greek in Massachusetts.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

Last winter, Loe M. Ware studied art under Colin at the Vitti Academy in Paris.

In 1898 Waunda Hartshorn received the European fellowship from the Woman's College of Baltimore, and since then has been studying German and philosophy in the universities of Germany.

During the late war with Spain, Cherrie French served as a Red Cross nurse and has since been the recipient of a gold medal given her by the citizens of Waterbury, Connecticut, to show their appreciation of her noble sacrifice.

PERSONALS.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Laura Clark, '94, expects to attend the Paris exposition in 1900.

Frances Sutton and Luella Whitney, while in college, were elected members of the Vermont State Botanical Society and have become prominent because of papers presented before this body.

Of the thirteen alumnae of Vermont Alpha six are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

VERMONT BETA.

Kate Russell, '99, is spending the winter at home.

Mary Gregory, '99, is teaching German and Latin in Essex High School.

Maybelle Farman, '99, is teaching in West Lebanon, N. H.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Mary S. McDowell, '96, received the European fellowship and studied in Oxford, England, '96, '97. She is now studying for her Ph. D. at Columbian University, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mary Whitson, ex-'98, spent '97-'98 at the University of Indianapolis, and is now teaching.

Mary E. Leasman, '99, received the European fellowship and is now studying in Newnham College, Cambridge, England. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Mary Bartol, '94, took her doctor's degree from the U. of Pa. in June, and is now head of the classical department of Rockford College, Rockford, Ill.

Mary Harris, '94, holds the Bucknell fellowship at the University of Chicago and will take her Ph. D. this year.

Eliza Bell, '94, is vice-principal of Bucknell Seminary at Lewisburg, Pa.

There is always some entertainment beside the banquet, as a drive through the city, or something of a social nature. The association has collected and published a directory of all Pi Phi who are known to be residents of the state. This has been prepared at considerable labor and has proved to be of benefit not only to our members, but to visitors from the east. A very nominal sum is paid for dues, which are used to defray the necessary expenses.

We believe we have instituted an organization which will last for a long while to come, which will be of great benefit by reason of a closer association among its members and that it will keep fresh in our hearts our love for our honored fraternity.

THE ALUMNAE CLUB OF N. Y. ALPHA, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Since none of New York Alpha's alumnae have as yet mounted the ladder of fame, we are going to tell you of something in which our interest is just now centered, and this is our Alumnae Club. Although New York Alpha is only an infant of a few years, still we have, for a long time, felt the need of some bond which would draw our alumnae together, there being now quite a number of us.

Too, we wanted to keep in closer touch with our active chapter and do all in our power to help and benefit it.

So about one month ago we met and after due deliberation and the usual proceedings attendant upon the organization of such a body, the New York Alpha Alumnae Club was launched upon the sea of life, and has already entered active service.

We intend in every way possible to supply the wants of our active chapter, they being cognizant of our desire and informed of our committee which stands ready to do all in its power to assist the chapter. We meet once a month at the homes of the different members, where an enjoyable evening is spent and various fraternity matters are discussed. We want to have so strong an Alumnae Club that we can do our part at the next convention, to which we are all looking forward with so much pleasure.

—New York Alpha.



EMMA HARPER TURNER.

all Pi Phis were urged to attend, taking their friends and their fancy work with them. The October meeting voted to substitute the teas for the monthly business meeting, giving the business into the hands of committees working under the supervision of the president. —A. A.

COLORADO STATE ASSOCIATION.

The Colorado state association originated with Colorado Alpha,—most probably with the late Mrs. Maurice Dunham. Two conditions existed to bring it about,—our great distance from colleges where Pi Beta Phi chapters are located and the fact that many members of our organization from eastern colleges yearly come to our state to reside. Realizing this, we deemed it expedient to organize to “promote a closer bond of union among members of this fraternity resident in Colorado,” and to provide a means of closer union with our sisters from the east. The third annual meeting, or convention, as we more formally call it, was held at Boulder, in 1896, in response to an invitation from Colorado Alpha to participate in the reunion and banquet and to increase the efficiency and secure the continuance of these annual meetings.

At the suggestion of Colorado Alpha a state association was organized with great enthusiasm; some thirty-three were present from different chapters and several of the grand officers of that year honored us with their presence and aided us materially with their suggestions.

After the convention the members were entertained by Colorado Alpha at lunch at Mrs. Dunham's, and the balance of the time until the train left for Denver, was spent socially. Colorado Beta entertained the next year in Denver at the Brown palace, and each succeeding year the chapters have alternated in entertaining the association. From the first the membership and attendance has increased and the enthusiasm has not abated in the least. After two or three meetings our method has varied a little, the regular banquet idea of each paying for his plate at the banquet has prevailed and has proved acceptable to all attendants.

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, CLUB.

Early in December of '98 eleven interested alumnae of Kansas Alpha responded to a call issued by three of that number to form a club of alumnae resident in Lawrence. With a resident membership of more than forty-five, the need of an organization was strongly felt. At this first meeting officers were elected and necessary committees appointed. The committee on Constitution reported at the following meeting held in January. The constitution adopted was purposely as simple and direct as possible for the organization. It gave to the club the name "Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Lawrence, Kansas," with the object of furthering the interests of Pi Beta Phi both in town and college—in town by holding together the members of the club, and bringing Pi Beta Phi before the townspeople; in college by keeping in touch with the active chapter in the state university here. Further, the constitution provided for one meeting each school month, to be held the second Saturday of the month at the home of some member, the April and October meetings to be special reunion meetings to which all Pi Beta Phis resident in Kansas and points in Missouri near Lawrence are to be invited; the officers elected in the fall to hold office for the ensuing year. At the January meeting it was suggested that the club have some broader, more tangible object than the one given above, and from this suggestion grew the plan for founding a scholarship which was first discussed at the February meeting. The day was stormy and so bitterly cold that the attendance was too small for accomplishment of much work, but not too small for a clear and profitable discussion of the possibilities for a scholarship. So that at the next meeting definite plans were made which led to the founding of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae scholarship, announced publicly in April. At the next meeting the scholarship name was changed to "Lucinda Smith Buchan scholarship."

In June a system of alumnae teas was organized after the plan of church teas, the proceeds to go to the scholarship fund. Several teas were held during the summer and early fall which

forth. You will find a goodly sprinkling of I. C. girls of twenty odd years ago among the later growth from Pi Beta Phi. If our buds of today with their very superior advantages mature accordingly, the future looks very bright indeed.

The great Universities of Chicago and Northwestern furnish plenty of work for a local circle. The active members should have the support of the older women as an organized circle, as they do personally, but so far the younger ones have been excellent examples and have tendered their aid most graciously.

Busy women find it hard to give much time to even a social gathering, that is entirely foreign to all present day associations, with but faint hope of meeting an old-time class mate or chum.

We recall members of Penn. Alpha, Kan. Alpha, Neb. Beta, Ill. Beta, Ill. Delta, Ill. Epsilon, Iowa Alpha, Iowa Beta, Iowa Zeta, Iowa Gamma, Mich. Alpha, Mich. Beta, at our first gathering, and not having access to the secretary's books can not state how many other chapters may have been represented. There seems to be no question as to the need of Eta Circle, how to do what we ought and enable each to best do her part seems the difficulty. Neither is there question of loyalty, simply of how to direct affairs to make it possible for all to assist. *Active* membership is the only true one in any club or fraternity.

The next meeting will be held in January, at the call of the president, and the reports of committees appointed in the fall will no doubt make plain our way for the coming year.

It is more than twenty years since I. C. girls welcomed the writer to the ranks, and no more helpful friendships have been formed than those. Many a cordial hand-clasp has been received because of the "Arrow."

Chicago Alumnae need only take for their own the motto of their adopted city, "I will," and find for themselves a habitation and a local need. "Get thy spindle and thy distaff ready, and God will send thee flax."

—M. H. L.

given our yell just after luncheon, we were perfectly astounded to hear a response from our guests—"Hip, hip, he! Guests are we! Don't think for a minute that we're not in it; Hip, hip, he! Pi Beta Phi!"

We have had the pleasure of entertaining several Pi Phis from other cities and states. In September, Miss Nelle Tompkins, Ill. Beta, and Mrs. Wycoff, of York, were here at the same time. Miss Tompkins was on her way home from the Boulder convention. We had several Pi Phi gatherings in their honor, not the least of which was a cookie-shine with the gentlemen as guests.

So far we have been purely a social club. We are all too busy to meet often, or to take up any line of work or study. The literary clubs are sufficient for the latter. So we meet every other month regularly, and enjoy the rest and pleasures in our little Pi Phi club, where we sing the old songs and the new, and honor the wine and the blue.

—Grace S. Harsh, Creston, Ia.

THE CHICAGO CLUB.

The first meeting of Chicago Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi was held March 30th, 1898, with a fairly representative number, about thirty being present.

An organization was effected and officers chosen, and one later meeting was held before the long summer vacation. Our secretary and treasurer, Miss Evelyn Reeves, was lost on the ill-fated La Burgogne, July 4th; an earnest helpful Pi Phi was she, with many plans for good work, and a most capable head for their execution.

The Circle met the following fall and has averaged three meetings a year.

There are in Chicago and suburbs about seventy available members all faithful to the fraternity, but also awake to the cares of daily life. I have met most of them, and think we may well be proud of the ripened womanhood Pi Beta Phi has sent

ternity interest and a close bond of sisterhood among the members.

The club has never followed any definite line of study, its object being rather to continue our interest in the general fraternity and to keep a watchful eye over and lend a helping hand to the particular chapters of Illinois Beta and Illinois Delta, both in the city.

At present the membership is twenty, the two chapters being about equally represented. We frequently read from the Arrow and sing from the new song-book. At the last meeting we rehearsed the initiation ceremony. In short, we aim to keep Pi Bet Phi *alive* in our own hearts, after college days are over, and to impress others with the knowledge of her *aliveness*.

—L. A. T., Illinois Beta.

CRESTON, IA., ALUMNAE CLUB.

The Creston Alumnae Club was organized in January, 1897, with the following membership: Mrs. Flora Reed Torrey, Mrs. Martha Groves Sullivan, Mrs. Ella Swan Becker, Mrs. Laura Smith Keith, Miss Marie Groves, Mrs. Rilla Wycoff Boynton, Miss Grace S. Harsh.

All except the two last named were members of the two Mt. Pleasant chapters. Mrs. Boynton belonged to the old York, Neb., chapter, and Grace S. Harsh to Illinois Beta, Galesburg, Ill. During one year while living in Creston, Mrs. Addie Raymond Gaylord, Ill. Delta, was associated with the club.

We have enjoyed our club very much, as we have always kept in touch with the fraternity through the Arrow. Two of our members attended the Madison convention in 1897, and if the Boulder convention had been two weeks earlier we should have had two or more members present.

We have given several little social affairs to outside guests in honor of visiting Pi Phis, all of which have been enjoyable. Our first was a picnic with a few ladies as guests. Of course our Pi Phi songs and yell were very prominent, and having

allied, and frequent meetings were possible and enjoyable. But as the membership of the club became more diversified, the interests of its members broader and more exacting, new conditions arose which were met by alterations in the working plans of the club. The bi-monthly meetings were cut down during Miss Clark's administration to four meetings a year.

In its earlier years the club took a very definite stand against the irregular initiations, then very common. It submitted to the Boston convention a constitutional amendment on the subject, but owing to lack of proper notification to the chapters it could not be voted on; however, the discussion aroused sufficient interest to make formal action unnecessary, and they were able to drop from their constitution the rigid requirements for membership which they at first found necessary. It has been a matter of no little regret to the club that on this subject they have been seriously misrepresented in several instances.

One of the brightest dreams of the club had been to foster a closer relationship between the active and its alumnae members. While a very friendly spirit existed between them, and they enjoyed many delightful gatherings, nothing very definite had been accomplished. It was therefore with great pleasure that they invited a committee, appointed by the active chapter, to further this result to join with them in making such changes in their constitution as would best accomplish the ends in view. A mass meeting of active and alumnae members was called at which it was decided to change the name club to association, and to alter the constitution as seemed advisable for this end. The present chief ambitions of the club are a joint club room with the active chapter, and that the Arrow shall be the best of all fraternity publications.

—Margaret Halsey Brewer, A. A.

THE GALESBURG CLUB.

The Galesburg Alumnae Club is only five years old, but during that time much has been accomplished in keeping up a fra-

THE WASHINGTON ALUMNAE CLUB.

The history of the Washington Alumnae Club is one of development. It began very informally, but on October 2, 1893, effected a more permanent organization. The alumnae members of Pi Beta Phi at that time resident in Washington met and drew up a set of rules pending the publication of the alumnae constitution. Miss Thomas, an experienced club woman and trained parliamentarian, was elected president, and under her guidance the club enjoyed a most successful year. Business and social meetings alternated, a feature of the latter being the presentation of papers on assigned subjects. During the year our membership was supplemented by Miss Grosvenor and Mrs. Evans, who at different times have served as grand vice president. We had also the pleasure that winter of entertaining Miss Smith, the president of the Kappa Alpha Theta. In the spring, as the alumnae constitution had not yet appeared, the club adopted a provisional constitution of its own.

Miss Williams was the next president, and during her administration it received, as the representative club of college women, an invitation to join in forming the Washington chapter of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, which it was unable to accept. The literary work for the year was the study of American literature, which was continued during the following year.

The administration of Miss Brewer, Miss Williams' successor, is marked by the achievement of a long-cherished plan. Through the generosity of Miss Graves a club room was established. Perhaps the most enjoyable event of the year was the luncheon given in honor of Maryland Alpha.

The president for the ensuing year was Miss Anna Hazelton. The most memorable event of her term was the Pi Phi banquet, which was so great a success that the club formally decided to hold one every year on Founders' Day.

Meantime there had been a number of changes in the constitution and practice of the club. At the time of its inception it was mostly composed of girls who had recently graduated from the same Alma Mater. Their interests and tastes were closely

The second convention was held with the fraternity at Boston, 1895, and elected as officers:

Emma Harper Turner, Col. A.—President.

Mrs. Lude Weaver, Ia. E.—Vice President.

Dr. Phebe R. Norris, Col. A.—Secretary.

Sarah M. Sterrett, Ia. A.—Treasurer.

Sara F. Sparks, Col. A.—Marshal.

The third convention occurred at Madison, Wis., July, 1897, and elected:

Miriam E. Prindle, Ill. E.—President.

Mrs. Mary Thompson Ried, Mich. B.—Vice President.

Mary Harris, Pa. B.—Secretary.

Mrs. Maude H. Lamson, Ia. B., Treasurer.

Mrs. Alice Pierce Sylvester, Mich. B.—Marshal.

The fourth convention, held at Boulder, Colo., Aug., 1899, elected the acting council.

The story of association work and growth may not be long nor inspiring, but withal is highly creditable. The first administration was taken up principally with matters of organization, but the years following saw rapid development. In that time various circulars have been issued, the Arrow included in association dues, an alumnae department maintained in the Arrow, city secretaries appointed in the prominent cities, district circles and many clubs organized, catalogues of defunct chapters secured, and one notable instance of an active chapter catalogue verified and issued. The work has also been often acknowledged and commended in reports to the fraternity conventions.

The membership has never been large but always an honor roll, including the officers and workers in the fraternity past and present, every name representing thought and work for Pi Beta Phi.

What has been accomplished in the six years speaks for itself and is, we believe, the best excuse for being; nor does it need the prophet's eye to see what might and may be done in the future.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Though not many weeks have passed since the writing of the last Arrow letter, they have nevertheless brought to Vermont Alpha great success. You who know so well the hopes and fears of rushing days can appreciate our feelings of joy and satisfaction when, on the evening of October twenty-third, the girls of our choice, Lena Bixby, Amelia Hausman, Bertha Kelsey, Mary Munsey, and Maud Smith were made members of our fraternity. We were very glad to have with us at that time one of our Vermont Beta sisters, Edith Carpenter.

We have now two pledgelings, Margaret Mathison and Rachel Spaulding, whom we expect to initiate early in the month. In connection with this we are to have our annual banquet and are hoping for a visit from some of our alumnae then.

One of the enjoyable events of the term occurred on October thirty-first, when we were received by Mrs. Crane, a valued friend of Pi Beta Phi, who opened her home to the members of Vermont Alpha and their friends for a Hallowe'en party. The ghosts were there in full force and the evening passed very pleasantly with the usual roasting of chestnuts, bobbing for apples, and telling ghost stories.

Another pleasant affair was an afternoon tea, given by one of our patronesses, Mrs. Chapman, in honor of our "baby Pi Phis."

We consider ourselves very fortunate in that our president's wife, Mrs. Mary Wright-Brainard, is a Pi Beta Phi, having joined I. C. at Mount Pleasant. She is with us occasionally at our Monday evening meetings, and in many ways proves that she still has an interest in "dear I. C. and the wine and blue."

EDITH FLORENCE BARRETT.

VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The pleasant days of fall have passed very rapidly, bringing with them the work and pleasure customary at the opening of the college year.

On October sixteenth we gave an afternoon tea to the girls

of the freshman class at the home of one of our alumnae, and as this was our first opportunity for entertaining "the freshmen" girls we enjoyed the occasion very much.

Our initiation and banquet occurred on Saturday evening, November eleventh, and we received into our circle, — Geneva C. Carpenter, '02, Blanche E. Marston, '03, Daisy L. Russell, '03, and Cora E. Talbot, '03; girls who we are sure will always be worthy of the name of Pi Beta Phi.

November twenty-first the annual foot-ball game between the freshmen and sophomore classes was played with the usual result — the score stood 16 to 0 in favor of the sophomores.

The province convention of Delta Delta Delta was held here last month, and the universities represented were St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Boston and Wesleyan. We enjoyed meeting the delegates at a reception given by the chapter here, and it was especially pleasant to meet those who came from colleges where we have chapters.

It is the wish of Vermont Beta that this new year may be a happy and successful one for us all.

IVAH WINIFRED GALE.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Now that rushing season with all its excitement is over, Pennsylvania Alpha heaves a deep sigh of relief, and sending greetings to her sisters in Pi Beta Phi, will endeavor to tell them a few of the most important events of the busy weeks just passed.

The chapter has been unusually fortunate this fall in being entertained at the homes of some of its members. Few of us will ever forget two events: Once when we rode back to college late in the evening in a four-horse coach, singing college songs with all our might as we jolted over the country roads, how we must have disturbed the quiet country folk peaceably asleep in their beds! The other event was one which will live forever in our memories — the day of the football game with Swarthmore's old enemy, the rival Quaker college of Haverford. Each of the six fraternities went to the game on tally-hos, a long drive across the suburbs of Philadelphia. Pi Beta Phi, as it should be, was near the head of the line of coaches. What a brilliant sight it was! That long line of tally-hos, each bright with flags, and resounding with gay and expectantly triumphant football battle songs. The game resulted in a glorious victory for our Alma Mater. None of us will ever forget the ride from that well won field into the city to a delightful supper at the home of one of our sisters.

We anticipate crowning a most successful rushing season, by initiating, on December ninth, Nora L. Stabler, a sophomore,

Eva Wallen, a freshman, and Anna Smedley, also a freshman; she is a sister of Lauretta T. Smedley of the class of ninety-six, to whom we have always looked with great love and respect as one of our charter members.

The alumnae association of Pennsylvania Alpha intend holding their meeting here at Swarthmore the afternoon of the ninth, and we hope to have a number of them present at the initiation in the evening. It is always a rare treat for the members of the active chapter to meet with their alumnae. We are, and have good reason to be, so proud of them all. Such meetings not only strengthen our love and respect for Pi Beta Phi by demonstrating to us how true and lasting are the bonds of friendship of the fraternity, but they give renewed vigor to our ambition that our chapter may grow and expand from year to year in influence and strength, and that it may never be said in our chapter meetings "We are as good as we used to be," but always "We are on a higher and firmer plane than has ever been reached before."

MARY COOPER JOHNSON.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pi Phi sisters, let us introduce to you our "new-found treasures," Jennie Davis, '01, and Jeanette Shepard, '02. They boldly met Sir William, who, after several arguments and forceful remarks decided that they were firm in their desire to enter Pi Phidom. The night of initiation Gertrude Stephens invited us to her home for dinner and for the ceremony proper. We had a very pleasant evening, and came home happy because we had wound our band of wine and blue around two more girls.

We feel so proud of the fact that, although we are only five years, we are represented on the Grand Council, by Mary Bartol, our "little Doctor Mary," as we like to call her. We are trying to be worthy of the honor thus indirectly conferred upon us.

We have had a quiet time as far as society is concerned; the At Homes given every month at the seminary, being the only affairs of a social nature, since our reception at the beginning of the term. But we girls have had little gatherings of our own, a room full, perhaps for fudge and fun making. We initiated our new girls into the mysteries of the cookie-shine before Thanksgiving, as a fit preparation for the good things of that day. Whenever we have a cookie-shine we call down blessings on the head of the girl who invented it, for it means such a jolly, happy time; and somehow we feel like more enthusiastic Pi Beta Phis when it is over.

During the Thanksgiving vacation the College Girls' Literary

society gave an open meeting in which a number of our girls took part.

The women of Bucknell have decided to form a chapter of the College Settlements Association, and most of our girls are interested in this work. Visions of dolls to be dressed for the children and of books to be filled with pictures to brighten the days of the little tenement dwellers float before our minds, and we have bright hopes of the good we may do. Some of us expect to visit the settlement houses of New York and Philadelphia during the Christmas vacation. We wish you all a pleasant winter.

LAURA ALLEN.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

This term has been an unusually happy and busy one for Ohio Alpha. We can truly say that we are strong not only numerically (we are eleven) but also strong in the might acquired from living up to Pi Beta Phi ideals.

Our adoption of the plan of alternating our social and business meetings has given us excellent opportunities for a number of entertaining and profitable evenings. The "cookie-shine," that renowned institution of I. C., has shown frequently with great brilliancy. The last time "the cloth was spread on the carpet" we entertained informally in honor of Mrs. Chas. Bryson, nee Lucy Wuthu.

The entire chapter attended the beautiful church wedding of Grace Grosvenor and Dr. C. M. Sheppard. Three of the bridesmaids were Pi Phis and another wearer of the "wine and blue" presided over the punch bowl during the reception following the ceremony.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the faculty of Ohio University, changes that have widened and strengthened our institution. Dr. Super is again our beloved and efficient president. Dr. Sylvester, a graduate of Harvard, occupies the chair of chemistry, and Miss Kellog, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the chair of elocution. Prof. McVey, who has just returned from a year's study in Paris, has been placed at the head of the musical department.

Several receptions have been tendered to the students of the college by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. A basket ball team has been organized under the management of Prof. Milliman. Several of our girls belong to it and report excellent progress.

The last issue of the Arrow impressed us as being one of the best in its history. The artistic new dress, the enthusiastic reports of the convention, the spicy editorials and the friendly letters, all combining to make a perfect whole.

MABEL ZOE WILSON.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Ohio Beta had initiation the second week in October. We had the mock initiation, and, of course, the real live goat. After this we returned to the home of Miss Nan Costigan where we had our banquet.

Ohio Beta attended its first fraternity wedding on Nov. 2d, at which time Margaret Sutherland and Mr. Ben. Flynn, both of class '98, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Dr. Thompson, president of the university, performed the ceremony and Dr. Scott, our former president, offered prayer. After a delightful wedding breakfast the bride and groom left amidst a shower of rice and old shoes for a ten days' trip. This is the fourth bride from our chapter within a year.

Recently Miss Carrie Holloway, '02, entertained the chapter at cards.

On Hallowe'en, the chapter issued invitations for a card party at Laura Weisman's. We gave for prizes a pillow and cravat case embroidered in wine and blue.

Miss Blanche Mickey, '98, entertained the girls on the afternoon of December 2, with a candy pull.

We expect Dallas Lisle, '99, of Ashland, Kentucky, shortly, to make us a visit.

All college girls very much enjoyed the annual Glee Club concert Dec. 15. This is always the greatest musical event in the college year.

Football season is finished, our boys have no more games to play, and we have won every game this year. On Thanksgiving evening Sigma Chi will entertain with a formal dancing party, a number of our girls are going.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis, Ohio Beta closes her letter.

EDNA EARL MURRAY.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha's '03 delegation is composed of ten girls, eight of whom have been introduced to you. Your other two sisters are Grace Hunt and Miriam Wright. They have all become acquainted by experience with our custom of having the different classes entertain the fraternity some evening after chapter meeting. Their entertainment consisted of several one act affairs and was voted by all to be a perfect success.

Thursday, December eighth, we gave a party in honor of about thirty men of the freshmen class. The principal feature of the evening was a shadow play entitled "Ye old tyme Tayle."

Saturday evening of the same week the Phi Kappa Psi entertained a few of our girls informally at their chapter home.

A few of our Phi Delta Theta friends received word that the Chafing Dish and Samovar of Pi Beta Phi would entertain, December seventh.

Just at present, we are busy preparing for a Christmas Tree. We are planning to make this a time when our mothers, patronesses and friends may spend an informal evening with us in our chapter home.

A happy New Year to all Pi Phis.

L. GRACE HUFF.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Massachusetts Alpha sends greeting and introduces five new sisters, Anna Robinson '01, Ida Hodge '03, Ethel Cederstrom '03, Florence Burnham '03 and Florence Abbott '03.

Our energy this year has been devoted chiefly to the furnishing of our new chapter room and now we feel that we can welcome visiting sisters with no apology for the home of Pi Beta Phi in Boston.

Our entertaining this term has been very informal for the most part, consisting of rarebit parties and cookie-shines. We, however, gave a hallowe'en party to our gentlemen friends and are contemplating some observance of New Year's eve.

We are very fortunate in having near us Vera Wattles of Nebraska Beta, who is studying at the Emerson School of Oratory, and want to assure the Lincoln girls that we recognize our obligation to them for sending us such a sister. May we meet many girls from other chapters and through them realize the highest advantage of our beloved fraternity, is the wish of Massachusetts Alpha.

CLARA E. NOYES.

MARYLAND ALPHA — THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

It was in the mad rush for chapter life that Maryland Alpha last greeted the wearers of the arrow, and now, as a result of that effort, she wishes to tell you of four more "hearts 'by it' fast holden." Those chapters, who do not have to struggle against six other fraternities for nearly the same girls, can scarcely realize what rushing means to Maryland Alpha. It is a "pestilence that stalketh at midnight as well as at noonday."

Pledge-day, with its forebodings and expectations, at last came on the twenty-eighth of October, and by arguments all persuasive we put the pledge-pin upon Miriam Alice Belt of Wellsville, Pa.; Roberta Gertrude Frye of Seattle, Washn gton; Martha Mathews Land of Walnut Hill, Ky.; and Edith de Witt Miesse and Fan Osterstock, both of Easton, Pa.

It was a pleasure to see these wearing our pledge-pin, but it was a far greater pleasure to see them all, with the exception of Roberta Frye, begin on the evening of November the eigh-

teenth, to wear the arrow. Roberta Frye is a special and can not be initiated under certain rules of the college. Maryland Alpha instituted this year the custom of having the pledging pass a written examination upon the constitution and historical data of Pi Beta Phi. When these were handed in, the applicants for admission to Pi Phidom, were duly presented to our fraternity patrons, namely the muses and the — Goat. Having appeased these, they were initiated into the deeper secrets of the fraternity, banquet and toasts went off very happily, and after singing several of the dear old songs our party broke up, each one going away with a new and far deeper love in her heart.

KATHLEEN M. MALLORY.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

It seems almost impossible that a whole term has gone by, yet here we are taking examinations, getting our grades, and thinking of when we shall reach home. This has been a very busy three months with us and when we look the ground all over we feel a very successful three months.

Our girls all admire the new cover for the Arrow, and it seems the nicer because a Pi Phi designed it. How we look forward for the "New Arrow," and how we just devour it when it comes!

During this term we have had an enjoyable visit from one of last year's girls, Ruth Munger. She spent about ten days with us and we are very much in hopes she will be with us again next year. The illness of her mother keeps her at home at present. Ellice Crissey also called on us for a very short time.

Next term, winter, we will have with us as head of the Art department, Mrs. Georgia Nickham. Mrs. Nickham graduated from that department in '96, and has been teaching painting nearly ever since.

On November 28, Fannie Gingrich, '99, entertained the Pi Beta Phis at her home.

We have had a "cookie-shine" since our last letter at which we pledged two girls. Mrs. Jennie Grubb Fowler was chaperon. After the "cookie-shine" we sang our songs and gave the yell. In our next letter we will have some new girls to introduce to you as wearers of the arrow.

About a week ago our chapter was very much grieved to learn of the serious illness of one of our most beloved sisters, Mrs.

Lillian McConnell, '90, of Chicago. While we hardly dare rejoice yet the hope is strong within our hearts that she will recover.

Our girls are interested in the literary society in the college and also in the college paper, the Review.

Illinois Beta hopes each Pi Beta Phi may enjoy a happy and successful New Year.

NANNIE MER BUCK.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

This term has been a busy one for Illinois Delta. We have given no formal parties but several of our alumnae have entertained us at their homes, and we have given one dance at the Club House about two miles from here. We went on the four o'clock car and took our picnic supper with us, then spent the evening in toasting marshmallows and dancing. The nine o'clock train conveyed home a jolly crowd of Pi Phis making the car fairly ring with their merry songs.

We have held one initiation, which we tried to make a very pretty one, and the decorations were after the plans suggested at the convention. As a result we can introduce Lucy Collinson, May Preston and Genevieve Huntington. But our ranks have been swelled not only by these for Della Hurff and Anna Gaddis are wearing the wine and blue.

Three of our old girls Edith Hess, Ruth Montgomery and Katherine Smith were here recently for a hop given by the Beta Theta Pis for the Betas on the Beloit football team which played here Thanksgiving.

We enjoyed reading about so many chapter houses in the last Arrow, and know it must add so much more to one's college life. We have even talked of having one here this year, but we feel that we are too few to undertake anything of so much responsibility — but we haven't given up the idea and hope in the near future to be able to carry out our plans. Phi Delta Theta have rented a chapter house this year, and find it very successful. Wishing you a happy New Year.

CHARLOTTE J. AYRES.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Epsilon has settled down to hard work after the excitement attendant upon the rushing season. As a result of our labors in this most trying time we are glad to introduce Isabella Prindle, Florence Baldwin, Lenore Negus, Elberta Smith, and Grace Doland. Our initiation was held November fourth at the home of Amy Young, our Swarthmore sister. Following the ceremony was a banquet, at which there were toasts

from the alumnae, the active chapter, and from our visitor, Miss Treat of Knox; to say nothing of the Pi Phi songs that our initiates were forced to sing for us, much against their will and greatly to our delight. On the whole it was perhaps as delightful an initiation as we have ever had.

On November eighteenth the active chapter and alumnae were entertained by May Logeman of Ravenswood. We had a very jolly time, as our minds were free from the harrowing thoughts that are ever present at the rushing party.

We are planning to give a little tea to our patronesses and alumnae on the afternoon of the eighth of December, hoping in this way to keep the "old girls" in touch as much as possible with the active chapter.

Kappa Alpha Theta has just given a most pleasant reception to all the girls in college at the home of one of their alumnae.

At present, Northwestern is in a state of wild joy due to its victory over Purdue. The purple has suffered so many defeats that this victory, just at the close of the football season, is doubly pleasing.

Illinois Epsilon wishes a prosperous New Year to all Pi Beta Phis where'er they be.

FLORENCE REYNOLDS.

ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our last days of work before we leave to enjoy our holiday vacation, are quickly going by, and all are eagerly looking forward to the two weeks' rest. Illinois Zeta has a larger active membership this year than ever before. We have nineteen enthusiastic and loyal girls.

We do not as yet know the comfort of having a fraternity house, but we have a cosy room where we hold our regular meetings, and where we gather one evening each week for a general good time.

Last Saturday evening we were delightfully entertained by one of our patronesses. Her pretty home was thrown open to us and some of our gentlemen friends, and a most pleasant evening was passed in dancing.

Our list of fraternities has been increased by one more, the Alpha Chi Omega, which was established December ninth. It starts with seven active members, one of them being the head of the Vocal Department.

When you receive your "Arrows" it will be too late to say "Merry Christmas," but we wish a most happy and successful New Year to all Pi Beta Phis.

NELL McWILLIAMS.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Again that day, inexorable, draws near when the chapter letter *must* be written, and the corresponding secretary begins to search her memory for affairs of "writable" importance — and it must be confessed that this time they are few.

The past two months have been very quiet, shadowed as they were by a great approaching sorrow, for our beloved sister, Inez Gorby, lay dying. On Monday afternoon, November twenty-first, she passed away, and her life is now but a cherished memory. This letter might be filled with thoughts alone of her and her beautiful helpfulness, but we will let other pages of the Arrow attempt to set forth her lovely life and our great loss.

We have initiated our three pledges, and now Lilian Payne, Julia Dugger and Myrtle Long are wearing the arrow.

We have had two abundant, toothsome spreads, one on the evening of October fourteenth after the initiation of Lilian Payne and Julia Dugger to which our alumnae girls and our patronesses were invited, and one the first of December in honor of Miss Raeburn, visiting her cousin, Jeannette Martin, of Indiana Alpha.

In the latter part of October the Pi Phis were treated to a nutting party by some of the fraternity gallants. We were driven in a hay wagon to the creek and spent a very delightful day — but only two pig-nuts were brought back as results of our nutting trip.

We have been looking carefully after our grades this term and are very proud of the fact that our girls are, almost without exception, doing excellent work, and on many of the class books no grade is higher than the ones opposite a Pi Beta Phi's name.

Recently our football team played a victorious game with the Butler team and about six of our girls went to Butler to witness the game, and, as it appeared, to be delightfully entertained by Indiana Gamma's girls.

Next term we will lose from our midst Mary Handley, who goes to Washington, Cambridge and other Eastern points. She hopes to meet many of our sisters. Girls, keep your eyes open for the Arrow.

And now, wishing all Pi Phis everything that is good and desirable, Indiana Alpha for a season bids you farewell.

MARY GRISWOLD HALL.

INDIANA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Indiana Beta sends greetings to her sister chapters in Pi Beta Phi.

The true fraternity life with its characteristic pleasures, has begun with us in earnest, now that the rushing is over. The freshmen are just beginning to appreciate what fraternity life really means.

On October twenty-eighth, we initiated the following girls: Helen Tracy Guild, Eva Hammersley, Anna Cravens, Ethel Trippett, Katherine Blakely and Grace Aldrich. After the initiation ceremony, which was particularly solemn and beautiful, we treated the initiates to their first "cookie-shine." On the following Saturday we gave them their second degree and afterwards they served us a fine spread.

Our active chapter now numbers twenty-one, and since our initiation we have pledged Mabel Bonsall, a very superior girl, of whom we are very proud.

November eighteenth, the first issue of our fraternity paper, "The Spectator," appeared. It was very well received and we have decided to make it a permanent institution, with monthly editions and the following departments: editorial, literary, jokes, letters from absent girls, and exchange.

We have recently enjoyed visits from Stella R. Fox, Laurel Thayer and Lucille Nixon. We regret that we cannot have more of these visits from our absent girls.

We also enjoyed entertaining Mary Hull of the Franklin chapter.

October twenty-fifth, during the time of the Phi Delta Theta district convention, we gave an "at home" to the visiting delegates.

At the present time we are rejoicing over beating Purdue with a score of 17 to 0, in the Thanksgiving football game. May the victory be often repeated.

LAURA G. BRADLEY.

INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Thus far Indiana Gamma has had a pleasant year. We were given a few days' vacation for Thanksgiving, and as we stop to draw a breath before we begin to review for exams, we can see what has passed in college and fraternity.

We have four new girls to introduce to you, May Carpenter and Jessie Scott, who were initiated November fourth at the home of Katherine Stevenson, and two new pledges, Maud Hacker and Florence Tritt.

Our usual meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons, and

if our work is not too heavy, we spend a short time socially after business meeting.

On November second we gave a reception at the home of Mrs. D. C. Brown. Cards were sent to the faculty ladies, our mothers and patronesses, and although without the weather was stormy, within the atmosphere was everything that could be desired.

On November twentieth occurred our largest social function for this term, a reception and dance for our new girls to the fraternity men in college. Mrs. Hilton N. Brown, one of our patronesses, received us in her home, which is admirably adapted to such an occasion. Those who did not dance used the programs for progressive conversation cards. The round, low ceilinged dining-room was decorated with pink chrysanthemums and the refreshments were pink and white.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Cook, a patroness, entertained us with our other patronesses, and Mrs. Van Hawk read us a very interesting paper on spring flowers.

These, with numerous smaller social events, as fudge parties, candy pulls and informals, have made this year a happy one.

ESTHER FAY SHOVER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The fall term has passed altogether too quickly and it is hard for us to realize that the holiday season is over. We hope that it has been as happy and successful a term for all of you as it has been for Michigan Alpha.

Foot-ball has been the all-absorbing interest for many weeks and, the ultramarine has been victorious — sometimes.

Basket-ball practice has also been fast and furious preparatory to the match games that will be played during the winter term. Pi Beta Phis are well represented on the first and second girls' basket-ball teams.

Two numbers of the students' lecture course have been given, a lecture by Rev. Russell G. Conwell and a concert by the Temple Quartette of Boston. Both numbers were very well received and the whole course promises to be one of unusual excellence.

One fine evening in October the members of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity gave their girl friends a straw ride to the country home of one of their members. An oyster supper was served to the guests and a pleasant evening spent.

Delta Tau Delta and Phi Pi Phis, a local men's fraternity, have also entertained informally.

The walls of our chapter rooms are now adorned with a beautiful silk banner presented to us by the latter fraternity. It is very artistic and we appreciate much the friendly spirit that prompted the giving. We have given one party since our first

letter, a candy-pull to all the non-fraternity girls in college. It was just as jolly and informal as a crowd of college girls could make it, and I think that we all feel better acquainted with each other than ever before.

Our fraternity rooms present a very homelike appearance on Saturday evenings now. Every girl brings her "sewing" and busy fingers are doing all sorts of things from prosaic mending to the fashioning of dainty Christmas gifts. In the meantime one of the girls reads from a late book or magazine. This is an innovation for us and we like it. We are able in this way to "keep up with the times" and to do many things that it would be hard to find time for otherwise.

Lora March, '99, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with us, and it seemed like old times to have a senior of last year with us. We have left the best for the last this time. Since last exchanging greetings with you we have pledged three girls, Lulu Baker, Evelyn Tarbell, and Lulu Carpenter. We are proud of them and want to introduce you to them now.

LUTIE MYERS.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last issue of the Arrow, Michigan Beta has increased her membership by six, the three pledges whose names were not given in the last letter being Marie von Borris of Louisville, Kentucky, Jessie Strong of Adrian, Michigan, and Gilberta Logg of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The initiation and banquet were held November third, and were thoroughly successful, largely due to the inspiring presence of several of our alumnae, one of whom, Mary Wilson, had just come from Madison, with a high opinion of Wisconsin Alpha's rushing ability. Our menu cards were a novelty and a decided improvement on the regulation monogram affair which we have usually had. They bore upon their covers oval-shaped blueprints of the six freshmen, who as a part of their initiation duties had been told to consult the photographer for this purpose. As they did not realize where the picture was destined to appear, the likeness is unusually life-like, and consequently more valuable as a souvenir.

The girls are rejoicing over the return of Mrs. Stanley, who has been in Germany for the last two years. Mrs. Russell entertained the girls in her honor one Saturday afternoon.

The Woman's League is being very successful in its attempt to break down the antagonism existing between fraternity and non-fraternity girls. The system introduced two years ago, by which the girls are divided into groups of ten each, under the control of a leader, has been largely responsible for the good feeling which now exists. November twenty-fifth, the League

gave a costume party at the Barbour Gymnasium, which was noticeable for the absence of cliques.

The first athletic dance of the year was given November tenth at the Waterman Gymnasium. These dances are extremely informal and consequently very popular with the students. There are to be several of them in the course of the winter.

The season of hard work has begun and we expect to be very busy from now until the end of the semester — nevertheless we would have you remember that our latch string is always out to any Pi Beta Phi.

GRACE ROBERTSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The time of the writing of this letter finds Iowa Alpha most busily absorbed in her college studies, this being near the end of the fall term, which means that examinations are near at hand. But in spite of the fact that our college work is quite heavy this year, we have found time to entertain our friends and do some "rushing."

One of the most enjoyable occasions was a "bay-rack" party on Hallowe'en at the country home of Grace Swan. The house was lighted with Jack-o'-lanterns and decorated in accordance with the occasion. Original "fortunes" were prepared for each one and as these were read aloud, it added much to the evening's merriment.

Iowa Alpha is rejoicing in the fact that she has won the heart of another one of the "fairest and dearest" girls and hopes soon to initiate her into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

We quite recently enjoyed a visit from one of our alumnae — Adaline Ward. We were all so glad to have her with us again.

On October twenty-fifth occurred the marriage of one of our girls, Florence Byrkit, to Mr. Walter Brenholts, Phi Delta Theta. They make their home in this city.

Iowa Alpha sends best wishes, and hopes all her sisters may have a happy New Year.

EDNA F. HOUGH.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Although the duties of the corresponding secretary at times seem somewhat arduous, and the date for the Arrow letter comes around in an incredulously short time, the task of writing our missive is not so difficult as it might seem, at least,

after one gets a good start. The last Arrow was splendid, and is certainly worthy of our very best efforts to raise its standard as high as possible.

Everything has gone very smoothly with Iowa Beta this fall. The girls have all been exceptionally busy this term, it seems, but still they have all had time to keep the fraternity affairs in good order. A complete change in the courses of study in the college this year, necessitated some work on the part of a few of the members, which they had not been expecting and this, together with other outside affairs, almost fills up their time. But presumably this is the case with every girl in college, wherever she may be.

About the last of October, Mr. Auld's agent visited us, and three of our girls ordered pins. We enjoy a visit of that kind, because there is no jeweler within our reach, upon whom we may call whenever we desire. The small pins seem almost as different from the usual sized ones, as do the old I. C. pins.

There has been so much going on this fall in the way of musicals, lectures and receptions, that we have only entertained once, formally. That was on Hallowe'en, and celebrated Iowa Beta's twenty-fifth birthday. The following, taken from the college paper, the *Simpsonian*, gives an idea of the nature of the party: "As the guests were ushered into the reception room, the blinking jack-o'-lanterns on mantel-piece, cornice and stairway, greeted them with Pi Beta Phi carved in Greek letters on their faces, and with grimaces both droll and profound. Suspended from the ceilings were the wine and blue mingled with the tinted autumn leaves. Everybody pulled a Pi Phi ribbon, either the wine or the blue, and received a bit of parchment deftly enclosed in a peanut shell. On holding these parchments for several minutes near the burning fagots in the grate, marks, then letters, then words, then clauses, and finally complete sentences appeared clear and distinct as though penned by some magic hand. Tremblingly each read his fate, his future weal or woe as disclosed by the wonderful parchment." Typical Hallowe'en games were the order of the evening and we had a jolly good time.

Christmas will have come and gone before another Arrow appears, so here are our best wishes for the New Year.

DAISY A. DENT.

IOWA ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Already the fall term of the school year draws to a close, and "University Life" turns its face away from the pleasures and the struggles of the past and awaits with fear and trembling that grand final of every term, the inevitable exam!

To the girls of Iowa Zeta it has proved a very happy and

successful season, in school and fraternity life alike, in testimony whereof they are pleased to present to you Leila Kemmerer, Dorothy Dakin, Edith Shepherd, Goldie Beebe, Lillian Jasper and Sadie Kemmerer, who, together with the two other new sisters, whom you met in the last Arrow, complete the number of our Pi Phi babies.

S. U. I. is very proud of the brilliant record which her football boys have made this fall. They have won for themselves the laurels for "Fair Fame," since they have not permitted their goal line to be crossed.

Our girls were very much pleased to meet Miss Baker, of Iowa Beta, who visited here during the Thanksgiving holidays.

The evening of December ninth one of our alumnae, Mabel Foster, and her brother, Mr. Charles Foster, entertained their respective fraternities, Pi Beta Phi and Phi Kappa Psi, at cards.

Iowa Zeta sends Yule greetings to all her sister chapters.

DOROTHY SCHULTZ.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin Alpha's letter this month is mostly a chronicle of delightful visits. We have been unusually fortunate in this respect. Miss Wilson of Michigan Beta was with us at the time of our mock initiation, and Miss Heath, the sister of a Michigan Beta, made us a visit a few weeks later. Many of our own girls have been back in the last few weeks. Nan Mashek, Laverna Gillies, Margaret Hutton, Nell MacGregor, Alice Dacy, Agnes Perry, Grace Cox and Alice Friend have all been here. Laura Cosgrave, who is one of our pledges for next semester, also stopped here for a day on her way home.

After Christmas Livia Seiler will return to college to complete her senior year, and Etta Huenkemier will also be back then. This will give us eight seniors in the present graduating class. We have pledged Ida Spaulding, '01, and are now planning her initiation.

Florence Robinson and Mrs. Sober, who were editor and business manager of the Arrow last year, are both in Rome now, and we miss their guidance and advice very much. A letter from Mrs. Sober the other day gave us all such a delightful glimpse of charming Italy. With greetings for the New Year,

ALMA M. MOSER.

MISSOURI ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Since last writing you Missouri Alpha has made her debut into society at a large reception which we gave at the home of one of our patronesses, Mrs. John Belcher. Besides the hostess, we were assisted by two of our patronesses, Mrs. Alexander Mar-

tin and Mrs. Stanley Smith, and three of our pledges, Rosina Hayman, Florence and Mary Gray. The whole house was at our disposal, and the rooms were effectively decorated with palms, smilax and carnations. We were so disappointed at not having Miss Smith, of Lawrence, Kansas, with us for our reception, but at the last minute she was unable to come.

One of our girls whom we miss very much and hope soon to see again is Gertrude Bayless, who has gone to Arkansas for a long visit.

On the fifteenth of November Mrs. Stanley Smith entertained the Pi Beta Phis and their gentlemen friends and we had a most delightful time.

Since our last letter we have initiated Ethel Hudson of Columbia, and Rosina Hayman of Sedalia. This makes us twelve—just a good round dozen.

And now farewell till the next Arrow brings us news of you again. Best wishes to the wearers of the wine and blue.

GRATIA EVELYN WOODSIDE.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Can there be any life equal in activity to that of a college maid! Just as we are nicely settled down to hard work, we must needs be thrown into a fever of excitement by the approaching examination, the very thought of which causes us to quake. But 'twill all be ancient history by Christmas time. And it is during the holidays, too, that Louisiana Alpha will learn the result of her first "rush." Of course we are all very hopeful, but then — who knows?

After traveling about a little, our delegate at last returned from the convention, and her glowing accounts of the experiences she had, and her earnest praise of the warm friends she made, so stirred the hearts of us all, that it was unanimously voted that at the next convention the entire chapter "Go and do likewise."

The little Greek community at Newcomb was very delightfully entertained at a charmingly original birthday party, given by the Alpha Omicron Pi girls, to celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of their chapter.

We must not forget the delightful task of introducing to you our three latest acquisitions, of whom we are justly proud, and we are confident that Elizabeth Smith, Pauline Currain, and Celeste Eshleman, will prove a great addition to our chapter.

And now, sisters in Pi Beta Phi, "A Happy New Year to all, and to all a good-bye."

MAY O. LOGAN.

KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The members of Kansas Alpha have been working hard for the last three months, and we feel that we deserve the Thanksgiving vacation. A number of Pi Phis will attend the Thanksgiving foot-ball game between Missouri and Kansas and are looking forward to seeing some of our Missouri sisters there. Foot-ball enthusiasts predict a very good game, as both teams are in excellent condition and have the strongest line-up either college has ever had.

Harriet Ayres, who has spent the last year in British Columbia, made a short visit to her parents last week. We gave a very informal hop at the home of Mr. F. M. Perkins in her honor, and in spite of a very stormy night, we had a most jolly time. We ended the evening with a Virginia reel, which was led by the guest of honor. We were more than sorry to have Harriet leave us again and her short visit makes us miss her more than ever.

Before Margurite Bullene left for Chicago, where she entered the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Mrs. Green, one of our patronesses, entertained the Pi Beta Phis for her. The entertainment was rather a novel one, pictures of well known people had been cut from magazines and we had to guess who they were. The prize, a bunch of roses, was won by Zillah Smith. The Saturday night before Margurite left the girls gave her a cookie-shine. Our seven new girls gave a very funny farce, called "The Baron's Victim." The souvenirs of the evening were pictures of the cast in costume. After the farce came the regulation cookie-shine, and when we had finished this, we had several impromptu toasts. We gave Margurite our last chapter picture, "a yard of Pi Phis," and Gertrude Hill made the presentation speech.

Great interest is taken in athletic sports this year, and on the twenty-second of this month one of the most amusing as well as interesting games of the season was played. It was a foot-ball game between the fraternities of Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi, in which the Betas were victorious with a score of 6 to 0. The Betas are very proud of the fact that they have held the championship for the inter-fraternity foot-ball for the last five years.

We have recently had a visit from Mary Chamberlain, who was pledged to Illinois Zeta last year. We were glad to meet a Pi Beta Phi from another chapter, for it is such meetings and acquaintances that tend to unite us very closely. With most cordial greetings to all sister chapters.

MARY J. SPENCER.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Now that the football season is well over, the chief topic of conversation among the university students is the filling of the chancellorship. While nothing definite is known nor can be known until the regents have taken action at their meeting in January, we hear of various candidates for election. The name most favored by rumor is that of Dr. Andrews, formerly of Brown University, although there is nothing to confirm this report.

On November fourteenth, Lulu West, '01, was married to Mr. George Risser, ΣX , at her home in Wyoming.

November fourth, we gathered at the home of Darleen Woodward, to initiate Lois Burruss and Kate McPheely. The decorations were patterned after those at the convention initiation and were voted unusually effective. After the ceremony we went to the home of Mary McGahey where the alumnae welcomed us to a banquet such as is seldom enjoyed. Those of you who do not have alumnae clubs can begin to form an estimate of the material blessings you are missing, not to mention the kind suggestions and ready help which come from the elder sisters. The banquet was brought to a close by various toasts, Margaret Kyle, of Swarthmore, responding to the first. We came away as happy as Pi Phis can be, having enjoyed a most delightful evening.

Two of our number have gone East to study: Vera Wattles, who is working in the Emerson School of Expression in Boston, and Bessie Turner, who is to study music in New York. We hope to have them back again next year.

November sixteenth and seventeenth the Phi Delta Thetas held their province convention in Lincoln. The university was gay during this convention in honor of the visitors.

The chapel exercises on Friday morning have been given into the hands of the Director of School of Music. The chapel is always crowded for this exercise and the student body shows great appreciation of the change.

GRACE REYNOLDS.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Colorado Alpha has been both sad and happy since her last letter. We suffered a great loss when, on the fifteenth of October, our one pledge, Effie Herron, died after an illness of only three days. She had been with us all of last year, and had become very dear to us. Quiet, reserved, unassuming, one had to know her to understand her beautiful character. Her memory

will remain with us long, and help us to be more pure, true and womanly wise.

We also miss Bertha Cope greatly; she was married October the eighteenth to Mr. Robert Stogdale of Liberty, Mo. Our town alumnae are so good to us that when one leaves her loss is felt keenly.

We have a new Pi Phi, already a most enthusiastic and loyal one, to introduce to you, Jeanne H. Mann, who was initiated November sixth. With her mother, she has left for Pennsylvania, but will return — soon, we hope — to make Boulder her home. Her initiation, a most beautiful and impressive one, was held at the home of Edith Coan McClure, and the banquet at Martha Hankin's.

A number of enjoyable small affairs have been given this semester, receptions, cookie-shines, etc. On November twenty-fifth we entertained a number of town ladies at a very pretty reception. Outside of these, social life at the U. of C. has been rather quiet. The first large dance will be given December fourteenth in honor of the foot-ball team, of which we are very proud, for it played splendid ball, even though it did not win the championship this year.

Several of our chapter have new pins, the small ones, and are much pleased with them. How dainty and pretty they are!

The chapter sends greetings to you all.

MINA KILGORE.

COLORADA BETA — DENVER UNIVERSITY.

During the time which has elapsed since our last letter, Colorado Beta has been exceedingly busy; and as we all eagerly scan the letters of our sister chapters for news of their work, initiations, honors and pleasures, it is supposed that an account of ours would be interesting to you.

The students and friends of the university are rejoicing over the fact that Dr. Henry A. Buchtel has been asked and has accepted the chancellorship. This assures us of a brighter prospect for the university.

We know how proud Missouri Alpha must be of her Alma Mater and she may justly be so. Colorado Beta has hopes of such a home in the future not too distant.

For Hallowe'en we sent out pumpkin-shaped cards, on one side of which was painted a Jack-o'-lantern and on the other was the invitation. Our lodge was decorated in true rustic style, the only light afforded was from numerous Chinese and Jack-o'-lanterns. All the time-honored customs and tricks appropriate to the evening were indulged in, even to looking in the mirror by each anxious maiden. The refreshments were quite novel and cider was served from a huge pumpkin.

On the evening of November the tenth, Alice Richardson, Grace Cockle, Isadore Stuart Van Gilder, Mabelle Wheeler and Rebe Brewster were given the first degree in Pi Phidom, after which the Omega Upsilon Phi, the Medical Frat., came out and were given a spread. The next evening the real initiation took place; thereby swelling the number on our Pi Beta Phi roll with five more loyal wearers of the arrow. That evening the Beta Theta Pis serenaded us, bringing over their initiate. Of course they helped us partake of our banquet. Our artistic member painted as a souvenir for each one of us a tiny Cupid who wore our colors and carried a golden arrow. We are all eager to learn what Ohio Beta has originated in the way of novel initiations.

The Thanksgiving football game between the Denver Athletic Club and the State University was a gala affair for us. The Omega Upsilon Phis entertained us with a coaching party to this game, and I rather suspect that Pi Phi felt somewhat above the ordinary world — in more ways than one — on that coach with six black horses.

We were so delighted to have Miss Custer of Nebraska Beta with us one afternoon, our only disappointment was, that she could not be with us longer.

How festive the Arrow looks in its new cover! "Such an improvement upon the former one," we all exclaimed.

The term's "exam's" are coming swiftly upon us and we realize that there are other duties to perform for the honor of our fraternity.

Though this number will be too late for a Merry Xmas, Colorado Beta sends best wishes for a happy and successful New Year.

ETHEL ANTRIM.

Exchanges.

We quote from the November "Anchors" lines inculcating a broad, generous line of conduct, which if lived up to by all Greek girls, would do much to lessen the apparent distance between them and the girls outside of their fraternity.

We who are Greeks are prone to forget at times, that there are many others, not wearing some mystic symbol like our own, who are just as worthy, just as scholarly and just as well qualified for our order as those who honor the fraternity and are honored by it. But if fraternal spirit means to us all that it implies, ought we not to be more conscious of those about us, who are not united to us by sisterly bonds?

Of course each girl knows her own fraternity mates better than she

can know other girls; but when one learns a bit of news about college affairs, why not take just as much pleasure in imparting it to a non-fraternity girl, with that most emphatic command "not to tell," as well as to one of the Greeks? Strictly fraternity news ought always to be kept until it can be told where the feeling of secrecy will not hurt someone with sensitive feelings.

There are outside of one's order many girls whom one admires for their charm of manner or for their unselfishness but who for some reason, have never been elected to the ranks of Greeks. Some one asks: "Why are you not more intimate with Miss So and So?" "Oh, she is not one of our girls you know; but I like her very much and she is a classmate of mine; I really intend to become a better friend of hers after-while."

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How much we *intend* to do afterwhile! How much we *can* do now if we will, to unite the whole number of college girls instead of making an obvious division among them. We cannot love the girl with no pin as well as the girl who has one; but we can make the former feel that we care for her welfare and rejoice and sympathize with her in her happiness or sorrow.

Let us expand. Even if we do not include the maidens of Cuba and Porto Rico, let us at any rate take into our hearts if not into our fraternity, many of the non-Greek girls.

The following clipping is also from the Anchora:

The question often comes to one who is apart from the busy hum of fraternity life, *cui bono?* If by any means a chapter loses sight of its *raison d'être* and tends to degenerate into an organization for the lesser of the "good things" of life, it is a timely moment for that particular chapter to put unto itself the thoughtful question, *cui bono?*

The social and literary associations of a fraternity are delightful and necessary; but fraternities are organized for higher purposes than these. The highest standard of thought, feeling and action should be their ideal. Young women should be weighed, not in the scale of appearances, but by realities, not by what they have, but by what they are. Our love should not be limited to a chosen few, but should encircle all who need its touch. We should each one endeavor to live to do things, not great in the eyes of the world but those deeds which shall lift humanity to a higher level of happiness. In the mad rush of to-day, to be *doing*, we forget the more important *being*; and the highest standard, the truest ideals and most unselfish deeds, are lost sight of. Let all young women live for one other, not in a material sense but in thoughts, feelings, purposes, in true heart sympathies; then shall we feel the "footsteps in each others lives," then can we answer the question "*Cui bono?*"

It will doubtless be a relief to other fraternities to have the attitude of Kappa Alpha Theta in regard to "lifting" and "resignation" made clear to them by the following extract from the convention number of "Kappa Alpha Theta." And we can only hope that in the future their national policy will be expressed by chapter action.

Since in the affair are involved two questions of interest to all national fraternities and of important bearing upon inter-fraternity relations, namely, "lifting" and resignation, it is but proper that Kappa Alpha Theta should explain her position as to these two questions.

The practice of "lifting" she regards with absolute and unqualified disapproval.

With regard to resignation she would say that, in accordance with her own feeling as to the rights, liberties and obligations of individuals, and with legal advice received upon this point, she recognizes resignation as valid from the moment the request for release is made, but recognizes also that fraternity courtesy demands that a reasonable length of time should be given the fraternity of whom the request is made for action upon the resignation.

Kappa Alpha Theta regrets exceedingly that one of her chapters should have violated the unwritten law of inter-fraternity courtesy in approaching a member of another fraternity and initiating her with unnecessary haste.

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