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A Chapter Song

Of all the frats where'er you go—

Heigho! girls, ho! Heigho! girls ho!

There's none like Pi Beta Phi, I trow—

Yeo ho! yeo ho! yeo ho!

As one we stand throughout our land so broad and free—

And tho' some may seem far away from us to be—

Yet even so each heart doth know the other's key—

Heigho! girls, ho! Helgho! girls, ho!

Chorus—

With arrow gold we always hold the key,

Where'er we go o'er land or sea;

The wine and silver blue our guide shall be,

The wine and blue our guide shall be!

Let other sisterhoods their emblems show,

Our arrows fly athwart the sky—

Those arrows always on and upward go,

Yeo ho! girls of Pi Beta Phi!

For aim so true with shaft of blue we always try,

Our griefs we bear and joys we share, with hopes so high,

Or tender care or loving prayer or common sigh—

Yeo ho! girls of Pi Beta Phi!

Chorus—

With arrow gold, etc.

FRANCES HEILPRIN,
Columbia Alpha.

Wisconsin Alpha's Chapter House

LAST spring the girls of Wisconsin Alpha were practically without a home. The landlord of our old house raised the rent from a very high to an exorbitant rate and there were no other desirable houses to be found. It was a serious dilemma in a college town where a house is essential to the very existence of a fraternity. But there is a master financier among Wisconsin Alpha's alumnae and she set her fertile brain to devising ways and means. All the rest of the alumnae and active chapter joined her with eager if less well directed efforts, and this is how the alumnae of Wisconsin Alpha planned to give their chapter a delightful and permanent home.

A corporation was formed consisting of friends of Pi Beta Phi, as well as of members. This corporation issues bonds to the amount of \$10,000, and five per cent. interest on these is to be paid to all bondholders from the rent which the active chapter pays the corporation just as they would any landlord. The rent which the girls have been accustomed to pay is sufficient for this, as also to pay all taxes and insurance, and to leave a comfortable margin besides for unforeseen contingencies. If these contingencies do not arise, the surplus money is to be invested in non-interest bearing bonds for the chapter, so that ultimately the bonded debt will be raised by the chapter and the house will belong to it. It was at first planned to buy a lot for \$2,000 or \$2,500 and then to invest the remainder of the \$10,000 in a house, but no suitable lot could be found anywhere in a desirable part of town. It was rather discouraging, but the guarding deities of Pi Beta Phi were propitious and arranged a better way. A roomy and well-built but old-fashioned house on a fine large lot in the very best location was sold for about two-thirds its value at a forced sale just about the time of our discouragement. Its possibilities were appreciated by Mr. Jennings, the University architect, who is the father of one of our pledglings, and he kindly offered to change it into a suitable

fraternity house. The property was secured for the corporation, and Mr. Jennings more than fulfilled our expectations. The metamorphosis has been most wonderful. We have repeatedly been asked what fairy godmother had waved her magical wand.

In the place of the "pink house with a tower" a beautiful fraternity home has arisen. The lines of the house have been so changed that the addition of a spacious porch with massive pillars imparts to it quite a colonial aspect. We are proud of the exterior of the new house but even more pleased with the interior. The hall and reception room are most attractive, but the long living room is our special delight. This room is thirty-eight feet long and with its French windows, large brick fireplace, comfortable chairs and couches and many pillows makes an ideal chapter room. Besides these rooms there are a room for our chaperone, a large dining room, a kitchen, and a maid's room on the first floor. On the second floor are seven bedrooms, each of which will comfortably accommodate two girls, and a smaller room which we hope always to keep for a guest chamber. This has been called "Livia's room" in memory of a dear sister whose loss we still mourn, and is to be furnished by her mother and brother. The house is large, but not too large to dispose of readily if at any time it should be deemed advisable, and there are enough bedrooms to make it possible to pay the rent which the chapter has pledged.

Now that the girls are so comfortably settled, they can afford to forget the struggle to raise the necessary funds, the constant urging of carpenters, masons and plumbers during the whole long summer, the worry lest the house should not be done in time, and that final trying week at the beginning of the college year when the house was a chaos and confusion of trunks, lumber, paint pots, workmen and anxious girls. But there will be no more moving now, and the girls can feel the satisfaction that every householder must know.

Our house grew in quite a different manner than we had at first planned, but our investment of \$10,000 remains the same; and that for a lot, which as neighboring property is rated, is

fully worth \$7,000, and for a house that could not be duplicated for less than eight or nine thousand dollars.

Great thanks are due Mr. Jennings, who gave all his valuable services as a gift to the chapter, and to parents, brothers and sisters who bought stock and gave furniture, curtains and other needful things to complete the beautiful home for Wisconsin Alpha.

ALMA MOSER-REINSCH.

The Successful Woman Physician

IT IS with a certain feeling of diffidence that this article is presented to you. What there is to say on this subject has been said so many times before, and so well said, that it seems almost an impertinence to try to add anything. Yet I hope that what I have to say may be profitable to someone.

Many attributes enter into the composition of the successful medical woman. These qualities vary to some extent with the locality in which she may be placed, but there are certain qualifications that all must have.

A fair endowment of intellect is a *sine qua non* in the practice of medicine and this must be supplemented by a good, thorough course of training. A stupid person or one lacking in resource has no place in the medical profession. The more intelligence one has the better, provided it is of a practical sort and not confined wholly to the contents of books. Medical text-books give one very pretty pictures of the various diseases to which the flesh is heir, and they are of great value; but the disease in practice seldom corresponds exactly to the text-book type, and practical ability to sift the evidence and choose the important symptoms must be present or one cannot be successful.

It would hardly be fair to say that anyone lacking the advantages of a college education should not study medicine. Some of our finest physicians and surgeons are not college men

and women. And yet, at the present time, there is as much if not more need in medicine of the breadth of culture and mental discipline that comes with college training than in any profession;—clear, logical, scientific thinking is a necessity in medical work today. Preparation for the practice of medicine should not be hasty. The foundations should be broad and deep and the superstructure strong and well made. Too much depends upon having the proper knowledge at the proper time for any part of the work to be slighted. The preparation will take more time, but success will come more quickly and is more sure. But what of the person of limited means who feels that she cannot afford the time and money necessary for this long course of training? Such I would urge to have confidence in the future. If there is time and money for but one course of training, take your bachelor's degree. Four years make a great difference in one's life at times and, if one is really in earnest as to what she wants and takes advantage of her opportunities, it is surprising how chances open up for her. It is better to have a college education and give up the idea of practicing medicine than to study medicine without proper preparation. If one is in earnest, I believe there are but few people who cannot attain both.

While the subject of training is being discussed, it might not be out of the way to say a few words about the most prominent medical schools that are open to women. Of these, there are four that come to my mind. The only medical college for women alone at the present time is "The Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia." The rest have been abandoned or merged with other schools into co-educational institutions. This one is a good school and has given to the medical profession a number of its finest women physicians; but, having been trained at a co-educational school and perceiving the many gains and the few losses in such an institution, a college for women alone would not appeal to me. The one great advantage that a woman gains by receiving her education with men is her chance to obtain a more just standard of comparison of her ability and medical

work. She does not have to say, "My knowledge and judgment in this case is as good as that of any woman," but can make the far broader statement, "My training and knowledge of physicians lead me to think that my judgment in this case is as good as that of any other physician." Of co-educational schools open to women, Johns Hopkins, Cornell and the University of Michigan take the lead. All have their good points, which are about equal; although the University of Michigan holds the record for cheap, yet good living and low college fees. It has the advantage also of having a chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Returning to the subject of the essential qualifications for a successful woman physician, capacity for work holds the place of next importance. Medicine is an exacting mistress and the person who wins laurels in her service will have to work hard for them. From the time one begins the study of medicine until she ceases practicing, her time is not her own. Physicians are liable to call at any time and, if they are successful, the demands will be many and at all times. This unremitting service, fortunately, is more than compensated for by the pleasure that comes as the reward of a good and humanizing work well done.

Next to mental capacity thoroughly trained and hard work, a womanly bearing, breadth of mind and sympathy are requisite for success. Today the public has little use for a woman physician who has not a womanly bearing. An easy, tactful manner, untainted by masculinity yet giving the idea of strength, should be cultivated. A physician's whole attitude should inspire confidence. Tactfulness should not be allowed to degenerate into deceit nor femininity into affectation. Honesty is essential in a physician, but one should know when to say nothing.

Breadth of mind and sympathy are also necessary. Physicians are thrown with all classes of people, the worst morally as well as the best. They must learn to be charitable, not belittling or excusing offenses against the moral law, but keeping in mind the weaknesses and frailties of mankind. This

women physicians especially must bear in mind, as lack of knowledge of temptations and trials sometimes makes women a little hard. Genuine sympathy is a trait that should be cultivated. Many a physician has lost good patients by not sympathizing properly with them. If one has but a slight ailment and it is annoying her, she is often even more anxious to be rid of it than she would be were she seriously sick; for in serious illnesses nature kindly benumbs our faculties, while in slight illnesses they seem abnormally active.

And what of the chances of success for a woman after she has received her medical education? There are plenty of chances for a well-trained, broad-minded, sensible woman. Medicine is just like any other business or profession: judgment must be used in locating and also in choosing the special line of work that is to be pursued. At the present time, many very pleasant institutional positions are open to women physicians and the number of such positions is increasing every year. Pathology also is a pleasant and lucrative branch of medicine to which women are now devoting their time. A number of other branches might be mentioned in which women are making names for themselves, but there is still room for others, if they are willing to devote their time to the work. Medicine offers to women one of the best chances for reputation, success and a fair recompense that the world holds today.

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Minutes of the Second Inter-Sorority Conference

THE Second Inter-Sorority Conference met September 19, 1903, at the Columbus Safe Deposit Vaults, Chicago. The purpose of this meeting was to receive reports from the National Sororities on the five by-laws submitted to them by the first Conference, and to take what additional action seemed ad-

visible. Nine sororities were represented, as follows:

- Kappa Alpha Theta, Mrs. Laura B. Norton.
- Delta Gamma, Miss Blanche Garten.
- Kappa Kappa Gamma, Miss Virginia Sinclair.
- Chi Omega, Miss May Miller.
- Alpha Chi Omega, Miss Mabel Siller.
- Alpha Phi, Miss Ruth Ferry.
- Delta Delta Delta, Miss Alma Fick.
- Pi Beta Phi, Miss Elizabeth Gamble.
- Gamma Phi Beta, Miss Lillian Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Thompson. Mrs. Laura B. Norton was elected chairman, and Miss Thompson secretary.

Since the last Conference met, all the sororities represented but Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega, have had conventions. In these conventions the five by-laws formed by the last Conference were discussed, and by them their delegates were instructed. The delegates from Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega were instructed by their Grand Councils. The delegates were unanimous in their approval of annual Inter-Sorority Conferences. They all deplored existing conditions in rushing and bidding, and hoped that the Conference could find some remedy for them. They all disapproved of violent rushing and discountenanced "lifting" entirely. All the sororities represented, except Gamma Phi Beta, were willing to sign an Inter-Sorority Compact, as soon as one could be framed which would be satisfactory to all. But the reports on the five by-laws framed by the first Conference were not unanimous. The contents of these reports may be tabulated as follows:

1. Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, and Kappa Alpha Theta voted in Convention to accept the five by-laws, provided they were accepted by all the sororities represented in the Conference.

2. Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi took no definite action on the by-laws, but approved some Inter-Sorority Compact, if one be formed flexible enough to suit local conditions in the different institutions.

3. Gamma Phi Beta disapproved an Inter-Sorority Compact under existing circumstances, while admitting that such a compact is ideal. Hence she took no definite action on the by-laws, but condemned "lifting."

4. The remaining sororities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega and Alpha Chi Omega, all disapproved of by-law 1 (deferring bidding to the second Friday in December); by-law 2 (that all invitations be official and mailed) was declared to be already the policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega; Alpha Chi Omega did not approve it; by-law 3 (that ten days be allowed the candidate in which to make her decision) was approved by Chi Omega, disapproved by Alpha Chi Omega, and not acted on by Kappa Kappa Gamma, though she suggested that the time is too long; by-law 4 (no part of initiations shall be public) and by-law 6 (transgressions shall be reported through national officers to national officers) were approved by all three sororities.

No Inter-Sorority Compact, therefore, was formed.

Each delegate presented to the conference a report, and while these are too long to give in full, some of them contain suggestions and formulate objections which the Conference desires to lay before the sororities. The secretary, therefore, selected the following from these reports:

Delta Delta Delta states that an Inter-Sorority Compact will be much harder for sororities who have to rush, for the most part, against locals. She would prefer a later pledge day than that suggested in by-law 1.

Delta Gamma urges that the alumnae be enlisted in this attempt to bring about a better understanding between sororities. She suggests the formation of Pan-Hellenic associations in the different colleges (such as that now existing in the University of Nebraska) in order to increase acquaintanceship, and regulate relations between sororities.

Pi Beta Phi feels that the five by-laws do not meet local conditions in many colleges. By-law 1 would be hard for chapters living in houses.

Alpha Chi Omega feels that the average term in college of her members is so short (they are music pupils and their course averages two years) that a late pledge day would be hard for them. She rather doubts the advisability of making an Inter-Sorority Compact, but if the other sororities agree to one, she will sign too.

Chi Omega also thinks chapters in colleges where there are chiefly locals will find a compact hard; she mentions the hardships of a late pledge for chapters living in houses, but she is willing to help make some Inter-Sorority Compact that shall be agreed to by all.

Kappa Alpha Theta suggests an advisory board at each college where an Inter-Sorority Compact shall be in force; this body to be composed of delegates elected by the sororities, and to deal with violations of Compact.

After having heard and discussed these reports, the Conference proceeded (1) to order the formation of Pan-Hellenic associations, and (2) to embody some of the suggestions contained in the reports, and brought out by the discussion, in motions to be voted on by the chapters of the various sororities.

I. PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATIONS.

1. Moved that Pan-Hellenic associations be formed in every institution in which two or more national sororities exist. (Carried unanimously.)

2. Moved that these Pan-Hellenic associations consist of one alumnae and one active member from each sorority represented in the Conference. (Carried unanimously.)

3. Moved that it be the purpose of these associations to discuss and act on all matters of inter-sorority interest in the colleges and universities in which they exist, especially such matters as the Inter-Sorority Conference. (Carried unanimously.)

4. Moved that the secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference be empowered to ask the Grand Secretaries of the National Sororities to notify their chapters that the chapter first established

in each institution is to organize the Pan-Hellenic association there. The chairmanship is to be held in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. (Carried unanimously.)

The Conference urges that these Pan-Hellenic associations be formed as soon after Thanksgiving as possible.

5. Moved that any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic agreements be reported to its Grand President by the Pan-Hellenic association to which it belongs. (Carried unanimously.)

II. MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON BY THE CHAPTERS.

The following by-laws are to be laid before the chapters of the nine sororities by their Grand Councils, and voted on as soon as possible. The vote is to be forwarded before March 1st by the Grand Secretary of each sorority to the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference, Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 326 West Sixty-first Place, Chicago, and the result of the vote announced by her to the sororities.

1. Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.

2. Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic association existing there.

3. Moved that no student be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated.

4. Moved that matriculation be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The Conference desires to express its sentiments on two points: First, we still recommend a late pledge day. Second, we urge all sorority women to co-operate actively in college organizations intended for the good of all college students, such as Christian associations, literary societies and women's leagues. We are often censured, and justly so, for withholding our active support from these wider movements of student life.

The next Conference will be called by Delta Gamma at Chicago in September, 1904.

In closing this report, the Secretary wishes to extend to all

the chapters of all the sororities interested in this forward movement a most cordial greeting from the Conference. We hope that the same friendly, helpful spirit, which has made these two Conferences so delightful and inspiring to the delegates, will animate you all, and prove an abundant reward for your efforts to assist us in this work.

LILLIAN THOMPSON, *Gamma Phi Beta*,
Sec'y of the Second Inter-Sorority Conference.

What the Fraternity Should Mean to its Members

TO MANY reading this ARROW the question comes as an echo of the initiation ceremony which to some has been a first experience of its beautiful impressiveness, while to others older in the way, it has been another glad privilege of joining in the service and thrilling again under its inspiration.

What is it this fraternity means to us, this organization that touches and impresses us so deeply?

First of all, it should mean an organization of very definite high ideals and purposes, to which it demands absolute loyalty. Through a long and worthy history of many years it has stood consistently for this high standard of thought and life, has enrolled a most honorable membership, and won a record for fairness and broad-mindedness of which it may well be proud. These are things that should be burned into the very consciousness of every member, initiated and prospective, and they should signify to every Pi Beta Phi "this membership is a privilege and a high compliment."

But fast on privilege follow duty and responsibility, and this fraternity should also mean to us. Our established standards are to be maintained, our record kept inviolate, and for this responsibility Pi Beta Phi sounds a new call to all that is best within us for all that is best in life. Success for the fraternity waits upon the faithfulness with which you and I as individ-

uals hear and answer that call, recognize the responsibility, live out the creed and are loyal.

Well might this weight of responsibility frighten a stout heart were there no offsetting consideration, but in truth the compensations far outweigh all burdens and from this brighter point of view fraternity becomes to us one boundless, beautiful opportunity.

It is an opportunity for personal development. The life of every chapter should be a very practical training school in the rare art of co-operation, and the members be graduated "summa cum laude" as trained to work with others. What of the development in self control, self restraint, loyal, intelligent consideration for others, keenness in judgment, the practical handling of business matters? These are veritable means of grace for which the appreciative soul will return thanks forever more. If you will pardon a digression, let me add; if club life for women is ever to be freed from the petty jealousies and inefficiency that now retard it and often make it ludicrous, the relief must come through women who have enjoyed training similar to that of a college fraternity.

Chapter life should mean also the opportunity for larger relations in our respective colleges. The chapter, recognizing its obligation to the college world from which it draws its very life, should prove in truth a center of initiative for good in college life. Nothing less can cancel the obligation. The relation of the chapter to its college, the betterment of social conditions, larger social opportunities for all students, the moral side of questions arising daily in the democratic life of our large universities, these are questions demanding thoughtful consideration and unhesitating action.

There is demanded also a very positive position on the evil so often laid at the door of fraternities, that of assumed exclusiveness. There may be such a thing as true exclusiveness, but if so it can hardly submit to parade but rather will suggest its presence through attributes of mind and heart that seek and attract naturally whatever may be congenial. This baneful idea

of so-called exclusiveness paraded by individuals and societies is one of the chief hindrances to social betterment and is nothing less than a more euphonious name for snobbery. May I quote a favorite expression of this thought?

"The larger the man and the woman, the more inclusive they are in their love and their friendships. The smaller the man and the woman, the more dwarfed and dwindling their natures, the more they pride themselves upon their 'exclusiveness.' Anyone—a fool or an idiot—can be exclusive. It comes easy. It takes and it signifies a large nature to be *inclusive*. Only the man or the woman of a small, personal, self-centred, self-seeking nature is exclusive. The man or the woman of a large, royal, unself-centred nature never is. The small nature strives continually for effect. The larger nature never does."

We in Pi Beta Phi should learn full well that there is good even in the college world outside our fraternity, else we have missed its teaching altogether. It is to be but one, though a beautiful means of helping you on to seek the beautiful and good, beginning just where you are.

What, then, should fraternity mean to us? A high privilege, great responsibility, unlimited opportunities, and who shall measure the sweetness and strength of life it brings to each of us in the broadening and deepening influence of intimate association with such a host of friends with whom we shall always have something precious in common.

T. H. E.

At Lake Geneva

AT THE annual conference of the W. Y. C. A. at Lake Geneva this summer there were held three conferences for fraternity. They were presided over by Miss Sinclair, Grand Treasurer of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and assisting her was Miss Paxon, also of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Each fraternity represented was

asked to report these conferences to the fraternity magazine, thereby increasing the audiences attending these conferences.

In this effort to rally the interest of fraternity girls in Christian work, it was pointed out by Miss Sinclair that the greater per cent. of fraternity girls permit their fraternity duties to crowd out all Christian work. The tendency of fraternity is to fill a girl's life to completion. She fails to know those outside of her circle and therefore fails to be interested in them. This is often due to thoughtlessness, or carelessness, rather than downright selfishness, but the result is the same: the fraternity girl fails to feel any responsibility for the welfare of girls outside of her own dear circle. Said Miss Sinclair: "Human friendships are very dear but they should not come between us and God, nor would our fraternity ideals have it that way." Again, "We are prone to emphasize the social side too much," and "Our fraternity women take such a peculiar attitude toward the Y. W. C. A. and other Christian organizations. They seem to think it dignified to hold aloof, or they are afraid of becoming 'goody-goody,' or they are indifferent, failing to realize that any one of these attitudes will result in a one-sided development."

It is urged therefore that the fraternity girls take a more active part in the Y. W. C. A. work and that fraternity and association work together for a greater attendance of fraternity girls at next summer's conference. A fraternity chapter was talked of for next year but nothing definite was accomplished. Let us do what we can to interest Pi Phis in this work and send as many representatives as possible to Geneva next summer. We want to be behind in no good work.

Indiana Alpha.

After several failures, the Pi Phis at the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva succeeded in meeting at the place assigned. We trudged up the hill to the Yerkes Observatory, and went through it together.

Of course our first impulse was to have a spread. So four

courageous maidens followed the winding path along the lake to Williams' Bay and returned laden with "eats."

It was a less pretentious cookie-shine than we usually attended, but good fellowship and Pi Phi spirit were there in abundance. We introduced ourselves and told about our chapters. I doubt not that the birds in the trees above us were convinced that Pi Beta Phi was the only fraternity in existence and that all the college life revolved around it.

There were nine of us, the largest number from any one fraternity at the conference. We had a snap-shot taken and bade farewell, hoping to meet again next year at St. Louis. We registered for the ARROW:

Jennie Updyke, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

Blanche Spurgeon, Simpson College.

Mary Trendley, Ohio University.

Jessie Schee, Simpson College.

Elena Jeffrey, Simpson College.

Cora Voyles, Franklin College.

Julia Shankland, Iowa Wesleyan.

Maria Leonard and Georgia P. McElroy, University of Indianapolis.

GEORGIA P. MCELROY,

Indiana Gamma.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

"Seeing the good in others" is almost a worn out phrase, but at this time when the relations between rival fraternities are a little strained, it would be a good motto to adopt. For are we not all of us most apt to magnify the faults and minimize the virtues of the fraternities who are rushing against us? The fraternity defeats its own end if in working for it we become petty or unjustly critical. It should not be a matter of surprise to hear a girl speak admiringly of another who belongs to a rival organization. Let us be generous in everything except giving up our rights and the girls we want.

*Interfraternity
Relations*

Pennsylvania Alpha.

In answer to Illinois Zeta's query about an "annual picture gallery," we would like to say, "Them's our sentiments tew." I am sure we would all enjoy having the chapter pictures in the ARROW once a year and it would be a source of great benefit to us. I think we are apt to become somewhat selfish in our fraternity life, I mean in the way of not thinking of the other chapters as much as we might. Of course the ARROW and our fraternity letters do a good deal to lessen that feeling, but how much nearer we should feel to the other girls if we could see their pictures as well as their hand-writing. You know we always want something tangible to make things real to us.

*An Annual
Picture Gallery*

I suppose that most of the chapters have their pictures taken every year anyway. It would not be much trouble for us to send one of our pictures to the ARROW each spring, and in that way be exchanging pictures with every other Pi Phi chapter.

Let's do it. You don't think the ARROW Editor would object to that little extra work, do you?

Michigan Alpha.

Too often it is the case that the fraternities in a college can boast of supremacy only in their favorite line of work. One fraternity tends to social prominence; another holds first place in the literary or debating societies; another leads in athletics.

*Broader
Interests*

It is our pride that we try to stand for "all round" development, but we often fall behind in some line because of lack of interest. Perhaps an uncongenial set of girls gets the leadership in athletics, and Pi Phi's stay away and let them keep it. Or the debating club seems dull, and we give our rival fraternities a chance to say that they lead in intellectual lines.

Even if personal interest is languid, fraternity pride, at least, should prompt us to strike for our share of the honors in every department of college life. And Pi Phi's share of the honors should of course be the largest.

Columbia Alpha.

Several girls from various fraternities were discussing recently a question on which we should like to have opinions from ARROW readers. When the fraternity comes together in the fall to find itself crippled by the loss of a large number of its girls is it justified then in taking in new members whom it might not select under other circumstances? It is, of course, understood that these are congenial and worthy of the honor bestowed on them, but are, perhaps, not people to whom our attention would turn in more prosperous years. This also applies to a time when but little available fraternity material enters the college. Should we at such time select the best material available, or remain as we are until another year, when our rushing would be sadly handicapped by lack of workers?

*A Question
of Number*

Iowa Zeta.

During the summer months, our chapter keeps two Round Robin letters in constant circulation, one starting at each end of the alphabet and taking the girls in turn.

A New Kind of Round Robins

Last summer, the senior letters all lamented the fact that Robin would fly no more in their direction, and this feeling has caused us to try a new scheme this year. The seven girls who graduated last year are having a Robin of their own and every time it reaches the seventh girl, she mails it to the active chapter and there a letter is added telling all the local college news. In this way, the active chapter is kept in very close touch with the girls who have recently gone out and they in their turn still keep their interest in the college. This seems especially helpful when a girl goes a long distance from home and so cannot become identified with the alumnae chapter for very active work. The plan is only experimental this year, but we are confident that it will be a success. Perhaps it may prove suggestive to other chapters.

Massachusetts Alpha.

"Can I spend a contented summer at home?" is the question the fraternity girl asks herself at the close of the college year.

A Summer Greek Club

If she is fortunate enough to afford a summer trip, well and good. But so many college girls in order to afford fraternity life must spend as little as possible during vacations. And so it does become a question which each must answer for herself, how to stay at home contentedly, and make an ordinarily dull summer a happy one.

Probably her home friends have grown away from her, during her absence, or (as so often happens) they are afraid of a "mystic Greek." If so, the girl's home-coming is something that she well may dread.

Such had been the case, for several successive summers, with the fraternity girls who live in Kokomo, Indiana. Their interests seemed all centered in the next college year, and their friends seemed only the ones they had left for the summer. But one

more thoughtful than the rest (a Pi Phi!) struck the spark that lit the flame of sympathy between all the fraternity girls of the town, and a Greek club was organized this summer, which has proven more than satisfactory. Three Pi Phis, three Alpha Phis, one Kappa, two Thetas, and one Alpha Chi Omega made up the jolly crowd. And when two Tri-Deltas, who had been enjoying lake breezes for a month, came home, a mock initiation was made ready, and they, too, entered heartily into the spirit of the club.

Of course each girl had been taught to honor her own fraternity above all others; so it was agreed from the first that only such fraternity questions as would be of common interest should be discussed in the meetings. And so girls of different fraternities, even from the same college, met together, learned to love one another, and have gone back with broader minds, and will be more loyal than ever to their own organizations. For while the comradeship enjoyed during the summer filled each with a respect not heretofore known, for the other fraternities represented, it also had the other good result of binding each girl more closely to her own dear sisterhood.

We hope other girls will try this next summer, and will find it as successful, as interesting and as helpful as the Kokomo girls have.

Indiana Gamma.

I have been thinking of what we owe to those blessed women, who have helped us so often when we have needed help, who have entertained us and tried to make us have a good time socially, who have chaperoned our parties, who have, in fact, done everything that good patronesses are supposed to do. They are always doing something for us, while we do so little for them, not even so much as recognition of their services. They would feel better repaid for their good deeds and more as if we appreciated them, if there was some closer bond between us, and some recogni-

*Our
Patronesses*

tion of this bond. There ought to be something, a pin or some emblem, which would identify them with our fraternity,—and this emblem should be made national. Then there should be some initiation ceremony to mark their advent to the ranks of Pi Phi patronesses. We are all too ready to remember their duty to us, while we are too apt to forget our duty to them.

Ohio Alpha.

As the end of the rushing season draws near, comes the question of how many new girls to admit to the chapter. It seems

*How Many
Shall we Ask*

to be the opinion of nearly all that the number cannot easily be limited. If there are many desirable girls, we must be careful to pick out only those that we consider the best; if there are comparatively few, we must judge them all, not by the standard of the one whom we think the best, but according to our own idea of what a girl must be in order to wear the arrow. It may be that a chapter is large and feels no necessity for taking in new girls, but that is no reason for withholding an invitation, if we think the girl will be an addition and an honor to the fraternity. On the other hand, there may be only a few active girls, who feel it a burden to bear the expenses of the chapter alone. In this case, we must particularly guard against asking new girls simply to "fill up." It would be far better to give up the chapter house than to keep it in that way, for one uncongenial girl may change the spirit of the whole chapter. We must all work to maintain the usual high standard of Pi Phi.

Illinois Zeta.

For some of us at least, the "rushing season" is almost ended, and we are congratulating ourselves with good cause, over the

*The New
Girls*

girls whom we have won for the Wine and Blue. We feel so perfectly satisfied with our work that we sometimes forget that there is more to be done than simply placing the pledge ribbons on the chosen one. These pledglings of today are to be the active Pi Phis of

next year, and of several years to come, and it rests with the active chapter to make them the Pi Phis they should be. Our new girls may be instructed in many matters of fraternity history, and they should be given some part in the social work. This will serve to interest them, and to prepare them for the active work which they will take up later.

Above all, we must impress on the pledges the ideals of our fraternity as regards unity and loyalty between member and member. No girl should ever receive the impression that the tie which bind Pi Phis together is a loose one or one to be lightly regarded.

Illinois Beta.

In our state there are three chapters of Pi Beta Phi, yet we are not any better acquainted with each other than if we were off in New York or California. Of course we learn through the ARROW and through our annual chapter letters what each chapter is doing, but in quite a general way. What we would like is to find some way whereby the girls of the different state chapters could be brought in closer touch with each other, either by correspondence or by visits at different times. It seems as if this would greatly strengthen the friendship between us and tend to raise the standards of individual chapter life.

*Relation of
State Chapters*

Iowa Beta.

In one respect it is a very pleasant thing to be a senior; to be looked up to by the awestruck freshman. In another respect it is a rather difficult role that the senior is called upon to play. Just what for instance is her duty to the chapter, especially in the selection of new girls? Is it right for her to keep out a girl that all the rest want, even though she feels that she is uncongenial and will not make the best kind of a Pi Phi? In answer to this question it seems to me, that she should be thoroughly convinced of the justice of

*The Senior's
Place in the
Chapter*

her opinions, must be unprejudiced, and then have the firmness to stand by her convictions.

Kansas Alpha.

With the opening of college and the advent of a whole class new girls, the one aim of the fraternity girl is the selection of girls she thinks desirable for her fraternity. This is indeed an "old, old story," but like the servant girl problem is still under discussion, and also like it, no nearer solution.

Of course, there comes in, first, the question of congeniality. Some girls are attractive upon first appearance, while other require long acquaintance to render them so. Surely, all fraternity girls are familiar with the phrases, "learn to know," "personal prejudice" and countless others.

Let us suppose, however, the subject of congeniality settled. Really, almost as soon as a girl is considered at all, there comes up the question,—*"family."* A most important question it is, but, alas, how often misconstrued! We all admit, that we would not want in our fraternity any girl whose family is not in every way honorable and respectable. But, to some girls, how often "good family" really signifies "social set." There are girls, who will not consent to receive into their fraternity a girl from their own home, simply because she does not mingle in the probably exclusive set that they do. The girl may be charming and attractive in appearance and manner, capable as a student, of influence in her class and college affairs, a girl who would be a credit and an honor to any fraternity. But the door of fraternity life is barred against her, because she is not fortunate enough to move in the same social circle as her neighbor.

I would not advocate taking into a fraternity a girl, whose family is not what it should be, merely because she would represent her fraternity well in college life. But, too much stress is laid upon that word, "family." In too many cases, it is made to mean "age" and "money." There are many families, who do not

trace their pedigree back into the remote past, or who have not amassed great wealth, but who are strictly honorable in their relations to others and of the greatest refinement in their inner lives. To be sure, they are not among the foremost in society, but their reputation and honor are secure.

Of course, it would be hard for a girl to go home, and have for her fraternity sister, a girl who does not associate with the people she knows. However, we all agree that joining a fraternity involves sacrifice. Should not a girl sacrifice her pride, to gain for her fraternity one who would represent it worthily in every way? She should think that circumstance, not merit, had put that girl into a social class different from her own. So, by a little sacrifice of pride, by a display of her true fraternity spirit, she could, in her own home, own as her equal a girl in every way worthy to be called her fraternity sister.

Maryland Alpha.

I believe that in our chapter, the girls are as good students as girls can be, but there is a general opinion that our yearly examination is too much of a strain. Of course, every Pi Phi should be informed as to the general history of the fraternity and in a lesser way, should know something of all the Greeks. But this idea of spending weeks (in no other way can the examination be adequately prepared for) in learning details which are relatively trivial, does not appeal very forcibly to a lot of girls who have already all they can carry with their college work.

Then, too, the fraternity examination comes at a time of year when nearly everyone is busy preparing for mid year or spring term examinations, and thus imposes a double duty on the girls.

Now, I do not mean that the examination should be abolished entirely. Far from it! But may it not be modified so as to include only essentials, and thus not be such a tax on our strength? We should like to hear from other chapters on the subject.

Colorado Beta.

Of course we none of us live up to our ideals, or they would change their name, but it is well enough at least to keep them within reaching distance. There are so many things we Pi Beta Phis want to be, but surely one of the attainable virtues, and the one that Pi Beta

A Possible Ideal

Phis ought to have above all else, is that graciousness of manner that is as cordial to the souls of those one meets. It isn't inconsistent at all with very excellent principles to be charming and if any girl can afford to be always tactful, always careful to make those around her comfortable, to bring out the best that is in the people she comes in contact with, it is the girl who has been of the chosen. There might be some excuse for a lack of graciousness in a girl who has been left out, but for the girl who has the blessing of fraternity life there can be none. It is so easy and so tempting to emulate that famous family of "four and no more," for of course we care more for just ourselves than for anybody else, but then any fraternity can do that way. Pi Beta Phis ought to do more.

Pennsylvania Beta.

There was a time when comparatively little attention was given to rushing and practically none at all during the summer months.

Is Rushing Becoming a Burden?

Things have changed greatly within the last year or so, in some of the colleges at least. It seems as if every fraternity is making rushing its chief occupation during the summer. There are not just occasional parties and spreads but something almost every week. This is carrying things too far, it means a great deal of expense and the use of time which could be spent more profitably in other ways. Not only this, but the girls are tired out before college opens and have not the same enthusiasm they would otherwise have. Of course so long as one fraternity does it all must. But couldn't something be done to alleviate matters?

Ohio Beta.

To the girl left out let our sympathies reach,
 And a banner of cheer let us now unfurl,
 Inscribed with this text it were good to preach,—
 "Here's a hand to the non-fraternity girl."

Colorado Alpha.

Alumnae Department

Our Alumnae Association

How many of the loyal Pi Phis—for thus we are pleased to term ourselves—have given one thought to the fact that our Alumnae Association has just passed the tenth milestone in its existence; that ten years ago last July, at the Chicago convention, a few energetic members banded themselves together and brought the Association into existence. Its growth during the years has been slow but we hope it is sure.

Two main objects have been kept in view during the ten years, and, although we cannot show any great accomplishment, perhaps the work has been lighter in some instances because we were ready to "lend a hand." Our two objects are to revive and maintain enthusiasm for, and interest in—on the part of the alumnae—the national fraternity and its growth; also, to aid in supporting the ARROW.

During the first few years the increase in membership was slow, for to many the ARROW at a dollar a year was more of a luxury than a necessity. But a quartering of the price has more than quadrupled the membership. Even that does not satisfy. We not only feel but know that every Pi Phi should be a subscriber, having the ARROW among her reading matter four times every year not just one year in four.

I wish it were possible to say that out of our three thousand

and more alumnae two-thirds are now members of the Association, but such a result we have never been able to obtain. The work so far has been carried on by a few, but we hope ere another ten years shall have rolled around that the majority of alumnae instead of the minority will be its supporters.

From the first the Association has been self-supporting. If that is possible with less than a thousand members, what would be the condition of the treasury if two or three thousand sent in yearly dues. Perhaps we might have money to loan, invest, or possibly to donate. Think of an alumnae association in such a flourishing condition as that! Would it not be a fine thing?

To those who left behind college and chapter life in June, a most cordial invitation is extended to be one of us in deed as well as in name. It should be the natural step for every Pi Phi to take upon leaving college. There is a great opportunity in the Association for work and enough can easily be found to convince one that active fraternity life is not all crowded into the four short college years. Keep up your interest from year to year—never letting it flag for a moment. Look around you and find something for you to do, or write some one for work to be given you to do.

May we not *all*—the old and the young—work together during the next ten years. From the young, we of the earlier days would get our enthusiasm, giving in return of the wisdom which experience has taught. Thus pulling together might we not make for Pi Phi a reputation not only of being the oldest but the strongest fraternity—the fraternity of the future?

F. K. R.

The Chapter Alumnae Secretary

There seems to be considerable ignorance or indifference in regard to the Chapter Alumnae Secretary. This office was created at our last Convention, but in the two years that have elapsed it has not accomplished all that was hoped for. As this

failure may be due simply to a lack of comprehension of the duties which the office carries with it, it may be well to define them clearly.

The main purpose in creating such an office was to establish a link between each chapter and the National Alumnae Association, but this was not all, for it was hoped that such a secretary would be of great assistance to the various officers of the association. If each secretary would do her work well, much of the drudgery performed uncomplainingly each year by the Alumnae President and the circle secretaries would be done away with.

May we ask first how many chapters have filled this office regularly since it was created? The secretaries may be at work, but thus far we have failed to hear from them. The first duty of the Alumnae Secretary is to send her address to all alumnae officers, including the circle secretaries. They will then have a definite person in each chapter, to whom to address queries.

Next the secretary should send to each issue of the ARROW, as many personals concerning the alumnae of her chapter as can be gathered. This is one of the surest ways of keeping the "old girls" interested in the ARROW, for we all like to see ourselves and our friends in print. It is also her duty to keep a permanent record of each girl who has gone out from the chapter. It would also be within her province to send addresses and corrections to the fraternity cataloguer.

Last, but not least, at the close of each college year, the Alumnae Secretary should, *without fail*, send the Alumnae President, a complete list of all girls who do not expect to return in the fall, whether seniors or not. Moreover, if possible, each name should be accompanied by a quarter, the modest membership fee of the Alumnae Association. Nor does her responsibility end here, for in the fall a corrected list should be sent, since changes are almost sure to occur. In fact, whenever a girl leaves college she should be urged to join the Association, and her name, with or without the fee, sent to the President.

The loyal, conscientious Secretary will be quick to see other ways of "magnifying her office." For instance, the alumnae of

her chapter would surely appreciate a Round Robin letter now and then, telling of the progress of the chapter and any special events. Please, dear sisters, if you have not filled this very important office, do so at once; or if it be a "sinecure" in your chapter, set your secretary to work *and keep her at it.*

MARY ELOISE SCHUYLER.

Philadelphia Alumnae Club

The Philadelphia Alumnae Club was delightfully entertained at the summer residence of Mary Cooper Johnson at Langhorne, Pennsylvania, where covers were laid for twenty loyal Pi Phis, who represented six chapters. Noted among those present was Mrs. Jean M. Horne Turnbull, one of the founders of I. C., who was called upon by our witty Symposiarch, Dr. Mary Wolfe, to respond to the toast, "The Founding of I. C." We were also fortunate in having with us our editor, Florence Porter Robinson, who made us better acquainted with our sister chapters by her toast on "The National Fraternity."

After Pi Phi songs and cheers we retired to the library where we held our annual business meeting, electing the following officers: Edith Overholt McCain, president; Deborah Ferrier, vice president and treasurer, and Bess Helen Wells, secretary. A committee was appointed to reconstruct our constitution.

After inspecting our Pi Phi tree, which holds a prominent place on the lawn, we parted with renewed enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to the coming winter, when we hope to carry out our many plans for the advancement of our club.

Any Pi Phi coming to Philadelphia or vicinity, is asked to advise the treasurer or secretary that we may welcome her and add her name to our membership roll.

The Philadelphia Alumnae Club sends best wishes for a successful winter to her sister clubs and chapters.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

All Pi Phi who are in Chicago Thanksgiving week are urged to attend the third annual luncheon, Friday, November twenty-seventh, at twelve o'clock. We shall meet at the southeast corner of Field's Tea Room promptly at twelve. For any other information, address Elda L. Smith, 710 S. 6th St., Springfield, Ill.

Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

Anna Keese Deuel, '02, and Mr. Walter Winch were married September second at the home of the bride in Millbrook, N. Y. Their home is in Concord, N. H.

Sara Vincent Mann, '00, was married August twenty-second to Mr. Roy Phillips Hatch.

Cora Brock, '94, and Mr. Martin Edson Daniels were married August nineteenth.

A son, William Nichols Bosweth, was recently born to Anna Nichols Bosweth.

Augusta Kelley, '99, is teaching in a mission school in Grand View, Tenn.

Edith Barrett, '02, has a position as preceptress in North Scituate, R. I.

Lena M. Bixby, '03, is teaching French and science in Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt.

Bertha M. Kelsey, '03, teaches in Dunell, Minn.

Amelia Hausman, '03, is teaching French and German in Hudson, N. Y.

Mary Munsey, '03, has a position in Bethlehem, N. H.

Maude W. Smith, '03, is doing kindergarten work in Middlebury, Vt.

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Kate Russell, '99, is teaching in Rowell Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mary Gregory, '99, and Ada Hurlbut, '99, are teaching in Burlington.

Grace Goodhue, '02, is teaching in the Clark School for the Deaf, Northampton, Mass.

Daisy Russell, '03, is teaching at Essex Junction, Vermont.

Mary Colburn, '03, is teaching in her home town, Union Village, Vermont.

Ethel Stevens, '02, is teaching in Williston, Vermont.

Geneva Carpenter, '02, is studying osteopathy in Boston.

COLUMBIA ALPHA

Ruth McGowan, '97, is studying art at Paris, where she expects to remain till next fall.

Ruth Wellman is with us again after her long absence abroad.

Lola May Evans, '02, who took her Master's degree at Columbia last year, has returned with greetings from representatives of many of our sister chapters, notably from Ethelreda Norris, a former member of Columbia Alpha.

Rosalie Robinette, '00, is teaching at the Business High School.

Lucina Frances McGroarty, ex-'03, is employed in the Washington Public Library.

Josephine Power Shallenberger, '02, is spending her second and last year in preparation for kindergarten work.

The engagement of Edith Giles, '05, to Mr. Ray Bettys, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Rochester, N. Y., is announced.

Nelle Burt, '02, is attending the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston this year.

Lulu Stoval, '02, is assistant principal of the High School in Jamesport, Missouri.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Nora Stabler, '03, is teaching at Washington, D. C.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Hannan (Lillian McDowell, '99), of New York City, a son, Leonard M.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Conrow (Emma Hutchinson, '95) of Hempsted, L. I., a son.

Ida Wright, '02, has returned from Oxford, Eng.

Maude Rice, '03, is teaching at Gwynedd, Pa.

Alice Tabor, '02, will continue her studies at Berlin.

Mrs. Savage (Mary Hutchinson, '99), of Porto Rico, visited the chapter October sixth.

Lucy Bancroft, '00, spent the summer in England.

Anna Nichols, '02, of Wilmington, Del., is at home this year.

Edna Pownall, '98, was married on June tenth, 1903, to Albert Buffington.

Lydia Rakestraw, '98, was married on September tenth, 1903, to Marvin E. Bushong.

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Mary E. Wilson, ex-'96, was married June twenty-fifth at Lewisburg, Pa., to Mr. Frank Morton Simpson, instructor in Mechanical Drawing at Bucknell College. They will live at Lewisburg, Pa.

Bertha C. Watkins, '09, was married August nineteenth at the home of her parents in Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Will F. Bridge, Sigma Chi, county surveyor of Hammond, Indiana. They will live at Hammond.

Mary Bartol was married June thirtieth at the home of her parents in Lewisburg, Pa., to Mr. Lewis E. Theiss, Phi Gamma Delta, of the New York Sun.

Lila Long, '03, and Grace Roberts, '03, are spending the winter at their homes in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Helen Selinger, '03, is teaching in the Edinboro State Normal School.

Edith Phillips, '01, is a teacher in the Western Pennsylvania Classical and Scientific Institute.

Mary Fowler, ex-'04, has received a transfer to unite with Colorado Alpha.

Helen Buoy, '01, and Carrie Halfpenny, '01, are teaching in Milton, Pa.

Bertha Watkins and Mr. Will F. Bridge, Sigma Chi, were married August the nineteenth at the home of the bride's parents in Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. Simpson, née Mary Wilson, is now living in Lewisburg, Pa.

OHIO ALPHA

Mrs. Arthur Johnston, née Grace Reah, Maryland Alpha, '99, of Columbus, Ohio, recently visited her parents in Athens.

Pansy Herrold, ex-'04, and Thurman Morgan, Beta Theta Pi, '03, were married at the home of the bride September seventh.

May Conner, '02, who has been dangerously ill, is recovering.

Mabel Wilson, '01, of Washington, spent her vacation in Athens.

Bertha Hoover-Johnson, ex-'98, of Columbus, Ohio, was the recent guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoover.

Nell Wilson, '03, is teaching in the Athens high school.

Nan Nease, '03, is spending the year at her home in West Virginia.

Minnie Roach, '96, who has been in the Philippines for two years, is at home again.

Minnie Dean, '02, holds a position in Ohio University.

Mabel Wickham, '01, is spending several months in Minnesota.

Grace Grosvenor-Shepard, '93, of Columbus, recently visited her parents, Gen. and Mrs. C. H. Grosvenor.

OHIO BETA

May Smith, '97, is teaching in the Columbus Central High School.

Sarah Barrows, Iowa Gamma, '91, spent the summer studying and traveling in Germany and Switzerland.

Augusta Connolley, '01, is teaching in Sac City, Iowa.
 Allena Metzenberg, '01, is teaching in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
 Isabelle Hamilton, ex-'04, is in Los Angeles, California, where she will be permanently located after November first.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Lelia Olcott, '03, is acting as supervisor of drawing in the public schools at Johnstown, N. Y.

Mae Van Doren, '02, will spend the winter in Chicago.

Mabel Kenyon, ex-'03, has moved to Bradford, Penn., where her father will be pastor of the First M. E. church.

Clara Wyker, '98, has received her degree of Ph. M.

Beatrice Randall, '02, is assistant librarian in the University at Syracuse.

Ella Rogerson, ex-'03, is studying music in New York.

Mae Van Doren, '02, and Ruth Hawks, '02, have been spending a few days at the chapter house.

Stella Foote-Harvey, '00, has spent two days at the chapter house.

Grace Hunt and Eva Roe have returned from their trip abroad.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

The engagement is announced of Edith L. Floyd, '98, to Mr. Louis L. Swan.

Susan Pennell, ex-'03, was married at Gray, Me., on June thirtieth to Mr. Guy Wilber Chipman.

The engagement is announced of Anna A. Robinson, '00, to Mr. David Damon Nickerson.

Born—In May, to Nettie Dodge-Chapman, ex-'02, a son, Dwight.

Born—July seventh, to Dell Brooks-Snow, a son.

ILLINOIS BETA

We were all greatly saddened by the recent death of Lillian Wiswell-McConnell, '90, one of Illinois Beta's loveliest alumnae.

Charlotte Alspaugh, '02, is visiting Lombard friends for several weeks.

Mary Stockton-Gingrich, '02, and her husband have returned from Kansas where they have lived for the past year, to make their home in Galesburg.

Lucy Conger-May, '96, left for Europe a few weeks ago.

Laura Willis, '03, is spending a few days with college friends.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Fannie Fahnestock, '00, was married to Mr. Alfred Williams of Denver, Colorado, September thirtieth, 1903.

Louise Seacord and her mother will return from a trip abroad, in October.

Frances Savage of Ashland, Ill., visited in Galesburg the last of September.

Laura Knowles, '02, is teaching at Rushville, Illinois.

Josephine Coolidge, '02, is principal of the high school at Galva, Illinois.

Fannie Hurff, '02, is a teacher in the high school at Roseville, Illinois.

Marie Bradley, ex-'03, is in Boulder, Colorado, attending the University of Colorado.

Glenna Garm, ex-'06, is attending Christian College, Columbia, Missouri.

Jessie Van Clute is teaching in the Galesburg public school.

Alice Gale has returned after a year abroad and has lately married Mr. Lewis Wallace, of Monmouth, Ill.

Julia Carr will be married to Capt. William Payne Jackson of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, the twentieth of October.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Alice Matthews, '03, is spending the winter in Washington, where she has a position in the Library of Congress.

Delia Stern, ex-'04, will be married October fifteenth to Mr. Royal A. Stipes, Delta Tau Delta.

Mabel Fox and Lotta Johnson, ex-'06, are teaching this winter. They both expect to return to the University next year.

Alta Stansbury, '03, is in the Port Huron, Mich., Library.

Willia Garver, '03, left for Pekin, Ill. October first to organize a library there.

Winifred Forbes, '02, is now instructor of the violin in the University of South Dakota.

INDIANA ALPHA

Margaret Foster, ex-'03, will spend the coming winter with friends in Boston.

Bertha La Grange, '02, is teaching in the Salem, Indiana, high school.

Zoe Hall, ex-'03, was married to Mr. John Hall, ex-'97, of Morgantown, September the seventeenth. They are living on a farm near Franklin.

Gertrude and Elizabeth George will spend the winter in California for the benefit of Gertrude's health.

Katherine Graves, ex-'98, is teaching in Edinburg this year.

Minnie Weyl, '99, is teaching in Greensburg.

Bertha and Gladys Miller are attending Columbia University, New York.

Ethel McCollough, '01, is again in school at Albany, N. Y.

Mary Handley, ex-'00, is in the kindergarten training school at Indianapolis.

INDIANA BETA

Gertrude Harbison, '02, was married, three days after the close of school last spring, to Edwin Benson, Delta Tau Delta. They are at present at Huntington at Mr. Benson's home.

Elizabeth Karsell, ex-'02, of Bloomington, was married this summer to Dr. Van Hook, who is a professor in Cornell University.

Ethel Trippett, '03, is teaching in Anaconda, Montana.

Alma McCrum, '06, is teaching in Huntington, Indiana.

Helen Shambaugh, '06, was married this summer to Homer Aikman, Kappa Epsilon.

Blanche Disher, '06, is teaching at Plymouth, Ind.

Mabel Graves is teaching in Orleans, Ind.

Josephine M. Cox is principal of the English department of Shortridge high school at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Helen Traylor-Tousley, '00, of Chicago, has moved to Park Manor.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Clara Hughes, '97, who began teaching in Hartford City, Ind., has resigned to accept a better position in Saginaw, Mich.

Annie Vernor, '02, is teaching in a boarding school for young ladies at Fairmount, West Virginia.

Frances French has charge of the music in the public schools in Hillsdale, Mich.

Estella Nash, '02, has accepted a position in the public schools of Raton, New Mexico.

Grace Bailey, '01, is in Howell, Mich.

M. Estella Greene was married September twenty-third to Mr. Victor L. Stone, at her home in Jamestown, N. Y. Her future home will be in Alabama.

All of the girls who graduated in June are teaching—May Lewis in Ashtabula, Ohio, Blanche Bradley in Kalkaskia, Mich., Madge Vandeburg in Homer, Mich., Flossie Whitney in Hudson, Mich., and Inis Coon in Tawas City, Mich.

MICHIGAN BETA

Edith Clark, '03, was married to Mr. Harry Montgomery, September second.

Rebecca Downey, '03, and Mr. Alfred White, an instructor in the University of Michigan, were married July twenty-eighth at the home of the bride in Pueblo, Colo.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker of Ann Arbor, Mich., a daughter, Constance. Mrs. Parker was Faith Gilbert, '97.

IOWA BETA

A daughter was born to Effie Bussel-Henderson on the twenty-third of July at Marengo, Iowa.

Flora and Huldah Sigler left the twenty-third of September for a western trip. They will spend the winter in Southern California.

Bonnie Baker has gone to Chicago to enter the Presbyterian Training School for Nurses.

Myrtle Reid, '03, is teaching near Phoenix, Arizona.

Alma Wagner is instructor in Latin and literature at Tillamook, Oregon.

Grace Crandall is teaching near Indianola and May Crandall has a position in the high school at Humboldt, Iowa.

Nina Hohanshelt is teaching in the high school at Penora, Iowa.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Josephine Wells, '03, is teaching in Ashland, Wis.

Mae Telford, '03, has accepted a position in the high school at Cherokee, Iowa.

Marie Hinkley, '02, was married to Walter Mabbett, Delta Upsilon, at her home in Milwaukee, September twenty-third.

Elinor Russell, '03, is teaching history and Latin in the Superior high school.

Daphne Putnam, '03, has accepted a position in the high school at Mondovi, Wis.

Bess Ferguson, '02, is a teacher in Monticello, Wis.

Annie Wright, ex-'05, is taking a course in domestic science at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CALIFORNIA BETA

Eva Bramlet, '02, was married on Wednesday, July the twenty-ninth, to Mr. Charles McFerson Mannon. It was a pretty home wedding, and all the Pi Phis who were in Berkeley, or near

enough to come, were present. Eva is the first of the California Betas to marry, so it was quite an event in our calendar.

Elizabeth Adams, '03, has accepted a position in the Fresno, Cal., high school. She has classes in Latin, English and mathematics.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Tillie Lohr, ex-'01, a charter member of Missouri Alpha, is now librarian of the juvenile department of the public library at St. Joseph, Mo.

Virginia Dyar, '02, and Ethel Hudson, ex-'02, sailed in July for fifteen months of travel and study in Europe.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Edna Schriever is to be married on the fourteenth of October to Mr. Reuben Gresham Bush of New Orleans.

Lucy Elliott is spending the winter in New York to study at the New York Conservatory of Music.

Mary Vaught has left New Orleans. She is at Eden Hall Convent, Torresdale, Pennsylvania, for the winter.

Pauline Curran, Cora Stanton, Carrie Charles, Georgie Winship, and Mary Matthews are to be among the débutants of this winter.

Heleen Collins of Charleston, West Virginia, is to visit Georgie Winship this winter.

KANSAS ALPHA

Nadine Nowlin, '03, is teaching in the Hiawatha high school.

Mary J. Spencer, '02, spent the summer in Colorado.

Mabel Scott, '05, is doing graduate work in Latin in the University.

Mary Dudley, '03, is spending the winter in Chicago. She expects to take up newspaper work.

The engagement of Ida Dunham, ex-'04, to Mr. Robert Harmon Brooks, is announced.

The Misses Sutliff spent the summer most delightfully at Siasconsett, Nantucket.

Kate Dinsmoor, '03, is doing graduate work in the university this year.

Eleanor Humphrey, '03, is now teaching English in the Butte, Montana, high school.

Hannah Oliver, one of our charter members, spent the summer in Rome, Italy, studying and investigating.

Marjorie Marshall, one of our last year's freshmen, is now in Paris, France, where she will remain a year. She then intends to spend a year in Germany.

We have welcomed back Martha Manley-Hood as a "faculty lady." She was married in August, and comes to us with added dignity.

The engagement of Edith Riffle to Mr. Barrows is announced.

NEBRASKA BETA

Mary McGahey, '98, is attending Columbia University at New York City.

Grace Conerd, ex-'04, is teaching at Atlanta, Iowa, in the kindergarten.

Florence Fiske, ex-'06, is going to New York City to study music.

Charlotte Spalding, ex-'06, is attending Colorado College at Colorado Springs.

Amy Robinson, '99, is in Boston for the winter.

Anna W. Lytle, '98, is instructor in English in the State Normal School in Milwaukee, Wis.

TEXAS ALPHA

Jamie Armstrong, formerly of Austin, has removed to West Texas to live.

Attie McClendon is to teach this year in White's Academy, Austin.

Elsie Garrett spent the summer at her home in Brenham, where

she entertained three of Texas Alpha's Pi Phis, Anne Townes, Ada Garrison, and Aline Harris.

Mrs. W. H. Young, formerly Loretta Hood of Knox College, will make her home in Austin for the future, and Texas Alpha is ready with a warm welcome for her.

Mrs. Bates Allen, formerly Lucy Collinson of Knox College, is visiting in Austin and attended our last chapter meeting.

COLORADO ALPHA

Mabel Ashley, '02, is teaching school in Owray.

Rosetta Bell, '02, is acting as companion to a young lady of California. She is now traveling in the United States, but is going abroad next year.

Marie Maxwell-Burger, ex-'92, is now living in Golden, Colorado, where her husband has accepted the chair of mathematics at the School of Mines.

Julia McKinley-Denio, ex-'01, was visiting in Boulder in September.

Laeta Elden, '00, is teaching in the Sterling high school.

Lizzie Holbrook-Moore, '01, of Nashville, Illinois, spent the summer in Boulder.

Louise Nelson, ex-'03, visited Boulder for a few days.

Lulu Pinger, '02, is teaching in Leadville.

Marion Withrow, '03, was at the Pi Phi lodge for a few days. Born, to Grace Whitmore-Rowe, '97, a daughter, July twelfth. Mrs. Rowe expects to go to California soon, as her husband has accepted a position at Leland Stanford University.

Bertha Cope-Stogsdale, '97, visited in Boulder during the summer.

Fannie Plummer-Morton, '01, was in Boulder for a week.

Ethel Wright, '00, was married June thirtieth to Mr. Frederick Tabor Rubidge, Delta Tau Delta.

Sue Shotwell-Walsh, '97, spent the summer in Boulder with relatives.

Claire Williams-Humphrey, '01, has returned from Mexico and is residing in Denver.

COLORADO BETA

Mary Clark Traylor, '02, is teaching science at the Manual Training High school this year.

Grace Cockle, '02, and Marguerite Dyer, '03, are teaching in the Del Norte high school at Del Norte, Colo.

Maude Walker, '03, was married to Richard Wensley, July first at St. Mark's church, Denver. Annette Badgley was maid of honor and Norine Wilson and Marcia Murray were bridesmaids. It was decidedly a Pi Phi wedding.

Helen Dorr Stidger, Iowa Beta, '78, and daughter Helen, Colorado Beta, '06, entertained the Colorado Alpha and Beta chapters one afternoon in honor of Maud Miller of Missouri Alpha, who was the guest of Ruth Bishop.

Gertrude Beggs is working for her doctor's degree at Yale.

Martha Loescher-Crook, '03, is teaching in Miss Wolcott's school in Denver.

Ellen Anderson, ex-'02, was married on June twentieth, 1903, in the chapel of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Denver, to Mr. Franklin Crocker Lewis of Hanover, New Hampshire. Mr. Lewis is instructor in pedagogy in Dartmouth College.

Lida Burkhard, '00, was married on June twenty-fourth, 1903, at her home in Trinidad, Colorado, to Mr. James Lawrence Lardner, professor of English and elocution in Mitchell College, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Editorials

THE report of the second Inter-Fraternity Conference is recommended to the careful attention of the fraternity, or at least of all active members. If there is any possible solution of such vexing questions as lifting, rushing, or sub-freshman pledging, it can probably be worked out along the lines laid down by the report. The question of lifting is a simple one and one that can be answered in the same way for all colleges. The others are so far subject to local conditions that a system of local option seems the only one possible.

The fraternity colleges may be roughly defined as of three sorts, the small denominational college, the larger private foundation and the state university. Some of the younger and smaller fraternities may be represented in but one or two of these kinds of college. The oldest ones, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, have chapters in all, and all are entitled to equal consideration. Conditions differ greatly in the different kinds of college and no set of inter-fraternity regulations could succeed which did not take this into account.

It is a grave mistake to suppose that the strength of a fraternity lies in the compelling power of its central organization. The business of the National Council is executive and administrative merely. The real strength of a fraternity is in the strength of its individual chapters, in their adaptation each to its own environment. The central authority is strongest when it leaves to each chapter the greatest liberty to grow.

We are most of us apt to think that uniformity is the same thing as unity or that the latter implies the former. We forget that while uniformity is sometimes a useful means to an end, unity is an end in itself. In the old many-chaptered fraternity, to enforce uniformity between chapter and chapter would frequently be sadly to weaken unity. We are exceedingly glad

that the second Inter-Fraternity Conference is willing to leave to the chapters the privilege of framing pan-Hellenic rules in accordance with local conditions, reserving to itself that which seems its only proper function—the supervision of their enforcement.

IN GLANCING over the exchanges from time to time we note with interest that one editor congratulates his readers because nearly three-quarters of the chapters have letters in that issue, that another deprecates the fact that only about one-half are represented, while still others publish lists of from six to ten delinquent chapters.

In the six years of the present editorship, there have been but four issues that have not contained every letter, and in no case has there been more than one missing. Is that a matter for congratulation or editorial conceit? By no means. We receive the letters because as a matter of fraternity regulation we *must* receive them. The editor knows this, the chapters know it, and so the letters and contributions come.

Might we suggest to perplexed contemporaries that a small but sufficient fine, relentlessly imposed, is an exceedingly persuasive argument in favor of promptness and regularity. It rarely fails to convince.

SO FEW of our exchanges have come in during the summer months that the department has been necessarily omitted from this issue. We shall try to do justice to this valuable feature in the January ARROW.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Vermont Alpha has again begun her year's work after the longest vacation in her history. You may be sure we were glad to be together again, though we did not come as an "unbroken band." Two of our girls, Elna Coates, '04, and Elizabeth Deuel, '05, did not return to us this year. Elna is a senior at Boston University, so it is ours to congratulate Massachusetts Alpha, not without heart pangs, however.

Of course, we have had rushing parties and all that goes with them. Our reception for all the freshmen women was very successful. As trophies of our labors, we have two pledges to introduce to you, Grace Brooks Hammond and Faith Acland Powers. I can assure you that we are proud of two such loyal girls as they are.

As usual we are fortunate in having the prospect of frequent visits from our alumnae. Maud Smith, '03, and Bertha Ranslow, '04, are in town and are a great help to us. Nellie Button, '01, will be with us part of the year, as she is working for her master's degree in English.

Vermont Alpha is rejoicing over her first baby, William Nichols Bosweth. We shall adorn him with wine and blue even if he can never wear the golden arrow.

Professor Eaton, who has our chair of Greek, is abroad this year. Professor Burrage of Harvard is performing his duties.

With sincere wishes for a successful year for all our sister chapters,
BESSIE M. BUMP.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

At this time of congratulations and good cheer, Vermont Beta sends greetings to every chapter. Our year has opened very happily. All our girls are back, and though few in number, our ranks will soon be enlarged by the splendid freshmen girls. We want to be modest, but if each chapter thinks her freshmen are just a little wee bit better than any others, we do not blame you—because that is what we think ourselves! The usual round of college festivities gave us a good opportunity of meeting the new comers. About two weeks ago one of our patronesses gave a recep-

tion for us, when all the new girls might meet our delightful patronesses and some of the alumnae. It was a proof of Miss Walker's interest in us, when she entertained so charmingly. Our initiates are six in all: Gertrude Johnston, '06, and Helen Allen, Lillian Carpenter, Lulu Warren, Gertrude Strong and Suzanne Eason of the freshman girls. We expect to have a perfectly delightful time this year with all our new girls and our new rooms. We have moved to other quarters and think they are the best we have had. We are more than fortunate in having so many of the alumnae in town. We keep in touch with so many more "old girls" by having some of the graduates with us.

We are looking forward to initiation with great pleasure. We are more fortunate than most of the eastern chapters, in that we are near enough to another chapter to have some of the Vermont Alpha girls with us at that auspicious time.

Vermont Beta wishes each chapter its full measure of success and happiness for the year.

ELIZABETH DURFEE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

After a long and enjoyable vacation, the members of Columbia Alpha are together again and all join in sending most hearty greetings to their sister chapters and best wishes for a happy and successful year.

Our college opens this year with brighter prospects than ever before, and this is due in large measure to the enthusiasm and activity of our new president, Dr. Needham, whose sterling worth both as an educator and a man, are winning the hearts of all Columbian students. Largely through his efforts, a site, in one of the most desirable parts of Washington, has been purchased for new buildings, including dormitories, and extensive enough to promise us a campus—that delight of every college student's heart.

And the prospects of Pi Beta Phi with us are equally bright. Eight of our twelve girls of last year are with us again, and during this first week of college we have had several enjoyable rushing parties. In the main they have been informal affairs; last Saturday, however, with the help of our ever active alumnae, we had quite an elaborate entertainment for the unsuspecting freshmen at the country home of one of our girls, Ruth Young. As a result of this, we have three new pledges to introduce to you,—Frances Bethune, Ethel Rollins and Mildred Corcoran, dear girls, all of them, whom you will love as dearly as we, when you know them as well.

Columbia Alpha feels herself particularly fortunate in having with her this year Nora Stabler of Pennsylvania Alpha. Though Miss Stabler is not intimately connected with the college, we are glad to have her with

us and welcome her very heartily among us, as we shall be eager to do the Pi Phis, one and all, who may come to Washington this year.

In the bond of Pi Beta Phi, for Columbia Alpha.

MAUD ESTHER MACPHERSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

September the eighteenth found but eight girls of our old chapter of twelve back at Swarthmore, and though we miss the old girls very much as, of course, every chapter does, the year has opened very happily for us. We have been busy during the three weeks we have been back becoming acquainted with the new girls. In our contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, rushing is limited to one fraternity function to be given in college before Christmas and to invitations to the coaches for the annual Haverford-Swarthmore football game, which comes November twenty-first. So with our limited opportunity for knowing the new girls, it is well that our pledge day does not come until the first of March. The freshman class this year is quite large and decidedly promising, so we hope by spring to have our old number again.

Our alumnae have been most faithful in coming to see us this fall, and in order to bring the active chapter and the old girls still more closely together we expect to devote one meeting in every two months to the alumnae members.

Among our visitors this fall was Miss Nellie Vale, a member of the Iowa Beta chapter, who told us many interesting things about our western sisters. We only wish we might know more of them personally.

Pennsylvania Alpha wishes for every chapter the greatest success and happiness throughout the year.

ESTHER L. ROGERS.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL COLLEGE

How we do miss our seniors! But we try to console ourselves with their letters and occasional visits! Then, too, we have seven of the dearest sophomores one ever knew. They made the acquaintance of the Pi Phi goat during Commencement week. So let me introduce to you Lucretia Snyder, Mary Seaman, Bessie Harpel, Florence Bacon, Edith Lane, Florence Cobb and Sara Furman. Eight were initiated, but Ruth Hammitt has entered Bryn Mawr this fall. Still we, as a chapter, number fourteen. It is a lovely number and all of us certainly love our chapter dearly.

Just a few days after school opened a new local fraternity, by name Pi Alpha Zeta, made its appearance. Most probably it will eventually

become a national. At any rate rushing is much more lively than when we were monarchs of all we surveyed.

So far we have given fudge parties and a big reception. Friday evening, the ninth, we gave our annual reception to the freshmen, seminary seniors and patronesses. The weather man could not have given us much worse weather,—it simply poured. However, that did not make so very much difference inside. We were as gay as could be in our new gowns and, even if we do confess it, we think that the evening was a splendid success. But for us the best part was to come. That was the meeting after all had gone, when we discussed the new girls, the evening in general and ended by doing "stunts" and telling ghost stories.

Our meetings have been very nice. Not an evening has passed but some of our alumnae came to visit with us. Indeed, we feel closer to the town alumnae this fall than ever.

Four of our girls have birthdays in October, so on the evening of the fourteenth we are going to have a good old fashioned "cookie-shine." It is the first one for our new girls and we do intend to have a fine time.

As to our prospects, you know we cannot say much. But let me whisper to you,—by Christmas we expect to have two new girls. The freshmen are very promising, and nothing preventing, Pennsylvania Beta hopes to have several for her very own.

FERNE FRICK BRADDOCK.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

This college year has opened exceedingly favorably for Ohio Alpha and we only hope that its ending will be the same for us, as well as for all of our sister chapters. We have an enthusiastic chapter of eight loyal Pi Phis and will increase our number in the near future. We are firm believers in quality, not quantity. We are therefore proud of the few whom we have chosen to don the wine and blue. We lost two of our last year's girls by graduation and three others who expect to be with us during the year.

We have been kept close in the bond by the social events which have occurred during the past few weeks. Late in August, the active chapter, accompanied by seven alumnae, enjoyed a picnic in the State Hospital grounds. This was an enjoyable affair, especially so, since we had as our guest Katherine Potter, of Ohio Beta. This occasion served to revive our enthusiasm and instill in us a new feeling of interest for our prospective year.

A theater party was the next in order, to hear Sousa and his famous band. To our local girls were added several of our last year's girls who are not in town, as yet, for this year.

On September fifteenth Mrs. Frederick Stalder entertained the Pi Phis, active and alumnae, at Hotel Berry, in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Stalder, one of our alumnae.

On Friday, October second, the Delta Tau Deltas, accompanied by their girl friends, were entertained at a hotel of one of our neighboring towns for supper. Pi Beta Phi was well represented.

We feel like congratulating ourselves on our alumnae association. Although not so intimately connected with the inner workings of the fraternity, they have lost none of their interest. With their hearty co-operation we feel that this will be one of the most profitable years in our history.

FLORA TERHUNE CONNER.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

After a long, delightful vacation we are glad to greet you all once more, if it is only in an indirect way. How fine it would be if we could talk to each other face to face! We Ohio Beta girls have so much that we could tell you, for this summer has been full not only of good times, but of work also. Before this we really have never rushed during vacation months to speak of, but this year we kept it up all summer.

We had many different ways of entertaining, such as picnics, spreads, thimble parties, tennis, theater parties and slumber parties, but the best of all was the house-party. For a whole week twelve of us lived in an old-fashioned sixteen-room house half a mile from the end of one of the city street car lines. I should like to tell you everything we did and of the fun we had, but it would take volumes to do that. However, you all know what house parties are and so you can imagine for yourselves that happy household. A party of that sort means more to us than the mere fact of having fun, for we learn to know each other better than we could in any other way. Here we see each other as we really are and we go away with a deeper and stronger attachment for each other than we have ever felt before.

We must tell you about one particular day at this house party. On this occasion we had some of the prospective girls out to six o'clock dinner, and that evening we entertained with a little play, "The Inconstancy of Constance." Later in the evening we danced, made fudge, and to make the story short, did everything unusual that we could think of.

Since college has opened we have been hard at work, and as we have not felt the need of many new girls we have allowed things to take their own course. We have twelve girls to begin with.

Of the three that left us last year one is back taking post-graduate work, and another, Anne Nichols, was married October the thirteenth,

and has left for her new home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Nine of our girls attended the wedding, which took place at the bride's home in Chillicothe.

So far we have two pledges, one from last year, Vera McAlpine, and a new one, Mary Jennings, in whom we shall find a very dear and helpful sister.

We have adopted the plan of having our frat meetings late in the afternoon so that we can have opportunity to attend the football games. Ohio Beta sends to all her best wishes.

CLARE W. POSTLE.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The girls of New York Alpha are again united and wish to send their greetings to all their sisters. We have had a happy vacation and are now ready to begin work.

When we returned we did not find things as we had left them, for the campus is all torn up. A new building is being erected for a heating and lighting plant, and besides, an addition has been put on the library. The foundations are laid for Haven Hall, a dormitory for girls, which is situated at the foot of the campus. Although everything looks so bad now, we feel assured that these changes will be a great improvement.

We started in this year with our chapter house full of girls, but what we prize most is that we have in the house two girls not yet initiated. We also have a new chaperon, Mrs. M. C. Wirth.

Rushing has surely been a pleasure. We have given evening parties, drives, dinners, luncheons and afternoon teas, and have met some very nice freshmen.

Since we last wrote we have two marriages to announce,—Mabel Smith, ex-'04, to Wm. E. Taylor, professor of mathematics in the University, and Mrs. Amy Elwell Crane, special, to Dr. Frank E. Farley, professor of English in Boston.

Miss Nina Raymond from Columbia Alpha and Miss Helen Reed from Vermont Alpha have been most welcome guests at the chapter house. We are always glad to meet our sisters from other chapters.

The football season is again open. We hope to meet Cortland, Clarkson, Rensselaer, Colgate, Williams, Niagara, Yale and Brown.

The "Salt Rush" took place on September twenty-four, nineteen hundred and three. Since this is peculiarly Syracusan, it may be well to state briefly its chief characteristics. The male members of the sophomore class met on one hill and armed themselves with small bags of salt. It was their duty to prevent the freshmen from gaining the hill. In the meantime, the freshmen, having formed in two solid sections, about one

hundred feet apart, marched against the sophomore stronghold. The salt began to fly, but the freshmen gained the hill.

MARY HART.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

By no means the least eager of the happy student body on registration day were our twelve active Pi Phis, for September found us ready and anxious for the fall campaign.

The summer brought us varied experiences. Mary Galbraith was abroad, Jennie Allyn, Marion Bean and Myrtie Maguire attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay, Lake George, and the rest of us were either busy at home or at shore and mountain resorts.

The rushing season comes early at Boston University, and while it lasts we are all victims of the strenuous life, for there are five sororities in our college and all available material is in demand. We are much elated over our success for we have already pledged seven girls,—Edna Cullis, Elizabeth Gibb, Harriette O'Donald, Lora Pratt, Dora Smith, Claire Trumbull and Amy Wallon. Initiation will come in November and we are planning to make it a red letter day indeed.

Our rushing parties this year were a bit out of the ordinary, for in addition to the usual lunches and teas at the chapter room, we gave two private excursions. One was an all-day trip to the picturesque old town of Marblehead on the north shore, and the other an afternoon's tramp up Blue Hill. We enjoyed these greatly and the perfect weather added to our pleasure.

We are very proud of our new quarters this year, for once again we have changed our chapter hall and now have very desirable rooms.

Besides our pledged girls, we have an addition to our chapter this year. Elna Coates of Vermont Alpha has come to take her senior year at B. U. Massachusetts Alpha is so far separated from her sister chapters that we are prevented from holding any close intercourse, and Elna's advent has, I think, broadened our vision in regard to the extent of our sisterhood. We hope that all Pi Phis who may be in Boston will surely visit us.

It seems so very strange to be without our dear last year's girls, but while we miss them sadly, our hearts are very loving toward our pledges, and we feel that the changes have only forged a new link in the golden chains which binds our hearts together.

Trusting that the happiness we feel is only the reflection of the joy of our sister chapter, Massachusetts Alpha au revoir.

SARAH GERTRUDE POMEROY.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Maryland Alpha has organized for another happy and busy year, we hope, and we want to stop in the midst of our work to send greetings to our sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

We all feel as if college had opened under new conditions this year. Our fraternity life and spirit, which is acknowledged to be one of the strongest factors in our college world, has been changed to a certain degree by the restrictions which the rules of Pan-Hellenic association laid upon us for our rushing season. The wish for personal friendship rather than the outshining of a rival fraternity is at the basis of these rules.

So we girls of Maryland Alpha have little to tell you of rushing functions and gayeties of that sort; but can offer as a substitute only little suppers in our rooms or long walks into the country to the homes of some of our alumnae who are fortunate enough to live there at this beautiful season of the year. Living near Chesapeake bay is quite convenient for us and affords us opportunity for many little outings. So while the weather is still warm we expect to take a party on one of the many excursions running from Baltimore. Thus you see our system of rules has the virtue of giving us a chance to know some of the freshmen in a way that makes us sure they are worthy of all that Pi Beta Phi has to offer them.

Of course college festivities go on as usual. Last Friday night was the reception given by the Y. W. C. A. to the freshmen. This is one of our most pleasurable affairs, for we meet so many of the incoming students. On Saturday following the seniors gave their tea to the freshmen. The sophomores always take a hand in this event, and this year they obliged the freshmen to attend a "mock tea," given in their honor, before they were allowed to be welcomed by the seniors.

In closing we wish our sister chapters all possible success in their "rushing" and fraternity life.

MARY CREIGHTON AMES.

 BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

When the trees on Lombard campus begin to take on the college colors of olive and gold, we are reminded that the time has come for us to tell our sisters how we have prospered so far in the year.

Our "home-coming" this time was happier than usual, for three of our

girls of two years ago returned, and we expect another at the beginning of the winter term. You all know what a double pleasure it is to welcome back into active chapter life those who have dropped out of it for a time. It is such fun to talk over the old days, and lay plans for those which are to come.

Illinois Beta has begun the year auspiciously by pledging four girls to the wine and blue. We hope that you will learn to know Marian Webster, Louise Ross, Ethel Fennessy and Mary Randolph better, for we are sure they will make good Pi Phis. At least they are model pledges, for they, together with our two pledges of last year, showed excellent taste in the preparation of a cookie-shine, which we all voted the best we have had for many a day.

According to our custom, we gave early in the term a reception to the new girls, the women members of the faculty, our patronesses and alumnae. Delia Conger kindly threw open her home to us, and our little reception was quite a success. The dining room, where we served light refreshments, was decorated in wine and blue and lighted with wine and blue candles.

We are now laying deep plans for a hallowe'en party of the ghostly variety and our invitations are already out.

Most of our entertaining, however, has been in the form of spreads, for there seems to be nothing so truly Pi Phi as these jolly informal meetings. We have spent several merry evenings in this fashion, always ending up with the singing of our favorite Pi Phi songs. We sing "Will you walk into our dungeon" in such a ferocious manner that every separate hair of our pledglings stands on end in fear of the ordeal to come.

We have won a few laurels this year, for one of our girls has been elected president of her class and also of the ladies' literary society, and we hold a few other offices among us.

Just now we are greatly enjoying the visits of Charlotte Alspaugh, '02, and Laura Willis, '03. Truly the tie that binds us all is very close, and we feel it more than ever when our former sisters come back to us.

May each and all of our chapters have a happy and profitable year is the wish of Illinois Beta.

ETHEL CHAMBERLAIN.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

Almost a month ago Knox college opened and we are glad to have back twenty of our old girls, among them three who were not in college last year. Already, however, one of our pledges has been forced to leave us on account of ill health. In a short time we shall have back with us one of our girls who has not yet returned from a summer abroad.

Last week we had the good fortune to attend, as a chapter, the wedding of one of our alumnae, Fanny Fahnestock. One of the most prominent parts of the church was reserved for us, and we felt almost as important as the bride herself as we were ushered to our places.

We have done very little in a social way, except just among ourselves. True, we have had a reception, a banquet for our bride, a luncheon at the Svangetaha club house, and several cookie-shines, but all of them have been limited to our own girls and the girls we have been rushing.

We have been promised that some member of Grand Council will surely visit us this year, and we are living in hopes that we are not to be disappointed again, as we have been so often before. We have felt quite envious as we have read in the *ARROW* of some of our grand officers visiting so many of the chapters.

In the election of class officers this fall, Pi Phi has been well represented, also out of four girls on the staff of editors of our college paper, two are Pi Phis.

Wishing all a most happy and successful year,

KATHARINE M. BAGBY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The year at Northwestern has opened with a flourish and we are still hardly ready to settle down to the hum-drum of student life.

The rushing season has been long and active, but, while there have been many new students to select from, we have found fewer girls than usual who would make really desirable fraternity girls.

In addition to the three girls we pledged last spring we have pledged three new girls so far, so that by the time the next *ARROW* is published we hope to introduce several new sisters to you.

In fact, we can already introduce Nina Williams, a dear girl from Spokane, whom we initiated very quietly a few days ago. She was taken ill and was obliged to leave college for at least a few weeks, so that she would miss the regular initiation; so, as we all loved her so much, we decided to make her our sister at once.

We were unfortunate enough to lose eight girls last year, three of whom were freshmen; but the other freshmen, now proud sophomores, are all fine, active girls, whose first care is the welfare of the chapter and the fraternity at large. These, with three seniors and a post-graduate, make a vigorous, if small, chapter.

On the other hand, we have been most fortunate in having Mary Dudley of Kansas Alpha with us during the rushing season. She is a darling, and we are rejoicing at the prospect of having her with us very often during the winter.

We trust that all the chapters of Pi Phi are happy and prosperous and that the coming year has much that is lovely in store for you all.

FLORENCE GERTRUDE BALDWIN.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois Zeta has entered upon a year which promises to be a very prosperous one. Just now we are in the midst of rushing, and we hope by the end of the month, the length of time provided for by contract, to have a number of new pledges to introduce to you. We have twelve girls in our chapter this year, just enough to make a very happy family, but we are looking forward to having with us several of this year's freshmen, who will make a welcome addition to our household.

As is usual during the first few weeks of the year, we have been busy in making the new girls feel at home. Besides having them with us often at the house to get acquainted, we entertained them at a dancing party October second. We were chaperoned by Mrs. G. B. Storer of Champaign, one of our new patronesses, a lovely little woman who takes a great deal of interest in the girls. October third we gave a one o'clock luncheon at the chapter house, and October tenth a dinner at the Beardsley. Besides this we have had a picnic spread, fudge parties and good times galore.

We were fortunate in having with us during a greater part of the rushing season four of the members of last year's chapter, Stella Rogers, Charlotte Nelson, Alice Mann and Edna Daniels. It has been a pleasure to have them with us in the house, and they have helped us a great deal in rushing.

Willia Garver was also with us for a short time. We have near us this year a Pi Phi from Michigan, Mrs. Sober, who is an instructor in the department of Household Science of the University. We have been to call upon her, and we hope to see a great deal of her this winter. It is always a great pleasure to meet members of our sister chapters.

On the fifteenth of October Delia Stern, of Champaign, will be married to Mr. Royal A. Stipes, Delta Tau Delta. We feel a double interest in the wedding, since the groom-to-be is a brother of one of our most loyal Pi Phis.

We wish for all of you a pleasant and profitable winter. We are planning for a very happy one.

HELEN ATKINSON.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Greetings from Indiana Alpha to all Pi Phis,—even though we are almost too busy for greetings of any kind, as we are in the midst of the rushing season, college having opened later than usual this autumn,—the first of October.

But before reporting our fall victories, a word about the summer vacation is in order. Just after college closed we gave a "shower" to our June bride, Inez Ryker, '02, who, on the thirtieth of that month, was married to A. C. Everingham, '02, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A number of us witnessed the very pretty home wedding at Indianapolis. They live at Terre Haute, where Mr. Everingham is practicing law. Another shower in July celebrated the going-to-housekeeping of Mary Van Nuys-Fisher. In September, at the home of May Carney, '99, we showered our latest bride, Zoe Hall, ex-'03, whose wedding occurred on September the seventeenth. Zoe will not be so far away but that her pretty country home will be available for rushing parties.

While we were scattered for the summer the old college buildings were being completely metamorphosed. On our return we could scarcely believe ourselves at old Franklin. The interior of the buildings has been completely remodeled and made up-to-date. We now have commodious, newly furnished recitation rooms and attached to them several little study rooms for professors and students. Hardwood floors replace the old boards, and all the woodwork is new, while the ceilings and walls have been frescoed. We have our own electric light plant and telephone service, and the buildings are heated by steam. The new library building is rapidly nearing completion, and we are assured by the president of the college board that another year will probably see the erection of two more buildings, a science hall and a "gym." In consequence of all this "prosperity" the opening services on October first were unusually elaborate. Among the speakers of the occasion was Elsie Grace Stubbs, our chapter president, who represented the students.

This first week has been a very busy one. We number only seven active girls to begin with but we expect to initiate three girls soon. We have endeavored to be more than usually dignified in our rushing this fall and feel that we have been well repaid. We have entertained only twice—one afternoon at Grace Carney's, and a few evenings later at Florence Provence's, we gave a regular Pi Phi spread with songs and toasts and things to eat. As a result we have six new pledges whom we will introduce to you as soon as they are initiated—and the end is not yet.

At present we are without a fraternity home, but it is in process of building. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hendricks are the owners, and as Mrs.

Hendricks is a Pi Phi, she knows just what kind of a house we want and just what kind of times we like; so under her sympathetic chaperonage we anticipate a delightful year.

In our renovated college, the end of a successful rushing season almost reached, and with the promise of a beautiful chapter house in the near future, we feel very optimistic indeed and wish for our sister chapters as contented and happy a year as ours promises to be.

MARY GRISWOLD HALL.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The fall term has opened very auspiciously for us of Indiana Beta. We came back to college with twenty old girls, a new chapter house, and in very good spirits.

Our chapter house is a large, eleven-roomed house, two squares from the campus, in the most desirable location possible. Our town alumnae were very generous to us and we did not have the difficulty we had anticipated in furnishing. Fifteen girls room in the house and we have fine times together.

The rushing season this year was not as strenuous as it has been for several years. The students came back earlier, and at the end of the first week all the spiking was practically over, and the wine and silver blue was worn by seven fine girls. We initiated six of these girls last Saturday night. They are Nettie E. Pleasants, of Vevay, Indiana; Grace Baird, of New Albany, Indiana; Marion Lockridge, of Roam, Indiana; Hazel Squires, of Wabash, Indiana; Mabel Batman, of Ladoga, Indiana; and Blanche Conk, of Roachdale, Indiana. The seventh pledge, Annette Wayman, of New Albany, Indiana, will be initiated later. We are proud and happy to name these girls as wearers of the arrow, and hope our sister chapters will be as happy as we are in our new home.

ADA RICHER.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Our chapter has spent one of the happiest summers possible. Two of our girls, Maria Leonard and Pearl McElroy, attended the Geneva conference as delegates from our Y. W. C. A.; another made an extended eastern trip, and another spent two weeks in Yellowstone National Park.

College opened the first of October when we initiated Kate Reagan who was pledged last spring. Now we are anxiously awaiting the expiration of our seven weeks' contract to know the results of our efforts for Pi Phi.

Already, we have given an informal "spread" at the home of one of our alumnae members, Emily Helming. Very soon we shall have a chafing-

dish party at our province president's home. However, in the meantime, we are trying to relieve the homesickness of the new girls by informal luncheons, or evenings at flinch.

We hope that Pi Phi everywhere may gain its merited honors by winning the best new girls.

EDNA COOPER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Again Michigan Alpha extends greetings to all Pi Phis near and far, hoping that all have enjoyed a pleasant and restful vacation and return to school with a large measure of strength and enthusiasm for the work before them.

College opens with about the usual attendance, but with our most efficient president at the head we are expecting a pleasant and prosperous year.

Quite a large number of new faces are found among the old familiar ones, and already we are selecting those whom we think might fittingly wear "the arrow shining bright and a bow of wine and blue," but we cannot know our fate for a while yet as our rules forbid extending invitations until late in the term.

The usual receptions given the new students by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s were held the first of the term, which offered ample opportunity to form new acquaintances and to renew old ones.

We miss, very much, the five girls who were with us last year and whom graduation removed, but we are gradually becoming accustomed to the thought that we must do without them and are rejoicing with them in the success with which they are meeting in their new work.

At our first meeting we had the great pleasure of a visit from several of the old girls who had not attended a "frat" meeting for some time, but they seemed not to have lost any of their interest or love for Pi Phi, and they helped us to spend a pleasant evening.

We have with us occasionally, Frances French, who is in Hillsdale again and whose visits are always refreshing.

We numbered seven at first but we have since added another to our roll—Elizabeth Dudley, one of last year's pledglings who enters into our chapter work with all the interest of an older member, and we are hoping to initiate another pledgling soon.

On the evening of October ninth we received all the new girls in college at the home of Bess Chapman. About fifty responded to the invitation, including patronesses, alumnae and pledges. We entertained them with a Heart Hunt, and it was indeed surprising how adept they were in capturing hearts, some of which they found broken and bleeding, while

others were pierced with the arrow before being found, but each heart brought its own reward in giving to the captor a certain number of points. The one receiving the highest number was rewarded with an appropriate gift. Following the hunt we had Heart to Heart talks which were pleasant indeed, and after refreshments and singing of a few fraternity songs we departed feeling that we were well repaid for our efforts.

We must not forget to mention our reunion last summer. The semi-centennial celebration of the founding of our college was held July fourth and drew a very large crowd of old students, among whom were a large number of Pi Phis. The chapter rooms were open all day, and in response to invitations about twenty girls assembled for an informal reception which had been planned by some of the resident girls. It is needless to say that a jolly half hour was spent.

We hope to introduce to you in our next letter a number of new girls of whom we shall be proud, and we wish that the success that we hope for ourselves may be yours also, together with a large measure of enjoyment.

HARRIETTE WOOD.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

You Pi Phi girls all over the land know what a very busy time the first few weeks of college life can be, and in our chapter this year has been no exception. There were fourteen of us who returned to share the joys and responsibilities of another year, and while that seems to us an unusually small number yet we have had most splendid success in our rushing.

Several of the girls were here a whole week before college opened, getting the house settled and things in running order, so that by the time the freshmen first began to appear we were quite as much at home in our fraternity house as though we had never enjoyed our long summer vacation.

The first week was a perfect round of gaiety—parties, drives, canoeing, dinners, and even a little play. Then Rebecca White, who last year was Rebecca Downey and one of our active girls, gave us a delightful party in her little new home where everything is so pretty and new. Rebecca is so happy in her new life, and we feel that we are most fortunate that she is to live right here in Ann Arbor, for she is every bit as loyal a Pi Phi as before she was married.

We have five very lovely pledges to introduce to our sisters in Pi Beta Phi, and if you could only know them you would be as proud and fond of them as we are. First there is Clara Starr of Detroit, who has been pledged to us for several years and who has matriculated both in the

university and the school of music. Then comes Donna Marshall, whose sister Anna graduated last year, and Mary Edwards, whose sister Sarah is one of our seniors. The other two girls who are wearing the wine and blue are Harriet Griffin of Niles and Gertha Williams of Detroit, both of whom are just the very girls for Pi Beta Phi.

We are most fortunate in having for a chaperon, Mrs. Marston, of Detroit, who, although she has been with us now but a few days, has endeared herself to us all and made us feel that she has almost a motherly care for us.

Our Detroit alumnae have sent us as a gift a very pretty set of new dishes, which was a most delightful surprise and which we are going to keep for our very Sunday best.

We can hardly wait for the ARROW which will bring us news of our sisters, and our hope is that you are all enjoying the prosperity and success that we are.

JESSIE HELSELL.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

This year has begun for Iowa Alpha as a season of great rejoicing. Our beloved university, dear old Iowa Wesleyan, the oldest college in the state, has lifted her head above the shadow of a sixty-five thousand dollar debt and is looking forward to a future of bright promise. Never, until this crisis in the history of our college, did we realize as a fraternity how nearly akin are love for alma mater and love for fraternity. So deeply did we feel the kinship at that time, that in the name of Pi Beta Phi we pledged one hundred and fifty dollars from the very fullness of our hearts.

The final settlement of the debt was October first, and on October second Pi Phis and pledges, together with new girls as invited guests, gave vent to their joyousness by having a spread and general good time. The table was spread for thirty and was made beautiful with dark red dahlias, wine and blue candles and yards and yards of beautiful wine and blue ribbons. Pi Phi songs and those of our own college mingled together as never before and our farewells found expression in that song so dearly loved by Iowa Alpha, "There is a tie that binds us."

Now that the excitement concerning the welfare of our college is over, we have begun to miss the faces of those who were with us last year. Our librarian, Sarah Ambler, '82, was appointed during the summer to a

position in the government printing office in Washington. It delights us much, however, that another Pi Phi, Blanche Swan, '96, fills the place left vacant by Miss Ambler's departure.

Two of our old girls, Margaret Huffman and Stella Guthrie, could not return to us this year. It is a great disappointment to us to lose them and the problem confronts us as to the filling of their places, but there are many new girls who doubtless will make worthy sisters.

Our formal invitations will not be sent out until November, but two girls, who were known among us last year, Nona Spahr and Stacie Turney, are now wearing the pledge pin.

Iowa Alpha wishes every sister chapter great success for this opening year.

JULIA SHANKLAND.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

It does not seem possible that summer has past and that college with all its work and pleasure has begun once more.

We greatly miss our five senior girls who left us last June, but we hear of them once in a while and know they are all right. Then there are three other members who cannot be with us this year and it is needless to say that we miss them also.

The first thing we are going to do is to introduce to "Pi Phidom" two new members, Ruth Baker and Pearl Anderson, who since the nineteenth of September have worn the arrow. This was our first initiation and it was followed by a "cookie-shine." We were very glad to have with us on this occasion Florence and Lena Hatfield.

We also have a new pledge, Katharine Rehkopf of Des Moines. We are very proud of her and know that she will be an honor to our fraternity.

This year we have Bernice Halley and Gertrude Hancox with us again. These girls are a great addition to our chapter and we gladly welcome them back.

One of the most enjoyable times which Iowa Beta has had for a long time was given to us by Sarah Eikenberry-Sigler, an alumna of our chapter, when she gave a "surprise party" for Flora and Huldah Sigler, who left the following morning for a western trip. It was a decided surprise, and when we announced ourselves with a rousing Pi Phi yell great consternation was shown by the two girls.

We are very busy preparing for our annual Hallowe'en party, which will be the first big event of the season.

Iowa Beta sends best wishes to all her sister chapters and sincerely wishes a most successful year for one and all.

CELESTE ROBINSON.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Iowa Zeta sends greetings to all wearers of the arrow and hopes that the coming year may prove an unusually bright and prosperous one.

After a long, happy vacation our girls have come back to joyful reunion though sadly missing those of the "old girls" who did not return.

Since the beginning of school we have been deep in the festivities of the rushing season and feel that we met with unusual good fortune, as at the end of the first week of school we had pledged three of the most attractive freshmen, Mignon Maynard of Council Bluffs, Sadie Holiday of Burlington, and Hazel Higby of Iowa City.

There has been a considerable amount of gaiety among the various fraternities. Almost all of the Greeks have entertained with informal dances or parties at the chapter houses.

Our football team, with the new coach, Mr. Chalmers, opens its season under most favorable auspices and all things seem to predict for us a happy and successful year. Our earnest hope is that this may be shared by every member of Pi Beta Phi.

SADIE JACOBS.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

First and foremost, let us introduce to you—to speak in the same archaic way—our eleven pledges, who will soon wear the wine and silver blue of active membership in Wisconsin Alpha. They are Hildred Moser, of Madison; Cora Hinkley, of Milwaukee; Madge Burnham, Evansville; Clara Sawyer, Minneapolis; Genevieve Eaton, Superior; Helen Marsh, Neillsville; Katherine Harmon, Menominee, Mich.; Florence Rudolph, Canton, S. D.; Marian O'Neill, Neillsville; Rose Wellman, Washington, D. C., and Selma Vognild, Chicago.

These are our new girls whom we shall so proudly initiate into the mysteries of Pi Phidom. Then, too, we have three high school girls, Anna Blackburn, Ruth Jennings, and Marie Burnham, who have fallen victims most graciously to our successive rushing, bidding or "spiking," as some of our sisters say, and, of course, pledging.

Our new home girls, we are really conceited about it, for it is ideal. And to think that we have realized our shadowy hopes and expectations of such a little while ago and are living in a beautiful home which we can with true pride call our very own. This has surely added to our feeling of love, loyalty, and enthusiasm for Pi Beta Phi.

Mrs. Burnham, our new chaperone, has already won the hearts of us all, and our new girls are imbibing the real fraternity spirit. So, with the joys of our own home, a loving and helpful mother, and eleven splendid

freshmen, how can we resist saying, "There never was nothin' better nohow!"

And now, with the sincere hope that every girl will be true to herself and to her fraternity, Wisconsin Alpha bids you "Auf Wiedersehen."

CORA NORSMAN.

MISSOURI ALPHA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

The rushing season is over and what a relief it is! Missouri Alpha introduces to you six new Pi Phis, two of whom were pledged last year and four this year. They are Ethel Robnett, Erma Bonchell, Eunice Link, Rosamond Russell, Elsie Wadell and Florence Dorcy. They are splendid girls and a credit to any fraternity.

Our girls have been very busy in a social way this fall. The season was opened by a morning chocolate to which the faculty and town ladies were invited to meet the new girls. This was followed a few nights later by a large reception to all the fraternities. The studio for this occasion was decorated in golden rod, the parlor was brightened with flowers and the dining room was in wine and silver blue and carnations. The receiving line was composed of our very excellent chaperon, Mrs. Walter S. Williams, and several of our patronesses. Then we have given several special parties, while one of the most delightful functions of the season was the reception we gave to the visiting delegates of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Missouri Alpha wishes to extend best wishes for the year. We are comfortably situated in a chapter house and we hope all other chapters of Pi Beta Phi are as happy as we.

MARY MADALENE SMITH.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE, TULANE UNIVERSITY

It is indeed hard to realize that vacation is over and that the time has come for settling down to hard work once more. However, "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," and as we are at present all excitement over being back and seeing all the girls, let us not count the hours of study before us!

Newcomb is flourishing. Never before have there been nearly so many students as now, or half the enthusiasm and college spirit.

Owing to the fact that quite a few of the active members of last year have left college, our chapter will not be large this winter, but as "quality not quantity" counts, I think we shall manage to get along nicely.

Besides, we have three very enthusiastic pledges whom we expect to initiate soon. We did have five pledges, but two were unable to come to college, although we hope to have one of them with us in January.

The Young Women's Christian Association gave a reception to the freshman class soon after college opened and it was a great success.

Louisiana Alpha sends good wishes to all the chapters for a successful and happy year.

HARRIETTE WATERS.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Kansas Alpha asks all loyal Pi Phis to congratulate her on her four new freshmen who were just initiated Saturday night, October third. The fortunate girls are Mabel Marsh, Alice Duncan, Frances Newby, and Edna Dart. We gave them a royal initiation, with a fine cookie-shine, and a dog show by way of amusement. The rushing this year has been quite active and a little more prolonged than is usual. There have been also a larger number of informal hops than ever before.

I must tell you of the Pi Phi house party at Hiawatha in August. There were seventeen loyal Pi Phis there, and there were seventeen parties in the seven days that they were together. Everyone voted it a great thing for stirring up, and keeping alive, fraternity spirit during the long summer vacation.

On the Thursday after our arrival in Lawrence Mrs. Martha Manley-Hood invited us to a cookie-shine in honor of her sister, Nettie Manley, who was helping her settle down in her new home. It was an enthusiastic, thoroughly enjoyable "shine," which started us off well on the new year.

When we "counted noses" at our first business meeting of the year we were a little surprised to find so many, for we had been under the impression that we had lost a great many girls. To impress our rushees we had an afternoon tea at the beautiful home of Kate Nicholson-Blackmar, one of our alumnae. The next morning we had a chocolate, and the next day a reception at our chapter house. It was decorated with yellow flowers, nasturtiums, and our glorious golden rod. We were fortunate in having so many of our alumnae with us.

The university has opened most propitiously this year, with a large freshman class. In the two football games that we have played, we have scored first 32, then 34, to our opponents' nothing. So our athletic prospects are the very brightest.

"Here's to the girls that are kind and sweet,
Here's to the girls that are true,
Here's to the girls that rule my heart,
In other words, here's to you"—all Pi Phis.

MARY VIRGINIA KELLOGG.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The girls of Nebraska Beta have again gathered together from their homes in the state to live in an ideal chapter house. We are very proud of our house for it is the first one we have had for three years. We have already had some good times here. The dining room is very large, with hardwood floors, and on Friday evenings we hold informal dances there.

Our chaperone is the aunt of one of our girls and we have already learned to love her.

Of course every one in Lincoln—as in every other college town, I suppose—was very busy during rushing week.

On Wednesday evening we gave a chafing-dish party, on Thursday morning a card party, and on Thursday evening a very informal dance at the chapter house. Our parties were ended with a twilight musicale on Friday evening. We were very successful and now have eleven new girls to introduce to all Pi Phis. They are Eva and Ena Cooper, Magnolia Ewalt, Alice Swedeburg, Lulu Young, Eleanor Andrews, Jean McGeachin, Anita and Mildred Hazelwood, and two who were pledged before, Helen Waugh and Helen Dolson.

We have already held our initiation and all but two of our pledges were initiated. On account of the serious illness of their sister, Anita and Mildred Hazelwood were not initiated.

Our football team is already beginning to do some good work and we can no more than hope it will be as good as last year's team.

All our girls are very enthusiastic this year and the old girls are so, of course, and the freshmen are receiving the spirit from them.

We all feel that we owe much to two of our alumnae, Anne Stuart and Florence Fiske. They made all the arrangements for our chapter house and had it all ready for us when we came back.

Great success to all Pi Phis for this coming year.

KATE HEACOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Texas Alpha opens the year of 1903-4 with thirteen active members, besides a strong force of alumnae in town on whom we know we may rely at all times. A most delightful summer was reported by all the girls, but in spite of the good times that vacation always brings, the girls all seemed glad to be back for another year's work and enjoyment together.

The first thing that was done this year was the renting of a large chapter room at the home of Mrs. Doom just across the street from the campus. Mrs. Doom has consented to let us use her piano and each girl is taking a real joy in contributing dainty articles toward the furnishings.

We have planned to have an informal house-warming to all our friends the third Saturday of each month during the year. We will begin the series in October and of course we wish to make the first occasion particularly attractive; so all are busy with plans and preparations for it now.

The girls of the University are especially delighted with the convenience and beauty of the new Woman's Building, erected during the past year for a girls' dormitory. There is a large, well equipped gymnasium which has long been the greatest need of the University girls, and the parlors and halls are large enough for the social functions of the University, the floors being prepared for dancing.

The year was opened with a formal reception given to the new students at the Woman's Building. All who attended reported a most delightful afternoon, and the new-comers were made to feel at home in our midst by the kind hospitality of the matron.

During the summer the hearts of Pi Phi girls were made glad by two house-parties in their honor. One was given by Rosalis Battle at the home of her sister, and the other by Mildred Durst at her own home. Both were most delightful, and Pi Phi girls enjoyed being together, not as busy students, but as happy pleasure-seekers.

Texas Alpha has both lost and gained among the Austin alumnae this year. Jamie Armstrong, one of our charter members and leader of the final ball last year, has removed her home from Austin to West Texas. Jamie was a member of the original club that finally became Texas Alpha of Pi Beta Phi, and was one of the most earnest workers and influential members in the difficult matter of securing a charter. We all regret her departure, and our hearts go out with her to her new home.

On the other hand we have gained a strong supporter. Attie McClen-don, whose home for the past year has been in Guadalajara, Mexico, has accepted a position as teacher in the White's Academy of Austin. Attie was the life of the chapter while an active member, and it is with the greatest delight that we welcome her back again.

Texas Alpha begins the year with a firm determination to get the very most out of the coming season, and we are going to try to make our latest year our best. May it be a most pleasant and profitable year to all our sisters in Pi Phi.

EDITH J. CLAGGETT.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Colorado Alpha greets her Pi Phi sisters with great pleasure and trusts that all have had as pleasant a vacation as the eighteen girls who have gathered together at the University of Colorado, with bright hopes for the coming year. Our rushing season is practically over and it has been a most successful one. The first week several of our alumnae were with us: Fan-

nie Plummer-Morton, Claire Williams-Humphrey, and Julia McKinley-Denio. On Tuesday of that week we gave a large reception, and on Wednesday a chafing-dish party. As a result of our rushing we wish to introduce to all other Pi Phis our pledges, Honor Plummer from Idaho Springs, Mary Downer from Longmont, and Leone Enos and Elizabeth Fonda, both Boulder girls. We also gladly introduce a new patroness, Mrs. W. M. Buckingham. We have a beautiful chapter house this year; we have received some pretty presents from friends and alumnae, and we feel that no other house can compare with ours. Fifteen happy Pi Phis have their home in it, and we also have our own table, a fact of which we are very proud, as this is the first year we have attempted it.

We have done but little entertaining so far, but the men's fraternities have called informally, so we have passed some delightful evenings.

We are sorry to say that besides our senior of last year we have had to part with several other girls: Elizabeth Brown is at her home in Belvidere, Ill.; Ella Packard is spending the winter in California, and Luella Corbin and Jessie Thompson are attending Denver University. We are happy to say, however, that we have with us Mary Fowler of Pennsylvania Beta and Marie Bradley of Illinois Delta and we hope that they will have as pleasant a year as they would have with their own chapters. Maude Knapp is taking special work in the University this year and Sara Herron, who was teaching last year, has re-entered college.

Colorado Alpha sends best wishes to all Pi Phis and hopes that they will all have a successful year.

GERTRUDE ALLEN TEAGUE.

COLORADO BETA

Our chapter has had great success this year in rushing. We had meetings every other week during the summer vacation and we planned our "rushing" before college opened. We started in with eleven active girls, three pledges to be initiated and three preparatory school pledges. We have now four new girls to introduce to our sister Pi Phis: Florence Spencer, Helen Crane, Bessie Bliss and Grace Deisher. These girls will soon be wearing the arrow and will be strong workers for the glory of Pi Beta Phi.

On the opening day we gave a luncheon for new girls at the home of Ethel Miller in University Park. Then we gave a five o'clock tea and a party, to which all the new girls and fraternity men were invited. This was all we did but it seemed to be enough.

The men of Beta Theta Pi gave a party at their house September twenty-sixth at which Pi Phi was well represented.

The Kappa Sigma boys give a coaching party to the football game be-

tween our college and the University of Nebraska, on Saturday, October tenth. A number of our girls will attend.

We are glad to have Ethel Van Cise of Lombard in our chapter again this year.

We now have a chapter room of which we are very proud. We have besides two fine lots of our own and some time we expect to build us a house but now we are happy to have a room.

Maude Walker, one of our graduates of last June, was married July first to Richard Wensley and she is now housekeeping in Denver in a dear little flat where we Pi Phis are always welcome.

We extend best wishes to all the girls and hope they will have a prosperous year.

MARCIA MURRAY.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The year has opened very brightly for us, the first two weeks bringing us many delightful surprises. The first was the return of Olive Gundry. We had feared that we were not to have her with us this year, so that, when she came and brought her mother with her to be our sweet motherly chaperone we were more than delighted.

The house was made ready for the returning girls by a little forethought and planning during the summer, so that when we assembled, everything was soon in smooth running order.

We were more than fortunate in having Elizabeth Adams with us for the first month and Dora Bramlet for the first two weeks, and we all regretted keenly the days on which Beth left to take up her position in the Fresno high school, and Dora to return to her home. Daisy Ryone visited us for a few days, long enough to make us realize how much we lose in parting with her. Isadore Van Gilder paid us a short visit on her way to Stanford University.

California Beta started the year with thirteen active members. The number has proved anything but unlucky for we are very soon to add five to it. We are very glad to introduce to you our five pledges, Ora Lucas, Florence Zeigenfuss, Mabel Adele Goddard, Myra Georgia Cook, and Edith White.

The unlucky number has been further offset by the beautiful little "mascot," a thoroughbred spaniel that was recently left in our care. "Buster," a name as inappropriate as a name can be, has become a very important member of the household.

Chief among the pleasures of the fall have been the visits of some eastern Pi Phis. Susan Stone of Missouri Alpha came one day, and has made her name immortal among us by the Missouri pennant which she

has since sent us. Helen Rogers of Swarthmore College also visited us. We do enjoy meeting these sisters from the different chapters.

Roberta Akers, ex-'04, on her way to Chicago to continue her work at the Art Institute, will be with us for initiation, and we hope to have several other "old" members to help us drive the goat.

We have had some very rare treats in the dramatic line, in the college work this fall. The presentation of the old English Morality Play, "Everyman," by Ben Greet's noted London company, opened the season.

The dedication of the new Greek theater, which has been built in the beautiful natural amphitheater of our campus, by Mr. William Hearst, and presented by him to the University, took the form of a cycle of plays which were presented in the vast open air auditorium.

The first was appropriately a Greek play. After the dedicatory addresses by Mr. Hearst, Mr. Weed, the discoverer of the site, John Galen Howard, the architect, and President Wheeler, the play, scenes from "The Birds" of Aristophanes, was presented by the students of the classical departments.

The second in the cycle was Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," presented by the English Company under the management of the famous Ben Greet.

The last play was Racine's Phèdre, given by the students of the French department.

This bare announcement can not convey any idea of how exceedingly interesting were these widely differing presentations, given there in the golden sunshine of these fall days, under California's blue, blue sky, in the classic atmosphere of a Greek theater.

This theater promises to become one of the greatest features of the University, for in it we shall hold, whenever the weather permits, all University meetings, rallies and all gatherings that can be held in the open air.

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California Beta wishes for all her sister chapters a year pleasant, prosperous and happy.

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