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THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE University of California was founded by State law in 1868, and in 1869 united with the old California College, which has been in active operation since 1855. The present site of the university at Berkeley became the property of the state institution by this union. The two hundred and fifty acres of land at Berkeley form an advantageous seat for college operations, both from the varied beauty of the scenery and the healthfulness and convenience of the location.

The government of the university is intrusted to a corporation styled "The Regents of the University of California," which includes the governor and six other ex-officio members and sixteen members appointed by the governor for a term of years. To this body falls the duty of managing the finances, caring for the property, appointing instructors, and determining the interior organization.

It was not until 1870 that women students were admitted to share the advantages of the state institution, and none appeared for matriculation until 1871, when eight women entered the university as candidates for a degree. The total membership of the university at this time did not exceed a few hundred students.

The University of California has the brightest possible future. This is due to a great extent to the generosity of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who has come forward with a gift of millions of dollars for the purpose of erecting some of the finest college buildings the world has ever seen. The present buildings of the Uni-

versity of California are inadequate to the needs of the university and are entirely out of harmony with the beautiful natural surroundings. This fact led Mrs. Hearst to provide for an international architectural contest of plans for new buildings. The plans accepted are simply stupendous and it will take many years before they are finally completed. But the contest awakened a widespread interest in the University of California, and within the last few years its growth has been indeed remarkable. For this we are also deeply indebted to Benjamin Ide Wheeler, our new President, whose activity and efficiency have proved of greatest possible value.

The part of the university devoted to arts, mechanics, and sciences, is situated in Berkeley, one of the most beautiful and picturesque spots in the world. During the architectural contest, many famous architects gathered here from all parts of the world, and one and all pronounced it an ideal situation for a university. A short trip across the bay takes one to San Francisco, where the affiliated colleges—Law, Dental, Medical and the like—are situated. The total membership at present probably exceeds three thousand students, fifty-two per cent. of whom are women. At present California ranks fifth in the list of universities of the United States.

Until very recently there were but very few of the women's fraternities established in Berkeley. In 1890 Kappa Alpha Theta established a chapter, and in '94 Gamma Phi Beta was formed. In 1880 Kappa Kappa Gamma started a chapter in Berkeley but it soon died and was not reestablished until 1897. Last spring Delta Delta Delta organized a chapter, and this fall California Beta of Pi Beta Phi came into existence.

There is no inter-fraternity pledge in regard to inviting freshmen to join only after a fixed date. Rushing, up to the last year, has not been very keen, and in most cases the girls were already selected before college opened.

The membership of each fraternity rarely exceeds twenty active members, but is usually kept at a fairly normal rate, varying but slightly. All of the girls' fraternities live in their own chapter houses, with the exception of Delta Delta Delta.

The college spirit in California is very strong indeed. Stanford is Berkeley's great rival, and keen and exciting are the yearly contests between the two universities. Although Stanford is the more widely known university, yet the palm in scholastic attainment is conceded to Berkeley. In athletics the two colleges stand about even, but in the annual intercollegiate debate Berkeley always comes off the winner.

In the social side of its life, the University of California has undergone considerable change. Especially is this true in regard to the treatment of the women students. Perhaps it was natural that at first they should be regarded as interlopers. The men preferred that they should receive the entire benefit of the state institution, and wished to confine women to a sphere purely domestic. Therefore their treatment of the women was not always quite as courteous as it might have been. Gradually, however, this was all changed. This change is due largely to the fact that the type of women who entered the university changed. Instead of middle-aged women, devoted entirely to the shrine of learning, came young and attractive girls, who united with their zest for knowledge, a keen enjoyment of social life. Is it surprising that conditions changed?

—Claire Madeleine Haas.

A JAPANESE FESTIVAL.

WE WERE told it was one of the sights of Chofu and we must not miss it; and since it was to begin at dusk we roused ourselves after the heat of the day and strolled leisurely down the street toward the temple where the festival was to be held. It was to be a sort of dance in honor of some poor maiden who, years before, had mourned her lost love at the water's edge near by. This expression of her grief, being considered in some way deeply religious, her memory in later years came to be honored by this annual festival.

As we neared the temple, the street became more and more crowded with men, women and children hastening toward the

same point of interest. The men and boys came carrying bamboos of various sizes, each pole topped with a tiny pennant of white—the sign of mourning for the holy maiden. Three or four stalwart youths passed us each bearing such a pole, but of unusual size. The large lower end was fitted by a groove over the man's loin-cloth, while its slender top, bending under the slight weight of the pennant, towered seventy or eighty feet above his head. To balance this in such a position was a work of skill, needing the bearer's entire attention and causing him to dart from one side of the street to the other, now forward, now back, while he moved slowly toward the temple, with his head always upturned to watch the nodding top. An assistant ran with each man to clear the way before him, and lend his weight, when necessary, to pull the pole upright again. How these men mounted the steps leading to the temple was a mystery; but mount they did, and that too in a remarkably short space of time. At the top was a large open court filled with a crowd so dense that we could scarcely force our way through; but we had no sooner reached an eminence on the other side, than this same confused crowd seemed to be forming, under no one's direction, into orderly ranks and began moving around all in the same direction. Soon the whole court was a mass of circles within circles of men and boys moving round and round, ever with increasing swiftness bearing aloft the poles described above. It was a dizzy sight. The low monotone of the mass half singing as they ran, was interspersed with sharp, short shouts of warning from those who were staggering under the tallest bamboos. Now and again one of these, eluding the care of the bearer, toppled down, fortunately hurting no one, and was dragged off to one side. Suddenly the moving circles ceased and the court was cleared for the dance of the little girls.

These all bore lanterns of pretty shapes, lifted above their heads on slender bamboo branches. The soft light from these lanterns revealed the bright colored gowns of their little bearers. The pretty scene proved very restful after the sympathetic strain we had felt for the men in their toilsome sport. But soon this dance was over and the men began again. We were told

we had seen all changes in the celebration, also that the festival would continue as we had seen it, until late at night. So, after glancing in at the temple where many were worshipping, we started home, our way lying right across the court where the dance was still in progress. Thinking to skirt the edge of the crowd we started across; but alas, we were drawn into the vortex, and were confronted immediately by a man weighted down with his pole, who almost knocked us down in his efforts to keep its balance. We tried to flee but were pushed along by those in the rear and on the sides till we almost gave up hope of extricating ourselves from the mass. However, by careful dodging we finally escaped into the open and were glad to make our way home, pleased to have seen the "sight," and equally pleased to be quiet once more.

—A. Kate Goddard.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

HOW often we hear said of a person: "She is one you would remember in a crowd!" What is it that makes you select one stranger from a multitude of strangers and observe her more closely than the rest? Is it not the attractive force existing in her marked characteristics or strong personality? Personality? Yes, that is the word which denotes the unseen force by which she attains power. Whether she be among friends or strangers, it matters not; the force is at work, and through its means she is borne to the front. She influences those of less marked personality and they come to respect her judgment in all questions of vital import.

Does or does not fraternity life tend to develop personality? Doubtless there are conditions of fraternity life which are favorable both for its development and for its blight, but in the average chapter what is the case? Look into your own midst and answer the question for yourself. When the numbers are few you will probably find every member possessing qualities essential to life of the chapter. These, through repeated use,

have become permanent possessions and the importance placed upon her part in the work of the chapter has given stability and an added confidence to the character of each girl. There are tendencies, however, in a large chapter which need to be guarded against or the greatest good to the greatest number will not be the result. In every case our aim is development. Then see to it, both that every member is given the benefit of such influences as her special needs require, and also that she be as intimately associated as possible with all the other members of the chapter.

It sometimes happens that two or three chapter members become so strongly bound to one another as to exclude other friendships, even in the fraternity. This, indeed, is disastrous, for it usually happens that the girls are of widely different personalities and the stronger tends to absorb the weaker. At length, when apart from her comrade, the girl who has learned to lean unduly upon her friend becomes a mere nonentity. There is no question upon which she feels competent to express a decided opinion and she learns to her dismay that her friends are all combined in the one girl or the two or three.

Let me impress upon you the necessity of guarding against anything which will at length deprive you of the strength of your personality. Strive to develop it in all possible ways for it is truly a charm which nothing can replace. It may be modified, strengthened, and made sweeter by the combined influence of many strong friends, but beware of the narrowing influence of the one friend.

Everywhere be strong in your own convictions. Without them, you can attain nothing; with them, you can work wonders. It is not enough that you have possession of your idea, it must also possess you. All the talents in the world will not do for you what you can do for yourself with a positive belief that makes you ready to do everything, to endure everything, and to dare everything in its behalf. You must believe in yourself or no one will believe in you. What you declare you can do, that your friends will give you to do and, unless you fail, you will rise on the strength of one success to attain another.

—M. A. W., 1901. Vermont Alpha.

TO MARGARET.

The First Chapter Baby.

I have not seen thy face, fair Margaret,
 And yet I call thee fair.
 I have not seen thy glance of childish grace,
 And yet I know that where
 The dream-moon shines across thy sleeping eyes,
 She kisses them with silver lips, love-wise.

I have not seen thy face, fair Margaret,
 And yet I call thee fair,
 For far behind old Time's year-clouded space,
 I knew a girl face, where
 The smile of love was always glad and bright;
 It was thy mother's face and so 'tis right
 To call thee fair, my dear, since her own grace
 Must be reflected in thy baby face.

—Agnes Chalmers, Ohio Beta, '95.

THE RELATION OF THE RESIDENT ALUMNAE TO THE ACTIVE CHAPTER.

IT IS with reluctance that I write upon this subject for it is one that is both time worn and delicate. The active girl hears so often the phrase "Once a Pi Phi always a Pi Phi" that she imagines her relation to the chapter will always remain the same. Of course the alumna will always have an active interest in her own chapter and feel that its joys and sorrows are also hers. But it is the resident alumna who must consider carefully at her graduation what is to be the relation between herself and the chapter. The girls who have been her bosom friends during her college life gather around her and tell her how glad they are that she is to be one of them still, and her first temptation is to enter heart and soul into fraternity life again. However

helpful the resident alumna may be, she must maintain a certain amount of reserve, and not be too eager to take the initiative. She must always be ready to help when called upon for assistance, for very often she has the time and resources at her command that the active girls have not. Then, too, while the latch string of the fraternity room is always hanging out for her, the resident alumna must appreciate the kindness, but she ought frequently to make herself conspicuous by her absence from the meetings for there may be matters to be brought up that the girls do not feel free to discuss in her presence. Above all else the alumna must not give the active girls the impression that they are not able to manage the affairs of the chapter by themselves, for there is nothing that the active girls will resent so much as this if they have any feeling of responsibility at all. Many are the times that the alumna feels that if she could only have a voice in affairs she would soon set things right, but she must wisely hold her peace, remembering that she has had her "say," and that now it is some one else's turn. Finally, if the occasion ever arises, let the alumna feel that the most emphatic way in which she as an individual can show her displeasure toward the actions of her chapter is to withdraw her support from the active girls.

—M. E. T.

A SOCIAL PROBLEM FOR THE FRATERNITY GIRL.

WE ALL know how true it is that fraternity girls are criticised more than others, and hence, have to be much more careful in their actions. When considering a doubtful move, the effect upon the fraternity is usually the first thought, not, "Is it the best thing for my personal interest?" But there is really no necessity for this question since the fraternity stands for everything noble and true, and that is what every member is trying to become. One cannot go wrong if she considers the good of her chapter.

But there is a difficulty, an evil, which both the women of the college as individuals and as sororities seem to ignore. If there

is one thing which strengthens a woman's character more than anything else, that is intercourse with men of refinement and good morals; if there is one thing which tends more than any other to make her shallow and frivolous, it is to be in the society of careless, dissipated creatures who attend a university only for the fun there is in it. Now, the fraternities and the sororities naturally feel in sympathy with each other; their interests are much the same, they are supposed to be working for the same ideals. Though there are many refined and noble-minded "barbs," the fraternities believe that they have selected the best which the place affords. It is but natural then, that, when fraternity men seek the society of women, the women whom they select should be those belonging to sororities; and in turn, it is not surprising that these women should prefer the company of the fraternity men. But it often happens that a fraternity possesses some men who are far from the desired standard. Still, society recognizes them, and what we call the "nicest" girls seem to enjoy their company.

Outsiders say, "How can Miss —— go with Mr. ——! She surely can not help knowing what a bad fellow he is!" The criticism is just, but a trifle severe. In her own home, the girl may refuse a man's attentions and offend no one else by so doing, but at school it is an entirely different matter. She can refuse his company to be sure, but if she does, the fraternity to which he belongs (no matter how worthy the other members may be) immediately cuts her. It is a case of "Love me, love my dog," and it has come to pass that men are rather encouraged in their vices than restrained, simply because of the feeling, "We must stand by each other to the end." She not only is ostracized from their parties so long as she maintains her stand, but is apt to lose the friendship of other fraternity men, for they soon hear of what she has done and disapprove, thinking that if she dares to "insult" one set of men she will not be more considerate of the rest. At last, she is made to feel that while her action has accomplished no good, it has really injured her in the opinion of the students with whom she is thrown in contact.

What can be done? Is there no remedy? If the fraternities

would only take a more sensible view of the case, or if the sororities would stand firmly together, the difficulty might be removed. But no such thing will ever happen, for no two think exactly the same on the subject. To be perfectly plain, the solution of the question rests with each one of us; no one else can help us here, for each must decide whether she is to be a "society girl," or, by her endeavor to have associates of the purest moral standing, run the risk of losing much of the fraternity intercourse which forms such a delightful part of a girl's college life.

—Ethel Bond, Iowa Zeta.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

If a list of "Don'ts" for chapter guidance were being compiled, I would advise first and foremost, "Don't be conceited."

Some chapters boast "We have never been refused by anyone whom we asked," and even go so far, sometimes, I regret to say, as to believe that a girl comes to college with the sole idea of being taken into their fraternity. The results of this conceit are that the chapter becomes lazy in rushing, unguarded in speaking before girls of other fraternities, lax in its methods, and, altogether gets a very fair start on the road to decline. Attractive and desirable girls are not admitted because some one thoughtlessly said that they came to college only to be taken into Pi Beta Phi, and instead of being vastly flattered at this, the chapter unmercifully blackballs the girl in question "to show her she can't be too sure."

Of what inestimable value a good sharp "taking down" would be to such a chapter. Its eyes would be opened to its own faults, and it would set about mending them with energy to make up for lost time.

And just here, apropos, a few words may be said of overzealousness. This is as harmful in one way as the laziness which arises from over-confidence is in another. The desire to

have *all* the attractive new-comers whether we know them well or not—this pledging in haste—may lead to a great deal of repenting at leisure. Go slowly, girls; first ascertain if the person to be voted on is capable of living up to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi, if congeniality with the other members is possible, and if she is all right in these particulars, do not let any petty personal jealousies keep her out of your fraternity.

Again I say, if your chapter has been very successful, if you usually get the girls you want, do not become conceited and consequently narrow-minded about it. Do not ascribe it to the attractiveness of your chapter alone, but rather to the whole fraternity, and consider it but another feather added to the much beplumed cap of Pi Beta Phi.

—P. M. C., Louisiana Alpha.

A fraternity has many good points. To enumerate all would be an impossibility for an inexperienced freshman, but even by

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her there are a great many advantages to be seen. After the prosaic hours of hard study, the fraternity girl may turn with pleasure to her sisters, and in merriment among those she knows best she can cast aside her worry, and rest. She has about her a group of girls who love her, and her failure or success is theirs, and theirs hers. So, in study and in pleasure or sorrow, one bond of sympathy binds all for mutual aid and benefit.

The young girl in the sorority is guided and advised by her older and more experienced sisters; she is helped many times in her little trials and perplexities.

Moreover, the girl in a fraternity has a chance in society that the girl outside does not. Those of the other sex know what a girl must be before she can pass into this life mysterious. They realize that she is a girl to be sought, and they solicit her company before that of another. The doors of society are thus thrown open to her and she enters to become at the end of four years, a self possessed, graceful, winning young woman.

The fact that a girl belongs to a fraternity like Pi Beta Phi holds her to the highest type of womanhood. In college she

must do her best, she must be a student worthy of the name, in manners and conduct in society or elsewhere she must be courteous, kind, womanly; in life she must be a woman in the truest sense of the term; in everything she must be her best, to herself she must be true. If at any time she carelessly fall from these standards, her mind turns to old Pi Phi; the solemn vows, the fraternity services, the pride for her own chapter, all recur to her, and the girl proudly arises and follows Pi Phi's standard.

Not only are the mental and social selves of a fraternity girl developed, but her spiritual self as well. The Infinite is remembered and revered; thus the girl looks to her God, remembers her duty to Him, and to mankind. Under such influence the highest womanhood must be sought.

Are not these advantages great enough to make any girl loyal to her fraternity and proud that she is a Pi Beta Phi. "If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

—Flora T. Ticknor.

When a new girl is taken into a chapter and begins to attend the chapter meetings, she is usually a little timid and feels herself rather too insignificant at first to express her opinion, even when urged to do so. By some urging and finally becoming less conscious she adds her voice before she is aware, but once in a while there comes a new girl who seems to need something else to get her interested, she is so reserved. How can she be brought out? The older girls rack their brains and perhaps find that the giving of some responsibility does the work.

Often girls come into the chapter when they do not know the others very well; they admire them and they have high ideals, and expect a great deal from their fraternity life. It is right that they should expect a great deal,—we lead them to do so,—and it is the business of the chapter to make the meetings come up to these expectations. It is hard to do this. When a girl enters the chapter in the fall, she finds the meetings almost entirely devoted to the discussion of new names. The girls are excited and it is almost impossible to keep good order. Then

some of the criticisms may seem hard and unjust to the new comer, she thinks the girls are unreasonable and that they should not look for perfection. It is true that we can not expect to find any girl perfect, but we all wish to have those girls who are congenial to us. It is unfair to a girl, who is not congenial, for us to ask her to be one of us, as some time or other we shall all feel the discord.

It is during the winter months that the girls gain their strength. Then when the rushing season is over the freshmen begin to feel the strength of the bond and the seniors feel how hard it will be for them to give up college life and especially this part of it. Now during these months let the freshmen begin to act independently of the older girls. Let them express their opinions frankly. Let them work together, forming the close friendships which make them strong in the remainder of their college life and will be a pleasure to them always. The freshmen might band together and plan things to surprise the older girls. Let them also get practice in committee work.

Those chapters which have houses are indeed fortunate, for many problems are here solved. By their more intimate association with the older girls the freshmen gain the strength which will soon make them the leaders.

—Colorado Alpha.

THE FRATERNITY EXAMINATION.

The result of the fraternity examination held in March, 1900, shows the following standings obtained by the several chapters:

ALPHA PROVINCE.

Excellent—Ohio Alpha, Pennsylvania Beta, Maryland Alpha.

Good—Columbia Alpha, Vermont Alpha, Vermont Beta.

Fair—Pennsylvania Alpha, Ohio Beta, Massachusetts Alpha, New York Alpha.

BETA PROVINCE.

Excellent—Michigan Beta, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Gamma.

Good—Indiana Beta, Illinois Epsilon, Michigan Alpha.

Fair—Illinois Beta, Illinois Delta, Illinois Zeta.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

Excellent—Iowa Beta.

Good—Iowa Alpha, Iowa Zeta, Wisconsin Alpha, Missouri Alpha.

DELTA PROVINCE.

Excellent—Kansas Alpha.

Good—Colorado Alpha, Colorado Beta, Nebraska Beta.

Fair—Louisiana Alpha.

Alumnae Department.

A LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

ONE OF THE best things about being a Pi Phi is that no matter how far away one goes, she can *always* be a Pi Phi. She can think about the old Pi Phi friends, and the good old Pi Phi times, and sing to the baby about the “emblem of sisterhood’s tie, ching ching,” and the “cookies and pickles,” not forgetting the “little goatie.”

If you will let me write a plain letter, just such as I should write to a friend, I will try and tell you something about our life here.

Salisbury is much more civilized and like our towns at home than most Americans imagine it to be. The people are in the main English, Scotch, Irish, Dutch, and Colonial. They look and act, talk and think much as people do in small new towns of other English-speaking countries. It seemed strange, not long ago, when we had several guests at dinner that we had no difficulty whatever in understanding one another—in fact, that we

all talked alike, with slight differences, perhaps, in pronunciation, though we had come from three far separated parts of the world,—England, Australia, and America.

Salisbury people make calls, go to church, go shopping, have dinners, “at homes,” and dances, ride bicycles, and play tennis, croquet, golf, baseball, and football; and yet I miss the general informal sociability of Americans. One is impressed with the lack of societies connected with the church for religious and social purposes. A woman’s literary or any other kind of club is a thing quite unknown. I miss, too, the little informal afternoon affairs,—“thimble parties,” and contests of memory or wit so popular among our women, old, middle-aged and young. English stiffness and conventionality are not lost even in the colonies. This characteristic is illustrated by the strictness which prevails with regard to the wearing of evening dress.

There is one method here in vogue of finding an afternoon’s entertainment in which we do not so often indulge in America,—that is going to auction sales. You see when people want to go home for a visit, they usually dispose at such sales of most of the household furniture they possess. I suppose it is because they go to stay for several months, and rent is too high to leave their houses closed till their return. Sometimes, I think, the ready cash is needed for the trip. So the sale is advertised in the papers or on printed circulars, and men and women turn out at the appointed time, and gather at the house where the advertised goods are to be sold,—some for the purpose of replenishing their stock, and others merely for an opportunity to chat and enjoy the excitement of the auctioneering.

Rhodesians are much given to taking holidays and having all sorts of celebrations. On the night after the news was received of the relief of Mafeking the town grew hoarse with cheering,—fairly went mad. Bon-fires of good fire-wood,—no cheap article here,—blazed over the town, and men went about setting fire to the tall dry grass in the vacant lots and along the roads, till the whole place looked on fire. A few rockets and Roman candles topped off the illumination. Speeches were made, interrupted at almost every sentence with excited “Hear! hear!”

and songs were sung to the accompaniment of an improvised band, the regular one having gone to the war, "Rule Britannia," "God Save the Queen," and "The Absent-Minded Beggar," were the favorites. The choruses were always repeated for the benefit of the crowd, who joined in with a hearty enthusiasm.

The twelfth of September was the day on which the British flag was hoisted for the first time on the ground where now is Salisbury, and Mashonaland was made English territory. It is called "Occupation Day," and as this year was the tenth anniversary, two whole days were proclaimed public holidays and given up to festivities in honor of the occasion. Out of town Pioneers were entertained at any of the eight hotels they chose to name. The days were devoted to sports and races, and the evening entertainments were a ball, invitations to which were issued in the name of the mayor and citizens of Salisbury, and a very fair display of fire-works, including set pieces representing Mr. Rhodes, Dr. Jameson, and the queen.

The dance would have been a true marvel to anyone who knew nothing of the place. As the Pioneers made their way to the immense Drill Hall, through streets lined with good brick buildings, and all alive with Cape carts dashing back and forth, looking, with their side lamps, like carriages on the night of a University party at home,—as they saw all this, they could not but be impressed with the difference between that night and the night just ten years before,—nothing but the camp then, and the bare veld.

The hall was gorgeously decorated with flags, a long space outside having been canvassed off for the supper. The latter was an elaborate spread and right daintily served, considering that there were not less than three hundred guests. The British South Africa Company furnished the music, as well as one hundred of the five hundred pounds which were expended on the entertainment.

But in spite of all these signs of civilization there are still some things that make even a newcomer feel that he has a part in the infancy of a country. Especially is this true on the farms. While the dwelling-houses in town are of brick,—most

of them one-storied cottages or bungalaws,—many of the farm-houses are of corrugated iron, or even of poles plastered inside and out with mud, and thatched with long grass. Or there may be no house at all, only round huts such as the natives use, built of the same materials as the houses just described.

People often ride into town on great lumbering road wagons. These are drawn by sixteen oxen, bawled at in Dutch by a native boy, while the front pair are tugged and turned by another more scantily clad black creature. The drivers are usually chosen from the rather intelligent Cape boys. Donkey wagons with a double row of donkeys,—a dozen or sixteen in all,—are often used instead of ox wagons.

The natives live in their settlements or “kraals” at some distance from town, but they come in to sell their little fowls, bundles of wood, sweet potatoes or other produce. The men always carry the smallest loads or none at all, while the women, seldom without humps on their backs, which on close inspection prove to be piccanins, balance heavy baskets on their heads. In spite of these burdens, however, they walk with apparent ease.

The servants are, with few exceptions, native boys, and I assure you they provide *servant boy* problems as serious as any “girl problems” that harass American housekeepers. But their funny ways and the queer mistakes they make even when trying to do their very best offer some compensation by furnishing a ready source of amusement. What would you think if you had your yeast served as soup or your sponge, all ready for working into loaves, nicely cooked before you had had time to give it your attention? You couldn't help laughing if you found your cook adorned as to his wool with waving feathers.

It is a happy life after all, this life on an African farm.

—MARTHA SNOW BROWN.

REMARKS OF A "BACK-NUMBER."

WHEN "a fraternity girl" is mentioned, the notion is immediately conceived of a being altogether different from the average, either above or below,—depending largely on the point of view.

Possibly our concept is marked by qualities of great superiority, while that of a non-believer in secret organizations would probably fall far below the average standard. Well, both are right and both are wrong. A true fraternity girl should be superior in refinement and breadth of intellectual culture to one of more limited opportunities, else what benefit can she ascribe to her liberal education? Should not her college life bring her something that cannot be received without? And her fraternity life—ought not that to contribute something to the upbuilding of character?

But on the other hand, there is no denying the fact that a fraternity girl may fall far below the standard of mediocrity even. She may care far more for social advancement than intellectual growth. She may be extremely selfish and arrogant. But fortunately, this is not the rule.

The mistake consists in thinking that the mere belonging to a fraternity makes the girl. This is a very common opinion, especially when we are young in the fraternity life. We are very apt to exaggerate the importance of the organization. (That sentence, no doubt, is wasted. No active member will believe it.) But when we have grown a few years in knowledge and experience, we can more calmly judge its place. I do not mean to say that we find we have made a mistake and have overestimated the value of the fraternity life. Not at all; but we see the whole in the light of a clearer judgment and realize that it is not the all in all, as we thought then, but simply one extremely pleasant and beneficial element in the whole. If we never saw things any differently than when rushing, I am afraid the fraternity would be doomed. We would certainly merit the oft-repeated accusation "narrow and selfish." Fortunately we have saner moments. And I will say for one that

the sanest moment of all has come to me since leaving the chapter. Now, as never before, I appreciate the value of the fraternity and its place in my life. Now I realize that perhaps we were "narrow and selfish." But I will bear all the blame. It was I who was narrow, not the fraternity that was narrowing. Its ideals can not be other than broadening and uplifting.

The main thing then is to grasp the ideal. If this could always be done there would be no conception of a fraternity girl below the average. All would own her influence and power.

Let us see then that the fraternity girl does not narrow her own life and reflect the fault upon the fraternity, but rather that she let the ideal so imbue her being that she may grow in strength and beauty and cause the term "narrow" to disappear from our critics' vocabularies.

THANKSGIVING REUNION AT KANSAS CITY.

EARLY in the fall arrangements were made by the secretaries of Iota and Kappa circles of the Alumnae Association, for a reunion and banquet to be held at Kansas City, Mo., during the Thanksgiving holidays.

No more graphic description of our good times could be given than that in the following clipping, from the Kansas City Times:

"Most of the out of town young women arrived in Kansas City by noon of last Thursday and in the afternoon no 'frat' was better represented at the ball game than Pi Beta Phi. Friday afternoon at half past one Dr. George H. Coombs delivered a talk to the girls in the parlor of the Coates House, and later the entire representation attended the symphony concert, occupying two lower boxes at the Auditorium theater, but the event of importance was the banquet at the Coates House Friday night which marked the close of the reunion. Covers were laid for twenty-two, and the decorations were carried out in the flower of the Pi Beta Phi, the carnation. A more entrancing, 'enthusing' picture could scarcely have been conceived than the

twenty-two Pi Beta Phis, typical American girls all of them, who, in their daintiest, most becoming gowns, sat at the feast in honor of their beloved fraternity, and toasted it and sang to it and yelled at it and each other, for four hours. The champion of each state was bound not to be outdone by any of the others and if ever the chatter, chatter, chatter, gave the shadow of an opportunity a conglomeration made up of these yells rent the air:

Ring, ching, chang,
Ho, hippy, hi,
Rah, rho, arrow,
Pi Beta Phi.
U-U-Uni-ver-ver
Versity—N-e-bras
Ki! O, my!

and above the rest was heard:

Rock chalk! Jay Hawk! K. U.!
Tiger, Tiger, M. S. U.!
Hell-a-va-lo! Rah! Rah!
Hell-a-va-lo! Rah! Rah!
Who-ra-who-ra!
Illinois; Wah-who-wah!

During the evening a congratulatory telegram in the form of the Pi Beta Phi yell was received from Mary Kellogg, Mary Copley and Ruth Plumb of Lawrence, and regrets were read from chapters and clubs not represented at the reunion.

The president, Mrs. Walls, was toastmistress and very gracefully expressed her gratification in being a Pi Phi, and after a witty description of the duties of the home maker called upon Miss Johnson, who responded with 'A Woman's Heart, Like the Moon, Is Always Changing; but There Is Always a Man in It.' Other toasts were by Miss Smith of Lawrence Alumnae club, Miss Miller representing Kappa circle, and Mrs. Reynolds of Iota circle, whose text was 'The Twentieth Century Pi Phi,' a very beautiful description of what Pi Phi girls are and should be; Miss Chamberlain upon 'The Topeka Alumnae Club,' and Miss Barber of Lincoln (Neb.) Alumnae club.

Most of the members returned to their homes by Saturday night, but before leaving went to the Saturday matinee at the Coates to see the bill 'Way Down East.'

Among those present were: Lucille Lawson, Missouri Alpha, Columbia, Mo.; Mary Spencer, Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Virginia Dyer, Missouri Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Ida Greeley Smith, Grand Treasurer, Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Mary McGahey, Nebraska Beta, Lincoln, Neb.; Lil Johnson, Missouri Alpha, Columbia, Mo.; Cecil Prescott Leland, Kansas Alpha, Eldorado, Kan.; Jennie Barber, Nebraska Beta, Lincoln, Neb.; Mary Chace Chamberlain, Kansas Alpha and Illinois Zeta, Topeka, Kan.; Helen B. Sutliff, Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Jennie Sutliff, Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Louise Moore, Kansas Alpha, Kansas City; Gertrude Helen Boughton, Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kan.; Maude Miller, Missouri Alpha, St. Joseph, Mo.; Hettie Anthony, Missouri Alpha, Maryville, Mo.; Mrs. H. E. Tanner, Lawrence Alumnae; Mrs. F. H. Smithmeyer, Lawrence Alumnae; Amada Fred Becker, Missouri Alpha, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Chauncey R. Reynolds, Michigan Alpha, Kansas City, secretary of Iota circle, and Mrs. George Longan Walls, Kansas Alpha, president of the Kansas City Alumnae club."

Should the plan of a Thanksgiving reunion at Kansas City meet with the hearty support of the chapters and clubs in Kappa and Iota circles, no doubt it will become an annual affair.

—M. M., Kappa Circle, A. A.

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN ALPHA.

THE ALUMNAE Association of Wisconsin Alpha was established June 23, 1900, with the following officers: A. Pauline Houghton, president; Elizabeth Church Smith, vice-president; Lucretia Hinckley, secretary; Etta Huenkemeir, treasurer.

The purpose of the association is to maintain the fraternity associations and friendships of the alumnae and to secure their

mutual coöperation in the advancement of the fraternity at the University of Wisconsin. The life of the organization is too short to have accomplished very much, but judging from the number who have joined recently, it certainly has a bright future.

There are two classes of membership: (a) All inactive members of Wisconsin Alpha of Pi Beta Phi; (b) all members of other chapters resident in Wisconsin.

If this article reaches any Pi Beta Phi living in Wisconsin who has not received a copy of the constitution or been invited to join the association, she will receive both if she sends her name and address to Miss Lucretia Hinckley, Ashland, Wisconsin.

The Alumnae are planning to spend a few weeks together at one of the Wisconsin lakes immediately after commencement, and all members of Wisconsin Alpha, as well as other chapters, are invited to join the party.

—A. PAULINE HOUGHTON.

PERSONALS.

At Lewisburg, Pa., October eighteenth, Kate Irene McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania Beta, was married to Mr. Harry S. Brown, Phi Kappa Psi, of Philadelphia.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Anna A. Nichols, '99, is spending the winter in Dinuba, California.

Bertha Ranslow, '94, is teaching in Lincoln Academy, King's Mt., N. C.

Mabel Ware, '96, is teaching Latin and Greek at Unadilla, N. Y.

Augusta Kelley, '99, is teaching at Camden, Maine.

Florence Allen, '98, is teaching Greek and Latin in the Union High School of Ballston Springs, New York.

President and Mrs. Brainerd, of Middlebury College, are rejoicing over a little daughter. Mrs. Brainerd is a Pi Phi sister.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Cassie L. Souther, '00, is teaching in Franklin, N. H.

Clara E. Noyes, '99, is studying music at the Boston Conservatory.

Lucretia E. Berry, '00, is teaching at North Attleboro, Mass.

Clara Belle Cooke, '99, is studying at Bridgewater Normal.

The engagement has been announced of Grace Eleanor Smith, '00, to Mr. Edward Crandon of Everett.

Josephine Pickering, '00, is teaching at Greenland, N. H.

Mae Lawrence, '98, is teaching English in the Worcester High School.

Florence N. Flagg, '99, is teaching at the Oxford, Mass., High School.

Helen Eldridge, '98, is at her home in Jamaica Plain for the winter.

Vera Mae Kerr, '00, is at Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

The engagements have been announced of Nettie A. Dodge, '01, to Mr. Walter I. Chapman, Beta Theta Pi; and of Florence E. Thomas, '01, to Mr. Charles L. Hammond, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Ethel Van Cise of Denver, an active member of Illinois Beta last year, has been voted into the chapter of Colorado Beta.

Mary Warner, active member '99-'00, visited us November ninth.

Nellie Clanton Turner enters Armour Institute, Chicago, January first.

Emma Flinn, La Grange, Ill., spent November twenty-fourth with the chapter.

Nellie Thompkins, '95, and Edith Crissey, '99, of Avon, are in the city.

LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Rosalie Nixon, '99, has a position in the Lake Charles High School as professor of Latin and English Literature.

Anna Shafter Lovell is traveling in the north and will visit several of the eastern colleges.

Lily Logan, '97, is pursuing her studies at Barnard College.

Annie Brunswig, '02, is in New Orleans this winter.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Duayne Phimister of Knox, 1900, has been spending the summer studying at Chicago Art Institute, and will return again after Christmas.

Caroline Gale leaves soon for a month's pleasure in Asheville and Morgantown, North Carolina.

Mildred Brown and Lucia Dewey have returned for their senior year at Smith.

Married June eleventh, nineteen hundred, Miss Gertrude Chapin to Frank Thompson. Mrs. Thompson is a charter member of Illinois Delta, being one of its chief promoters. She has been for some time instructor in the Galesburg High School, of which Mr. Thompson is principal.

ILLINOIS EPSILON.

Mae Doland has left for a two months' trip in northern Michigan.

Alice Doland, '00, is studying in Berlin this year.

Elfrieda Hochbaum, '99, who is studying in Leipsic this year, has entered the class of Prof. Sievers, and is the first American woman to be admitted.

MICHIGAN BETA.

On July 25, Eva May Nichols, ex-'01, was married to Mr. R. Edward Davis.

On September 18th, Lida White of Ann Arbor was married to Mr. Ralph Miller.

Mrs. D'Ooge, who spent last year in Athens, where Professor D'Ooge was head of the American School, has returned to Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Kelsey will be in Rome this year, as Professor Kelsey is head of the American School there.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Jessie McIntosh is going to Galesburg after Christmas to spend the winter, and we hope she may become acquainted with the girls of Illinois Delta.

Donnie Armstrong, '99, is teaching in Las Animas, Colorado.

Mina Kilgore, '99, is teaching in Loveland, Colorado.

Mabel Martin and Milton Whitaker were married at the home of the bride's parents in Denver last July and now live in Columbia, New York.

Margaret Ramsay, '99, is teaching in Durango, Colo.

Ruth Bishop, '02, is teaching in Leadville this winter.

Julia McKinley was married to Ralph Denio at her home in Idaho Springs last August. Mr. and Mrs. Denio will make their home in Longmont, Colorado.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAllister December fifth.

Gertrude Fitz Randolph Currens is at her home in Elizabeth, Colorado.

Myrtle Ziemer, who spent the summer in California, is with us again for the winter.

May V. Henry and Conrad Bluhm were married in August and are now at home in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Editorials.

THE WINTER term just opening is perhaps the most critical of the year in the life of a chapter. Rushing is over for a season and the girls have settled down to the routine of college work and chapter life. It is now that there comes the greatest strain on the loyalty and friendship of the girls. Most of us are quite capable of harmony in our good times, but the monotony of daily companionship in hard work is quite another matter. To the freshmen, particularly the winter term is likely to bring a feeling of reaction. The delights of being rushed are over; the first fine enthusiasm of the initiation has passed away; the girls, dear as they are, have turned out to be pretty human after all; and the first sentimental affection conceived for them has not yet passed into the steadfast attachment that comes later. It is not strange, perhaps, that the initiate begins to feel her fraternity life a little flat, and to wonder if, after all, it was really worth while. The fraternity honey-moon is over.

It is at this time that the older girls should make every effort to tide the freshman over this period of reaction. Draw her out in every way you can. See what she is good for, and then set her to work. Encourage her to "speak in meetin'," and let her work on committees with the older girls. Don't give her all the hard and disagreeable, nor yet always the unimportant things to do. Get her interested in fraternity history if you can; if there is correspondence to be done, let her have her share; and particularly, let her be on the lookout for new fraternity material for next year. She will be nearest in age to those who are to come after, her fraternity life with them will be longest, and your freshman girl, properly trained, is going to be the best rusher in the chapter.

This sounds perhaps like advocating that the freshmen run the chapter. Perish the suggestion! But don't advise them too much, don't superintend them too much, and above all, don't ignore them too much. This winter term is the opportunity of and for the freshmen. May we all make the most of it!

THE PI BETA PHI reunion held in Kansas City Thanksgiving week offers some points for consideration. In the first place it was not a province convention; there was nothing official or compulsory about it; it was purely a voluntary gathering of Pi Phis, for the purpose of having a good time and getting acquainted with the neighboring chapters. A province convention would hardly serve the same purpose, unless we were so to subdivide and redistrict our provinces as to bring together those chapters that are truly neighbors, who are likely to meet each other at the great athletic contests and who draw their membership from the same cities or regions. Such a "gerrymander" we have long thought advisable, both because province meetings would thus be more easily managed and more economical, and because they could be made of far more value, because the chapters would have a real community of interest.

It is quite possible, however, that the province convention, even at its best, would fail of the results that the informal reunion accomplishes. A convention has almost necessarily a cut and dried character, it holds itself down to business meetings, it must get the most that it can out of the allotted time. At a reunion the girls come because they want to, stay away if so minded, pay their own expenses and are paid by the good times they get out of it. Nor does their informal character preclude the idea of business meetings if the girls be so inclined. In a private letter received from the secretary of Kappa Circle, the writer says: "Of course there was a more serious side of it than that described. We had two business sessions, and enjoyed reading letters from those not present. Especially are we indebted to Miss Read for a fine letter in regard to alumnae work."

Another advantage of the reunion over the province convention is the participation of both alumnae and active members on a footing of happy equality. The girls of an older growth are not set off into separate meetings of their own, are not present as mentors or advisors of the college girls, but are girls with them around the banquet table. In the case of the Kansas City reunions, if they are made a permanent institution, the alumnae

are likely to have a more vital part. The same letter says: "We have some plans for next year,—of an executive board composed of representatives from each chapter and club within the two circles,—though these plans are not yet matured."

It seems to us that, taken all in all, the Kansas City reunion must have been an ideal one in its spirit and enthusiasm, which are often far more valuable than more tangible results.

APROPOS of the difficulty of rousing the college girls to the need of some reform, a non-fraternity woman lately remarked that of course the movement was fore-ordained to failure,—that the fraternity girls set the pace and it was impossible to get them interested; they existed only for society. One of the fraternity women present attempted a vigorous denial, but was silenced by the rejoinder that until fraternity girls showed themselves interested in something besides teas and dances, the general observer would continue to think that, whatever might be their professed purpose, their real aim was the making of society girls.

This is not the first time that the fraternity woman has been compelled to listen to such assertions, nor will it in all probability be the last. Yet every Pi Beta Phi is aware of their utter falsity. She well knows that not only has her fraternity the highest of ideals, but that the girls are honestly, and according to their lights, living up to those ideals, though they do not make any fuss about it, or parade their virtues in the face of the college public.

Unfortunately this public, if unsympathetic, is not unobservant, and is drawing its own conclusions from such small data as it has. It sees only the spreads and parties, those exclusive good times which form so much of the visible part of a fraternity girl's existence. Hence such statements as many of us have doubtless been compelled to listen to. The utter futility of denying such charges is too evident. Full explanation is impossible and assertion and re-assertion hardly make convincing argument. Yet neither Pi Beta Phi nor any other fraternity

can afford to allow the opinion that they are mere social clubs to become general, and something should be done by the fraternity girls to make themselves visible on other than social occasions.

Would it not be a good resolution for the new year and new century if every chapter of Pi Beta Phi should resolve henceforth to take as large a part as possible in the general life of the college, in the literary societies, the musical clubs, the girls' athletics, in the settlement or charitable organizations, in the Christian associations, if conscience and creed permit, and in the many activities that make up the sum of college life. This does not mean a vulgar striving for offices or honors,—that is simply seeking a further aggrandizement of the fraternity or the individual. It does mean a hearty co-operation in college interests, a using of the power and training gained from fraternity life for the greatest good of the greatest number. In this way can best be dissipated some of those wrong ideas of fraternity girls and fraternity life which are inevitable in the minds of those who can form their conclusions only by the outward and visible signs of an inward and fraternal grace.

IT IS encouraging to note how many of our chapters are now housed in chapter homes. While there are a few that have possessed houses for a number of years, it is only very recently that any very large number of the chapters have cared to undertake the delights and responsibilities of "a home of their own."

While far from advocating that every chapter should live in a chapter house, while admitting that in some cases it is impossible and in others unadvisable, we firmly believe that in most of the larger universities, a chapter house, properly managed and carefully chaperoned, is a great advantage to the chapter, and to the girl offers the best possible substitute for her own home.

We hope very soon to have reports from all the chapters occupying houses, telling of their management, their advantages and their success or failure, so that as many more as possible may be encouraged to "go and do likewise."

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Vermont Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters and congratulations for their success in the fall duties. Each chapter letter of the November Arrow was filled with good news in regard to what had been accomplished and with bright hopes for the future.

Many pleasant events have occurred in the history of our chapter since our last letter. The one especially enjoyed by all was our annual banquet held November twenty-fourth, at the Pharetra. Three of our Vermont Beta sisters were with us making us feel more deeply than ever the sacredness and firmness of fraternity ties, for a common love and interest make us dear to each other even before we meet. However, this was not the first time that we Vermont Pi Phis had come together this year, for but a few days before our banquet four of our members attended the initiation and banquet of Vermont Beta where we enjoyed ourselves as only Pi Phis can.

We think we are the most fortunate chapter on the roll in having a patroness who shares her home with us. Every two weeks we invite some of our friends there to spend the evening, and on Thanksgiving evening she entertained all of us who could not go home.

On Hallowe'en we entertained some members from the men's fraternities with a straw ride to the home of one of our girls who lives eight miles away, where we spent the evening in playing suitable games.

Monday evening we had a "cookie-shine" for the freshmen who had been told nothing of its meaning.

We are talking now of having a Christmas tree for the Chapter.

MAUDE SMITH.

VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Christmas recess is near at hand and already some of the more fortunate students who have "saved their cuts" for this occasion may be seen, with their dress suit cases in hand, walking across the campus in the direction of the station.

Our annual initiation and banquet took place November the twenty-first, when we received four new girls into our circle,

one sophomore, Frederika Abraham, who entered from Mt. Holyoke, and three freshmen, who are all classical students, Lillian Bean, Bertha Miller and Carrie Preston.

It is at times such as this that we find it so pleasant to be near a sister chapter, for four girls from Vermont Alpha came up to help us. The following Saturday night they held their banquet and three of our sisters went down.

After the Christmas recess we are intending to have a "Pi Phi Christmas" when each sister is to bring something for our rooms and something particularly nice for a "real swell cookie-shine."

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hoping that nineteen hundred one may be one of the most prosperous years Pi Beta Phi has ever enjoyed.

GRACE ANNA GOODHUE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Rather than "burn the midnight oil" in a vain search for an impressive beginning to the chapter letter, the corresponding secretary has decided to plunge boldly into the subject and tell you what we have been doing since our last letter.

The first real fraternity event of the year took place on October thirteenth, when we welcomed into our circle Josephine Shallenberger who was pledged to us at the end of last term.

This was followed soon after by two very pleasant evenings, when we did a little rushing by entertaining at the home of our president, Helen Lee, a number of the freshmen and other non-fraternity girls of the college. Next, one Saturday afternoon stands out on our calendar — a day when we had one of our "good old times" at the hospitable home of Rosalie Robinette, 1900 — a home which we all claim as our own, since we are always sure of a welcome and a good time, there.

On the twenty-sixth of November we were made happy by placing the wine and blue upon a new sister, Clara Tufts.

We are now planning for a tea to be given in the reception rooms of the University Building, to meet the Grand President of Pi Beta Phi, and the patronesses of Columbia Alpha.

In closing, the thought occurs to us that when you read this letter we will probably be struggling blindly through the depths of mid-year "exams." Begging that you will pause to shed a tear for us, we promise to do the same for all Pi Phis in like distress.

FLORENCE ELIZABETH FRISBY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Greeting from Pennsylvania Alpha to all her dear Pi Beta Phi sisters. She is sorry not to be able to introduce some new members, but the College authorities have said "No invitations until spring." Our Freshman class is an interesting one and when the much-looked-forward-to Pledge-Day arrives we hope to have many with us who will be all the dearer for our long wait.

"No rushing" is also the decree, so Pennsylvania Alpha is very proper, very studious and much less inclined to numerous feasts than was her previous custom.

Our original number of eight has been reduced by the loss of Pansy Jackson. Illness will prevent her being with us for the remainder of the year, but we are made happy by occasional visits from her and very favorable reports.

The great athletic event of the season—the Swarthmore-Haverford foot-ball game, brought many of our alumnae back. The joy of seeing them was increased by the victory for Swarthmore and in the jolly time that followed there was nothing to mar our happiness.

We are fortunate in having a number of our Alumnae near us and we do enjoy "the old girls" so much. Mary Seaman is teaching in the town of Swarthmore and "Frat." meetings have become almost incomplete without her. Although we miss the girls who left us last year we rejoice in the fact that five of them are near enough for us to see them occasionally and that our representation in "the city" (Philadelphia) is increasing.

We wish you all the happiness that is our right as Pi Beta Phis.

MABEL WILSON LATIMER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

The day when the chapter letter must be written has come and the corresponding secretary is trying to recall all matters of importance, but it must be confessed that this time they are few.

We have initiated our pledge, Mabel Allison, and she, now an eager and loving Pi Phi, turns to "that whistle clear, so low and sweet" with steps as fleet as any of us. We have another pledge, upon whom we expect to put the arrow before another month has passed.

Early in November, Genevieve White and Lile Bell, of the class of nineteen hundred, returned to us for a short visit, during which time we seized every opportunity to be together and enjoy each other. One of our town alumnae, Mary Wilson, gave a thimble party in honor of the visitors, and we all enjoyed it to the full. We also had a cookie-shine, voted by all to be one of the most delightful ever given by our chapter.

Later, Flora Sigel and Edith McCain, whom we still claim, although they now belong to Michigan Beta and Pennsylvania Alpha respectively, were our welcome guests for a very short time.

We are very glad to have with us Kate Goddard, who, since her graduation in ninety-seven, has been a missionary in China and who has returned to America for a visit.

The Girls' Dramatic club made its debut on the evening of November sixteenth, and several of our girls covered themselves with glory. The Girls' Mandolin and Guitar club gave a very successful musicale in Bucknell Hall, December seventh.

With best wishes for the New Year, Pennsylvania Beta says: "Auf wiedersehen."

Laura Allen.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Aside from our many informal meetings in our chapter hall, Ohio Alpha has been leading a very quiet life, socially. We have, however, received much pleasure and indeed, benefit, from these meetings, for it's in just such informal gatherings that we have learned to know each other and to value the friendships formed by our fraternity bonds. We enjoyed very much the gathering together at odd moments during the busy weeks, to read the articles and chapter letters in the Arrow, being particularly impressed with the article on the "Use of the Black Ball"—an article which certainly will make all of us more considerate in the use of such a privilege.

A "hall shower" on the eighth of December was a very enjoyable occasion and added much to the beauty of our hall. Several of our alumnae were present. The inevitable cookie-shine was greatly enjoyed and we all agreed it was "good to be there."

We are very glad to have with us again Mabel Wickham, of Glen Ullin, North Dakota. She has been chosen one of the class orators for commencement.

Ohio Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis and wishes them a very successful New Year.

Minnie Brown.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

How swiftly the time passes! We can hardly realize that our Christmas vacation is about to begin. Ohio Beta has been very busy and yet what delightful times we have had together. On November seventeenth, we held our initiation and we now have the pleasure of introducing to our sister chapters Gertrude Jackson and Margaret Arnold, both of whom are already loyal and enthusiastic Pi Phis. Instead of the usual banquet we had a cookie-shine, after which the initiation seemed quite complete.

There have been many social doings to make college life pleasant at O. S. U. Among them were the Cadet hop and concert given by the Glee club, both of which many of our girls attended. Many of the fraternity parties are not given until after Christmas, however.

Thanksgiving week Kappa Alpha Theta held its Province convention here. In the last two years many fraternities have held conventions, both national and district, in Columbus.

A great interest has been shown this year in football. When O. S. U. played Michigan nine hundred students went to Ann Arbor with the team. About ten of the girls went and were delighted to meet the girls of Michigan Beta.

On December twenty-seventh Laura Weisman, '00, our delegate to the last convention, is to be married to Mr. Burkett, who is teaching in the State University of New Hampshire. This will be our second Pi Phi wedding and we are looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure. We are sorry to have Laura move so far away from us and we shall miss her greatly.

Ohio Beta sends best wishes for a happy New Year to all Pi Phis.

ALLENA MITZENBURG.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

As the time comes round for another chapter letter, we realize that the first three months of the college year have gone and we must be preparing for our mid-winter examinations.

This has been one of the most successful years in football in the history of our University, the team winning seven out of ten games besides tying with Brown. We feel justly proud of the work of our team.

The Thanksgiving vacation was spent very quietly here at the chapter house, as Mrs. Havens, the chaperon, and two girls were the only ones who remained. We were only too glad to welcome the girls back after the three days' vacation, for during their absence the house was very lonely.

Friday, November twenty-third, we gave our annual party in honor of our Freshmen. This year it was a Thanksgiving party and the entertainment and refreshments were in accordance with the day. There were about thirty guests present.

Phi Kappa Psi has this winter been giving a series of parties to which a number of our girls have been invited.

Thursday evening, December sixth, occurred the first junior "Prom" of Syracuse University. This was one of the social events of the year, and our fraternity was well represented.

Saturday, December fifteenth, a few of our girls are to entertain some of their Phi Kappa Psi friends at a chafing-dish party.

During the Thanksgiving vacation we enjoyed calls from Grace Sheffield, 1900, who is teaching in Newark, New York, and Jessie Wakefield, 1900, who is studying Methods at the Cortland Normal. We girls were very sorry not to see Miss Scudder at the chapter house during her visit in Syracuse.

Just now our spare time is taken up in preparation for our annual Christmas party which occurs Wednesday, December nineteenth. On this occasion we receive our patronesses, mothers and friends, and this year our Freshmen are to provide the entertainment.

In spite of all this gaiety we do not forget the serious side of college life and we always aim to hold Pi Beta Phi in the front rank. New York Alpha wishes all Pi Phis a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

LUNETTE HAVENS.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Examination time as well as letter time is at hand. Consequently we are busy thinking of some of the things we ought to have done and have left undone; but there is left a little time to think of some things which have been accomplished.

One day in October we went to Hingham and held a "Sardine Party." This received its name, not from the entertainment, which was entirely impromptu and consisted in an informal reception, a candy pull, a mock wedding, cake walks and other similar diversions. The name rose from the fact that we stayed over night, and when we were settled we bore a very close resemblance to sardines. Hallowe'en was celebrated by a New England supper — baked beans and brown bread, pickles, olives, chestnuts. The barn in which these were eaten was made to look as nearly like a room as possible, with rugs and portieres, making the entire effect cozy and homelike. After the supper we proceeded to the customary Hallowe'en performances making spirits walk, and learning what the future had in store for us.

During all this time we had not forgotten our "spikes" and were preparing for the initiation, which took place at the home of Clara Noyes, '99, November fifteenth and sixteenth. About ten o'clock the goat began to be a little frisky and he grew more and more unmanageable as it approached that "very witching time of night when churchyards yawn" and at the very stroke of twelve he was let loose. The girls who survived the attacks of his Royal Highness are Mary Galbraith and Susan Pennell, and they certainly deserve all the praise and affection you can give them for the brave manner in which they

faced the awful antics of that Billy. The next week Vera Sawyer, who could not be present that night, was made one of us. So now we introduce to you these three new sisters and two pledges, Marion Coburn and Ethel Edwards, who will share our joys and sorrows.

One of the greatest privileges we have had this year has been that of knowing so many girls from the other chapters. There are Ellen Anderson and Carolyn Kramer of Colorado Beta, Margaret Custer and Vera Wattles of Nebraska Beta, and Adelaide Chase of Illinois Zeta, all of whom are settled near us for the winter and call on us frequently; and then, too, there was Frances Heilprin of Columbia Alpha, who stayed with us just long enough to make us want her longer. It is impossible to tell how much it means to us to have these sisters among us. It makes us realize a little more the height and breadth and length and depth of our fraternity and gives us a new incentive, and strengthens our purpose to live up to its ideals. We feel a special gratitude to the chapters who have sent them to us and we promise you to be good to them.

Thankful for what has been, we are, nevertheless, looking forward to a better time to come and our wishes are extended to all Pi Phis for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

ELEANOR GOOD.

MARYLAND ALPHA — THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In accordance with the motto, "Be not too prompt," which our Arrow editor suggests will be appropriate for the inscription on the fourth shaft of our future monument to chapter correspondents, Maryland Alpha's correspondent has waited and waited until the awful tenth almost stalks before her. And why? Simply, friends, in the vain hopes, that if she did, something might happen. But she is now confident that nothing, under the sun, either new or old, has happened since the first of December, the date upon which she was tempted "to take time by the fetlock."

Everything, so far as fraternity life is concerned, settled down after pledge-day and the following initiation. As a result of these two days, on which sorrow and joy seem to meet,—sorrow for those who for varied reasons can never know the blessedness of Pi Beta Phi, and joy for those who then for the first time enter into this blessedness—came forth three new wearers of the arrow and one pledgling. For our pledgling we are particularly happy, as she, Mary E. Lampton, of Mississippi, comes with a heart full of love for Pi Beta Phi such as is characteristic of the girls of her sister state, Louisiana. We have also another southern girl to introduce to you, namely, Mary Hearn Lockhart, of Paris, Kentucky. And as if to equalize things, we initiated two northern girls, Emily Locke Haskins, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and Marion Stoner, of New York.

Another thing, for which we are glad, is a visit paid us this fall by one of our former Grand Presidents, Miss Turner of Washington. From this same "City of Pi Phis," Edna Stone and Frances Heilprin came over to see us a few days.

As for college affairs, we might mention the tennis tournament, which resulted in the victory of 1903 over 1904, and our "visitor's day" upon which, by our recitations and by a general reception in the evening, we college girls entertained many distinguished and welcome guests.

But the most distinguished and welcome of all the guests which we as a college can entertain is one that will be with us ere this letter is in your hands. I mean the new century and all it signifies. May it mean to all mankind, to all colleges, and most of all, to every Pi Beta Phi, a new and quickened interest in the world's work, and an increased joy and happiness in this interest.

KATHLEEN M. MALLORY.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD COLLEGE.

The winter term, after a most delightful week's vacation at Thanksgiving, is starting out so happily for Illinois Beta, that we are certain a most pleasant year is before us. In the first place when our term's grades were received we discovered that a Pi Beta Phi had been given the highest. Then Martha Arnold, '00, decided to take a Master's Degree this year. Next Nellie Turner, one of our most helpful girls of last year is here for a visit. We girls have been giving away to our feelings by repeated "Ring Ching Chings." Can you blame us?

A change was made in the college this term by the resignation of Miss Maud A. Miner, our Elocution instructor. In her final recitals, our girls took very prominent parts. Miss Amanda Kidder is her successor.

We have several new names for our Pi Beta Phi roll whom we proudly ask you to salute.

On the afternoon of November thirteenth, at the home of Mrs. Grubb, a patroness, Mary Elizabeth Stockton and Frances Ross took the vows we all so fondly cherish. We then went to our room, where Nelle Townsend, Ethelwyn Grier, Nellie Needham, Mila and Ruth Parke became pledglings. A cookie-shine as usual climaxed all.

November twenty-fourth, at the home of Lora Townsend, one of our most helpful alumnae, the last four girls were happy to put on our arrow. To this initiation we had invited all our local alumnae, so you can imagine what the cookie-shine was like surrounded by so many cheery faces. It was an occasion long planned for

The college has participated in many social gatherings this term. The students are permitted an assembly four times a term in the gymnasium, and these are delightful times, for it is here that you become acquainted with all. Besides this, President Nash gave a most enjoyable reception at his home December seventh.

We girls are planning a Christmas "surprise" for our room, which has become so dear to us that we have a regular meeting once a week. Then we end with light refreshments and our little "talks" that mean so much to us. What would college life be without fraternity?

A "Happy New Year" to all who wear the wine and blue.

LILLIAN HARRIS.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

The happy forecast for a pleasant and profitable year has so far been quite fulfilled by a strong chapter of congenial girls, to which has been added a pledge, Marie Mars.

The college course and college life in general have undergone a good many changes, and the social privileges are somewhat restricted. Our girls have only given one party, a Hallowe'en celebration.

The invitations sent out for this read:—

"At four o'clock on Friday when midnight's shadows fall, hold yourself in readiness for the Pi Phi black cat's call; when you'll ride away in silence with the grewsome Pi Phi gnomes, where the witches and hobgoblins find their dark and dreary homes."

And when the fateful day arrived, two big hay-racks gathered up the girls and boys and after an hour's ride set them down at "The Gale Farm," the summer home of one of our girls, where they had lots of good things to eat, and later, took advantage of the warm moonlight night, the wide lawns and numerous hammocks; patronized the fortune teller's den, and sang or listened to music until twelve o'clock, when a special car was sent out to carry us all back to town.

George Candee Gale, class of '94, has taken the place left vacant for this year by Dr. Cushing. The girls are all working hard at basket ball and bowling and regular gymnasium exercises, a part of the course which is receiving more attention than ever before at Knox.

The best New Year's greeting we can give you is a wish that you may have as delightful a year as Illinois Delta is anticipating.

ALICE CANDEE GALE.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The close of the rushing season finds our chapter with fourteen active members. To introduce as freshman sisters we have Ella McNulty and Lucy Derickson, who have already begun to show themselves worthy wearers of the arrow. The initiation was held at the home of one of our active girls. About twenty were present to see that the "goat" did his duty, and to rejoice over two new sisters. A banquet followed by toasts completed a most delightful evening.

Northwestern has been fortunate in having two sorority conventions this fall, those of Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. We had the pleasure of entertaining Gamma Phi Beta at the home of one of our patronesses, Miss Lunt. At that time we were happily surprised in having with us, from Madison, five of the Wisconsin Alpha girls; and the acquaintance proved so pleasant that we heartily wish we might often have the pleasure of visitors from our neighboring chapters.

We are all rejoicing over the football record which the boys in purple have made for Northwestern this season, for this year has been somewhat more successful than several preceding. The close of the race for championship found us third and we have already begun to look forward to next fall with hope that we may be the winner.

The "Freshies" are very proud of their recent football victory, the result of a challenge, over the "Sophs."

A most delightful Christmas vacation for every Pi Phi is the sincere wish of Illinois Epsilon.

LENORE L. NEGUS.

ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last issue of our magazine, Illinois Zeta has been fortunate enough to gain six new sisters: Virginia Chester, Winifred Forbes, Edna Sheldon, Sarah Bell Waller, Edna White and Saide Wolford. Now counting inactive as well as active members, there are forty wearers of the arrow in Champaign and Urbana.

This chapter, like Missouri Alpha, has decided to hold social meetings every two weeks, and a committee of two or more decide upon the special entertainment for the evening. Last time, three of the girls impersonated Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Yates, and issued invitations to an "election party." On the back of the invitation was the name of the person each was to represent, and as each girl arrived she was solemnly announced by the butler. After a social time, refreshments appropriate to the occasion were served. These were "full dinner pails," which consisted of little pasteboard and ribbon pails filled

to the brim with salted peanuts. The whole affair was simple, but was very amusing. Possibly it may suggest something to another chapter. We wish Missouri Alpha would tell us what she does at her social meetings; perhaps she can give us some new ideas.

The holidays will soon be here, and we hope you will accept our most cordial wishes for a happy and restful vacation.

MINNIE C. BRIDGEMAN.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

We could scarcely realize that the first term of this College year was nearing the close until the examinations were forced upon us, and now that they are over—we breathe a sigh of relief and all are in expectancy for an enjoyable holiday season.

We are very proud to announce a new fraternity sister—Sarah Ellis, from Kansas, who entered college as a senior at the beginning of the fall term. After her graduation in June, she will go to Silver City, New Mexico, to take the position of Professor of English in the Normal School.

This being the first year we have enjoyed a chapter house our friends have kindly remembered us in the way of pretty pillows and bric-a-brac.

Our senior girls, four in number, have distinguished themselves by donning the customary cap and gown.

One of the very pleasant social events of the term was the reception given by our three patronesses at the home of one of their number, Mrs. Ragsdale, her pretty home being beautifully decorated, and the guests, one hundred and sixty in number, spent a very enjoyable evening. Another pleasant occasion was a very informal party given in honor of Eva Bowser, one of our girls who was with us last year.

The alumnae keep "open house" the last Saturday afternoon of every month, and on New Year's Day, receive friends and those interested in the fraternity, and so keep closely in touch with the active girls and their workings.

One of the events of the term has been the founding of an honorary society known as the Ofergau Literary Society. The membership is limited to twenty-five, only the leaders of the three upper classes being eligible. Four of the ten charter members were Pi Phis.

Franklin has had ample reason to feel proud of the work of her football team this season. Until this year there has seemed to be a tendency among our students to neglect athletics. But for *cnca* both the student body and faculty members became enthusiastic over football, and the result was a winning team.

Last Saturday evening our appreciation of the hard work done by the boys, was shown by an informal reception at the college, given by the faculty and students.

Indiana Alpha sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

ALICE VAN NUYS.

INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Since the last issue of the Arrow Indiana Gamma has initiated four new girls; Ruth and Grace Hetfield, Jeanette Blair and Lulu Kellar, 1904. The initiation was held November twenty-third, at the house of our Province President, Ethel R. Curryer, in Indianapolis, and we were very happy in having an unusually large number of alumnae with us.

Socially Indiana Gamma has been quite active this last term. During the rushing season a number of informal affairs were given, which were very pleasant. October fourteenth Annie McCollum was at home to the active chapter, patronesses and new Butler girls. October second Lena Randall entertained us with an informal dance. October twentieth Ethel Roberts entertained with a taffy-pull, and a week later Katherine Stevenson with a marsh-mallow bake; while November twelfth Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown gave us a chafing dish party. Our rushing contract closed that night at midnight, so this was an unusually exciting time. The most formal affair of the term was a dance given November ninth at the home of our patroness, Mrs. William H. Cook, in Indianapolis. The ballroom was tastefully decorated in wine and blue, and everyone pronounced the affair a great success.

Just at present we are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to our state reunion in February, and without quite so much eagerness to the examination in March.

We are also busy now with our literary program for the rest of the school year. Following the plan of '97-98 we have decided to devote the first Monday afternoon of each month to a literary and social meeting, covering in a general way and by schools the history of Art, devoting especial attention to the master painters and their pictures. We hope to have as many of our patronesses and alumnae as possible with us at these meetings, and enjoy a thoroughly good time.

Wishing you all many happy things in the new century, and especially a merry time in your study for the examination,

ETHEL B. ROBERTS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha girls are beginning to realize that vacation again draws near, tho' it seems but yesterday that we had our first fraternity meeting. We have been a busy, hardworking lot this fall with enough fun mingled to keep things balanced, and we have some pleasant events to chronicle.

One of these was the initiating of our new patroness, Mrs. Myers, who has entered college as a student, and of the two pledges about whom we told you in our last letter, Bess Chapman and Luna French. Luna is the sister of Frances French who was our delegate to the last convention.

The mock initiation which followed a few days later was no less pleasant to us, tho' we cannot speak for the unhappy victims.

We have a new patroness, too, Vinnie Walrath-Chase, who was pledged to Pi Beta Phi but had never been initiated. The week of Thanksgiving we had two days of good times entertaining Katherine Cook who is teaching this year. When she came we escorted her at once to our rooms where we had a little spread in her honor. Social life has not run very high this fall. The Alpha Tau Omegas have given one very pleasant party. This week Friday evening the Ladies' Glee Club will make their debut in a concert.

The college has sustained a great loss this fall in the death of Dr. Ransom Dunn, the man who made possible its founding. His funeral was held at the college church where the students were present in a body. The highest tributes were paid to his memory.

Another sad occurrence has called forth our sympathy. Florence Kepple, one of our pledged girls, was called home in October by the death of her mother. She expects to return at the beginning of the winter term.

We are just a little bit proud because the faculty committee who have the appointment of the editorial staff of our college paper have seen fit to bestow the office of editor-in-chief upon one of our girls, Carrie Dudley. It is a new departure to have a girl for editor, but we feel confident that she will fill the chair with honor to herself and us.

We hope soon to tell you a story of a new endowment for the college, but we hardly dare follow the example of some newspapers and tell all about it before it is a reality.

MARY A. WELLS.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The last two months have been very busy ones for Michigan Beta. November tenth we went into Detroit for the Michigan-Iowa football game. It was a happy, enthusiastic party that

started out with banners flying,—it was a tired out, disappointed one that reached home about eleven o'clock when we soothed wounded feelings by a spread.

A large delegation of students from Ohio State University came up with their team for the Ohio-Michigan game on November, twenty-fourth, and many of our fraternities had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining girls from their sister chapters. Ohio Beta of Pi Beta Phi was well represented by twelve girls, whom we were very sorry we could not entertain at our own house. We wanted them to see our home life, but since we were preparing for initiation and a banquet after it, we were obliged to take them out to dinner. The game was very exciting, but as neither side scored, there was no exulting over each other. We were very anxious to have the Ohio girls stay for the initiation, but their train left too early for that.

At five o'clock that evening Michigan Beta initiated into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi eight girls: Helen Wattles, Nancy Ruth Reddick, Lenore and Mildred Smith, Mary Loose, Anna Marshall, Eleasor Towar and Ora Follett. This makes our active chapter eighteen, its normal number. The early hour for the initiation was an innovation, which will probably become a custom, since it gives us the whole evening for our banquet. More "old girls" than usual came back, and as they stayed over Sunday, we had an opportunity to discuss fraternity plans with them.

After all the company at initiation time, the house seemed especially lonely during the Thanksgiving recess, when there were only six girls left. But spreads every night kept up our spirits and Friday morning two of our "old girls," Nancy Bentley and Evelyn Bryant, came out from Detroit to spend a couple of days with us.

On Friday, December seventh, in the Waterman Gymnasium, there was held an Athletic Dance, the first of a series given for the benefit of the Athletic Association. These dances are very popular among the students.

The Freshmen Spread, which is always a great event in a freshman girl's life, was given by the sophomore girls Saturday, December ninth, in the Barbour gymnasium. The name "spread" is rather misleading, for the affair is simply a large dancing party for all the girls in the university. The sophomore girls have charge of it, while the juniors and seniors act as escorts and fill out the programmes of the freshmen girls. The six hundred girls in their light gowns presented a most festive appearance when all were on the floor together during the grand march.

Our one thought now is Christmas vacation, though to some of us it seems only too near when we think of the papers which are due at that time.

May 1901 bring as much happiness and prosperity to Pi Beta Phi as 1900 has brought.

DOROTHY SASS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Rushing is over and as a result we are happy to introduce to our sisters in Pi Beta Phi our sister Nellie Durr. Already Nellie has shown us that she truly means to be a sister whose heart is wholly with us and whose interests are with the fraternity at large.

We have four bright pledgings but before we can initiate any one of them we shall have to wait until the spring term as they are all freshmen. While we should love dearly to have them with us now, still we can hardly regret their being so young in their college work, for it means that we shall have them three or four years instead of one or two.

According to the usual custom Thanksgiving day was celebrated at Hershey Hall by a delightful banquet at which one of our girls had the honor of toasting our faculty.

Iowa Alpha wishes all Pi Phis a happy New Year. May it be a year which shall bring only the bright and beautiful into each life.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

In the midst of the busy whirl of work and recreation which always comes to us with the closing days of a term, we want to pause long enough to tell all the Pi Phis about the work and the fun which have occupied our chapter in the two months since we last wrote our Arrow letter.

The weeks have flown by quickly, filled with the routine of college work, but we have never been too busy to remember the interests of our fraternity. As a result of our efforts in one direction, there are two more of Simpson's daughters who wear the arrow,—Nellie Vale and Laura Johnston,—and we have also two new pledges, Ruth Baker and Gertrude Hancox. How glad we are to welcome them into our circle, to bid them share with us our joys and disappointments!

On Hallowe'en we gave our first party of the year, a very informal one, and spent a most jolly evening. Though our chapter always entertains on Hallowe'en, and always enjoys the evening thoroughly, we felt that our party this year eclipsed even our former most delightful ones. It was decidedly a "Hallow-

e'en" party; jack-o'-lanterns were in evidence throughout the house, and our refreshments were all appropriate to the evening we were celebrating.

This fall we have had several meetings with our alumnae in the city, talking over a plan which has almost reached completion, and over which we feel that we can properly exult a little. Several of our alumnae conceived the idea, last summer, that it would be a splendid thing for our chapter to refurnish the reception rooms at the Women's Hall. When the plan was suggested to the active girls, they began the work with enthusiasm, our older members helped nobly, and the project will soon become a reality. On next Thursday evening we have planned to receive the faculty and trustees of the college, with a few other friends, in the newly-furnished reception rooms. Though they will never be distinctively Pi Phi rooms, they will be a lasting honor to our chapter, and we feel sure that our "Christmas present" will be appreciated by the girls of the school, at least.

During the Thanksgiving vacation we enjoyed a short visit from May Sedgwick, one of our sisters who now lives in Des Moines.

Before this month's letters are read, we shall have enjoyed the merry holiday times, and have settled down in earnest to our winter's work. The freshness and vigor which the cold, bright winter days give us in our college work, will surely add new zest to our fraternity work and pleasures, and with new enthusiasm we will go on in our endeavor to add some small measure of renown to our dear Pi Beta Phi.

MARIAN COOKE.

IOWA ZETA — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Since the last Arrow letter was written, Dorothy Wickersham, '99, and Lilian Jasper, ex-'02, have made Iowa Zeta a few days' visit. Coming for the Iowa-Grinnell football game, they were here just in time to be present at the initiation of our three pledges. It seemed so like old times to have them back that there was not one of us who did not feel something like a touch of homesickness when they left.

The chapter has had its usual number of business meetings and spreads. One of our new girls, Bertha Hulsebus, displayed her ability as hostess by entertaining us with a spread on December fourth.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and with it the end of the championship season of 1900, and Iowa's goal line still uncrossed.

So far this year, none of the class hops have been given and the principal social events have been fraternity parties.

Phi Kappa Psi opened its delightful new home with a reception on November fifteenth. This was followed by a dance at the Armory the next evening. On November twenty-third, Beta Theta Pi gave its annual reception and dance for the members of the faculties, other fraternities and students. Phi Upsilon chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, which was organized last spring, gave its initial party at the Armory on December seventh. The new fraternity has started with a chapter roll of fifteen and its first appearance certainly reflects credit on its members.

During the last two weeks the fraternities have been worrying the photographers in their untiring and almost hopeless attempts to procure satisfactory pictures for the "Hawkeye," the Junior Annual of S. U. I.

It is almost vacation, but, much as we should like to make our plans for the holidays, we are compelled to begin to think about the inevitable "exams." These will, however, have been forgotten when the January Arrow appears and you will all be well started in the new term's work.

Iowa Zeta sends her greeting to the baby-chapter and best wishes to the Pi Phis for a happy and prosperous New Year.

DOROTHY DAKIN.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

This month our chapter letter finds us in the hurry and confusion which is always sure to come just before the Christmas holidays; so many presents yet to finish, so many "quizzes" and "exams" hanging over us with their awful gloom! Yet in every heart there is some thrill of joy at the return of the happy Yule-tide.

We have to introduce to you another loyal wearer of our golden arrow, Georgia Hurlbut, of Racine, who only last night joined our sisterhood.

On next Friday evening we are to have a little informal dance, and for the occasion several of our alumnae and out of town friends are to be with us. Consequently for the coming few days we are looking forward to a very jolly time.

On November seventeenth six of our girls went to Chicago to witness Wisconsin's football victory. Aside from the glorious game they had the pleasure of being entertained for a day or two by our sisters at Evanston.

Thanksgiving time was made happier for us by a visit from Livia Seiler, '00, who is now teaching at Monroe. Agnes Perry, '98, another of our alumnae, has also recently been with us.

Wisconsin now proudly boasts of her new Library which was dedicated the nineteenth of last October. It is a wonderfully

beautiful building, perfectly equipped, and certainly an honor to our state. Another though less beautiful addition to our campus is the new Engineering building.

We wish you all, dear sisters, a very happy Christmas, and may all success and prosperity come with this new year.

VIRGINIA HAYNER.

MISSOURI ALPHA — MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Just think of it, my sisters! Missouri Alpha is the proud possessor of a real Pi Phi Lodge—a little house just across the street from the campus, in which we are to hold our meetings and have our initiations and "cookie-shines." Although we rented it just three weeks ago, it is almost completely furnished, thanks to our friends and patronesses. We entertained in it for the first time Saturday evening, with a chafing dish party.

We have had several "cookie-shines" since our last letter, and one of our pledges, Estella Anderson, entertained us delightfully one afternoon. We have had one initiation, and it is our pleasure to introduce to you Lulu Nichols, of Springfield, Missouri, of whom we are justly proud.

All is comparatively quiet in university circles since the football season is over. The young women of the university gave a reception for the football team last Monday evening. One day next week the cooking class of M. S. U. will entertain the Board of Curators.

Six of our girls had the pleasure of attending the Reunion of Kappa and Iota Circles in Kansas City at Thanksgiving. We voted it a grand success and hope to go again next year.

Missouri Alpha sends greetings and best wishes to you all.

GERTRUDE BAYLESS.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA — NEWCOMB COLLEGE — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Since the opening of college our chapter roll has increased until it now numbers twelve, and our fraternity room has quite a home-like air on Friday afternoons when we assemble for our meetings, and incidentally for lots of fun and good things to eat.

The first of December was Tulane night, which is celebrated every year at the theatre named in honor of the university. Twenty Louisiana Alpha Pi Phis, including the active chapter and some of our alumnae, went together. The play was "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which was admirably staged, and the audience, composed chiefly of the student body and their friends, was wildly enthusiastic. After the play, Mrs. Horton,

one of our alumnae, gave us a supper at her house, which will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest affairs Louisiana Alpha has ever had.

We are all justly proud of Tulane's football team this season. It was not scored against by any of the five teams which it played, but, on the contrary, gained an overwhelming victory each time.

We are watching with great interest the careers of Pi Beta Phi's four "debutantes" this winter, and we are all sure that they will prove shining lights in the big world which they have entered just as they did in the little college world which they have left behind.

Anna Lovell, '00, whose home is in Crowley, passed through New Orleans not long since on her way north, and was enthusiastically welcomed by all the girls with whom she was associated in the chapter.

And now comes the pleasantest part of a correspondent's duty — that of introducing to the other chapters the "goats" who have recently been taken into our fold. They are Beulah Lyon Butler and Lucy Pinckney Elliott, each of whom has older sisters among our alumnae, and Laure T. Beauregard, the granddaughter of the Confederate general whose memory is so dear to southern hearts. Also Jennie Rainey, who was obliged to leave college early last year on account of ill health, has become an active member this year, much to our delight.

Hoping that those dreaded "exams" didn't mar the pleasure of anybody's holidays, and wishing all our sisters the happiest of New Years, we bid you good-bye.

PAULINE CURRAN.

KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha has passed through a very delightful, though busy autumn, in which both work and play have had their full share.

Soon after initiation, we gave our customary hop in honor of the new girls.

We have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Stebbins of Illinois Epsilon, who has been visiting here this fall. The Alumnae chapter gave a very pleasant reception in her honor at the home of Mrs. Benedict.

A number of our girls celebrated Hallowe'en with a very jolly party at the home of Florence Hawk, fudge and fun was the order of the evening.

Each year new dramatic talent is brought to light among the members of Kansas Alpha, and the brilliancy shown this time is quite marked. It has been the custom for our new girls each year to entertain the chapter with a farce, and afterward to present it in public for the benefit of the Lucinda Smith Buchan

Memorial Fund which was instituted by our Alumnae chapter. The farce, this time, was "Bianca," one of Louisa Alcott's early — very early — productions, played with great success and many hair-raising episodes.

The university has just been presented with a very fine bust of Louisa Alcott, by Mr. Elwell of Boston, a personal friend of the well beloved authoress of "Little Women." We also had the unusual pleasure of being addressed by the original of Miss Alcott's "Laurie"—Mr. Whitman, an old resident of Lawrence. He read to us some letters of Miss Alcott's, written in the brisque, dashing style of "Jo."

Kansas Alpha sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.

ELEANOR T'MILLER.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It is very hard to believe that Christmas is so near when we seemingly have only just got settled in our work and in our house. This is our first year in a chapter home, and we realize more and more what we have missed in not having one before.

Since our last letter, life in U. of N. has been comparatively uneventful except for the exciting contests over the pig-skin.

We are very proud of the record of our team — not a score against it until the mighty Minnesotans came down and took us by storm. Nearly all of the fraternities had visitors from their Minnesota chapters, and we were very sorry not to meet any Pi Phis.

The University of Nebraska is rapidly pushing to the front ranks, having now twenty-five hundred matriculates, and many improvements in the way of buildings and equipments. On December third the new chapel with its splendid pipe organ was formally dedicated.

Christmas festivities seem to be having their effect beforehand in the unusual social gaiety. Nearly all of the fraternities have entertained informally or on a large scale, and the annual Freshman and Sophomore hops have come off successfully. The Peishing Rifles give their annual dance December twentieth.

We have entertained at the chapter house a number of times, but have given no large party as yet.

We are looking forward eagerly to our visit from the Grand Treasurer, Miss Smith, which is to occur soon after the holidays. It will be almost like meeting members from all our western chapters, where she has just visited.

None of the active chapter were able to attend the Thanksgiving Reunion at Kansas City, but we had a glowing report of it at a cookie-shine last week from the alumnae who went. They said they had a "glorious" time and are so filled with fraternity spirit and pride that we are all inspired with it.

On November twenty-eighth, Phoebe Doty was married to Mr. Becker at her home in David City, where they will be at home after January first.

We were delighted to hear from our baby chapter and feel sure that such enthusiasm is sure to win.

A Happy New Year to all Pi Phis from Nebraska Beta.

GRACE ANDREWS.

COLORADO ALPHA — COLORADO UNIVERSITY.

The holidays are almost here again, and Colorado Alpha sends greeting and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We take pleasure in introducing to you another new sister, our baby, Kathryn Burr. The initiation was held during Ida Smith's visit in October. Miss Smith stayed with us a week and her visit was a great help to us. During her stay we also had a cookie-shine at the home of Rosetta Bell and about thirty Pi Phis and their pledges participated in a glorious time.

Then an evening card party was given in her honor at the home of Miss Wangelin.

The past Hallowe'en will long remain in our memory as one of the most enjoyable in Colorado Alpha's history. Rosetta Bell offered her house for the occasion, and the entertainment committee did the rest. All sorts of tricks and charms were tried until a late hour, after which we had a cookie-shine.

We are going to give another cookie-shine for our pledges, next Saturday, December eighteenth, at the rooms of Marion Withrow and Louise Nelson.

December seventh, the Woman's league of the University gave a play at the gymnasium, called "The New Woman." It was a decided success and we felt very proud of our sister who took part. The next day, there was a basket ball game between Denver Wheel Club and State University, which was a decided success for the university.

Colorado University has had a great bereavement in the recent death of Dr. John Gardiner. He was a dearly beloved professor in the university for years. Ill health compelled him to resign some time ago, but the students ever had a faithful friend in him.

We have a new future Pi Phi to introduce to you, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAllister, born December fifth. We also have a new pledge, Gretchen Smith. She is taking special work this semester, but we are in hopes that she will be regular next semester, so that we can initiate her.

At our last cookie-shine we had the pleasure of having with us Miss Varney of Iowa Alpha, and Miss Stechle of Illinois Beta. Miss Stechle is studying law in the university.

We are at present enjoying a short visit from Marie Maxwell Banger, of Denver.

The last of October President and Mrs. Baker, gave a reception to students and faculty, in honor of Dr. McLean, a former professor who recently resigned to become president of the University of Idaho.

The weeks intervening between now and the holidays give promise of unusual social activity.

MAUDE L. KNAPP.

COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Since our last letter went to press, Colorado Beta has been honored by a visit from Miss Ida Smith, the Grand Treasurer. She was with us a week, meeting the girls informally at the Lodge, bringing us news from the baby chapter at Berkeley and giving us many helpful suggestions. She was also the guest of honor at a banquet given at the Palace Hotel, and attended by our active chapter and alumnae from our own and several other chapters — even the patriarch chapter of Monmouth was represented. As a special privilege we permitted our pledges to attend, so that they might have a better idea of the real meaning of fraternity.

From this banquet we date the awakening of dormant alumnae interest in the affairs of the active chapter. Many of the alumnae had not affiliated with us for years, but the spirit of loyalty which cannot die in a true Pi Beta Phi needed only to be aroused by Miss Smith's kindly remarks. As a consequence the old alumnae association has been reorganized for the purpose of aiding the active chapter and maintaining a chapter home. As so many of our girls have homes, either in Denver or University Park, Colorado Beta has no need for a real chapter house, but the little Lodge, which we have occupied for some time, has been a pleasant and secluded meeting place.

On October twenty-seventh, we administered to six pledges the first degree of initiation at the home of Isadore Van Gilder. The great old stone house with its high walls, unexpected stairways, and underground galleries made an ideal background for all the mystic tortures set forth in *Goblinato Spookioso*. On November seventh, at our chapter 'president's, alumnae from five chapters witnessed the initiation of Annette Badgley, Maud Hunn, Mamie Wallihan, Edith Gullette, Marcia Murray and Mrs. Myrtle H. Ling. Colorado Beta is quite satisfied with the results of her rushing and is proud to introduce these six new wearers of the arrow.

We have exchanged social courtesies with two of the men's fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Omega Upsilon Pi. Ethel Vancise of Lombard recently entertained us at an "Illinois Beta

cookie-shine." As national an institution as is the Pi Beta Phi cookie-shine, we are surprised to hear from visiting Pi Phis that Colorado Beta has some unique ceremonies attached to her cookie-shine which are not practiced by all chapters.

Our chapter mourns the death of one of our alumnae, Jessie Elvira Poundstone, Illinois Wesleyan, '00, who died at her home in Grand Ridge, Illinois, November ninth.

At present the most absorbing, if not the most interesting, topic of conversation is furnished by the approaching Christmas "exams." We have every reason to believe that Colorado Beta will come out from the ordeal unscathed.

A "Happy New Year" and a "Happy New Century" to all Pi Beta Phi is the wish of Colorado Beta.

MARY CLARK TRAYLOR.

CALIFORNIA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The first term of our Pi Beta Phi life is now so rapidly drawing to a close that we can scarcely realize that our mid-year "exs" are almost upon us. The thought of "cramming" is already becoming a nightmare to most of us and the freshmen are anxiously inquiring of their more experienced sisters whether "Finals are very hard?"

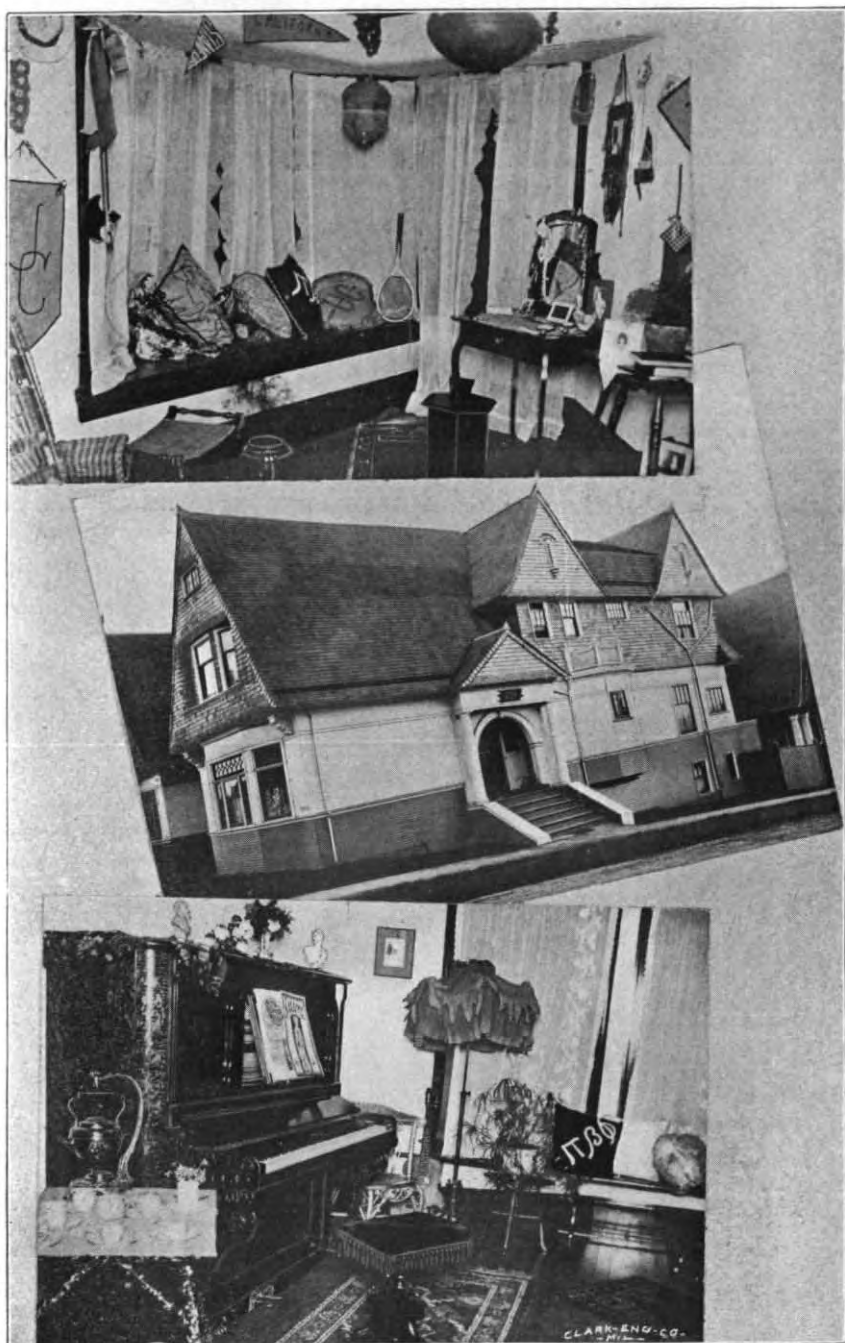
At this time of the year, however, social life in the university is at its best and California Beta has both received and done its share. A unique and thoroughly enjoyable Hallowe'en party was given at the Chapter House to one of the men's fraternities. The freshmen were put to work to decorate the house artistically and they certainly succeeded — although not without considerable fruitless grumbling. Besides this we have given several informal teas and some jolly dances.

One of our patronesses, Mrs. Creed, sent invitations to the Pi Beta Phi girls for an afternoon tea and musicale at the Ebell Club House, where the girls were entertained as guests of honor.

The Junior Prom. is to take place next Saturday. Two of our girls are on the committee and they have promised us that this year's Prom. will be the best ever held. Junior Day promises to be exceptionally successful this year since the farce is pronounced unusually clever.

The coming holidays will be a perfect boon to most of us. How we are looking forward to a good rest! Yet mingled with this feeling is one of regret that we must leave dear old Berkeley, even though it is to be but for a few short weeks. California Beta sends to her sister chapters best wishes for a thoroughly enjoyable time during the holidays.

CLAIRE MADELEINE HAAS.



PI BETA PHI LODGE—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Exchanges.

We commend the following to our chapter correspondents by way not so much of a gentle corrective as of friendly warning. Most of the phrases used do not adorn our fraternity vocabulary. We have none the less a terminology of our own which shows some tendencies in the wrong direction, and the editorial in the *Beta Theta Pi* may well make us pause and ponder a little.

In our chapter correspondence we notice an increasing tendency to the use of slang and colloquial expressions. The secretaries might profitably examine their letters with a view to the elimination of such terms. Some of them are offensive, some inaccurate, some amusing, but all are inelegant and inapt.

Beta Theta Pi is a fraternity, a brotherhood. It is emphatically not an "order" nor a "frat." With rare exceptions, the institutions of learning to which our chapters are attached can not properly be referred to as "schools." They are properly colleges or universities. It is not felicitous to say of a senior at a renowned university that "he remained out of school this year." The performance of work at the university, or the prosecution of a course of study after a degree has been conferred upon the student is very inaccurately described by saying that he is "posting," meaning that he is taking the post-graduate work in certain lines of study. Students do not "make" their degrees. Degrees are received by the students and conferred usually by the trustees of the college. Neither do students "make" societies. Societies are made up of students. Commonly persons are invited to become members of the college fraternities. They are not "bid," although in some places, sad to relate, the scramble for members at times resembles an auction. We have indicated here a few of the current expressions found in our correspondence which might profitably be omitted.

Editorials and contributions relative to the training of the freshmen seem to be the order of the day. We print extracts from two which are fairly representative, from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* and the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta respectively. It seems to be a case where "you pays your money and takes your choice."

It is sometimes appalling to a conservative Delta U. to hear men, who have been in the fraternity anywhere from ten days to three weeks, ex-

pressing themselves with the utmost freedom upon matters of chapter policy, and even proposing instructions for delegates to the general convention. The fact is that many of our upper classmen have gone altogether too far in the promotion of brotherly equality and self abnegation. Unless a senior is admittedly a fool, he must, after three years' experience know more about chapter affairs than a man who has not yet passed his novitiate. The exaggerated ideas of equality, which undoubtedly prevail in some of our chapters, can do the chapter itself nothing but harm, for a freshman is not, by reason of his inexperience, fitted to guide or manage a chapter.

As to the effect of this policy of equality upon the man himself, it has been urged that to encourage a freshman to express his opinions, to advance him to office, and to treat him in every way as the peer of any member, ensures his loyalty. The writer has, however, known freshmen who, because of the same policy, never were put down, and have, as a consequence, shown a tendency to ignore or regard with indifference the traditions and principles of the fraternity. Familiarity breeds contempt in the mind of youth. Certainly world-wide experience has not taught us that new students should be ranked as equals of upper classmen in a university. In England, France and Germany, problems of student discipline have been studied for some centuries, and the English schools and colleges have evolved the fag system, which requires an under classman, be he noble or gentle, to fetch and carry for his senior, to brush clothes, run errands and make himself useful generally. In German universities, the freshmen or "Fuchs," is obliged to obey, not only one senior, but each and every senior who may choose to set him a task; he is "little fox" for everybody. France has a similar order, and our own older colleges have been deeply influenced by these systems, and possess them, only in a less degree. Ordinarily a freshman comes from some high school, where he is one among a few to whom a college education is possible; perhaps, also, he is an only son. Once matriculated, he has showered upon him the attentions and favors of the rushing season, and what wonder is it that he regards himself as a superior person? When you add to this that he is placed in office in the fraternity and listened to on questions of which, manifestly, he knows little or nothing, then, if familiarity has not bred contempt or indifference in the mind of such a freshman, at least he has missed the chance of his life to learn gracefully, and at kindly hands, that the way to salvation is through the gate of humility, and that a sense of one's own insignificance is a man's first victory. Many an insipient case of egoism and selfishness has been cured by timely administration of discipline.

To some freshmen this discipline is not absolutely necessary, but running errands and making oneself generally useful, can hurt no man. The

great majority of freshmen, if they are compelled to fag a little, will derive a positive moral benefit, will respect things fraternal and appreciate chapter offices and responsibilities when they come to them in due course.

No legislation is required to secure these benefits to both freshmen and chapter. It requires only the kindly, yet firm, insistence of upper classmen, backed up, to be sure, by a reasonable amount of force. A freshman should be given the poorer rooms in the fraternity house, the humbler seat at table; if he must "speak out in meeting," it should be with modesty, and if he has any constitutional amendments to suggest, it is more seemly that he submit them first to some older man for revision. To teach a man respect for others, to prevent selfishness and egoism, to teach him to pull with his brethren, let there be some discipline in the chapter. A man must first serve in the ranks before he is worthy of command and responsibilities.

It is after initiation that the real work on a freshman begins. No matter how desirable a man may appear before initiation, there are sure to appear little things that need to be eradicated from his make-up. His good qualities, as well, need fostering and strengthening. The wise chapter is the one that realizes this and pays close attention to the training of its freshmen. This duty naturally falls upon the upper-classmen; and in some chapters the head of the chapter gives this question his closest personal attention.

A freshman's trials are many. The world of which he has suddenly become a part is untrodden ground to him, and he is liable to meet with many slips and falls.

It is at this time his fraternity should help him most. The older men who have been over the ground before can guide him over much of this rough road. The head of the chapter should keep in close touch with him, and point out mistakes. Many a good man has had his whole college course spoiled by some mistake made in his freshman year; from this the upper classmen should guard the new man. They should see that he does not make the wrong sort of friends or indulge in the usual mistakes so dear to the hearts of freshmen.

We have known good freshmen who "go stale" for lack of a little friendly encouragement. There is many a molehill that seems to him a mountain. The head of the chapter should always be accessible to the freshmen, and even make it a point to talk things over with them at frequent intervals. In this way he can make things easier for them, and at the same time be sure that they are developing along proper fraternity lines.

We do not advocate any coddling of a freshman, or preservation in pink cotton. As a general thing he needs to have borne home to his intelli-

gence the fact that a freshman has several things to learn. The impression of his own importance that he has received from the rushing season generally needs considerable moderation; and we know no one better qualified to readjust this distorted vision of his own importance than the sophomore. But here comes the danger of carrying (the freshman's discipline too far. When it is found that the methods adopted are beginning to gall instead of stimulate, they should be abandoned. Never should a freshman be given cause to consider the fraternal relation of small importance.

Some chapters have the custom of imposing useless and ridiculous regulations upon their freshmen for the mere purpose of making them realize their inferiority. This cannot be too strongly condemned. A sensitive man may never be able to have the same regard for his fraternity after such an experience. There are certain duties about a chapter house that should naturally fall to the part of a freshman; this is as it should be, and seeing that a freshman does these things can have none but a salutary effect upon him. What we do condemn is anything that would make the freshmen feel at all outside the fraternity bond.

Within the chapter hall a freshman should be on perfect equality with the older men. About our Fraternity's altar all class distinction is forgotten; and we are simply a band of brothers serving the same mistress and working shoulder to shoulder for the welfare of Delta Tau Delta.

We copy this extract from *The Kappa Alpha Journal*, that most gallant of contemporaries, partly because we suspect that it may have been put there for that purpose, partly because it seems well that a portion at least of these tabulated sentiments should reach as many "sisters" as possible.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity leaves the choosing of sisters entirely to the individual members of the Order, and it has as a body such confidence in the discretion of its men that it allows them the privilege of badging such ladies as they may deem worthy of the honor.

So far as we know, the privilege has seldom if ever been abused, but the authorities very rightfully contend and insist that the matter is an important one, and that K. A.'s should exercise their very best judgment when they go forth for the purpose of choosing sisters for the order, whether they make their decisions by the eye or the heart.

All those ladies who are married to members of the Kappa Alpha Order may wear any article of the fraternity's jewelry with perfect propriety. *Cela va sans dire.*

Only those young ladies who are so much in love with Kappa Alpha or Kappa Alphas that they refuse under any ordinary circumstances to wear

the jewelry of any other fraternity should be willing to accept as presents or as loans from members or others any article of jewelry showing the symbolic devices of the fraternity.

It is considered entirely improper, except in depraved communities, for a young lady to wear or keep on hand pins of more than one fraternity at a time, or to change her fraternity oftener than she changes her beau or to change her beau oftener than is absolutely necessary for the peace and dignity of the community. It is improper for a young lady to wear a fraternity pin and a badge of a ribbon society at the same time unless the owner of each is one and the same person.

There is an exception to the rules just given, however, made in favor of the young lady who has a father or a brother who are members of another fraternity. In such a case she has a perfect right in every sense to wear the badges of her father or of her brother (even if they are of different fraternities) whenever she cares to do so, and at the same time she may legitimately and properly wear the pin of her admirer of another fraternity, and cast her sympathy with such a fraternity.

Much useless antagonism is caused and much friction generated among the fraternities by the fickleness and instability of the sisters. This state of affairs is heartily to be deplored.

It is the privilege of a young lady to change her sympathies, of course, from one fraternity to another, but not without good and sufficient excuse. Fraternity men think very little of a girl who is unstable or wishy-washy. It is decidedly best for the young ladies to follow the injunction of David Crockett, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"; but if it ever does become really necessary for a young lady to change her sympathies, as in the case of marriage, it is rather becoming in her to return all badges, colors, and other fraternity devices given her by her former admirer or admirers, and to express to him or to them the exact truth of the matter as it exists in order that no misunderstanding may occur or no wrong conclusions be drawn.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* is largely a convention number, but in addition prints a page or so of "Fraternity Filosofy," pithy sayings distinguished perhaps rather for brevity than for wit, and some good editorials, one of which we quote.

The question of special students has not yet been settled for Alpha Phi. Only two of our chapters have the privilege of initiating them, these being in colleges where there are peculiar advantages for such students and where the universities attract women in large numbers for post-graduate work. Other chapters in colleges where such conditions do not exist have

frequently sought the privilege of taking specials, but the fraternity has thus far not deemed it in accordance with Alpha Phi interests to grant such a privilege. It now transpires, however, that the term "special" has various applications. In some colleges it applies to students conditioned at the time of entrance; in others it denotes women of experience as pedagogues or in the professions — not necessarily college graduates — who enter the university for the purpose of doing work along the lines of their peculiar interests. In other colleges, however, the term "special" applies to girls who matriculate taking a very little work, but having primarily in view all the fun they can get out of college and if possible catch some fraternity by wiles of dress, social position or money. It is against the last named class that the fraternity issues a ban. Alpha Phi is not a social club. In the chapters located in large cities there are many temptations to stray from our path of a purely college sisterhood, but we pass them by as temptations. For the chapters, however, in colleges where the word "special" has a different application it is proposed to make some provision and for this purpose a committee is now at work. The question is a very important one, and the QUARTERLY urges most careful procedure.

We reprint entire from the *Kappa Alpha Theta* this excellent discussion of general chapter government.

The methods of government in fraternities are as diverse as fraternities themselves. The principle of the least government possible has its adherents, though it seems rather less in vogue than the principle of all the government possible. The conditions are practically the same in the general fraternity and in the local chapter, though, of course, the kind of government, if there is any at all, is varied or is changed more frequently in the latter.

Government where all are on a parity, as in a fraternity, is simply provision made for carrying on business and for carrying out projects in an orderly manner. The conservation of time and effort is even more important in fraternity matters than in many others, as, locally, at least, the fraternity should have only so much of either as can be spared from the more important duties of school. Good government, then, must take care to have things accomplished in the simplest, most expeditious manner possible, with a minimum expenditure of time, energy and patience. A system in which there is government for government's sake is unfortunate, and is always subversive of the best results. In short, the government should be simply a mechanism driving swiftly, surely and noiselessly.

The general government of a fraternity should be at once an aristocracy and an oligarchy. It should be constituted by a very few of the very best minds in the fraternity; all bent upon securing the desired results with

the smallest amount of government. Such a body should be as autocratic as is consistent with the spirit of the fraternity, standing firmly upon an intelligent rather than upon a traditional constitution, and endowed with plenary powers in matters of general policy as well as of detail. Their duties and jurisdiction should be most accurately defined, in such a way as to assure to the chapters entire independence in local matters under the constitution, and to permit the council to carry on all general business without the delay incident to consulting all the chapters. The peculiar work of the general council of a fraternity should be, in addition to carrying the routine work of organization, convention, publishing, etc., the direction of the general policy of the fraternity, especially in the matter of extension. The granting of charters especially should be the duty of the council alone, and not the privilege of the chapters.

The constitution of a fraternity should be the simplest, clearest, most explicit document that can be written. A venerable constitution that is tradition itself makes very interesting reading, but it is apt to be much less effective than a more recent one, written in the light of newer, different conditions. The constitution is the sole law of the fraternity. Hence, a thorough study of it should be obligatory upon each new member, and a working knowledge of it, at least, should be expected of every active member. In men's fraternities some knowledge of the constitution usually goes with an acquaintance with parliamentary practice, but in the women's fraternities there is too often an entire ignorance of both constitution and rules. In the chapters, at least, there is generally a vague impression that anything that the chapter wishes to do, or can be persuaded to do, is constitutional. Even in the general government of fraternities there have been times when ignorance of the constitution has been the only excuse for unconstitutional action.

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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