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## RECOMPENSE.

Oft-times at eventide I sit  
And muse upon the day agone.  
    Its burdens sore and fell  
    Have cast their baleful spell,  
Low o'er my head dark shadows flit  
My heart's disconsolate and lone.

The evening wind sighs its complaint,  
The sea's lament, subdued and soft,  
    Replies to my sad heart  
    Self-exiled and apart,  
As mountains stand in cold constraint  
And lift their icy peaks aloft.

Why is it thus that hearts must mourn?  
Why is it thus that they lament?  
    For earth is bright and fair  
    And decked with beauty rare.  
Why is it thus that oft forlorn  
We e'en disdain the good that's lent?

And why? the spirit craves for more  
Than earthly joys, tho' real they be  
    It is as harps that stand  
    Mute till a master hand  
Wakes tones with skilful touch, that soar  
And blend in echoing harmony.



## ASSOUAN.

**M**ARCH, 1900, found our small party of fourteen, who had been traveling through the Orient for several months, at length in Egypt. After spending some time in Cairo, Luxor, and several smaller but more interesting places, in the latter part of the month we arrived at the little village of Assouan in Upper Egypt. It is situated one hundred and ten miles south of Luxor, near the northern boundary line of Nubia, and at one of the widest parts of the Nile river.

Though only a small place, containing about four thousand inhabitants, it is interesting because of its importance in the past and the ruins of this past civilization which remain today in the neighborhood. Formerly Syene stood there, ancient Syene, which in the days of Egypt's glory and power was one of its most important towns. Occupying a position between Nubia and Egypt, it was the center of trade between the countries further south in Africa and the large towns in the north. Its importance commercially was great, also, because of the large quarries situated near the city from which was obtained a great deal of the building material for the massive temples of the Egyptians. We know of its political importance from the fact that a powerful dynasty of kings, the fifth, was drawn from the island of Elaphantiné, lying opposite the city on the wide expanse of the Nile. And a few miles from Syene, near the first cataract of the river, was another island, Philae, covered with temples erected to the god Osiris, and the most sacred spot in all Egypt.

At the present time, of all the glory and greatness of the past, only the ruins remain. Assouan is a small place consisting of mud huts, the homes of the natives, scattered irregularly over the sandy plain. But the increasing interest in the discoveries made by excavators, added to the invigorating climate in the winter months, has drawn to this spot in the last few years thousands of travelers. Several large hotels have been built besides



numerous small bazaars and shops, which offer for sale such articles as swords, knives, shields made of crocodile skin, rhinoceros whips, bead ornaments, Abyssinian war instruments and Sudanese embroidery.

We arrived in this little village one evening after a long and sandy ride from Luxor. The night was dark, and as we descended from the cars we were immediately surrounded by a crowd of shadowy forms and greeted with cries of, "Here, lady, take this donkey, Dewey's a good donkey," "Hobson's all right," or "Here's Mr. New York. Ride Mr. New York." We recognized at once our old friends, the donkey boys, and decided to trust ourselves to them since we were informed there were no carriages in the place. How the boys knew we were Americans, I do not know, but we had learned before of their custom of changing their donkeys' names to suit the nationality of their rider. At first we were greatly amused by it and wondered what they called them when others than Americans rode them. Finally, a member of our party asked one of the boys what the donkeys' English names were, and without a moment's hesitation he answered, "Whiskey and Soda, My Lady." Truly the Egyptian donkey boy is second to none but the Irish lad in his quickness and readiness of speech. We had become good friends with him long before this and so safely trusted ourselves to his guidance in this strange and lonely place, and within a quarter of an hour were comfortably lodged in a large, pleasant hotel on the bank of the river.

Several interesting days we spent there. Every morning we started out on our donkeys to see some object of interest before the heat of noon-day came upon us. We must have presented a strange sight as we wound our way across the sands of the desert, each one wearing a wide straw hat with streamers hanging from the back to protect our necks from the sun, and carrying white parasols and fly switchers. Our donkey boys would gather in groups behind us, and every little while agreed among themselves to force our donkeys into a race. Some of the party would be frightened, and call to their boys for help,

and others greatly enjoyed the fun. The boys would pay no attention to us until they had enough of the joke and then they would run ahead and stop the donkeys. When one stopped, all stopped; they, like the boys, seemed to enjoy being in crowds.

One morning we started early to visit the quarries. In ancient days the peculiar marble known as syenite, which was used extensively in the temple buildings, was gotten from here, and also the granite, out of which statues, obelisks, and monuments were erected. At a little distance, the quarries appear only as rough mounds of sand scattered over with irregular formations of stone and rock. On coming closer, we could distinguish depressions where excavators had been at work, and here and there an immense piece of stone lying half buried by the shifting sand. In some places, pieces of marble have been found partly covered with inscriptions and grooves just as they were left by the Egyptians centuries ago. We came upon one solid block from seventy to a hundred feet long and ten feet wide which had evidently been intended for an obelisk. It lay there, an unfinished monument, and one might easily imagine that only yesterday the workmen had been interrupted in their work and would certainly soon return to finish it. And there these monuments have lain, thousands of years buried beneath the sand, preserving the work of peoples long since dead and buried. How these gigantic pieces were carried hundreds of miles to help in the construction of temples at Luxor and Memphis, is a wonder to the engineers of the present day. There is no evidence of any machinery being used and everything points to the conclusion that it must have been done by hand labor. And, when we consider that numerous temples were built within a short period of time, and during the same time, wars were waged and large numbers of men were required for carrying on the trade and commerce of a prosperous nation, the mystery deepens. But such was the fact, and there in the quarries today lies the unfinished obelisk to testify to the gigantic undertakings of ancient Egypt.

From the quarries we rode a short distance around the village

to an encampment of wandering Bedouins. These people, half wild tribes of a mixed race, live in tents and move from place to place in the deserts. Immediately outside Assouan was a large encampment of them and every day we saw a number of girls from the camp haunting the resorts of tourists in town and selling long strings of different colored shells resembling beads. The boys and girls both wear their hair in bushy tufts on the crown or plaited in innumerable braids with a narrow edge shaven close to the head, and, since the dress of both consists only of a few rags thrown across their shoulders, it sometimes is a difficult matter to distinguish between them. On this occasion we were fortunate enough to witness a strange dance participated in by the boys. They carried clubs and rude shields, and the dance consisted mainly of wild jumps in the air accompanied by strange yells and cries. The women gathered around us, carrying their babies on their backs or shoulders and begging us for *backsheesh*. The children's eyes were covered with flies and their whole appearance was so miserable and wretched that we were glad to return to the hotel soon after the completion of the dance. We spent the remainder of the day within doors as the heat outside had become intense, the season being far advanced.

Another day we decided to spend at Philae and the First Cataract of the Nile which are only a few miles from Assouan. Above the First Cataract the river broadens out into a beautiful green lake in the midst of which lies the lovely island of Philae. Some one has spoken of it as "the most unearthly, wild, strange, and lovely spot he ever beheld," and Mr. Curzon says the only spot in Egypt to which the epithet beautiful can be correctly applied is the island of Philae. I have seen other beautiful places in Egypt but none as lovely as this. On either bank of the river the black and red rocks rise perpendicularly from the water's edge and are scattered in wild confusion over the shore, some piled up in masses so irregularly that it seems as if the whole pile might topple over, and many so strangely formed that it would require only a few touches here and there to convert them into gigantic statues of some old gods or kings. In between

these masses of dark rocks lies the river, calm and serene, and bearing on its bosom this little isle, so little and yet so full of interest and solemn memories that one is almost awed by the sight. Philae, in ancient times, was a sacred spot, of all holy places the most holy, for here lay the great god, Osiris, the one god of the Egyptians who took precedence of all the rest. Philae was consecrated to three deities, Osiris, Isis, his wife and sister, and their offspring, Horus. In such reverence was the place held in the purest days of their religion that no one was allowed to come there except the priests. Magnificent temples were erected, and though now they are in ruins, are grand in their decay. To reach Philae from Assouan we went a few miles on the train and then, taking a large Nile boat, were rowed across to the island. Drawing our boat up to shore, we climbed the hills to view the massive walls, pillars, pylons, halls and statues, once part of these old temples. We roamed through the innumerable chambers and passageways and tried to discover some sign or cartouch on the wall which we could recognize as belonging to some familiar king. Some of the walls were still highly colored in shades of red, blue and yellow and the hieroglyphics were plain and deep cut. Several of us climbed to the top of one of the pylons and viewed the mass from above. We took in the whole at one glance, the long avenue of approach lined with statues, the pylons and large courts leading to smaller chambers and finally the smallest room of all, the inner sanctuary. Some of us groped our way down a narrow, dark stairway to see an old Nilometer, the device which is employed in Egypt to measure the rise of the river. While there, we saw coming towards us something which resembled a crocodile and we began to wonder if we had been misled in believing there were none of that species existing there at present. But, on coming closer, we discovered it was only a little naked black Nubian boy, swimming on a log. We were not disappointed, however, and snapped his picture without begrudging the few pennies he demanded as backsheesh. When we were tired out, we all gathered together in one temple, popularly called

Pharaoh's Bed, and there ate the lunch which had been prepared for us by our guide, Cuckoo.

Later we started for the First Cataract in one of the large Nile boats. It is a few miles below Philae and the entire distance between is filled up with piles of this same black rock and red granite. The Cataract is only a rapids caused by the compression of the waters into a narrow stream between large rock piles. After sailing slowly a few miles down the river, we drew our boat up to the shore, alighted and walked fully three quarters of a mile in the broiling sun before we reached the Cataract. Suddenly a number of shiny, black Nubians appeared before us, almost naked, and bargained with us for a few pennies as recompense for shooting the rapids. It was exciting to see them plunge in the whirling waters, to be borne swiftly along in the mad torrent, their heads bobbing up, first here, then there, until finally they came out safely, and ran back, demanding their backsbeesh as well as compliments on the way they had accomplished the feat. We did not remain long, for the heat was intense, and refreshing ourselves with a few drops of water carried along by our guide, we hurried back to the boat and were glad to start on our homeward journey. Returning was more difficult than coming for the current was against us and it was interesting to see the way the boatmen managed the boat in the dangerous places. Several of them got out of the boat, almost stripped themselves, then taking hold of one end of a long rope, ran along the rocks, jumping from one to another, thus helping the oarsmen remaining in the boat. When an unusually hard pull was required, it was a fine sight to see them. They all bent over their oars at once and, singing a monotonous chant, "Allah akbar, mashallah" (God is great. May he keep evil from us), they pulled together over the dangerous place. Some were brown Egyptians, many Nubians with shiny, black skins and rings in their ears, but all were Mohammedans, and in a place of danger called on the same God to help them. Greatly rested by our ride back we finally arrived at a small place opposite Philae where we took the train back to Assouan.

One other interesting experience that we had during our stay was when we took a boat ride around the island of Elaphantiné. Most of the island is very desolate and deserted looking — only a few palm trees clustered here and there, and along the water's edge several solitary shadoufs, the arrangement by which water is drawn up from the river for irrigation. On either shore are dark, gloomy rocks piled high one upon the other and of the same strange forms as near the island of Philae. On one side are the remains of an ancient convent; that and a few ruins on Elaphantiné are the only signs of the past history. The loneliness and weirdness of the scene was intensified by the queer singing and dance of our boatmen. One held an old earthen jar, covered with goatskin, as a sort of musical instrument, from which he drew forth queer strains by clapping his hands on it while the others kept time with a monotonous chant, which seldom varied. And Cuckoo, our dark, fine looking guide, who had been married but a short time before and was even then wearing his long, white wedding garments and white turban, stood in one end of the boat, giving us a true Egyptian contortionist dance as we slowly moved along. It was one of the characteristic experiences of Nile voyagers at the present time and no less interesting than viewing the old temples themselves. For after all, if the study of these ancient ruins, which continually remind one of a dead world, were not varied occasionally by the bright fun of the present inhabitants, our travels in Egypt might leave us with the gloomy and depressing feeling we often experience from visiting old tombs and grave-yards.

The next day we left Assouan with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure; of regret because of the treasures left unexplored, and of pleasure because the heat was becoming too intense for northerners like ourselves. But it was with a hope that at some future day we might return to renew our acquaintance with its interesting temples and ruins as well as boatmen and donkey boys and perhaps journey even farther south into Africa.

—Marietta R. Busey, Illinois Zeta.

## THE USE OF THE BLACK-BALL.

WHEN men are called to positions of trust and responsibility, when they are made rulers in civil society with authority and power, we expect them to lay aside personal prejudices and to conduct themselves in their high offices unselfishly and for the public good. Power and responsibility in the hands of even the rash and thoughtless, have a tendency to sober them and to make them act for the good of those whom they represent or govern.

Members of Greek Letter societies as a rule have a constitutional right to cast the historic black-ball, and thus exclude from the chapter whom they will. But it is to be observed that in exercising this privilege they employ the power of an absolute monarch. Each member of the chapter is omnipotent in determining the fate of a nominee for membership. As concerns this one thing each voter is as absolutely master of the result as is the czar of all the Russias in anything pertaining to his realm.

Moreover, this privilege of casting the black-ball is one that has to do with the very life of the chapter, no greater question can come before it than the one, — “who shall constitute its membership?” The fate of the chapter is wrapped up in this privilege of casting a black-ball.

In view of all this let us ask, how comes it that the fraternity has clothed each member with such unlimited authority and power? The whole attitude is certainly un-American; for instead of the majority ruling, in this case the minority not only can hold its own against the majority, but a single member can absolutely defeat the will of the whole chapter, and can do this on the most vital question that can come before it.

I take it that the fraternity has placed this power of the black-ball in the hands of each member not that she may use it against a nominee for whom she holds some personal dislike without just cause, or cherishes some feeling of jealousy because of her own apparent inferiority, — that indeed would be sui-



cidal, a black-ball cast from such feelings strikes against the life of the chapter. Rather I take it that this absolute rulership is given to each member that she may feel and know her strength as a controlling factor in the chapter, and thus come to realize through this very authority and responsibility that she may deal with nominees without fear or favor; but on her honor she must deal with them, without overmastering prejudice, dislike or jealousy. Like any other queen she must lay aside personal feeling and pique and rule from unselfish motives, purely for the good of the society alone. She must measure the nominee for membership by the scale of intrinsic worth. The question before her should be,—would the candidate be an acquisition as well as an addition, would the chapter be better off with her or without her?

These are the main questions, and no member is justified in casting a ballot determined by less important ones.

It seems to me that the individual who makes use of the privilege of black-balling places herself in a position essentially different from that occupied by all the rest of the chapter who oppose her. The latter cast their votes according to the American dictum that "the majority ought to rule," but the former, by her opposing vote, single-handed, overrides the principle. Is she not then in duty bound to have and to give just and sufficient reasons for her demand that the whole chapter bend to her imperial wish?

The rule of the black-ball is an old one; and if experience has taught us, as it probably has, that on the whole it is the best rule we may devise for its purpose, then it certainly follows that, in the long run, the members of fraternities have used their royal privilege thoughtfully, carefully and loyally. But I have been told of chapters where the abuse of the black-ball eventually demoralized the membership completely, and I think that it is within the experience of most of us that harm and trouble follow close upon the advent of a black-ball selfishly cast.

We all know that it is not the member who has been the most efficient in developing her chapter, and in binding together its integral merits with the fraternal chords of love and fellowship,



who has most frequent recourse to the black-ball. But rather it is the belligerent who masks her prejudices and jealousies, her selfish littleness when voting against a true and promising girl by saying that she "could not conscientiously vote for her." Let no one deceive herself by hiding behind such a subterfuge. Her mates see through the thinness of her refuge and understand the hollowness of her pretense. The loyal and true member, when the real occasion for casting a black-ball occurs, comes forward honorably, and in open and unmistakable terms, makes known to her fellow members just why she believes herself justified in setting aside the unanimous judgment of the chapter by her single vote.

—Mary Bartol.

### WE GIRLS AND THE OTHER GIRLS.

**O** WAD some power the giftie gie us,  
To see ourselves as ithers see us,  
It wad frae many a blunder frae us,  
And foolish notion."

While all of us will indignantly defend from criticism that most cherished factor of our college life, the fraternity, even the most loyal Greek is compelled to acknowledge the justice of the assertion, that in the fraternity as elsewhere, theory and practice are not always boon companions. Still we insist that many of the evils so often decried should be attributed not to the fraternity system, nor to any particular national fraternity, but to imperfect chapter administration and individual carelessness and indifference.

On no occasions are true womanly culture of the individual and ideal chapter-tone more evident than in intercourse with non-fraternity girls. It is difficult to impress non-fraternity sympathizers with the real nature of requirements for admission to a fraternity. To some, non-membership in a fraternity is a stigma which no amount of explanation can remove. Now, the fraternity girl is not necessarily brighter, better or more agree-

able than her less fortunate college mates, but her qualifications have appealed more favorably to the little band of girls who compose the chapter. To confess the truth, some of the strongest, noblest and most scholarly characters are without the pale of fraternity approbation, possibly because in their first weeks in college they did not make a pyrotechnical display of their qualifications and recommendations, or perhaps because they did not possess that veneer of good manners known to polite society as "polish."

We all agree that fraternity life is a great educator, but to how many of us has it occurred that non-fraternity life may be even a more beneficial, if not so pleasant, teacher of the qualities beautiful. It takes a great amount of courage to face for four long years the snubs and cuts of fraternity girls, to be slighted and ignored while less capable but more self-asserting fraternity members occupy the positions and boast the honors which are not theirs by right of capability. How can a girl refrain from being disgusted, when every year she beholds the rather amusing spectacle of dignified, superior representatives of great national fraternities, who have disdained to descend from their classic pedestals to greet the poor overlooked "barb," literally pushing one another about in a wild scramble to snatch from their rivals some little untried, undisciplined, rather conceited freshman, who has yet to learn that after she has been initiated she will be only one of the many desirables who have gone before? Is it any wonder that bitterness toward fraternities in general is engendered in the heart of many a "barb" by the deprivations and handicaps which are hers through the thoughtlessness and selfishness of overzealous — mayhap hypercritical fraternity girls. In the smaller universities college spirit is almost lost sight of in the preponderance of fraternity politics which, thanks to the fraternity man and his ally, the fraternity woman, pervades college life in all its phases.

We should remember that unlike you and me, the non-fraternity girl cannot choose her friends freely; if those she admires are Greeks, she dares not intrude her friendship upon them, lest she be accused of rushing. On the other hand, if she is too re-

served, she is a "bitter opponent" of fraternities; again she hesitates to accept the attention of fraternity girls as smacking of patronage.

The fraternity girl—evidently unmindful that her own faults, ceasing to be noticeable to herself, are identified with her fraternity—seems to consider it her special privilege to criticise unsparingly the appearance and behavior of the "barb." Have you ever thought that possibly the "barb" is questioning your conduct, in surprise that such imperfection should exist in a fraternity? And which leaves college with the more evenly-rounded character—the "frat" or the "barb"? "*Per angusta ad augusta*," perhaps after all it is the "barb," who having no fraternity upon which to lean, learns the lessons of independence, self-control and ability to rise above petty strifes and jealousies.

Those of us who were so fortunate as to be pledged immediately upon our entrance to college cannot realize the doubts, anxieties and shattered hopes of the non-fraternity girl; but if you can, put yourself in her place. Be thoughtful of the "barb," but spare her your patronage, she neither needs nor desires it. That she does need and desire your honest appreciation of the gifts that are hers, your respectful, sympathetic friendship, can be judged from a message sent from a graduate abroad, a girl who has built her hopes on something higher than "barb" jealousies, — "Give my love to the Pi Phis, for they did much to make happier the college life of one 'barb.'"

—M. C. T., Colorado Beta.

## CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

**A**UGUST twenty-seventh, 1900, will always have a prominent place in the annals of California Beta of Pi Beta Phi, for on that day was held the initiation for its charter members.

To Miss Mashek of Wisconsin Alpha is due chief credit for this chapter because through her friendship for one of the charter members originated the idea of applying for a charter of Pi Beta Phi. Formal application was made late in the spring, only a short time before commencement of the University of California.

Much of the planning for the possible chapter had therefore to be done by correspondence during the vacation months. In a way, this was trying, because the girls were scattered, but on the whole it proved an advantage in that none of their fellow collegians suspected the plans that were being made. At times these would-be Pi Phis were much disheartened but in spite of occasional blues they went house-hunting for a chapter house and gathered together nearly all of their house furnishings.

July came without bringing them a final answer. College was to open on the sixteenth of August. The time was short, but there was the greater joy when a telegram came saying that preparations for initiation were being made.

The lease was made out for a quaint little white house on the corner of College Avenue and Sylvan Way, Berkeley, which soon became a home to the girls and Mrs. Branelet, their chaperon. It housed also the incomparable Chin — a celestial with a large smile and small attainments, — whose duties were purely household, but whom we must not ignore completely. After two days a very artistic Pi Beta Phi sign was nailed over the front door, and the girls felt they were really in a chapter house. Within the next two weeks two freshmen were pledged, and helped receive at a reception given by the chapter to the other fraternity chapters, and college and personal friends. Before another week had passed the pledges were initiated, and California Beta had an active membership of eleven.

Berkeley is fortunately located as regards visitors. Every one going to California must see San Francisco, and all college people going to San Francisco will go across the bay to Berkeley, and every fraternity person will surely visit the local chapter there. California Beta has already met representatives of five Pi Beta Phi chapters. Miss Mashek of Wisconsin Alpha, Miss Ziemer of Colorado Alpha, Miss Woodburn of California Alpha, Mrs. Van Kirk of Indiana Gamma and Miss Smith of Kansas Alpha. There is always a cordial welcome to a wearer of the arrow who goes under the sign of Pi Beta Phi into the quaint white house on the corner of College Avenue and Sylvan Way.

—Claire M. Haas.

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#### OUR EMBLEMS.

There came to me in the evening glow  
All robed in wine and blue,  
With a face so sweet and a voice so low,  
A goddess dear and true.

Love's own carnations she wore on her breast,  
And a jewel gleamed in her hair;  
In her strong white hand was softly pressed  
A quiver with arrows fair.

An arrow I took from her willing hand;  
The flowers I kissed as she passed,  
The wine and the blue were the double band  
That bound me and held me fast.

For I know that the colors have pledged me to truth,  
That the arrow points ever above;  
That the flowers whisper the hopes of our youth;  
And the goddess, — her name is love.

—Alice Candee Gale, Illinois Delta.

## What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

There is a homely maxim which forbids us to allow certain things to "get outside the family." Homely phrases usually contain much truth, so let this one be the text of a short sermon.

**Fraternity  
Reserve.**

The thought of sisterhood suggests domestic life, and prompts a few reflections on family privacy. We urge this not because we fear the rattle of a skeleton behind the door, and thereby disagreeable revelations, but because much of the charm of a fraternity's existence is in a certain reserve, and the loyalty of silence. Every fraternity has national and local interests which should be held sacred, and entrusted to no outsider, no matter how dear a friend. Our joys and victories make themselves known, and no harm is done, but our disappointments and failures must be buried deep within the home circle. Especially should a sister's short-comings be kept from a curious world, and all our energies be directed toward the correction of the fault.

Last, and most important of all, let us refuse to publish any friction that may clog the chapter's machinery; if disagreements arise, there arises at the same time the opportunity for a generous spirit and sisterly love and unselfishness. In chapter affairs there must often be a difference of opinion, but there is no reason this need develop into bitter recrimination. Unkind words are hard to forgive, and harder to forget. Take care lest some girl's fraternity career be saddened by thoughtless and useless reproaches. Should a chapter be so unfortunate as to have discord in the ranks, why not talk it over frankly and without selfish motives, then hide it forever, before any outsider suspects there is lack of harmony? Forbearance is a virtue, and is demanded by more than one phase of life; with forgiveness added, it forms a valuable adjunct to a fraternity's code of

ethics. And now the conclusion of the sermon — cherish fraternity privacy, keep from an inquisitive world fraternity secrets, and in time of threatened disaster do not divide forces, but present a solid front to the enemy.

—E. R. C., Indiana Gamma.

When we become members of Pi Beta Phi, we are told that every member of that organization is to be a true friend to us.

When we argue with a girl whom we wish to join  
**De Amicitia.** us but who is a little undecided what to do, one of our strongest points should be “We are true to every one of our members and are always ready to do anything for them.”

Girls, do we keep this promise? Are we the true friends we claim to be?

If we only would be, how much it would add to the standing of Pi Beta Phi, for many times there is one in the fraternity, whom we do not really care for; how many times are we tempted to show this by the slightest action and then how we are criticised by outsiders. When we do this we lose the very thing for which we labor and which ought to be our strongest virtue.

Some may say “but I never liked her.” Could we but learn how much the little words “Yes” and “No” mean when we vote upon a girl, how long it is to last, how much our fraternity is judged by our actions, I am sure each one of us would wait until we were sure before we would let anyone into our happy band. Therefore, let us have ever before us that we should employ such carefulness in forming our friendships that we should not at any time begin to love one whom we *could* hate.

We have, every one of us, friends, for whom we care very much, many whom we simply like, but the fraternity girl wants a closer bond. As Cicero has said: “But man naturally seeks for a closer union, a more permanent conjunction of interests, a more intense reciprocation of feelings. He finds the want of one or more with whom he can trust the secrets of his heart, and relieve himself by imparting the inmost joys and sorrows with

which every human breast is fraught. He seeks in short, another self, a kindred spirit, whose interest in his welfare bears some portion of his own with whom he may lessen his cares by sympathy and multiply his pleasures by participation."

—Illinois Beta.

## Alumnae Department.

### AN ALUMNA'S DUTY.

Be to her virtues very kind;  
Be to her faults a little blind.

**W**HAT do the alumnae of Pi Beta Phi owe to the active chapter and what does the active chapter owe to the alumnae?

These are questions that have been asked and answered a great many times. And yet because new members are all the time coming into the active chapter and new alumnae going out of it, it seems pertinent to keep on asking them.

What the ideal relationship that should exist between the two is, there can be little question.

In that happy state the alumnae would be a strong body of loving elder sisters who watch over the interests of the younger girls,—introduce them to new girls who will make desirable fraternity members. And if they be resident alumnae, they open their homes to them — chaperon them — and help them in the many ways that only older women can help younger ones. While the active girls in their turn would ask and take the advice of their older sisters — welcome them to the chapter home and help to keep them in touch with the fraternity and university life.

As a matter of fact this ideal state is not very nearly approached by Pi Beta Phi or indeed by any other fraternity; though there is always a small body of devoted members in every fraternity chapter that make it perfectly evident that the ideal state is not impossible of realization.



The responsibility for this farness from the ideal rests more with the alumnae than with the active chapter. For, in the nature of things the new generations can not know, except by name, the older ones unless the older ones give them the chance.

There is some excuse for the non-resident alumna who loses a large part of her fraternity enthusiasm, but there is little or no excuse for the resident alumna who neglects her opportunity to do good and more particularly the opportunity to have good done to her. And until an alumna has given herself this opportunity she can little guess what a beautiful thing she is missing.

It is true, of course, that most of the older women have many and varying interests which fill their lives to overflowing. But they ought for their own sakes and for the sake of their college chapter keep at least a tiny place in their hearts for the fraternity. It is also true that the active chapter is always far from perfect. The girls are young. They do "rush" too much. They do stay too late at their parties. They do so many of the other reprehensible things that alumnae accuse them of (most of which the alumnae in their younger days have done themselves and have forgotten about). But criticism of these faults is not going to accomplish any reform, unless it comes from those who have shown love and sympathy and commendation, when deserved, to those criticised. And there is no one who can give kindly criticism to the young fraternity girls as well as the loyal alumna. For she understands better than a mother, better than the most intimate friend, what a fraternity girl's temptations are, what her trials are, and also what her virtues are.

#### ILLINOIS BETA ALUMNAE.

ON FRIDAY, August seventeenth, at her home in Avon, Ill., Nelle C. Tompkins entertained the resident alumnae of Illinois Beta in honor of her guest, Grace Harsh, of Creston, Iowa. The occasion was of special interest because of the pretty initiation ceremony which reunited Mrs. Libbie Brooks Gaddis,

one of our founders, with the fraternity. It was Mrs. Gaddis' first attendance since her college days, and was therefore of great interest and pleasure to her as well as to the other guests. The draping of the parlors and necessary decorations were most artistically arranged by Miss Tompkins, and the ceremony lost none of its beauty as it was performed by the Illinois Beta alumnae.

The cookie-shine which followed was very jolly, and to it three pledged girls were invited. One of the pledges was the daughter of Mrs. Gaddis, who is a Knox student. After the cookie-shine the Pi Phi song book came in for its share of entertainment, and later an impromptu program was given.

The day was filled with joyous renewal of the ties which bind us so strongly together, and with glad forming of new ties which shall grow stronger as the years go on.

Those present were Mrs. M. E. Brooks Gaddis, Mrs. Ethel Tompkins Clayberg, Mrs. Annie Yeomans Crissey, Ellice Crissey, Edith Crissey, Lizzie Bliss, and Nelle C. Tompkins, all of Avon, and Grace Harsh of Creston, Iowa. The pledges were Annie Gaddis, Frances Ross, and Fannie Churchill, also of Avon. All were of Illinois Beta excepting Mrs. Gaddis and her daughter.

### KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE.

THE PI BETA PHI Alumnae Club of Kansas City was established in May, 1900, with the following officers and members: Mrs. George L. Walls, Kansas Alpha, president; Miss M. Alice Matthews, California Alpha, vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Baum, Illinois Zeta, secretary; Miss Louise Moore, Kansas Alpha; Mrs. May C. Reynolds, Michigan Alpha, and Mrs. Richard Scofield.

There is power in numbers, as was proven by the organization of our club. Two members of Pi Beta Phi, introduced by the Arrow, with chapter homes in California and Michigan, seemed her only representatives in the city; but after three

years of waiting a banquet revealed the identity of one. Cupid sent another into our midst, these knew of two others, and lo, the result! We hope to locate all I. C.'s and Pi Phis in the city and make the club strong in numbers as well as enthusiasm. Active chapters can aid in this matter greatly by informing the members of any alumnae living in the city or who may come later.

Kappa and Iota Circles of the Alumnae Association are planning for a reunion and banquet here Thanksgiving. We hope to welcome many Pi Phis at that time and to make the movement so successful that it may become an annual event.

—May Copeland Reynolds.

### MICHIGAN REUNION.

THE YEAR 1900 was the year for the Quinquennial Reunion at Hillsdale. It was known that at this time many Hillsdale Pi Beta Phis would be there and so it was thought that this would be a convenient time for a Michigan Pi Beta Phi reunion. The date set was June nineteenth, and word was sent to all Pi Phis in Michigan as far as they were known. Very many Michigan Alpha alumnae were present but few from other chapters. The active chapter entertained the guests at a dainty luncheon, well served by the pledged girls, and then with Mrs. F. M. Stewart as toastmistress, the following toasts were proposed and responded to:

Our Alumnae—Frances French.

Within and Without—Bertha Myers.

Capricornus—Katherine Cook.

The Girls in Wine and Blue—Fanny K. Read, Michigan Beta.

Our Alma Mater—Caroline Dudley.

Many of those present were called upon for speeches and Pi Phi cheer was enjoyed for some time.

The occasion was especially enjoyed because of the presence of our alumnae president, Miss Read, and Miss Ada Closson, of Nebraska Beta.

A business meeting followed the luncheon at which time Pi Beta Phi interests were discussed, especially the Alumnae Department.

All departed feeling that—

“Though we may parted be  
Our hearts shall turn to thee.  
Though under far off skies  
When danger round us lies,  
Our songs to thee shall rise,  
Pi Beta Phi.”

—Bertha Myers.

### BETA CIRCLE.

**J**UNE 9th a most enjoyable reunion was held under the auspices of Beta Circle at the home of Mrs. Harry S. Hopper, Narberth, Pennsylvania. Invitations were sent to all Pi Phis in the district, including the active chapters, but for various reasons only a few were able to be present. Pennsylvania Alpha sent a good delegation, however, and all who were present had a thoroughly good time. Beta is particularly fortunate in having on her roll one who, although a patroness, not a wearer of the arrow, is overflowing with the true Pi Beta Phi spirit. Mrs. Hopper placed her beautiful home entirely at our disposal, and the long table with its handsome appointments took us back to many a happy banquet. Since the active girls had engagements at the college, the merry party was obliged to disband without any toasts, but we had enjoyed too many good things to grieve very deeply over the lack of speeches. With a rousing “Ring! Ching! Ching!” for our hostess, we departed, hoping that next year may see more of us together.

### CHAUTAUQUA.

**M**Y DEAR PI PHIS:

At a gathering of Pi Beta Phis in Chautauqua last July, it was decided that a letter should be written to the Arrow, tell-

ing of our good times together, and the responsibility of the writing was left with me.

Early in July Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt gave a lecture at Chautauqua, and when it was finished she found herself surrounded by Pi Phis, each one surprised at seeing the others. There was our Grand Secretary, Anna Hazleton, Elfrieda Hochbaum from Northwestern University, Mrs. Beach, who wore an I. C. pin, and my sister and I, both from Swarthmore.

That was the beginning of our meetings, and the following evening, we, with Jennie Rainey added to our number, gathered about Mrs. Catt and spent a jubilant hour together exchanging chapter life tales and discussing Pi Phi interests.

Pi Phis kept coming and going all through the summer and we had many a good time together, the happiest of all, perhaps, was when eight of us had a picnic. Mary Barrett of Syracuse University and her sister, pledged to the same chapter, and Pansy Jackson were of the party in place of Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Beach, and we passed an afternoon long to be remembered. It would have been wonderful outside of Pi Beta Phi for so many newly-acquainted girls to be so entirely congenial and unconventional with one another as we were. We felt and acted like old friends, therefore, were making merry on the boat on our return home, when another arrow bearer greeted us, saying, "I think I belong here," and we welcomed Mrs. Lelia Lane Smith among us. Miss Reynolds of Nebraska University and Miss Watson of Indiana came to Chautauqua and attended one of our frequent gatherings, while late in August ten Swarthmore Pi Phis spent a week there which left us many happy memories.

And not only did we have good times. I am sure that every girl who was there went away with a truer appreciation of the value of our fraternity and a greater willingness to do her share of work for it. And I can only wish that every other Pi Phi may have some such opportunities as we had to meet their sisters and to find them congenial friends who are all striving after the "noble womanhood of Pi Beta Phi."

With greetings to you all.

—Lillian J. McDowell.

PERSONALS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Elsie Parkinson, 1900, is teaching at the Chenoweth School in Washington.

Rosalie Robinette, 1900, is studying at the Normal School in Washington.

Mary Hobgood has a position at the Census Office in Washington.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Sarah Bancroft was married to Mr. Roger Clark of Street, Somerset, England, June 18th, at her home in Wilmington, Delaware. They sailed for England in July.

On June twenty-first, nineteen hundred, M. Elizabeth Pownall of Pennsylvania Alpha was married to Edwin Clayton Walton of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On the evening of April 18, 1900, at the home of the bride's mother, Moorestown, N. J., Marion D. Perkins of Pennsylvania Alpha was married by Friends ceremony to Mr. Cooper Jessup, Jr., of Woodbury, N. J.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Emelie Pooley is at her home, Tenafly, N. J.

Mabel E. Wheeler is teaching in the Marion Female College, Marion, Va.

Lile Bell and Lillian Foust expect to spend some time visiting in Kansas and other western states.

Genevieve White is studying medicine with her father at her home, Bradford, Pa.

Grace Woodard is at her home, Bradford, Pa.

Iza Martin and Sara Black are taking graduate work in Bucknell University.

## MARYLAND ALPHA.

Beall Martin, '98, will teach this winter in Washington Seminary for young ladies at Atlanta, Georgia.

May Lansfield Kellar, '98, has sailed for Germany where she will spend the winter studying at the University of Berlin.

## OHIO ALPHA.

Mary Ullom, '96, and Mr. David H. Thomas, Beta Theta Pi, were united in marriage at the M. E. church in this city on Thursday evening, September twenty-seventh. Mr. Thomas is practicing law in Marietta and they will reside there.

A pretty home wedding occurred on Thursday morning, September twentieth, at 9 o'clock, when Maud Herold and Mr. Irwin Merwin, Phi Delta Theta, were married. They will reside in Charleston, W. Va.

Lucy Murdoch, class of '99, who taught in a private school in Owensboro, Kentucky, last year is teaching in the public schools at her home in Chillicothe.

Mabel Wilson, 1900, is teaching at Amesville, Ohio.

A number of Pi Phis have recently removed from Athens. Mrs. Fanny Brown Hickle and Mrs. Mabel Towsley Graham are now in Lancaster, Ohio. Mrs. Caroline Schwefel Brown resides in New York. Mrs. Kate Crawford Leonard is at South Webster, Ohio. Mrs. Dora Hoffman Chapin lives in Brooklyn.

## OHIO BETA.

Ora Blake Freeman, ex-'00, left in June for the Philippines, where she has joined her husband Lieutenant George Freeman of U. S. A.

Laura A. Weisman, class poet of 1900, is at her home in Columbus preparing for a nuptial event which it is rumored will take place soon.

Nan Costigan and Cora Conklin, ex-'00, are teaching in the public schools of Columbus.

Ohio Beta is the proud possessor of two infant pledglings, Margaret Sutherland Flynn and little Miss Powell, both born in August.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

Ida Spaulding of Wisconsin Alpha is attending the University this year, and has registered in the Library school.

Edith Chester, one of our charter members, is studying at the University this fall.

Edith Clark, who was graduated from the University two years ago, has come back and entered the Library school.

Marietta Busey returned this summer from a tour in Egypt.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

Katharine Armstrong has gone to New York city to complete her college course at Barnard.

Esther Shover, 1900, is spending the fall quarter at the University of Chicago.

Mabel Hawk, 1900, is teaching in the Indianapolis schools.

Louisa VanSlyke has secured a position as teacher of Algebra in the Indianapolis High School.

Augusta Smallstig was married to Mr. Hiram Van Kirk on June twenty-eighth, at Chicago, Illinois.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Elsie Space, '00, and Lora Marsh, '99, are teaching in Keuka College, N. Y. Miss Space has charge of the Latin and Miss Marsh has work in the Spanish and English.

Grace Bailey, '00, has charge of the Science in the Belding, Michigan, high school.

Mabel Moore, '00, is at her home in Merriam, Ind.

Lutie Myers, '00, is teaching in the public schools at her home, Gobleville, Michigan.

Kate Skinner is teaching in Ortenville and Katharine Cook in Sekonsha.

Mrs. E. A. Helmick has returned from Cuba and has been at her mother's home in Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Lulu Callon was married in August to Mr. A. A. Bray of Mt. Morris. They are at home in that place.

Effie Browne, '99, is teaching Latin in the Marion (Ohio) high school.



Veva Higbee, '96, was married in June to Mr. Chas. W. Whitney. Their home is in Buffalo, N. Y.

Grace Higbee, '96, is resting this year at her father's home in Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Clara Hughes, '97, is principal of the Constantine, Michigan, high school.

Elizabeth Robinson, '96, resigned her position as Lady Principal at Parker College, Minnesota, and is now teaching Latin in the Athens, Pennsylvania, high school.

Katharine Searle is engaged in Kindergarten work in Provo City, Utah.

Louisa Randolph, '94, was married August twenty-first to Mr. J. R. Roseman of Frost, Minn.

Nettie Bates gives her address as Grand Lodge, Mich.

Mrs. Anna Closson-Green now lives in Hillsdale, where Dr. Green is a practicing physician.

Lotta Coombs has been visiting in Hillsdale. Her home is in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Mrs. Kittie Closson-Greene has changed her residence from Enosburg Falls, Vt., to Topeka, Kansas.

Francis Randolph, '92, returned to Bismark, North Dakota, this year and Bertha Myers, '98, has returned to North Adams, Michigan.

Mrs. Retta Kempton-Locklin lives in Shawano, Wis.

Juva Higbee, '96, is taking advanced work in voice culture in New York City and lives with Blanche Spencer Davenport at Garfield, New Jersey.

Zoe E. Leonard was married May second, to Dr. W. J. Keyes. Their home is in Springfield, Ohio.

Mayme Fuller is spending the winter in Indianapolis, Ind.

Catharine Smith, '92, spent August and September at her home in Michigan, but has returned to her work in Topeka, Kansas.

Josephine Graham was married to Mr. Amos Hollinger, and lives at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Minerva Naylor can be found at her studio, Clarence Block, 122 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

Nancy M. Bentley, '00, is teaching in the Marshall, Michigan, high school.

Florence K. Wetmore, '00, is teaching Latin and German in the Plymouth, Michigan, high school.

Anna E. Carpenter, '00, is teaching Latin and French in the high school at Three Rivers, Michigan.

Elizabeth Wylie, '00, is at her home in Saginaw this year.

Ruth L. Smith, '99, is teaching Mathematics in the high school at Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Helen Wetmore, who has been studying art in New York city for two years, will be at her home in Ann Arbor during this year.

Pearl Bennett, '00, is at her home in Ecoise for a time.

Evelyn Bryant, '00, is doing substitute work in the Detroit high schools.

Grace Robertson, '00, is teaching in the Lake Forest high school, Chicago.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Lavinia L. Oakes was married to Mr. John Dixon, Sigma Chi, on July eleventh, at her home in Rockford, Ill. They live at 49 Arlington street, Cleveland, Ohio.

On August first occurred the wedding of Alma M. Moser and Dr. Paul Reinsch, ΔΥ, at the Pi Beta Phi House, 415 N. Henry street, Madison, Wis.

The wedding of Margaret M. Hutton to Rev. John C. Abels took place on October nineteenth at her home in Whitewater, Wis. Their home is to be at Brewster, Minn.

Grace Cox was married to Mr. George Carroll, October twenty-fourth, at Hartland, Wis. They will reside in Milwaukee, Wis.

Wisconsin Alpha has been saddened by the death of Professor H. A. Sober, who died September tenth. The funeral was held in the chapter house, at Madison. Mrs. Sober has consented to live at the House this year, acting as chaperone.

Livia E. Seiler, '00, is teaching German in the Monroe, Wis., public schools.

Lucretia Hinckley returned to her school at Ashland, Wis.

Laura Cosgrave spent the past summer traveling in Europe.

Bess Steenberg will spend the winter studying in Berlin, Germany.

Genevieve Smith has resumed her musical studies in Minneapolis.

Jessie Davis is teaching physics at Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Miriam Reed will spend the winter in Washington, D. C.

On June twelfth, Eloise MacNeill was married to Mr. William Warren Bird at the home of her brother in Washington. They are at home at 13 Bigelow St., Cambridge, Mass.

#### COLORADO BETA.

Agnes Holmes Glasgow, '00, is teaching in Leadville, Col.

Nanaruth Taggart, '00, is instructor in Greek and Elocution in the Montclair, Colorado, high school.

Carolyn Kramer, '02, is a student at Wellesley this year.

Ellen Anderson is seeking the benefits of a lower altitude in Boston.

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### In Memoriam.

#### FRANCES LISLE.

Iowa Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi was much grieved to learn of the death of one of her most beloved members. At Clarinda, Iowa, on the eleventh of July, God claimed as his own one of the truest, noblest and most beloved of women, Frances Lavinia Lisle.

She was born on July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty, near Zanesville, Ohio; and a few years later removed with her parents, Elijah and Jane Spry, to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she received her education. Iowa Alpha of Pi Beta Phi was organized in 1868, and she was one of its charter members.

She was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan in 1870, and two years later, on January second, 1872, married Charles A. Lisle. Their union was one of the happiest. Idolized by husband and children, her life was always above the narrow cares that must necessarily come to each one.

In her childhood she was always bright and happy, with a smile and kindly word ever trembling upon her lips for every one with whom she came in contact. With so beautiful a beginning, is it any wonder that all the qualities of true and noble womanhood — sweetness of spirit, a noble devotion to others, love which was made sweet and holy by its humility — should deepen. Truly her life knew no higher joy than service for others.

Iowa Alpha sorrows in the loss of a sweet influence that has always in some way pervaded the years of her absence from us; but we are comforted in that

“Filled was her heart with love and the dawn of an opening  
heaven  
Lightened her soul in sleep with the glory of regions celestial.”

—L. E. B., Iowa Alpha.

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#### NETTIE ERICKSON.

A dear sister has been taken from Iowa Beta and her absence makes a deep sorrow in all the hearts of loving Pi Phis at Simpson.

Nettie Erickson was the sister who died August fifth, 1900, at her home in Indianola. While Nettie had been out of the active chapter for a few years, she was by no means gone from us. She had been an assistant instructor in this college since the time of her graduation, in 1897, and while she was not strong enough physically to keep up her college work and also attend the fraternity meetings very often, yet she always helped us in every way she could and she was one we depended on a great deal.

She was a sister we were indeed proud of; — very sweet in her life and disposition, and far above the average girl in mental powers.

She won nearly every prize to which she was eligible, that was offered in our college for oratory and scholarship. Naturally we were proud of her for her intelligence and ability as well as for her pure and noble life. She obtained her master's degree the spring before she died. Nettie was initiated into Pi Beta Phi during her Sophomore year in college and was always a loyal, true-hearted sister. She represented Iowa Beta in the convention at Madison, in 1897. She was a girl who appreciated any kindness shown her and who in turn was kind and good to others.

Words cannot tell what this loss means to her family, her many friends and to her sisters of Iowa Beta. Truly, though she is gone from us for a little while, hers was a life of purity and usefulness, the influence of which shall live forever.

—I. H.

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#### HELEN GEREN.

On the twenty-third of June, Ohio Beta lost Helen Geren by death.

Helen's girlhood was spent in Columbus and in 1895 she entered the freshman class of the Ohio State University. She was an active member of Ohio Beta for a year and a half. Helen had not been strong for several years and she was unable to be in school the latter part of her second year. She entered school again in 1897, struggling all the time against ill-health. The next year being worse she was unable to enter school. To add to her weakness she sustained a serious fall which day by day caused her to grow worse.

At times when she seemed better we were happy in the thought that she might yet be spared to us, but last June she died suddenly of heart failure.

Her life was so beautiful and good that it seemed in our first grief that we could not give her up. We are consoled in our loss when we think how much and how long she suffered and that now she is where there is no pain nor suffering.

—H. M.

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### Editorials.

IT IS with a great deal of pleasure that the editor takes up again her trusty scissors and blue pencil, unlocks her sanctum, as represented by one particular drawer in her writing desk, and resumes the "duties of her office." She has a realizing sense that it is she, and not the Arrow, that has suffered by her year of absence. Nobody who has not tried to pick up the dropped stitches of fraternity duties and responsibilities can realize what even one year can do to put one out of touch with chapter and fraternity.

If, as we fear, this issue shows the effect of the editor's interrupted incumbency, she asks pardon, confessing with humility that she has fallen a bit behind on fraternity affairs, but owing to an increased sympathy for the much-discussed alumna who, from lack of information rather than from lack of interest, has grown away from her chapter.

To Iva Welsh and to her assistant, Miriam Reed, the editor wishes thus publicly to acknowledge her debt, for the efficient and friendly help which made her absence possible. To them the thanks of the fraternity are due for the able way in which they took the helm and guided our good little bark, "The Arrow," through another successful year's voyage.

ANOTHER star has been born into the constellation of Pi Beta Phi; another "baby chapter" has come to claim its welcome into our big family of chapters. To California Beta we all, across the miles, offer the right hand of fellowship. With her is welded, or rather re-welded, that last link that binds

Atlantic and Pacific with our Arrow chain. May this little group of Berkeley girls realize our highest hopes for them and for their chapter; may they find in their fraternity all that a fraternity can mean to them; may they be in the truest sense *Pi Beta Phis!* We can ask for them and offer them no more than this.

SOME day when Pi Beta Phi erects a monument in honor of the much enduring chapter correspondent, there is going to be deep graven on three sides of the marble shaft: "Be prompt, be prompt, be prompt;" but on the fourth, "Be not too prompt."

The date of publication of the fall Arrow was changed from October to November for the reason that on September tenth, the former date set for the receipt of Arrow matter, so many colleges have not opened. By October tenth, however, all the chapters should be reunited and in working order for the year, and, except in those colleges where a time contract exists, with rushing practically over. By this time, then, some fair report of the chapter may be expected and can be furnished, unless the newly chosen chapter correspondent, with the proverbial energy of the new broom, sits down before she unpacks her trunk, to get that chapter letter off her mind before the press of rushing or of college work crowds upon her.

It is only fair to state that the majority do not thus "take time by the fetlock," and that more chapter letters come in after the twentieth than before the tenth of the month. Still there is a comfortable minority, especially in the fall, who send in their letters barren of everything but regrets for the "dear old seniors" and "bright hopes for the future." Heartfelt as these are, they cannot well be stretched to cover more than a page or two of note paper; hence the exceeding leanness of our fall issue in the pages devoted to chapter letters. May we suggest to zealous secretaries that if letters reach us by the tenth of the month, they are in ample season and will be all the fresher and newsier for waiting until the last possible moment before that time.

**T**N LOOKING back over the year's history of the fraternity, one of our greatest causes for self-congratulation is the growth of the Alumnae Association. The catalogue published in the July issue shows a membership of one hundred and four, which is probably as good a showing as can be made by any other woman's fraternity. This means that over a hundred women are kept in active touch with Pi Beta Phi through the circle secretaries, are regular subscribers to, and presumably regular readers of the Arrow, and are thus so much working force added to the strength of the fraternity.

It is a rather significant fact that more than half the membership in the Alumnae Association is from cities and towns where no chapter exists, which goes a long way toward disproving the oft-made assertion that alumnae soon lose interest unless in close contact with the active chapter.

With our strong force of alumnae officers, the well-organized circle system, and the special alumnae department of the Arrow, we ought at least to double our numbers during the coming year, and let the next convention see us with two hundred loyal and strong, because interested alumnae, working with the chapters for the added strength of Pi Beta Phi.

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## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Now that our rushing season is over we girls of Vermont Alpha begin to realize that another year of hard work is before us, but mingled with the difficulties are the pleasant associations with our chapter which seems dearer to us than ever after the weeks of separation. Still we are saddened sometimes by the thought of the five to whom we bade good bye last June.

We especially enjoyed the first week of October, when our Grand President was with us. What an interesting talk we had with her after our regular meeting on Monday evening, pouring into her ear all our troubles and listening to her words of sympathy and advice. Then on Wednesday evening Miss Bradford was present at our initiation ceremony when six fresh-



men — Elna Coates, Katherine Collins, Florence Perley, Jessie and Josie Prentiss and Helen Reed donned the golden arrow.

We have had several informal teas and rushing parties at the Pharetra or at private houses. One very pleasant evening we spent with Mrs. Hammond, and at another time Mrs. Crane, one of our patronesses, gave us a "marshmallow toast."

It is with bright prospects that Middlebury College enters upon the second century of her existence, for Starr library is completed and our new Science Hall is growing rapidly.

May this be the most successful year our dear Pi Beta Phi has ever seen.

MAUD SMITH.

VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

It is with renewed spirit and energy that the corresponding secretary of Vermont Beta writes her first chapter letter of the year to the Arrow, and this is due in a large measure to the visit we have just enjoyed from our Grand President. She left us this morning for Syracuse and it was with sincere regret that we bade her good-bye. Her visit was a means of great inspiration to one and all of our eleven members and has spurred us on to renewed efforts in behalf of our beloved fraternity. Miss Bradford came to us in the very midst of our "rushing season," for our college did not open until the twenty-sixth of September.

The freshman girls are rather few in number this year, there being only fifteen in all, and several of them are specials. We have not any pledges to present to you in this letter, but we hope to have several new sisters in time for the next.

We are the happy and proud possessors of a nice large room this year, a studio which we rented of an artist who is away for the winter. We have a private entrance and hall, so we consider ourselves quite nicely provided for. We received the new girls in our room last Thursday evening.

The November Arrow will find a cordial welcome here, for it will bring us news of our sister chapters' success in "rushing."

Vermont Beta sends glad and hearty greetings to all who are and who are to be her sisters in Pi Phi.

GRACE ANNA GOODHUE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

After our long and enjoyable summer vacation we come together once more, a jolly band of Pi Phis. We have kept in touch with each other during the summer by a "round robin" letter. We feel that our outlook for the coming winter is particularly promising. We have a splendid chapter with which

to start the year, and are especially glad in having with us once more, in the active chapter, Helen Lee and Cecil Franzoni. Then, too, we are so happy to welcome back Elsie Parkinson, 1900, who has returned for a master's degree. We hope, also, to have Rosalie Robinette back for another degree. It is with the sincerest regret that we find we have to part with two of our dearest girls, Mary Hobgood and Katharine Buck, who will not return to college. Already we are beginning to think and plan for our first initiation, which will occur very soon — that of Josephine Shallenberger, who was pledged at the end of the last term. And now, dear Pi Phis, we bid you adieu until the next issue of the Arrow, when we hope to have some real news to tell you of the great things which we have been doing.

FLORENCE ELIZABETH FRISBY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta begins the year with thirteen active members and one pledge who will be initiated before this Arrow is printed. Three of the dear old seniors of last year have stayed with us as active members, and we have two new girls to introduce to you, Lila Long and Jane Fowler. They were initiated last June with Rachel Eddelman, who will not return until next fall. We are sorry to be without her this year, but she is meeting our Indiana sisters and so will keep in touch with fraternity life.

On our return to college this fall we found many improvements. The dormitory for men, West College, was ready for occupancy, and a central heating and lighting plant is building.

A dramatic club for women has been organized, and most of our girls are developing latent histrionic abilities in a surprising way.

On October third we entertained the new college girls in a very informal way, at the home of Eliza Martin. One of our town alumnae, Kate McLaughlin, '95, was quietly married in October to Mr. H. S. Bourse, Phi Kappa Psi. Several of our girls attended the wedding.

We are looking forward with eager expectancy to a visit from our Grand President this fall.

LAURA ALLEN.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha came together this fall with only five active members and two pledges, the smallest chapter for several years; but fortune has already smiled on us, and we are a very happy band indeed.

On the evening of the eighth of October, the active and alumnae members convened in our hall for the purpose of initiating four girls, Mary Townsend, Bell Bishop, Lucile Evans and Flora Conner, one of our pledged girls. The ceremony was very beautiful and impressive, and the active and alumnae members entered into the spirit of the occasion. After carving her feline majesty, we, a happy band of Pi Phis, "repaired to the festive board."

Ohio Alpha, like perhaps every other chapter, looks forward to such occasions with pleasure, for we have so many alumnae in and about Athens who always delight in coming to the initiations and whom we enjoy having come, so that each ceremony binds us closer together and makes the sentiment of our ceremony a living presence.

Eros has been unusually successful in aiming his darts amid our circle, claiming two of our alumnae. Maud Herold and Erwin Merwin, Phi Delta Theta, were married the twentieth of September, starting immediately for their new home, Charleston, W. Va. Just one week later, the twenty-seventh, Mary Ullom and David Thomas, Beta Theta Pi, were married; they, too, leaving at once for their home at Marietta, Ohio.

Ohio Alpha sends greetings to all her sisters in the bond, and wishes them as much success as we have had in obtaining girls who will be earnest and enthusiastic workers for Pi Beta Phi.

MINNIE BROWN.

#### OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Beta sends greetings to every Pi Phi and wishes especially to welcome into our beloved fraternity the girls of California State University, who have so lately taken up the cause of Pi Beta Phi. We hope that they will be as happy in the fraternity and enjoy working for it as much as we older chapters have.

The summer has passed rapidly and pleasantly for our girls and we are now ready to undertake the duties of another school year. This summer we again had a house party, and every Pi Phi can imagine how crowded with pleasure was every moment of the week. It was a treat for us who do not experience the delights of a chapter house. We had also several picnics and parties during the summer besides a reception given for the delegates and visitors to the Kappa Kappa Gamma convention.

We now have a tiny Pi Phi baby, the first of our chapter. She is the daughter of Margaret Sutherland Flynn, and we hope that she may some day become as faithful and loyal a Pi Phi as her mother has been. We had one loss which greatly saddened us this summer. This was the death of Helen Geren. We miss

her greatly and our only consolation is that she is relieved of her sufferings.

On July ninth Ora Blake Freeman left to join her husband in the Philippines.

We have been rushing very hard since school opened. This was necessary as we started with only seven active members. We have had a card party and a dinner in honor of the freshmen. As a result of our work we have two pledges and we will probably have some others later.

Ohio Beta sends best wishes to every Pi Phi for a prosperous and happy year.

ALLENA MITZENBURG.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Although we all enjoyed the vacation with its many good times, New York Alpha girls are glad to be together again in the class room and in the university social life. The entering class this year is one of the largest in the history of "Syracuse"—numbering nearly six hundred in the different colleges. The "salt rush" was won by the Freshies, but the annual football contest between the Sophs. and Freshmen was a tie. As yet none of the "Freshies" have appeared with canes. During the rushing season we enjoyed visits from Mary Barrett, '00, and Bertha Veeder, ex-'01. The rushing this year was carried on more quickly and successfully than ever before. Fewer girls than usual were back, but each girl was intensely interested and enthusiastic. As a result we have pledged ten of the brightest, most winsome girls in the class of 1904, whom we are glad to introduce to our sister Pi Phis: Eva Roe, Jessie Barrett, Madge Bates, Florence Britton, Lillian Butlin, Mollie Barker, Fannie Denio, Frances Huntington, Mae Van Dorn and Lina Jennings. We regret that Louise Andrews, whom we pledged last year, is unable to be initiated this year, but she will join our ranks next year. Our dear Grand President, Elise Bradford, is visiting at the chapter house. We have anticipated her visit with pleasure, and will have our initiation and banquet during her visit with us.

Welthy Housinger, '00, and Lura Wightman, ex-'02, are coming tomorrow for initiation. We do so enjoy meeting our sisters from other colleges and our own "old girls."

Several of the girls met Pi Phis from other colleges during the vacation, and exchanged college and fraternity experiences. One of the girls attended a little picnic of eight in which five colleges were represented. The girls had a jolly time too.

The sophomores have entertained the freshmen, and the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. reception has been given to the students in the gymnasium. The college girls are now looking forward to

the National Convention of Delta Upsilon, to be held here about the middle of the month.

Invitations are out for the reception on the eighteenth.

Phi Kappa Psi has also issued invitations for an informal party to the freshmen girls.

On September thirtieth one of our pledged girls, Mae Van Dorn, lost her mother, who died after a short illness of heart disease. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her in her great bereavement.

New York Alpha sends greetings and best wishes for a successful year to all Pi Phis.

EDNA MAYBEE.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Massachusetts Alpha has opened the year very auspiciously. We are fifteen souls with but a single thought, which just now is "rushing."

The season opened with a luncheon at the chapter room. This has been repeated twice but with variations. At the second we could introduce the girls to Ellen Anderson of Colorado Beta, who has already proved that she is our sister. At the next we could present them to our Grand President. Our latest festivity was a delightful party at the home of Daisy Whitcomb, in Watertown.

It has been a very great pleasure, and also a very great help, to have Miss Bradford with us at these busy times. Her advice has been useful and her presence added no small dignity to the occasions, in the eyes of the freshmen. From our hearts as well as our lungs we gave three rousing cheers for Pi Phi and her President.

ELEANOR GOOD.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In the social as in the scientific world, the law of the equilibrium of forces holds true. Last June, as we members of Maryland Alpha parted from each other, we could not help but think that the fates were very unkind to have given us homes in different towns. But last week the joy of seeing each other once more fully balanced the sorrow of parting. However, there is still no balance for the sorrow of parting with our graduates and three of our underclassmen who cannot return to us this year. Howbeit, we know that they are with us in thought and have very deeply at heart the interest of all their sisters in the Pi Beta Phi.

As you know our chapter is still young in this sisterhood, but it is old enough to have a bride among its alumnae, for

Irene Louise Rapalee, ex-1901, on September the nineteenth, added a new member to Maryland Alpha, namely Mr. Edward Thomas Keyworth, of York, Pennsylvania. We feel assured that you join with us in congratulations to Mr. Keyworth, and in wishes for a blessed and happy life for both.

Iowa Alpha has also been kind to us this year, for she has entrusted to us one of her former members, Elizabeth Davis. We are indeed glad to have Elizabeth with us, and by her coming we realize more fully how closely our chapters may be bound together.

Though she has just come to us, she is already helping us "rush" for the wine and blue. We shall miss in our rushing, as in all our pleasures, May L. Kellar, '98, who sailed on the twentieth of September for Germany, where she will study in the University of Berlin.

Our college has been open but a week and there is an unusually large number of new students, but from our present point of view we think we shall have several new Pi Phis to introduce to you when we next "meet in letter-form."

Wishing for each chapter a successful fall rush and a happy winter rest, Maryland bids you all good-bye, which, being interpreted, is Auf wiedersehen.

KATHLEEN J. MALLORY.

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## BETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE.

Once again we have returned to this dear old college after a long and restful vacation.

Illinois Beta commenced work this fall with five active members and three pledged girls. Two new girls have put on the wine and blue ribbons and before the week is over we will introduce them to all the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

The prospect for the coming year is unusually bright. There seems to be more than the usual number of new girls who would make good Pi Phis.

On the afternoon of September fifteenth we gave our first party of the year. At the home of Fannie Ginrich, '99, we entertained all the new girls of the college, our patronesses and some of our friends.

We regret that so many of our last year's members were unable to return. One of whom we are especially proud is Nellie Turner, who received the first prize in declamation on the Townsend Contest held during Commencement week.

We have secured a chapter room at the home of one of our professors and expect to have pleasant, cozy quarters.

May the coming year be one of profit and enjoyment to each chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

LILLIAN HARRIS.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Illinois Delta is commencing what we feel confident will be a most successful year. The six active girls with whom we started are increased in number by our six initiates, Ruth Lipe, Emma Jensen, Margaret Morse, Elizabeth Root, Katharine Hanna, and Annie Gaddis, daughter of our founder, whose face we have seen in the Arrow, Mrs. Libbie Brooks Gaddis. And we are glad to have with us Josephine Coolidge, of Illinois Beta.

Pi Beta Phi has had the honor of having three of her girls, Fanny Hurff, Margaret Morse and Alice Gale, elected to the "Gale" board (our college annual), and four of the girls are on the Glee club.

A picnic at Lake George, given to our new girls and a number of the Preps, with one initiation, are the only social times we have yet had. The two sororities have made a treaty not to give any invitations for membership until the girl enters college, an action which is commended throughout the college and town.

Our meetings are to take a more literary turn than ever before, and we mean to combine a great deal of profit with our pleasure, and so merge the two that our fortnightly meetings may always be happily anticipated.

Louise Montgomery, our president this semester, and Y. W. C. A. delegate to the Geneva convention this summer, had the pleasure of meeting there ten representatives of different Pi Phi chapters, and tells us of what good times they had together.

Athletic work for girls is finding a more prominent place at Knox, and the girls are hugely enjoying their present work of swimming and tennis.

Knox College is to be congratulated upon her new president, Dr. McLelland. There have been some other changes in the faculty in which Knox has lost Mrs. Grace Lass Sisson, instructor in oratory. She is replaced by Mr. Humphreys, who has so often successfully carried through the class-day plays. Dr. Cushing also has left to take a position in the East, and Illinois Delta has lost a patroness in his wife.

Hoping for a successful year to all Pi Phis.

ALICE CANDEE GALE.



## ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern opened its doors to old and new students on September twenty-seventh, and found us with nine active members.

We welcome our new transfers, Florence Hatfield, from Simpson, and Lillian Payne, from Franklin, and cannot but feel that, with their additional help, our chapter will be greatly strengthened.

As our rushing season is not over, we will be unable to introduce our new members before the next Arrow number.

Northwestern feels especially fortunate in securing, as its new dean, Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, the noted writer and educator, who has already won the hearts of the girls by her pleasant face and charming manner.

As so many of our girls reside in Chicago, frequent gatherings were held during the summer months, at the different homes. The remembrance of the three days, spent at the house party at White Fish Bay, Wisconsin, with the O'Brien girls, our Chicago University sisters, lingers pleasantly in our minds.

Two of our old girls are not content to rest upon their laurels, won in this country, but are now pursuing a course of study in Germany — Elfrieda Hochbaum in Leipsic, and Alice Doland in Berlin. We are especially proud of Elfrieda, as she won distinction for Illinois Epsilon a year ago, in not only taking her bachelor and master's degrees at the same time, but in carrying off the highest honors of class.

Hedwig Mueller returned from Europe the first week in October and has again resumed her college studies.

That all Phi Phi chapters may have a prosperous year and succeed in obtaining just the right kind of girls — girls who will be true to all fraternity vows, is the earnest wish of Illinois Epsilon.

MAE L. DOLAND.

## ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

This fall all the members of Illinois Zeta send you most cordial greetings from our new chapter house. We are situated on Green street in the vicinity of other fraternity houses. Delta Tau Delta is next door, Phi Delta Theta a block away, and Kappa Alpha Theta only two doors from us.

Of course our house has been the center of rushing this season, and we have been very successful; so far having secured six spikes. Our first initiation took place September twenty-sixth, and we have never had a more attractive one. Our new initiates were Delia Stern, Opal Stipes and Katherine Walls, all Cham-



paign girls, who have come to the university for the first time this fall.

We were so glad to see in the last Arrow the pictures of our Colorado and Missouri sisters, and hope that some of the other chapters will favor us in a similar way. We can become so much better acquainted if we have the faces to go with the letters.

We send you our best wishes for the coming months, and should any of you visit Champaign this year, you would be most heartily welcomed at Illinois Zeta's chapter house.

MINNIE C. BRIDGEMAN.

#### INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Once more Indiana Alpha has entered the field of conquest and for the first chapter letter she can joyously announce herself as winner of six splendid girls. How proud we are of our victory! And before the week is spent four of this number will be already initiated.

These with nine active girls will make a strong chapter for this year's work in our college.

Gladly we tell one other bit of news; we have at last a chapter house. With the consent of the faculty we rented a house which is in charge of a Pi Phi and her mother. Now we have everything in running order, and the house was opened the first Monday after school began, with an afternoon reception to the new girls of the college — and in the evening for the new men and the two fraternities.

Our alumnae and patronesses also assisted. The house looked very pretty in its new furnishings, and palms, ferns, and asters made it most attractive.

We hope to make the chapter house such a success that we shall be able always to have a house for our girls.

Now we are planning an attic party, which will be given Hallowe'en, and with stalks of corn, pumpkins, peppers and other decorations, with old-fashioned things served, we hope for a unique and enjoyable party. Indiana Alpha sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes they will all be as fortunate as she.

ALICE VAN NUYS.

#### INDIANA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

The girls of Indiana Beta send greetings to all sister chapters, at the beginning of the new year.

In spite of the loss of our chapter house, which was burned during the summer, the Indiana Betas have every prospect of a successful year ahead. We have secured a fine new chapter

home, which is being remodeled and enlarged for our use. When we are settled in it, we will have one of the most convenient houses in town.

In numbers we are not so strong as last year, but our ranks have been strengthened by our new girls. It is with a great deal of pride that we introduce Flora Ticknor, of Muncie; Ethel Boyd, of Paoli; Stella Byrne, of Brookville; Georgia Jones, of Alexandria; Dell Miller, of Montmorenci, and Mabel Bonsall, of Alexandria. All of these rode the goat into Pi Phidom on Saturday evening, October twentieth.

During the spiking season we gave a number of informal frolics for the new girls. Lizzie Karsall, one of our town girls, entertained with a real Pi Phi cookie-shine, and we have had taffy pulls, fudge parties and moonlight buck-board rides galore. On the evening of November second we hope to entertain, on a larger scale, with a reception and dance.

Maud Martin, one of our town alumnae, entertained the Pi Phis informally on Saturday, October thirteenth. On that occasion we had as our guest one of our old girls, Josephine Cox of Indianapolis.

The university is much improved this year. New walks have been laid out on the campus, and the new stone observatory is rapidly nearing completion. Wylie Hall, which was burned last winter, is again nearly ready for use.

Our chapter hopes for a closer acquaintance with others who wear the chained arrow, and we live in anticipation of meeting the Pi Phis from other colleges.

ANNA GARDNER CRAVENS.

#### INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Once more October has rolled around and we are all glad to be back at old Butler, greeting former classmates and friends, and learning to know the new unfamiliar faces. Indiana Gamma begins the year with only five active members, but the girls are all loyal and enthusiastic, and determined to make Pi Beta Phi stand for all that is noblest and best in college life. An unusual number of new girls have been enrolled, and we feel certain that at the end of our six weeks' contract we shall find many new treasures for Pi Phi.

During the summer vacation a number of changes have come to Butler and to Indiana Gamma. Two new members have been added to the faculty to fill vacancies left by former teachers. Dr. E. S. Ames, professor of Philosophy and Pedagogy, has been called to Chicago, where he has work in the Philosophical department of the University. Dr. Ames was one of Butler's most popular men, and we are sorry indeed to lose him. His chair will be filled by Dr. Rogers of New York. Miss

Clara McIntyre, of Radcliffe, has come to fill the place of instructor in English and history, left vacant by Miss Evelyn Butler. Another change in Butler's life has been the remodeling of the old "Dormitory" into the girls' hall. Professor and Mrs. Forrest will live there, and Mrs. Forrest will be at the head of the residence.

Among our pleasant memories of the summer vacation perhaps the ones dearest to Pi Phis are the "Round-robin" and house parties we have enjoyed. Most of us were fortunate in being near enough to see one another often, but those who were farther away enjoyed the letters almost as much. What fun a Pi Phi house party is! It makes us realize more than ever that a chapter home adds infinitely to the charm of fraternity life, and we hope the time is not far distant when we shall have a home of our own.

We were particularly glad to know of the establishment of a chapter in Berkeley, Cal., since one of our girls, Mrs. Hiram Van Kirk, has gone to make that her home. Mr. Van Kirk is dean of the Bible College in the University of California, and we feel certain his wife will be able to help the girls a great deal.

I cannot close this letter without telling you how proud we are that Ethel Curryer has been chosen president of Beta Province. She is one of our charter members and we hope Beta Province will learn to love her as we do.

With heartiest greetings to all Pi Phis.

ETHEL B. ROBERTS.

#### MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha again sends greetings to all the Pi Phi world.

We regret very much some of the changes that have come to us and yet we've been congratulating ourselves that we have "such a congenial chapter" this year. Four seniors left us last June, three of whom are teaching, and three others of our band are to teach this year. That leaves just eight of the active girls in school and you may imagine our joy, when the second week of school, we were able to initiate one of our pledgelings, Inez Coon. She says it is delightful to be active. Then we were made happy again by the pledging of two of the dearest, brightest new girls, Lena French and Bess Chapman. We hope when we write again that they will have gone deeper into the mysteries of Pi Phidom.

We have a new professor of Latin, Prof. Meyer, and he brought with him to Hillsdale a new wife, seeing whom we straightway fell in love with her and she in turn was pierced by our arrow so that she very graciously consented to become our patroness.

I think this Arrow is to contain a report of the good times we had with the alumnae at Commencement time. They were not at all forgetful of us and our rooms are the richer by several much-appreciated gifts.

During the summer some of the resident girls and alumnae gave a cookie-shine in our rooms in honor of Edith Riffle, of Kansas Alpha.

We have a wedding, too, to announce. Lulu Callow and Archibald Bray were married at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, August 21, 1900.

We feel that we are much favored by having one of our most enthusiastic old girls, Anna Closson Green, with us to stay. Her husband, Dr. Green, has just begun practicing medicine here.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Chase, another of our girls, entertained the chapter and Mrs. Meyer one evening a short time ago.

Of course we had our usual rushing party and good times at the opening of the year, tho' we must be very circumspect now on account of the new college regulations. Various elections in literary societies, athletic associations and political clubs have resulted in the usual honors being awarded to our girls.

Several of the girls have enjoyed meeting members of other chapters the past summer, especially favored was our Geneva delegate.

We hope that all other chapters may have just such a happy year as we feel to be before us.

MARY A. WELLS.

#### MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Though vacations are very pleasant and we Pi Phis had many little re-unions during the summer, we are glad to be back at work in school and fraternity.

How we miss the girls who are not with us this year and there are eight of them. And our house-mother, too — for Mrs. Carpenter, who has taken such an interest in us for the last two years, was not able to come back. But we girls think we are very fortunate in persuading Mrs. Heath that it was best for her and us that we should cast in our lot together this year.

Evelyn Bryant, '00, came out from Detroit and spent a part of the first week with us. Letters from the other girls show that they have not lost their interest in Pi Beta Phi.

Edith Clarke who has been doing Social Settlement work at the Chicago Commons, has returned to college and is again one of our active members.

Michigan Beta feels that she is to be congratulated in having as an active member Rebecca Downing, from Colorado Beta.

Her interest and enthusiasm in Pi Beta Phi make her seem like an old friend.

The Woman's League held a reception for new girls in the Woman's Building, Saturday, October sixth. In spite of the rain, the parlors, which have been newly furnished during the summer, were crowded with girls. The upper classmen acted as hostesses to the freshmen girls. The Women's League does its best to make new girls feel at home in the University, and to find them congenial friends.

Michigan Beta is eagerly awaiting news from her Pi Beta Phi sisters.

DOROTHY SASS.

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### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of this new school year Iowa Alpha sends greetings to all other dear Pi Phis.

She has been wondering whether any of her sister chapters are so few in numbers;—only five of us, still we think it would be hard to find girls more firmly bound together than are we. With one heart our aim is to make for Iowa Alpha one of its best—if not its best—record in years.

There are some very lovely new girls at Iowa Wesleyan this year, but we have not asked any of them to become of our number, due partly to an agreement recently decided upon concerning undue haste about pledging; and also because we wish them to feel it a privilege to belong to so noble a fraternity. We feel confident, however, from the shy glances and innocent little questionings, that their feelings incline toward us; that they only wait for the invitation to wear our beautiful emblem.

We are planning for a glorious good time Hallowe'en. We intend to have a masquerade party and close our evening's entertainment with one of the old time "cookie-shines," dear to every Pi Phi's heart. To make the night echo with our songs, to fill the hearts of our pledgings with a yearning desire, that will nearly consume them, to become members of our fraternity, "is a consummation devoutly to be wished."

Our happy beginning is to be but the forerunner of the good year that is to be ours. May it be such an one to all others in Pi Beta Phi is the wish of your sisters in Iowa Alpha.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

## IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Once more Iowa Beta greets her sister chapters, and wishes for them all the most happy and prosperous year they have ever known.

After the long summer vacation, our chapter met together, somewhat smaller than it usually is, but never has it been more loyal and devoted to the interests of the fraternity. We now number nine active girls and five pledges, all anxious to carry forward our chapter, and improve it in every way possible.

Our college is improving in many ways this year. There are several additions to the faculty, a new building is being erected, which will be ready for occupation some time this year, the old buildings have all been improved somewhat, and the attendance is larger than in any previous fall term. All the students are filled with enthusiasm for our college, which we hope to see soon the very best in the state.

There have been several changes among Simpson Pi Phis. We are all delighted at having back with us Kate Corkhill, our professor of English, who spent last year at the University of Chicago. She is an inspiration to us in our fraternity and college work.

Blanche Van Scoy, who was in the class of 1901, is at the State University of Montana this year.

Florence Hatfield, of 1902, has entered Northwestern University and through her we hope to become acquainted with the Pi Phi girls there. We have already heard something of them and their kindness to her when she was "a stranger in a strange land."

We feel very sad this fall at missing the bright face of one of our sisters — Nettie Erickson, who died last August. Yet, though we miss her so, the girls who knew her in the chapter will never lose the influence of her pure life. We feel keenly the loss of our two Senior girls, and hardly knew how to get along at the first of the term without them to rely on.

Our only festivities so far were on the evening of September twenty-sixth, when we initiated four girls, whom we are more than proud to introduce to all the Pi Phis. They are Edith Kemp of class 1903, and Geneva Cessna, Elena Jeffrey, and May Larimer, of class 1904. They are most enthusiastic Pi Phis, and we only wish that you might all know them personally. On the same night we pledged Pearl and Florence Anderson, whose sisters have been Pi Phis for several years.

After the initiation and pledge ceremonies, we introduced our new sisters to a Pi Phi cookie-shine, and spent an evening of fun that we will not soon forget.

We are planning now for a party on Hallowe'en, when we will celebrate our twenty-sixth birthday.

And once again we will wish for you all a most happy year, and one which will make the wine and blue, with all the joys and aspirations they represent, dearer to the hearts of the Pi Phi girls than ever before.

MARIAN COOKE.

IOWA ZETA — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Zeta must first introduce to the other chapters her three pledges, Frances Gardner of Avoca, Alta Smith of Harlan, and Bertha Hulzelns of Burlington. They are all girls of whom we are proud, and they help very much to console us for the loss of the eight girls who did not return this fall.

We are delighted to have for the new registrar of the University, Miss Quaintance, from the Lincoln chapter of Pi Phi. We enjoy having her with us and expect that she will help us with a great many new ideas on fraternity work.

Aside from the rushing parties, the social life so far this term has been very quiet. Professor and Mrs. Shambaugh, the latter one of our Pi Phi alumnae, entertained one evening and the following afternoon for the students, faculties and residents of the city.

At present, the attention of, one may say, the whole university is centered on the football team and the game which is to be played with Chicago on November third.

We are anxiously waiting for the November Arrow to hear how the other chapters are progressing this fall. With best wishes for all Pi Phis, Iowa Zeta closes her letter.

DOROTHY DAKIN.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

On the twenty-eighth of last September our happy vacation days were ended and we again found ourselves in the midst of busy excitement. In spite of the fact that in June we parted with eight of our dear senior girls, we returned a loyal and enthusiastic seven. We feel that we can well be proud to introduce to you as our new sister Pi Phis, May Telford, Mignon Wright, Ada Welsh, Millie Askew, Elizabeth Shepard, Ethel Rider, Irene Durley and Constance Haugen. How we wish that all of you might meet them and love them too!

We also claim Ethelyn Andrews, Cora Norsman and Georgia Hurlbut as pledglings.

One of our last year's initiates, Laura Cosgrave, has just returned from abroad and intends to take up her work in the university in a few days. Mrs. Paul Reinsch, nee Alma Moser, '00,



is now among our town alumnae. She lives only a few blocks from our chapter lodge and is such a help to the girls.

Rebie Fraser and Eunice Welsh, both of 1900, are also taking work at the university. Mrs. Sober and Florence Robinson, who have been spending the past year in Rome, are again with us.

We are glad to welcome into our chapter Grace Goddard, who has come to us this year from Knox College.

Recently we have had visits from Pauline Houghton, '99, Nellie McGregor, '95, and Livia Seiler, '00.

On the nineteenth of this month Margaret Hutton, '01, was married to Mr. John Abels, and on the twenty-fourth Grace Cox, '02, will become Mrs. George Carroll.

Wisconsin Alpha sends her greeting of love to all the Pi Phi world.

VIRGINIA HAYNER.

MISSOURI ALPHA — MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Missouri Alpha sends greetings to all her sisters in Pi Beta Phi at this, the beginning of another school year.

M. S. U. opened with brighter prospects than ever before. Already there are nearly 900 students enrolled. Among other blessings, we have three new chairs this year—in Household Economics, in Sociology and in Physiology.

The prospects for Pi Beta Phi are very good. We have eleven active members and three pledges, whom we hope to introduce to you as "true sisters" in our next letter. We are to have our first initiation Friday night.

We have had some good, enthusiastic meetings this year and are enjoying our fraternity life to the fullest extent. We have decided to have a social meeting once every two weeks, the first of which was a grand success.

We find our patronesses "joys forever." Two of them, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Martin, have entertained us and our friends very delightfully since school opened.

To the "Baby Chapter" we extend the "right hand of fellowship." We who have just worn that title can ask nothing better for them than that they may be as happy and successful as we were during our babyhood.

Here is "health, wealth and prosperity" to each and every Pi Phi.

GERTRUDE BAYLESS.



## DELTA PROVINCE.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA — NEWCOMB COLLEGE — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Although the loss of seven of our last year's chapter is rather depressing, the seven who remain are doing their best to keep up Pi Phi's old standard.

The rushing season is on and enthusiastic fraternity girls and scared-looking pledgelings are swarming over the grounds and through the arcades of Newcomb.

We have hardly yet had time to make many definite plans for the coming winter, as it is rather difficult to settle down in one week from a long summer full of pleasure. Those of our girls who traveled in the north during vacation were fortunate in meeting many Pi Phis from other chapters, and in forming in some instances, lasting friendships with them. These chance meetings are one of the pleasantest features of fraternity life, and make us realize what a great and glorious thing our sisterhood is.

We want to introduce to you Blanche Hopkins, who was pledged to us for a year, and whose initiation was the first of the season. In the next Arrow we hope to be able to tell you of at least three or four others, who will become loyal wearers of the wine and blue.

We cannot close without saying how much we enjoyed the July Arrow, which was attractive inside and out, and which had such a cooling effect, coming as it did, in its dainty summery garb.

PAULINE CURRAN.

## KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

It is with the sense of having borne off the honors of war that Kansas Alpha looks back over a hard-fought fall campaign. The prisoners taken in this inter-fraternity struggle were Jeanette Ware and Olive Gundry of Topeka, Ruth Williston and Eva Olin of Lawrence, Mabel McLaughlin of Hiawatha, Inez Plumb and Mary Kellogg of Emporia, and Rea Wilson of Abilene. The campaign was opened with a reception given at the home of one of our patronesses, Mrs. Brooks, and was carried on by a morning chocolate, a tally-ho party and a card party, with a few small skirmishes in the way of fudge parties.

On September the twenty-eighth Mrs. Green, one of our patronesses, entertained for Bess and Lucy Ayres, who have gone to Cañon City, Colorado, to make their future home. We hope that Colorado Alpha and Colorado Beta may come to know

them and to love them in the future as well as we have in the past.

Six of our pledgelings were initiated into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi on September the twenty-ninth. After the mock and the real initiations, a vaudeville was given, displaying the various "specialties" of the fraternity to great advantage. The evening was ended by the usual cookie-shine, in which about fifty active and alumnae members joined.

Kansas Alpha bade farewell to several of her members during the summer months as well as at Commencement. Zillah Smith was married to Mr. Alonzo Wilcox on the twentieth of June, and is now living in Muscotah, Kansas. She was with us, however, for the rushing season. Kate Nicholson and Prof. Blackmar, who holds the chair of Sociology in the University of Kansas, were married on the twenty-eighth of July. Laura Poehler and Mr. James Means were also married on the fifth of September and departed in a shower of rice for Emporia, their future home.

Kansas Alpha sends to her sister chapters best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year.

ELEANOR T'MILLER.

#### NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It is with real pleasure that Nebraska Beta greets her sisters at the beginning of a new year's work.

This year promises to be an unusually prosperous one for us, as we are at last established in our long desired chapter house. Our house is very comfortable and home-like, and we find that it adds greatly to the good we get from the fraternity, to say nothing of the pleasure of being together in a real fraternity home. If you all could know how delightful it is, I'm sure you would begin now to plan one for next year. Three of the five sororities here now have houses.

We have had a very successful rushing season, and as a result of our labors are proud to introduce to you our pledges, Elizabeth Burruss, Minnie Morrill, Elizabeth Heacock, Minnie Jensen and Jeanette Thorpe. By the time you have read this four of them will have become true Pi Phis. Minnie Morrill is the daughter of one of our patronesses.

Rushing has been so much easier and so much more enjoyable with the chapter house, and we have entertained informally several times.

We also gave a dancing party at the home of Darleen Woodward, who is again in school doing post graduate work; a swimming party at the Sanitarium, and a kensington at Anne Stuart's, besides several small luncheons. We are fortunate in having both our last year's graduates, Darleen Woodward and

Gladys Henry, with us again this year — both doing post work.

Vera Wattles, '02, visited us on her way to school in Boston.

Our alumnae have been very generous in helping us with our house, in fact they have worked so hard that it is hard to distinguish between them and the active girls.

We consider our university very fortunate in its new Chancellor, E. Benjamin Andrews, who was formally inaugurated September twenty-second.

It is very hard to settle down to work after the rushing season, isn't it? But we have five seniors this year, and it is their painful duty to set a good example to freshmen, so if any of you drop into our study room, you will find us all there, and *busy*.

Nebraska Beta wishes you all a happy and prosperous year.

GRACE ANDREWS.

#### COLORADO ALPHA — COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY.

School has again opened and Colorado Alpha rejoices because she has five new girls to introduce to her sisters: Lulu Wangelin and Sarah Herron, two of last year's pledges, and Marion Withrow, Louise Nelson and Estella Holmes. Five of last year's Pi Phis did not return, but two, Lulu Pingar and Ethel Wright, who have been out a year, are with us again. However, with our five new loyal Pi Phis and more in anticipation, we are stronger now than we have been for several years, and look forward to a most profitable and pleasant year.

We held our initiation at the home of Mrs. Edith McClure, one of our alumnae, last Saturday night, and were the first fraternity to initiate this year.

Last summer we held social meetings every two weeks and found them beneficial as well as enjoyable, as they kept the girls in touch and fostered the fraternity spirit.

We also had three weddings this summer. Mabel Martin to Milton Whittaker, Delta Tau Delta; Julia McKinley to Ralph Denio, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and May Henry to Conrad Bluhm, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We are going to give a chafing dish party to-night for some of the new girls, and next Friday afternoon a cookie-shine. There have not been many social functions this year, but an informal reception in the gymnasium was enjoyed by all. The Sigs give their first hop tomorrow night.

The Greeks are glad to welcome among them a new fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.

We are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from our Grand Treasurer, Ida Smith, who is in California and will stop here on her way home.

Colorado Alpha sends greetings and best wishes to you all.

MAUDE L. KNAPP.

## COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

With several additional professors and more matriculates than ever before, the University of Denver has entered upon what promises to be a most successful year. Colorado Beta is not alone in her regrets for the girls whom Commencement Day took from us, the girls whose influence is all the more evident now that they are gone from us. But we must cease sighing for the old girls that we may greet the new friends whom the opening of the university has brought us, friends whom Father Time will develop into fraternity girls as strong and loyal as our lost graduates.

Nine Pi Phi undergraduates have returned to D. U., encouraged by the successes of the past year, wiser and stronger from meeting and mastering the difficulties attendant upon active fraternity life, ready to do their best for Alma Mater and Pi Beta Phi. A pleasant rushing season has been ours, albeit full of the usual worries and anxieties. An afternoon gathering at the "dove-cote" of one of our spring brides, Mrs. Albert E. Hamilton, a jolly evening "sing" and several other parties have offered sufficient diversion from too rigid application to study — if such could exist at this most exciting season of the year, — and as a result of our labors we shall soon initiate into the mysteries of Pi Phidom several most desirable girls.

We have enjoyed a visit from another of our brides, Mrs. T. Bruce King, who loyally returned to help us in our rushing.

The hearts of Colorado Beta go out in sympathy to our sister, Margaret Davis Ickes, for the loss of her husband only twelve weeks after their marriage.

To those of us who were in the city this summer was granted the pleasure of entertaining Ida Smith, the Grand Treasurer, when on her way to initiate California Beta at Berkeley. We are eagerly awaiting her return in the capacity of visiting delegate.

Colorado Beta has many daughters scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and as from North and South, from East and West come their loving greetings and renewed pledges of loyalty, we can only say with them "All hail to our dear Pi Beta Phi, the blessed tie that binds."

MARY CLARK TRAYLOR.

## CALIFORNIA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The baby chapter feels just a little bit timid about sending in her first letter to the Arrow. Pi Phidom is still so new to her that she is afraid her awkwardness will be rather too apparent. She ventures, however, to send her hearty greetings

to all her sisters of Pi Beta Phi, and will endeavor to tell something about herself.

Ida Smith, our initiator, spent the first few weeks of our fraternity life with us in our chapter house. We had looked forward to her visit with a great deal of pleasure, but we didn't half realize beforehand what it was going to mean to us.

Our initial reception was given while she was yet with us, and it proved a success far beyond our fondest hopes. Last Thursday we entertained with an informal dance, given in honor of our four new freshmen. On Tuesday evening the Sigma Nu fraternity entertained us with a dinner-dance.

We have been very fortunate in having met several visiting Pi Phis—among them Myrtle Ziemer, of Colorado Alpha, and Mrs. Hiram Van Kirk, of Indiana Gamma, who is taking a post graduate course at Berkeley.

CLAIRE MADELEINE HAAS.

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### Exchanges.

The following fraternities have held or are to hold conventions this summer and fall:

Delta Delta Delta, at Cincinnati, June 26-29; Kappa Kappa Gamma, at Columbus, Ohio, in August; Beta Theta Pi, at Put in Bay, Ohio, August 27; Phi Gamma Delta, at Niagara Falls, July 27-31; Sigma Nu, at Chicago, October 17; Delta Upsilon, at Syracuse, October 17-19; Phi Delta Theta, at Louisville, Thanksgiving week, and Kappa Sigma in Philadelphia at the same time.

Delta Delta Delta has lately established a chapter at the University of California.

Announcement has been received of the installing of Gamma Delta chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the University of West Virginia. The date of installation was May the twenty-fourth.

Phi Delta Theta has compiled some statistics from the last *Palladium* indicative of the year's growth, and now points with honest pride to the figures of the summary. A special cause of rejoicing is the number of chapter houses rented or owned, in fact not only the Phi Delts, but every other men's fraternity

seems more and more to gauge the prosperity of a chapter by ownership or occupancy of a habitation of its own.

On February 1, 1900, the total membership of the fraternity was 10,487. In the year ending on that day 475 men had been initiated, 28 more than in 1895, when we had five more chapters than at present. The number of active members and of Phi students not formally affiliated was 1,148 on February 1. The average number of members in each chapter was 16.5; of initiates, 7.4. Each of these figures breaks the record. Nine chapters were living in houses they owned (ten are today), and twenty one rented homes. Since February, W. & J., Purdue and (just recently) Texas have brought the number of rented houses up to twenty-four and made the total thirty-four. It is now two years since a college charter has been granted or withdrawn. The number of alumni clubs is now 39; of college chapters, 64. Practically the only unfavorable item in the statistical summary on the last page of the May *Palladium* is that which records the number of degrees taken. Chapter historians are not wholly reliable in their reports on this point, but after due allowance is made for error, the fact is plain that the proportion of those who drop out of college before completing their course is much larger than it was ten years ago. This is not true of Phi Delta Theta alone, but is regrettable none the less. One of the important questions to be asked about a new man is always—will he complete his course as a regular student?

Phi Kappa Psi has taken a novel way of advancing the standard of scholarship in the fraternity, as the following clipping from the *Shield* will show:

D. L. Auld, official jeweller to Pi Kappa Psi, will present to the undergraduate member of the fraternity achieving the highest scholastic honor during the current college year, a handsome jeweled badge. Within the scope of this contest will be comprehended the winning of scholarship and oratorical or other local intercollegiate contests in which literary ability and studentship are put to the test. "The Shield" assumes that the honor of this award will be esteemed above the intrinsic value of the handsome pin to be given by Mr. Auld. Won in such a contest, in which each participant is honoring the fraternity and honoring himself, the prize will indeed be a badge of honor. B. G.'s will be expected to communicate to "The Shield," not only through their chapter letters but by private advices, an account of such honors, won by members of their chapters, as may seem to come within the scope of such honors.

With the differing standards of scholarship in the various colleges, with the many kinds of honors awarded or not awarded,

the question of deciding on anything like a fair basis who wins will be difficult, indeed, and we do not envy the committee its task. Prizes are also offered by Newman and Simons respectively, to the chapter securing the largest number of alumnae subscriptions and to the undergraduate submitting the most meritorious contribution to the *Shield*.

A brief but uncompromising little contribution on the "Withdrawal of Charters" appears in the October *Key*. It is perhaps bred of certain difficulties which have beset Kappa Kappa Gamma during the past two years, which are more or less well known despite the commendable and dignified reserve of that fraternity. With the spirit of this article we do not quite agree. There are times, of course, when the amputation of a chapter, as of a limb, is necessary to the general health of the whole body fraternal, but such means should only be tried after every effort to promote healthy growth has failed. In our opinion a charter should not be withdrawn "whenever we learn—that a chapter has fallen below the standard we hope to maintain," but only after every effort to raise that standard has failed. However, everybody to his taste,—and here is the article:

At first thought the withdrawal of a charter seems an act to be avoided if possible, a duty painful to the fraternity, cruel to the unfortunate chapter on trial. Yet we ought to realize the matter is one in which all feelings of pity and leniency should be sternly crushed, and the good of the fraternity as a whole alone considered. We must remember that from the fraternity a chapter draws little or no strength, but that on the strength of the individual chapters all the power of the fraternity depends. The mere possession of a charter from Kappa Kappa Gamma can not raise to honorable prominence, to a high standard of character, a chapter whose membership has deteriorated; but the existence of such a chapter is a weakening and dangerous burden for the reputation and standing of our fraternity. It is doubly harmful, for the sight of a chapter of low standing would strike a fatal blow at our rank in the minds of the outer world; and, on the other hand, the knowledge that there may be, in the bonds with us, women with whom we should be entirely uncongenial, and whom we should hardly care to recognize as friends, would have a most baneful effect upon the loyal affection which should bind us to all our wide sisterhood. The fraternity exists only in its chapters; and if we allow the chapter standard to fall low, there is absolutely nothing inherent in Kappa



Kappa Gamma which can keep us in our present honorable ranking. Let us realize, then, the vital necessity of a stern performance of our duty in this matter. Whenever we learn, by indubitable proof, or from un-disputed authority, that a chapter has fallen below the standard we hope to maintain—a standard set not by social position or wealth or even scholarship, but rather by the innate fineness of character in a girl makes us willing to clasp her by the hand and call her friend—when we learn that this standard is not attained, then let us allow no scruples to prevent the immediate revocation of the undeserved charter. Better a half dozen chapters of congenial members and honored ranking, than crowded provinces struggling in insignificance and inferior membership!

It would seem from a perusal of sundry of our exchanges that our brothers have some financial difficulties that we poor, weak women wot not of. One of the most vexatious little troubles is evidently the failure of chapters to pay up their subscriptions to the fraternity journal. Several editors have been driven to publishing a black-list of delinquent chapters or, what is hardly better, a list of those who have fulfilled their obligation in this matter. In running over such a list in the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega, we chanced upon the following unique instance of tardy fraternity justice. We wish to assure our brothers at Chapel Hill that when we make our fortune we shall invest it all with them.

In this connection, we desire to call particular attention to the case of N. C. Alpha Delta. The fortunes of this chapter had been seriously affected by certain faculty legislation in regard to fraternities, which made it impossible to keep up her membership. As a result she fell somewhat in arrears financially, but the spirit of the sterling old chapter was still as loyal as ever. Recently a remittance was sent in full of the dues for Vol. XX, with six per cent. added because of delay in payment. We must confess it was a novel experience with us in nearly eight years of fraternity editorship, and we assure these brothers that it is very refreshing indeed to be convinced in this manner that sometimes true fraternity spirit is exhibited towards the editor as well as expected from him, and we shall hereafter have no doubt as to the loyalty of this particular chapter.

Two numbers of the *Latch String*, published by Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, have reached us. The *Latch String* is a dainty little booklet and fairly alive with the determination of the St. Lawrence girls to vindicate themselves of



the charges brought against them by the general fraternity. If sheer pluck were the test of a chapter's strength, Beta Beta would easily rank among the first of Kappa's chapters. As to her other qualifications, and the merits of the case in general, we own ourselves quite incompetent to pronounce.

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### Notices.

Chapter correspondents will please remember to write on but one side of the paper, to head chapter letters with name of chapter and college as in this issue, and to have the letters countersigned by the chapter president, as evidence that the chapter authorizes the contents of the letter. Failure to comply with these conditions will hereafter be treated as an offense punishable by fines, as in cases of tardiness or omission of chapter letter.

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