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May Copeland-Reynolds

Grand Vice President

L. May Copeland was a student at Hillsdale College from 1886 to 1888 and was initiated into Pi Beta Phi as a charter member of Michigan Alpha, May twenty-first, 1887. On June twelfth, 1895, she was married to Mr. Chauncey R. Reynolds, Phi Delta Theta, and went to make her home in Kansas City, Missouri. After the death of her husband in June, 1896, Mrs. Reynolds was for six years a teacher in the schools of Kansas City. In 1902 she became supervisor of music for the schools of Hartford City, Indiana, and at present occupies a similar position at Fostoria, Ohio.

Mrs. Reynolds' work for the fraternity has been nearly continuous. Before her marriage she assisted in the organization of Michigan Beta, and installed the two chapters in Ohio, her native state. Since then she has served as a member of the literary bureau and has given much time and strength to the interests of the Alumnae Association. Her election as Grand Vice-President at the St. Louis Convention is in itself assurance that the interests of the alumnae will be well looked after, and that the Grand Council has gained a most loyal, interested and enthusiastic fraternity woman.

Some Pi Phi Doctors of Philosophy

Mary B. Harris

Mary Belle Harris, Pennsylvania Beta, was graduated in 1894 from Bucknell University, of which her father is president, and a year later received the degree of Master of Arts from the same college with highest honor. The next year was spent in teaching in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and in the fall of 1896, Miss Harris entered the University of Chicago as a graduate student in Sanskrit, Latin and Greek. From 1897 to 1900 she held the Bucknell fellowship at Chicago, and in June, 1900, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Since 1900 she has held the position of instructor in Latin at Dearborn Seminary, one of the oldest and most exclusive institutions in Chicago.

Dr. Harris managed the Latin play "The Flight of Aeneas," which was brought out last June at Leon Mandel theater, University of Chicago. Her versatility is further shown by a group of three charming little songs recently published, for which she composed the music.

Dr. Harris was one of the earliest members of Pennsylvania Beta, having been initiated but a few months after the installation of the chapter. She is a member of the Alumnae Association, has served as vice-president of the Alumnae Council and has always been a most loyal member of the fraternity.

Professor Gertrude H. Beggs

Gertrude Harper Beggs was born at Pleasant Hill, Missouri, February twenty-seventh, 1874, and received her early education in the public schools of St. Louis and of Central City, Colorado. She fitted for college in the preparatory department of Drury College at Springfield, Missouri, and passed the first two years of her college course in the same institution. In the fall of 1891 she entered Denver University as a junior and was graduated from the classical course in 1893.



GERTRUDE H. BEGGS



MARY B. HARRIS
ELFRIEDA HOCHBAUM-POPE MARY BARTHOL-THEISS
EDITH C. BRAMHALL

After more than four years of high school teaching in Denver, Miss Beggs received a scholarship at Yale in the fall of 1898, and has spent three years there in graduate study along classical lines. Her graduate course has been interrupted by a year's work as principal of the academic department at Stanley Hall, Minneapolis, and by two years as professor of Latin in Denver University. In the fall of 1903 Miss Beggs returned to Yale as fellow in Greek, and last June received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, presenting a thesis on "The Adnominal Genitive in Lysias." Even before taking her degree she was appointed professor of Greek at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and entered upon her duties last September.

Miss Beggs was initiated into Colorado Beta in November, 1891, and is one of the alumnae of whom that chapter can be most rightfully proud.

Mary Bartol-Theiss

Mary Bartol entered Bucknell University in the fall of 1890 with an enviable record for scholarship, and during her freshman year won second prize for the best college preparation in a class of fifty-nine. She was graduated in 1894 *summa cum laude*, and spent the following year at Bucknell, completing the work for the degree of Master of Arts. From 1895 to 1897 she was a graduate student at the University of Michigan, and did advanced work in Greek, Latin and Romance Languages. During that time she was offered a graduate scholarship in Greek at Bryn Mawr, but refused it. In 1897 Miss Bartol entered the University of Pennsylvania for work in Greek, Latin and comparative philology, and remained there two years, holding the Bennett fellowship in classical languages during the last year of her course. In June, 1899, the university granted her the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Her thesis, "Traces of Homeric Influence in the Tragedies of Sophocles," was considered an exceptionally scholarly piece of work.

After receiving her degree, Miss Bartol was appointed to the head of the department of Greek and Latin at Rockford College,

and held that position until her marriage, which took place June thirtieth, 1903.

Probably no member of Pi Beta Phi has found time, amid the press of study and other interests, to devote more continuous effort to the work of the fraternity than has Mrs. Theiss. She was one of the charter members of Pennsylvania Beta and was its first convention delegate. From 1895 to 1897 she was a member of the literary bureau, for the two years following was president of Alpha Province, and in 1899 was elected Grand Secretary by the Syracuse Convention, in which office she is now serving her third term. She has compiled and edited both editions of our song book, and the words of many of the favorite songs are from her pen. For four years she has served as fraternity cataloguer, and has compiled the excellent annual supplements that keep our membership record up-to-date. As an example of her fraternity spirit, it may be mentioned that the first edition of the song book was published during the year that Miss Bartol was preparing for her doctor's examinations, while the catalogue supplement for 1903 was printed and sent out within two weeks of her marriage.

At the Bucknell commencement last June Mrs. Theiss was chosen to deliver the alumni poem,—the first time such an honor has ever been accorded to a woman.

Mrs. Theiss belongs to a family with strong fraternity interests. Her father, who is professor of mathematics at Bucknell, is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, and her mother is a patroness of Pennsylvania Beta. Her husband, Mr. Lewis E. Theiss of the *New York Sun*, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, although those who met him at the St. Louis Convention are ready to vote him a most loyal and enthusiastic Pi Phi.

Professor May Lansfield Keller

May Lansfield Keller was fitted for college at the Girls' Latin School of Baltimore, and was graduated at the Woman's College of Baltimore in 1898 as Bachelor of Arts. She was a graduate student in English and German at the Uni-

versity of Chicago during the year 1899-1900 and at the University of Berlin in 1900-01. In 1901-02 she held the alumnae fellowship of the Woman's College of Baltimore. She passed the last four years at the universities of Berlin and Heidelberg. Dr. Keller has this fall been appointed head of the Germanic department of Wells College, at Aurora, N. Y.

Miss Keller is one of the charter members of Maryland Alpha, Pi Beta Phi, and was actively and constantly engaged in advancing the interests of the fraternity until her departure to take up university work abroad, in September, 1900. While that interest never abated it was renewed in personal service on her return to her own country in June of this year.

Miss Keller, after attending Berlin University for a season, went to the University of Heidelberg, from which, in the spring of 1904, she received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the philological department, *magna cum laude*. Her specialties are the English, German and French languages. In addition to her exceptional educational equipment, she has traveled in almost every country of Europe, visiting the great educational and art centers of the old world.

With a genius for personal adaptation to environment, she unites a reserve fund of enthusiasm which makes life worth the living, and duty worth the doing; so whether climbing the Alps, or digging into the dry-as-dust matters of philology, or seeing a coronation (as at Madrid, Spain, 1902), or visiting the court operas, she managed to gather a fund of knowledge outside of books and formal lines of study which have helped to give her a profound and comprehensive preparation for the successful discharge of life's duties and responsibilities.

Elfrieda Hochbaum-Pope

Among the graduates especially esteemed by the faculty and students of Northwestern University, Elfrieda Hochbaum-Pope is prominent. When she had completed four years of conscientious work in 1899 she had the highest standing of any in

her class, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; in the same year she received the two degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts, an unusual honor. Her thesis, "The Influence of the American Revolution on German Literature," became recognized as an authority both in this country and in Germany.

Miss Hochbaum spent the year 1900-01 in study at the University of Leipsic, Germany. In 1901 she received a fellowship in German at Cornell University, New York, and in 1902 obtained there the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Then followed two years of teaching at Wells College, New York, where she held the chair of German. In June, 1904, she was married to Paul Russell Pope, Ph. D., instructor of German at Cornell University. She now lives in Ithaca, where she is engaged in further study at Cornell University and in assisting in the compilation of German text books.

Mrs. Pope is justly considered a fine and brilliant woman. Of engaging manners, high ideals, and unflinching determination in following out those ideals, she is admired and loved not only by her immediate friends but by all who come in touch with her.

Professor Edith C. Bramhall

Edith C. Bramhall, Indiana Beta, was graduated from Indiana State University in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For the three years following her graduation she held a fellowship in history in the University of Pennsylvania, and received the Master's degree from that university in 1896, and in 1898 that of Doctor of Philosophy. During the following year she was fellow in history at Bryn Mawr College.

For a year Dr. Bramhall taught in Indianapolis, and in 1900 was elected instructor in Ancient and Mediaeval History at Rockford College. Two years later she was promoted to be head of the department of history and economics, a position which she still holds.

Professor Bramhall has gained in unusual degree the esteem of her instructors, her associates and her students for grasp of



MAY LANSFIELD KELLER



MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN-CATT

her subject and her unusually high standard of scholarly attainment. She keeps abreast of all that is newest and best in historical thought, and finds time in the midst of her teaching for a considerable amount of research work. She is a member of the American Historical Society, and has traveled and studied abroad.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt

Probably no alumna of Pi Beta Phi has equalled the national, and even the international, reputation of Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt, former president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, secretary of the Berlin Congress of Women, and president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. It is with very great pleasure that we reprint from the *ARROW* of April, 1900, the following account of her life and work:

"Carrie Lane was initiated into Iowa Gamma of Pi Beta Phi at Iowa State College in 1878. Following her graduation in 1880 she studied law. Later she became principal of the high school and superintendent of schools in Mason City, Iowa, a position she held for three years. There she met Mr. Leo Chapman, to whom she was married in 1884. He was editor of the *Mason City Republican*, and she became joint owner and editor with him. On account of the ill health of Mr. Chapman, they sold the paper about a year later and went to California. During that year Mrs. Chapman had shown marked ability as a writer, and after the death of her husband she remained in San Francisco doing newspaper work, being the first woman reporter in that city. While in that work her attention was first called to the difficult task of working women in large cities to gain a livelihood and retain their respectability. As her sympathies went out to them she sought a means of relief and very soon found herself a suffragist.

"In 1891 she married Mr. George W. Catt, president of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company, engineers and contractors. He is in full sympathy with her work and has contributed largely to

its funds. Under her able management as chairman of the national organization committee, the annual income of the Woman Suffrage Association grew from \$2,000 to \$15,000. She has lectured in nearly every state and territory of the union in the interests of equal suffrage."

Alice Stone Blackwell says of her: "Mrs. Catt, in addition to being a good organizer and eloquent speaker, has in pre-eminent degree the gift of statesmanship,—the power of understanding and dealing wisely with political conditions, of laying plans on long lines and combining all the elements that lead to victory."

She is "an all-around woman, a good housekeeper, an accomplished cook, an enthusiastic gardener and cultivator of flowers, a tasteful dressmaker and milliner; in fact, well tried in all housewifely arts."

The wife of a man of means, the head of a happy home, the center of a large social circle, and a woman of culture with all that is implied by the word, she is one of the new type of woman suffragists.

The Berlin Congress and Mrs. Catt

It is a great pleasure to be able to give a number of extracts from reports of the International Congress of Women, held at Berlin last June. These not only give some idea of the character of the meetings, but show the universal esteem in which Mrs. Catt is held:

"The American church was filled to overflowing on the Sunday before the opening of the meetings, and when Rev. Anna Howard Shaw arose to offer prayer, the audience resembled a field of wheat stirred by a breeze, as it leaned forward to see a woman preacher. It seemed most fitting that the first woman who ever entered a pulpit in Germany should be Susan B. Anthony, for among the earliest demands made by Mrs. Stanton and herself in 1852 was one that women should be permitted to enter the ministry and have part in all church councils. It was a touching spectacle—this grand old apostle of freedom, in her eighty-fifth year, as with a tone of triumph in her voice she contrasted the

position of women now and half a century ago. The inspiring address of Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt, which followed, brought the audience so near to applause that Miss Shaw came quickly forward to pronounce the benediction and request that they observe reverently the day and place. Rev. Dr. Dickie looked proud and pleased as he offered his arm to Miss Anthony, literally to rescue her, as the entire congregation of women pressed forward and fairly took her in their embrace."

"Your hearts would have throbbed with a quickened emotion if you could have looked into the faces of the intelligent and earnest women who, from all quarters of the globe, met on the morning of June 3 in the Prinz Albrecht Hall. Their serious dead-in-earnestness impressed me greatly.

There was a long table crowded with the representatives of the press from many countries, and their enthusiastic appreciation of our vote not to exclude the representatives of the press from our meetings was shown in the excellent reports which have been given of our proceedings.

The German law forbids a foreigner or a foreign association to call or open a meeting. It must be done by a German or a German society; so Dr. Anita Augspurg, president of the German Suffrage Association, called the meeting to order, then passed it over to Miss Anthony, who, as chairman of the temporary organization formed at Washington two years ago, presided.

When she arose, there was such a demonstration as we seldom see in our country. It was not noisy, but each face beamed with a fullness of joy and gratitude as they looked, many of them for the first time, upon the face of the beloved leader who, they feel, is their leader also. As one of the German papers said, 'She is our Aunt Susan, too.' Amid this almost silent enthusiasm Miss Anthony's voice rang out as clear, and with the same old-time, simple, business-like ring, as it did twenty years ago.

The Berlin papers are full of expressions of surprise and praise of such vigor of mind and body in a woman 84 years of age.

"During the two weeks' almost continuous sessions of the

present Council, every utterance in favor of suffrage has been received with tumultuous applause. The one evening and one day devoted exclusively to this subject, although coming at the end of a most fatiguing week, brought audiences of thousands—at least nine-tenths of them women—and, not satisfied with the many speeches, they demanded a general discussion. At the morning meeting the audience sat or stood from 9 a. m. until 2 p. m. without interim for luncheon or rest. Such intense interest, such wild enthusiasm, never were seen in the United States outside of a political rally in a heated campaign. Among the speakers were several distinguished Socialists, men and women, who declared that the enfranchisement of women never would come except through the Social Democratic party. This statement was wildly applauded by a considerable part of the audience, but they were overwhelmed by the cries of the opposition. At last Mrs. Chapman-Catt of the United States was called for, and, coming from the audience to the platform, she made a most impassioned plea that the women would not ally themselves with any political party, and she warned them that all—Conservatives, Liberals and Socialists alike—would sacrifice women without scruple whenever they could advance their own interests by doing so. She was followed by Miss Anthony, who, with all the fire of twenty years ago, showed how this had been done again and again by the political parties of the United States. She begged women to put aside all party affiliations, and stand together in one united effort for their own political freedom."

"Mrs. Catt is winning all hearts. Her evident ability, her clear, strong, penetrating voice and logical method of presentation, together with the winning womanliness of her appearance, have impressed every one. She was promptly elected president of the International Suffrage Association without a dissenting voice, and everyone is pleased with the choice.

When the time comes for women to hold office in America, we shall have some well prepared for such places by the labor and the diplomacy incidental to leadership in women's organizations.

They will not be the traditional young woman with a baby in

arms, as is so often feared by the anti-suffragists, but practiced and well-seasoned workers, as well able to serve their country as they are now to serve the cause of women."

"The American delegates, as the German attendants point out, made a general impression, owing to the superiority of their oratory, clear, concise statements and distinct, deliberate speaking. Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt, the Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Mrs. Gilman developed into great favorites with the audiences, and Miss Susan B. Anthony received an ovation whenever she interjected the fewest simple remarks, often writing autographs in the intervals for her German admirers. On the evening of June 18 the municipality gave the delegates a great farewell reception at the City Hall."

"Mrs. Chapman-Catt, who, as secretary of the temporary organization has carried on the work of calling this conference together, had the details of the plan of organization perfectly arranged, and had every necessary part of the work so systematized that it was made comparatively easy to work out a permanent plan. By her clearness and perfect understanding of methods, and by her tact in explaining and smoothing over difficult points, Mrs. Catt has greatly endeared herself to the suffrage women the world over."

"Second to Miss Anthony in the popular estimation have been Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt, and an equal division of the honors may be accorded to them. There have been few meetings when they were not called upon for speeches, even though they might not have been on the program for that occasion, and they never have failed to reflect the highest credit on the United States. The great executive power of Mrs. May Wright Sewall and her ability as a presiding officer have been referred to in previous letters. The higher education of women in our country has had its ablest representative in Dr. M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr College, who, with Miss Mary Garrett of Baltimore, has been in attendance throughout the Congress. Although president of a woman's college, her address declared in the strongest terms for co-education, and urged the

women of Europe to devote their time and effort, in their respective countries, first of all to opening the universities to women."

The Law as a Profession for Women

Of all the professions or occupations now filling up with a daily increasing number of women, that of law probably has fewer recruits than any other, excepting, of course, those that demand physical strength as a requisite to success. The reasons for this are probably two: first, the ignorance of the law that is widespread among women, and the dread of its so-called red tape and technicalities, and secondly, the publicity that is forced upon lawyers in performing the duties of their professions. The doctor, the dentist, the artist does her work in the privacy of her office or studio or in the home of her patient. The lawyer tries her cases in crowded court rooms, under the critical eye of the judge, with twelve men to bring to her view of the case, and with the learning and methods of the opposing counsel to combat, and any show of hesitancy or self-consciousness would be fatal to the finish of her work.

The women of this country who study law may be divided into two classes; first, those who do so as a preliminary to entering the profession as regular practitioners, and secondly, those who pursue the study without any intention of taking up the practice. This article will of course deal with the members of the first class, although in point of numbers they are greatly in the minority.

Of the second sort I may say briefly that the majority of women who study law do so without any intention of practicing. Their numbers are made up chiefly of stenographers or business women, who take up some one or more branches of the law, quite frequently attending the night schools in our cities and seeking to use the knowledge acquired as a means of advancement or in furtherance of their business. I may add to this list, however, a very few women of property who manage their own estates and whom experience has taught that some knowledge of

law is absolutely indispensable to the intelligent management of their business interests, and also an occasional student who finds that as a means of broadening the mind and strengthening the reasoning faculties the law has no equal.

But to get back to the woman who intends to practice. The law has long ranked at the head of professions for men, and equally high, and equally desirable in my opinion, does it rank for a woman, *provided*, that woman enters the practice with a reverence for the law in her very being, with a knowledge of the difficulties to be overcome, and with a love of study. It has been demonstrated times without number that one must be naturally adapted to any line of work he takes up in order to be a success in that particular line, and I am certainly firm in my belief that no woman can make a success of the law unless she has a great natural liking for the subject, and to this liking must be added a thorough understanding of what she is going into. It takes years of work and years of waiting before what the world calls success is attained, and above and beyond everything else it takes never-ending study. There is an old adage to the effect that it takes five years of work, hard study, and constant practice to make a lawyer—not a great lawyer, nor even a good lawyer—but merely to be worthy the name of lawyer. If a woman thoroughly realizes all this, and still desires to take up the practice, then I take the stand that no work, no profession, no vocation can quite come up to that of practicing law.

And now as to the education necessary, and previous training desirable. With a good academic education as a basis, from three to four years study at a good law school is necessary with as much outside attendance at court as is possible. I can not emphasize too strongly the subject of frequent attendance at court. It is a point that is too often overlooked or neglected by young law students, but it is the only way, short of actual practical experience, in which you may familiarize yourself with court procedure. As to the previous training desirable, there is a conflict of opinion among members of the bar as to the best method of obtaining this. Myself, I believe that one year's

actual work in the office of an attorney of high ability and large practice will teach a young lawyer more of the details of filing suits, and drawing up papers, than she would learn in years of her own budding practice. This training, however, is equally, if not more, effective if it precedes the study of law. I have always counted myself fortunate that years of training in my father's law office familiarized me to some extent at least with the details of drawing up legal papers, preparing petitions, instructions to jury, bills of exceptions, briefs and transcripts, and that frequent attendance at court, years before I thought of practicing law, made me conversant to some slight extent with court procedure, and aided me materially, when I started into the practice for myself.

To every woman contemplating taking up some profession or line of work,—whether she does so from a love of that work, or as a means of earning her daily bread, there are two facts of vital importance—first, the difficulties that she will encounter in that undertaking, and secondly, the compensation to be derived therefrom.

The difficulties to be overcome by the young lawyer will depend very materially upon the disposition and temperament of the woman herself—that is, whether she is naturally endowed with the requisites to successful law practice, or whether they must be acquired by sad experience. But this much is necessary—she must be prepared for hard work, and ceaseless study, and for a period of waiting for “clients who do not come.” The lawyer who steps into a large and lucrative practice direct from the law school, is like the man who never lost a case during a life time of large practice—sometimes heard about, but seldom if ever seen. She must be prepared to do the trivial, petty things, when she longs for the complicated—to straighten out marital infelicities when she longs for the intricacies of great problems. She must keep a cool head, be slow to anger, and must never let her sympathy run away with her judgment. She must be a good judge of human nature, and able to handle all sorts of people in such a way as to get the most out of them with the least fric-

tion. There is another thing that will not effect the woman lawyer of the future, but which the one of today has to contend with, and that is the notoriety that is forced upon her. She must be prepared to be an object of curiosity,—to try her cases before an audience that is there for the expressed purpose of “hearing a woman lawyer,” and she must either actually be, or must appear unconscious of it all. The self-conscious woman can never make a success of practicing law. She must be able to place the interest of her client above her own, to stand on the merits of her case, and never for one instant to take advantage

The compensations of a woman who surmounts the difficulties of a budding law practice, are so many and varied, that I hesitate to enter upon them. The financial side, I can not, of course, touch upon at all, as that will depend upon the woman herself, and upon her environments. But aside from this, the woman who practices law will find that she has entered upon one of the most fascinating of subjects, indeed she will have to watch to keep it from absorbing all her energies. Intellectually, she has a constant feast. And its effect upon her character can not be ignored. She can not successfully perform her duties, and remain narrow minded or intolerant of the frailties of others. Her opportunities for doing good, for helping the helpless, for righting the wronged are unlimited. And by no means least, she will find that she is a member of a profession, from the other members of which she will receive nothing but the most unfailing courtesy and thoughtful consideration.

The objection is frequently made that the woman in business unsexes herself, that she loses her womanly qualities and is not accorded by her business associates the respect that the woman in the home is given. A careful consideration of these criticisms will invariably disclose the fact that they are made by persons who have absolutely no knowledge of the conditions that they so learnedly discuss and so positively condemn. The woman in the practice of law will find that she has to deal and come in contact with the very finest men of the country, gentlemen who are unfailingly courteous in every instance.

That the law is a lucrative occupation for women, and that they may successfully compete with men in a profession that has so long been looked upon as essentially a masculine prerogative, has been demonstrated. The number of women practicing law is small, but the proportion of these who are winning "fame and fortune" is gratifying to those who have the interests of the professional woman at heart.

The common idea that you have to constantly combat prejudice, and fight for every inch of recognition you obtain, is erroneous. At the present time I know of no field where the outlook is any better, or of no one for whom the future looks any brighter than for the woman who adopts the law as her profession.

GRATIA EVELYN WOODSIDE,
Missouri Alpha, 1900.

Some Pi Phi Professional Women

Dr. Mary M. Wolfe

Mary M. Wolfe was born and grew up in the little town of Lewisburg, Pa. Her father was a man of some prominence in the state, having at one time been a candidate for the governorship of Pennsylvania. She received her preparatory education at Bucknell Institute, in Lewisburg, and during her preparatory course took several prizes, one of which was the prize for the best scholarship in the senior year. In the autumn of 1892 she entered Bucknell University and during her junior year became one of the charter members of Pennsylvania Beta, which was established in 1895. She was graduated from Bucknell University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896. While in college, the junior prize in Oratory and the second prize in Psychology fell to her lot. Being very fond of athletics, she was made captain of the college girls' basket ball team in her senior year. She entered the medical department of the University of Michigan in the fall of 1896 and was graduated in medicine from that university in June, 1899.

On August 14th, 1899, Dr. Wolfe was appointed an assistant physician at the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, Pa., a position which she continued to hold until February 1st, 1901, when, at the early age of twenty-six, she was promoted to the position of chief physician of the Women's Department. The Norristown State Hospital is by far the largest hospital for the insane in Pennsylvania and is one of the largest in the United States. In the Women's Department, of which Dr. Wolfe has charge, there are over twelve hundred women patients and she has about one hundred and forty nurses under her immediate supervision as well as three assistant physicians. The position of chief physician at the Norristown State Hospital is unique in that it is equivalent to that of superintendent in other hospitals for the insane and Dr. Wolfe's standing is unique in that she is the only woman physician in the United States that holds such a position, as she is directly responsible to the Board of Trustees and not to a man superintendent.

Dr. Phoebe R. Norris

Dr. Phoebe R. Norris was born in Maryland, but spent her girlhood in Pennsylvania, where she received her academic training at Juniata College. After teaching three years in the public schools of Pennsylvania, she came to Washington to enter the government service as a clerk in the treasury. Pondering on the problems of life, Dr. Norris became deeply impressed with the urgent need for women physicians and she decided to adopt this arduous profession for a life work. She entered the medical school of Columbian, now George Washington University, and was graduated in 1891. The only other woman in the class was also a charter member of Columbia Alpha, Mrs. D. K. Shute, then Augusta M. Pettigrew.

For three years after receiving her medical degree Dr. Norris retained her position in the treasury, doing post-graduate work during her leisure hours. In addition to this she had the valuable experience of almost a year's work in the Polyclinic and

other institutions of Boston before entering on the struggle of professional work. What these struggles were, she passes over in uncomplaining silence. Suffice it to say that if, for a young man, the first years of his career as a physician are full of uncertainties, disappointments and anxieties, for a woman there is added the disadvantage of her sex. Yet the greater the obstacles, so much the more triumphant is success when it shows its face at last; and success has crowned the faithful work of Dr. Norris. In addition to her practice, she serves on the staff of the Crittenton Home and the Woman's Clinic.

The fraternity ideals are an ever present motive power with Dr. Norris, whose view of life is well summarized in her own words: "I covet the simple life more than the diversions of society, discipline myself in thinking much upon the universal brotherhood of man, and then am happily content in the company of a few Pi Phis."

—M. I. K.

Gratia E. Woodside

Gratia Evelyn Woodside, attorney-at-law, with office in the Carleton building, St. Louis, was born in Salem, Mo., October twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred seventy-nine. After attending the public schools of her home town, she graduated from Central College in Lexington, Mo., and entered the law department of the University of Missouri in 1898, graduating in 1900. She received the junior scholarship at the close of her first year's study at the university and was second for both the valedictory and senior essay medal in a class of over fifty men. Miss Woodside was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Missouri in June, 1900, and is the only woman who has ever tried a case before that body.

After being admitted to the bar she practiced with her father, a circuit judge, until January, 1903, when she located in St. Louis, where she has had a most successful practice. She has the distinction of being the only woman lawyer in St. Louis and has



ELMINA WILSON



ALDA WILSON



GRATIA E. WOODSIDE

only one rival in the entire state. Miss Woodside became a Pi Phi in the fall of '99 and has always been most enthusiastic, as all who attended convention in St. Louis can testify for all will remember the energetic Grand Guide.

Elmina Wilson,

Alda Wilson

Miss Elmina Wilson (B. C. E., '92, C. E., '94) and Miss Alda Wilson (B. C. E., '94) are two of the honored alumnae of the Iowa State College. Elmina Wilson was the first woman in the country to graduate from a full college course in civil engineering, and probably no other women have done so much work in engineering lines as these two.

Their early life was spent at Harper, Iowa. After graduating from college Elmina Wilson held the position of instructor in the Civil Engineering department of the Iowa State College until 1902, when she was promoted to an assistant professorship. She had especial charge of the laboratory and drafting room work, and her services were considered indispensable. During this period Miss Wilson also took advanced work at different times at Cornell University, Armour Institute, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, besides which she was employed during part of her vacations in structural drafting offices.

Alda Wilson, after graduation, took advanced work in architectural lines at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and until 1903 was actively and successfully engaged at work in the offices of various architects.

In 1903-4 the Misses Wilson spent a year traveling in Europe, giving especial attention to the study of architecture. Their tour extended to Greece. Since returning to America they have been engaged respectively in structural engineering and in architectural work in New York city. No better examples can be found of those refined, intellectual American girls who today are capable of engaging with the highest credit in the most scientific professions.

The Work of a Pi Phi

(Reprinted in part from the ARROW for January, 1902.)

Those of I. C. days will remember Mrs. Gaynor as Jessie L. Smith, the leader of the university choir in Iowa City. They will remember, too, her work outside of college as a teacher of music and director of a piano quartette.

Mrs. Gaynor's professional career, however, commenced some twelve years since, when she settled in St. Joseph, Missouri. Here she organized the first musical club which now has forty members, and composed her first work, "An Album of Songs," consisting of "Night Hath a Thousand Eyes," "If I were a Bee," "And I," "Lullaby," "Cradle Song," and "Sleep Song."

Like most young writers Mrs. Gaynor had a trying experience in submitting her first composition to a publisher. Accompanied by a prominent business man, she went to the office of Summy, The Chicago publisher, to sing a few of her songs. Summy hesitated and asked if she could sell one hundred copies at one dollar each. Visions of friends martyred in her cause rose before the young composer's eyes, when her business friend came to the rescue. "All that Mrs. Gaynor doesn't sell, the — Piano Company will take."

Said Summy: "A woman of such staunch friends must have merit."

After the book had been published a few months he wrote, "Never mind your one hundred copies; your book is a success."

Thus encouraged in her first attempt Mrs. Gaynor went to Chicago for a year of study. During this time she wrote the "Album of Rose Songs," so named for her little daughter Rose. Continued success led to her remaining permanently in Chicago. It was here she met Mrs. Alice D. Riley, who now writes the words to Mrs. Gaynor's music.

Their first work together was the child song "Jerushy." This was soon followed by a book of "Kindergarten Songs," which

are now used in Chicago and other schools of the west. The demand for this style of composition was such that Mrs. Gaynor has been literally thrown into the field of children's songs. The "Playtime Songs" were next published, the most popular of which are "Gingerbread Man," "Jap Doll" and "Slumber Boat."

In 1900 "The House that Jack Built" appeared. This is a charming little opera by Mrs. Gaynor, with a definite plot worked out from Mother Goose melodies by Mrs. Riley. During the winter of 1900 the operetta had a run of eight performances with such success that it is now in the hands of a professional manager.

Meanwhile Mrs. Gaynor carried on her regular work of teaching and lecturing in Chicago, being associated successively with Mrs. Starrett's School for Girls, Mrs. Regina Watson's Piano School, the Chicago Conservatory of music in connection with Leopold Godowsky, the vocal department of the Training School of Chicago, and the Free Kindergarten Association.

As a teacher Mrs. Gaynor has a method of her own. "Music," she says, "should be a means of expression. Since children demand expression of all the emotions, they must learn to formulate their musical thoughts as well as those of speech. Therefore a child must learn to sing as he learns to talk. Moreover, he must be able not only to read the musical thoughts of others but to write his own, just as he learns to write his mother tongue. My pupils compose exercises to practice just as they construct grammatical sentences to parse. Thus they learn not only to perceive their own defects, but by comparison to appreciate the true worth of the masters."

To express it theoretically: "The material of which music is made is the diatonic scale which expresses exact tone relationship. To discern exactly the relationship of one tone to another is to have an educated musical ear. To develop the hearing ear into absolute accuracy of discernment is the first duty of every teacher of music."

CATHERINE SOUTHER.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

"Peace on earth, good will to men." Last year California Beta had a Christmas tree. The celebration occurred on the return from the Christmas holidays, as the examinations took place until the very eve of Christmas, making such an event impossible before college closed. Would it not be a charming farewell and quite in keeping with the spirit of the season to have, before we leave for our homes, in those colleges where such is possible, a "fraternal family" celebration of the Yule-tide? Would not the bond of friendship and sisterhood be more closely drawn by observances such as these?

*A Pi Phi
Christmas Tree*

California Beta.

With the holidays approaching, Indiana Gamma wonders what other chapters do to celebrate this joyful time. Of course there is the traditional Christmas tree and the more modern Christmas box, but these are selfish devices. It seems that with our high ideals of womanhood we should pause occasionally amid college gaieties and give a thought to persons less fortunate than ourselves.

*One Way of
Celebrating*

This year one of our girls conceived the idea of doing a little charity work. The City Charity Organization assigned to us a certain poor family for whose Christmas joys we will be held responsible. So instead of laboring over gifts for each other, we brought our money and energy together one afternoon and spent the time in dressing dolls and making clothes for little children. We hope their Christmas will be as merry as ours.

Perhaps other chapters have better plans. We should be glad to hear of them.

Indiana Gamma.

What shall be the attitude of the college fraternity to the numerous preparatory school organizations which masquerade under the name of "fraternity?" The question is fast becoming a matter of considerable importance. In these high schools and "prep" schools, organizations are springing up like noxious weeds; everywhere we see and hear of them.

*High School
Fraternities*

The results are anything but gratifying. They ape college fraternities in a way that would be ridiculous were it not so detrimental to us. To think of youngsters of fourteen and fifteen attempting to imitate college life is amusing, but when we stop to consider that such imitation seizes upon the worst features of college and fraternity life and emphasizes those alone, the matter becomes alarming. These juvenile Greeks,—with due apologies to the Hellenic clan,—see with envious eyes the gay good times of college people, and perforce, must have similar amusements. They see only the external side of fraternity life, and think because parties and "spreads" are of frequent occurrence, they are the fraternity's *raison d'être*. That there is a serious side to fraternity life, that it presupposes a certain amount of maturity, that its aspirations are exalted, never enters their heads. Fraternity to them means merely social gaiety, and Greek letters cover a multitude of follies, as is proven by the mushroom crop of these high school societies.

Now what are we to do about it? One chapter, or one fraternity, can do but little. But if the Greek world at large would take the matter up, something definite could be accomplished. The dignity of fraternities in general is jeopardized by these infantile organizations. People who are not familiar with college fraternities will think we are but children of a large growth, and our dignity cannot help but suffer. Let us discountenance the preparatory school "fraternities." Could not some result be obtained if the next Pan-Hellenic conference were to consider the matter? What do the other chapters think upon the subject?

Ohio Beta.

This year in the University of Texas the four women's fraternities entered into an agreement not to invite freshmen to join them before November nineteenth. This arrangement has not proved an entire success. We feel that six weeks is too short a time for each member of the chapter thoroughly to know a girl. With four fraternities in the university the supply of eligible freshman material seems inadequate. One girl is often rushed by two or even three fraternities. They are stimulated to a certain extent by rivalry. With the time for making acquaintances so short, attention is often concentrated on the few who are made prominent early in the season, and little notice is taken of the less conspicuous members of the class, in whom, did we know them better, we might find all the desirable qualities.

*For a Late.
Pledge Day*

A short and violent rushing season is an injustice to the freshman. It often reacts unfavorably on her character, giving her an undue sense of her own importance. She fails to realize that the fraternity is honoring her, and not she the fraternity. It is an injustice to the chapter which is forced to entertain more frequently and more lavishly than otherwise, often to the detriment of their studies and the duties of the members to themselves. It is also a sacrifice of dignity.

If no student could be asked to join before the beginning of the sophomore year, those whose scholarship was below the standard would be weeded out. There would be time really to know the freshman, to study her tastes, to find if she were really congenial. Then the division of eligible freshmen between the fraternities would come about more naturally. They would seek their levels. While there are many girls who are available material for more than one fraternity (as there are ideals that are common to all) who would be loyal members of whatever they might join and who would conform to the ideals of that chapter, yet a thorough acquaintance would show some characteristic which would affiliate them more with one group than with another. They would gravitate naturally to those whose tastes were more nearly theirs. A year does not seem too long for this.

These arguments are based on theory, not practice. Will any chapter that has tried the plan suggested report as to its success?

Texas Alpha.

Colorado Alpha would like to draw the attention of every Pi Phi to an article published in the last issue of the Delta Gamma

*Individual
Rushing*

Anchors, entitled, "A Plea for Individual Rushing." We read it in chapter meeting and it met with the entire approval of every girl. We think

that if fraternity girls would only follow this sound and sane way of rushing instead of the frantic course of teas, drives and lunches, they would learn to know the girl whom they are rushing far better than they can possibly under the present method. To see a girl in her every-day clothes, to study with her and to be friends with her on the firm basis of ordinary college life and work, is to know the real girl, not the dressed-up girl with her society manners on. We recommend this individual rushing to every chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Colorado Alpha.

During seven tiresome weeks of rushing we have thought mostly of the great disadvantages and the nervous strain caused by Pan-Hellenic rules. All this

*The Long
Rushing Season*

is, however, a thing of the past. Fortune has so

graciously crowned our efforts that we now feel as though there are after all certain strong points in favor of Pan-Hellenic regulations. First, each freshman has various opportunities to meet the different fraternities. She sees us all as we are, and therefore in her own free choice, so far as it is afforded to her, she finds no cause to regret later because she did not have the chance to see other societies. Again, we have the privilege of getting acquainted with all the freshmen on equal footing with the other fraternities. Hitherto, if a girl has shown striking qualities, if she was popular or from a distinguished family, the natural tendency has been, perhaps, to get a hold on her

and pledge her as early as possible for security. Our long rushing season does away with hasty pledges, and the quiet and plain girls have a chance to reveal their charms as well as the more striking girls do. After all, whether Pan-Hellenic has found its way into our college or not, have we not all to keep constantly in mind that our aims are not toward the popular, beautiful, or distinguished girls, but that the quiet are needed along side of the lively; that the plain girl can give as well as receive benefit from the more attractive; and, finally, that all working together toward the same ideals in Pi Beta Phi can be better moulded into true and noble womanhood?

Massachusetts Alpha.

Colorado Alpha, in the last ARROW, brought up the question of consulting the patronesses in order to get their ideas about the "rushees." We girls here think that it would be a good plan. We would like our patronesses not to feel diffident about their likes and dislikes.

*By Way of
Answer*

Illinois Epsilon.

We have seen in these pages from time to time much discussion and condemnation of the girl who devotes her time to books to the exclusion of her social interests. We must certainly acknowledge that the "grind" whose horizon is spanned by a series of red, brown and green covers is many degrees removed from the ideal college woman.

*First of all
the Student*

But at the same time, in the reaction from the bookworm toward the well-rounded college life, the pendulum of public opinion has swung too far. We cannot afford, in our search for the society, the friendships, the activities which tend to broaden our outlook to neglect that vital thing which lies at the bottom of it all, mind training. Perhaps this is an old string which we have chosen to harp on, but it is growing rusty from disuse, and the subject is old enough to be new again.

You have all heard the remark, "Oh, cut class to do this or that for the chapter. You can afford to flunk for the sake of the fraternity." But can you? That is the question. Is it to the best interests of the fraternity for you to subordinate to its activities the thing for which you manifestly came to college? Conscientious study is a most important requisite to true culture, and that is what Pi Beta Phi wants to see in her members. No chapter wishes to harbor drones.

But it is no better to let the aforesaid pendulum swing back too far in the direction of the "grind" than to have it go too much the other way. Let us be sane about this thing. Let us use our best judgment in uniting study and fun, thereby becoming more valuable to ourselves and to Pi Beta Phi.

Illinois Beta.

Nebraska Beta in the November ARROW suggests a problem that is universal, under the head "A Serious Question." Often an alumna or active member is very influential in persuading a certain girl to attend her college and perhaps talks fraternity to her. She knows the girl in a different way from that in which she is known in college, and because she sees real worth in her, expects her chapter to make her a Pi Phi. But the chapter is not impressed in the same way, and just there the difficulty comes. Is it not fair, both to ourselves and the girl, to regard her with an unbiased judgment? It is surely hard to hurt the member who may be her friend, yet she cannot but understand that it is just.

Then should not our fraternity life be so distinctly apart from every other relation in life that it will not interfere with friendships already formed or with new ones? There may be good reasons why a girl should not be a Pi Phi and none at all why she may not be the friend of a Pi Phi. Shall we not help ourselves and others by widening our circle of friends and so make, perhaps, the non-fraternity girl to feel that fraternity life isn't absolutely essential to her pleasure or usefulness in college.

Vermont Alpha.

Nebraska Beta has asked the question: "Should a girl be made a Pi Phi simply because she is an especial friend of one of our members?" We most certainly would answer

*Our Sister's
Friend*

"No." And yet this is one of the most delicate questions to deal with that arises within our fraternity. We are so accustomed to criticise freely all of our "rushees" that we sometimes forget that the girl we are criticising is perhaps a dear and life-long friend of one of our own sisters. We are so interested in our fraternity and in just our little immediate circle of girls that we are too likely afterwards to ignore a girl whom we have at one time rushed and in whom we were once deeply interested. We again forget that she is a friend of one of our Pi Phis and as such should be treated in a friendly fashion, though not effusively. Just because a girl is a friend of one of our members is the best of reasons why we should be particularly careful and judicious in rushing her.

We must realize that although she may be entirely congenial to one of our members, she may not be to us all. Under such circumstances it were better not to rush her at all than to rush her once, then "let her down," for in this way we not only arouse and then disappoint our sister's hopes, but we also mar the friend's chances of joining another fraternity in which she might be entirely congenial.

Wisconsin Alpha.

Alumnae Department

Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

Fanny Sutton, '98, was married on October twenty-ninth to Harry Lake. Their home will be in Concord, N. H.

Bertha Ranslow-Jocelyn, '96, visited Middlebury recently.

Lillie May Neff, ex-'05, is a student at Syracuse University.

VERMONT BETA

Inez Grout, '01, is teaching in Vergennes High School.

Dr. and Mrs. W. McGibbon have moved to Omaha, Neb. Mrs. McGibbon was formerly Mary Grout, '01.

Charlotte Hale, '01, is teaching in the High School at Pittsford Mills.

Carolyn Preston, '04, is teaching at her home in Felchville.

Ethel Stevens, '02, of Williston, visited her college friends for a few days a short time ago.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Grace Browning Roberts, '02, was recently married to Dr. Enoch Perrine, a graduate of Brown University and professor of English literature at Bucknell. The marriage took place in Philadelphia, and the ceremony was performed by the bride's grandfather, Rev. B. L. Agnew, assisted by Dr. John H. Harris, president of Bucknell University. Dr. and Mrs. Perrine will make their home in Lewisburg.

Ruth H. Sprague, '98, is teaching Latin and History in the high school at Pittsburg, Pa.

Genevieve White, '00, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Michigan at commencement. She is practicing at Bradford, Pa., where both her father and mother are physicians.

Lucretia Snyder-Black, ex-'06, is living in Sandusky, Ohio, where her husband, Mr. Samuel Black, is superintendent of the city water works.

Dr. Mary Wolfe, '96, of Norristown Hospital for Insane, spent two weeks in town during November.

Bess Harpel, ex-'06, and Edna Ann Innes, ex-'06, visited their fraternity sisters in November.

Helen Buoy, '02, and Carrie Halfpenny, '02, of Milton, Pa., attended a cookie-shine at their home chapter.

OHIO ALPHA

Mabel Rorick has gone to Mexico for the winter.

Born on November twenty-sixth to Maude Herrold-Merwin, a daughter, Harriet.

Born in September to Carrie Schwefel-Brown, a son, Clyde.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Robert Irwin and Cora Berkstresser of Ohio Alpha. They will make their home in Westerville, Ohio.

OHIO BETA

Laura Weiseman-Burkett of Charleston, S. C., is visiting Columbus relatives.

Magnolia Ewalt of Nebraska Beta expects to spend part of the winter here.

Gertrude Hill-Springer of Kansas Alpha visited us recently.

Alice Mann and Edith Clark-Burr of Illinois Zeta made short visits with Columbus friends.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Florence Burnham sailed December twenty-first for her winter home in Tampa. Her address will be 211 West Park Ave., Tampa, Florida.

Marguerite Whitcomb is teaching in the Evening High School, Somerville, Massachusetts.

Dora Smith, '04, is teaching in Danielson, Connecticut.

Louise Richardson is teaching in the High School, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Eleanor Coats is in Island Pond, Vermont, teaching in the High School.

Helen Barrett is teaching in Methuen, Massachusetts.

A special meeting of the Alumnae Club will be held Thursday, December twenty-ninth, 1904, for the benefit of the girls who are away during the rest of the year.

MARYLAND ALPHA

The engagement of Josephine Wiley, ex-'00, to Dr. Horace Snyder has been announced. Dr. Snyder is professor of chemistry in St. Paul's Preparatory School, Garden City, Long Island.

May Kellar, '98, is professor of German in Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

Edna Stone, '00, has been visiting in Baltimore.

Alice Wood, '99, has spent a part of the winter in Norfolk, Va.

Lucy Murray, '01, is teaching in the Western High School, Baltimore.

Mina Lamar, ex-'06, has returned from abroad, having spent the summer in Switzerland and Italy.

Sarah Rupp, '02, who has been suffering from nervous prostration for the last three months, is recuperating in the mountains of Maine.

Sallie J. Hardaway, ex-'06, is teaching at Montarallo, Alabama.

Maud Soper, '00, is professor of Old Testament History and Exegesis at Kanyama Jo Gakimu, Tokio, Japan.

ILLINOIS BETA

Edith Crissey is spending the winter in California.

Ethel Van Cise, ex-'03, visited college friends in October.

Florence King-Bullock has removed to New York City, which will be her home in the future.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Elizabeth Reinmund, '98, of Columbus, Ohio, was married October eighth, 1904, to Mr. George McGeorge Morris of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alice Brotherton, '98, and Charles Farnum, '98, Phi Gamma Delta, were married in Waverly, Iowa, during the month of August and are now living at Brimfield, Iowa.

Lucia Dewey, ex-'01, was married to Frederick C. Warmann, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, on November ninth, at her home in Sheffield, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Warmann are now living at 304 Barclay St., Flushing, New York.

Laura Knowles, '02, visited friends in Galesburg during the latter part of November.

Fanny Fahnestock-Williams, '00, is visiting her parents in Galesburg.

Born to Alice Gale-Wallace on September seventh, 1904, a son.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Edith I. Prindle, ex-'03, is teaching sewing in the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Maryland.

Lucy Derickson has returned from Seattle, Washington.

Lenore Negus is teaching at Elgin, Illinois.

Carrie Mason spent Thanksgiving in Chicago visiting friends.

Elfrieda Hochbaum-Pope will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Chicago.

Josephine Collyer has returned from a visit at Lincoln, Neb.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Myra Cox has been visiting at Champaign.

Willia Garver has returned to her home in Bloomington after a short visit.

Mila Parks of Lombard is attending college here.

Winifred Forbes is instructor of violin at the University.

Ethel Forbes is instructor in French at the University of South Dakota.

INDIANA BETA

Marion Lockridge, ex-'07, and Claude Ward, Sigma Nu, were married November seventh. They are living in Alexandria, Indiana.

Delle Miller, ex-'06, will enter Purdue University next term to take a course in music and art.

Helen Tracy Guild and Oscar Pond, Delta Tau Delta, were married in October and are living in Indianapolis. Miss Guild has been cataloguer in Indiana University for the last few years.

MICHIGAN BETA

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huber in November.

Ora Follett is at home in Chicago this year studying music.

Margaret Cousin was married October twenty-second to Mr. Peter Robinson of Chicago. Their home will be in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Anna Marshall is teaching in Marshall this year.

May E. Loose and Daisy Sabine were here for the Chicago game, November twelfth. May Loose stayed with us until Thanksgiving vacation.

Nancy Ruth Reddick is to be married to Mr. Herbert Martin of Colorado, December twenty-fourth.

Sarah Edwards is teaching in Butler, Ind.

Helen Spier is teaching in Meeker, Colorado.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Virginia Hayner-Saunders has gone to join her husband in Wyoming after a long visit with her parents.

Marie Hinckley-Mabbett is visiting her parents in Milwaukee.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Anna Lovell-Bliss, '00, who is now living in Crowley, Louisiana, has a little boy.

Celia Rainey has entirely recovered from her long illness, and we are delighted to have her with us again.

Lucy Elliott, '03, is spending the winter in Paris, where she is studying music.

Céleste Janvier, Stella Hayward, Kate Dillard, Mary Vaught, and Helen Rainey are débutantes this winter, and Mardi Gras will probably have several Pi Phi queens again this winter.

KANSAS ALPHA

An open meeting of the alumnae was held December twelfth for the active girls at the chapter house. The meeting was a "kitchen shower" for Mary Spencer, who is to marry Eugene Ware, Phi Delta Theta, during the Christmas holidays.

Kittie Plumb, Nelle Taylor and Frances Newby have all been guests of Kansas Alpha during the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow (Edith Riffle) announced the birth of a son in December.

Mrs. Marvin, wife of ex-chancellor Marvin, mother of Mrs. Mina Marvin Wilcox, and mother-in-law of Mrs. Josephine March Marvin, died in the latter part of November.

TEXAS ALPHA

On December the third Lula Rose, of Austin, was married to Mr. Kibbe of Brownsville. The wedding was a quiet home one, with only the relatives of the bride and groom present. Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe will make their home in Brownsville.

Flora Bartholomew, Kate Sockwell and May Wynne made us flying visits during the rushing season.

Mildred Durst of Calvert spent Thanksgiving with us.

Rosalis Battle of Martin is visiting the chapter house. We hope to keep her until the holidays.

Francis Waggener is at home for the holidays.

Jamie Armstrong is the guest of Mrs. Johns of Austin.

Aline Harris-McAshan of Houston spent a week with us last month.

COLORADO ALPHA

Born to Marion Withrow-Ewing, November third, a daughter. Claire Williams-Humphrey is in Denver again, and her health is greatly improved.

Frances Andrews and Ethel Poley have returned to Boulder, after extensive eastern trips.

Louise Nelson visited in Boulder in November.

CALIFORNIA BETA

The engagement of Katherine Johnson, ex-'05, and Mr. Frederick Hall, a Phi Kappa Psi of Cornell, has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter (Olive Gundry) are now living in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Charles Mannon, nee Eva Bramlet, and her baby boy spent several days with us this month.

Florence Zeigenfuss, '07, has been chosen as a charter member of the University Dramatic Club.

Dora Bramlet, ex-'04, of Fresno, was with us a few days this month.

COLORADO BETA

Louise H. Foucar, '94, was married to Mr. Thomas K. Marshall, August twenty-fourth, 1904, at El Paso, Texas.

NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE

Edith J. Clagett, Texas Alpha, Marcia Murray, Colorado Beta, '03, Ruth Hammitt, Pennsylvania Beta, ex-'05, and Helen Schaeffer, Pennsylvania Gamma, '03, are attending Bryn Mawr College this year. Dr. Smith, the director of the college gymnasium, is also a Pi Phi and a member of the chapter at Syracuse.

Adelia Alice Humphrey, Kansas Alpha, is spending the winter in New York City.

Alda Wilson, Iowa Gamma, '95, is employed as a daughtsman in an architect's office in New York. With her is her sister, El-

mina T. Wilson, '92, assistant professor of engineering at Iowa State College, now on leave of absence.

Gertrude Deckard-Hendricks, Indiana Alpha, is chaperoning Ethel and Bertha Miller, both of Franklin, who are taking graduate work at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Hettie Anthony, a charter member of Missouri Alpha, is a student at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Alice M. Rohe, Kansas Alpha, is on the staff of the *New York Evening World*.

In Memoriam

Evelyn Smith-Clippenger, Michigan Alpha, and a graduate of Hillsdale College in 1892, died recently at her new home in Bellefontaine, Ohio. During her college days she was known and loved by a large circle of friends. She was a very sweet girl, a bright student and a loyal fraternity girl. After her course at Hillsdale she took a year of special work at Ann Arbor, and since then has taught very successfully for several years in Toledo. She had only been married about a year and a half and was just moving into a new home when she was compelled to go the hospital, and there died. The influence of her sweet life will be missed by many.

Editorials

“WHO *are* our prominent alumnae?” sighs the freshman, preparing the first time for the ordeal of the fraternity examination.

“Oh! there’s the founders,— and the Grand President—and the Treasurer,—and maybe you would count the editor. They are all on the first page of the ARROW.” Thus vaguely but easily replies the sophomore.”

But, Pi Beta Phi has many alumnae who have achieved distinction along other than fraternity lines. It is true and natural that by far the greater number of our graduates find as daughters, wives and mothers, that home life absorbs all their energies and gives wide enough scope for their activities. It is also natural that of those who become breadwinners the great majority devote themselves to the teaching and training of other people’s babies,—of a younger or an older growth. But since an inevitable result of college training is increased self-reliance and a quickened sense of responsibility, many of our alumnae, either in the absence of or in addition to home duties, have reached out into wider spheres of usefulness. It is a few of these, their efforts and their successes, that the ARROW presents to its readers this month. That they have steadfastly made their way over paths often rugged and sometimes almost untrodden, should prove an encouragement to the young alumna just starting out and an incentive to the undergraduate with all the way before her where to choose.

IT IS perhaps to be expected that the January chapter letters, written as they are during the “strenuousness” of term examinations and Christmas preparations, should show signs of

hasty construction. There are in this issue some excellent letters, a few, indeed, which might almost be taken as models, but there are on the other hand a number which are pretty good examples of what the chapter letter should not be.

What constitutes a really good chapter letter? That it should be correctly spelled, punctuated and capitalized goes without saying. Yet after all grammatical errors are minor matters and easily corrected. It is also obvious that due regard should be paid to the construction of sentences, arrangement of paragraphs, proper use of words and similar points of style. But it is possible for the editor to recast sentences, reconstruct paragraphs, transpose and rearrange, prune and elaborate. Possibly the ideal editor would do all this. There are, however, two elements that no amount of editing can supply. The first is what we may call the general *tone* of the letter, the other is its subject matter.

Just what should go into the chapter letter? Certainly it should be something more than a boastful enumeration of athletic victories and college honors won by chapter members, as are some of the letters in the men's fraternity magazines. Nor should it be merely an elaborate chronicle of social doings, of luncheons and spreads and "pink teas," as are some of the girls chapter letters. Brag and gush are about equally in bad taste.

"The Substance and Spirit of the Chapter Letter." On the whole would it not be a good idea for chapters to take this as the subject of their next contribution to the ARROW? If it could be talked over in chapter meeting and then written up not as representing the view of any one girl but as a composite of chapter opinion, we should have a "symposium" that ought to have good effect in our chapter letters.

IT IS certainly a pity to find such a paragraph as the following in one of the best of the men's fraternity magazines.

"TO PROTECT COLLEGE WOMEN.

"In alarm at the alleged moral dangers thought to be surrounding young women in American colleges, nine national Greek letter women's fraterni-

ties have started a crusade in Chicago aimed at conditions in every co-educational college in the United States. Resolutions were adopted at a meeting in the Victoria Hotel declaring for cooperation with faculties of colleges to improve social conditions, and placing upon the grand presidents of the societies responsibility for the prosecution of the reform movement."

Could anything be more absurdly, more mischievously inaccurate? The only excuse for it is that it was probably inspired by a sensational newspaper article, which has already done more harm to the cause of co-education than one likes to think of. The greatest "moral danger" that has ever come to the notice of the women's fraternities in question is an excess of social life in some co-educational colleges, and a certain crudity of social conditions in others. If the men's fraternities really care to know what the Inter-Sorority Conference is trying to accomplish, let them turn to the official reports of that organization published this fall in all the women's fraternity journals.

THE editor would be very glad to receive copies of the *ARROW* for November, 1901, January, 1902, and July, 1903. The edition for those issues is completely exhausted and copies are needed for completing files. If any members have copies which are of no further use to them, they will be most thankfully received.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

The first part of the year is always a busy time for Vermont Alpha, and the weeks have passed so quickly that we can hardly realize that it is time for the chapter letter.

After our freshmen were pledged, the first event of great importance was our preliminary initiation, when we put the poor freshmen through all sorts of terrible stunts, to the chant of our dungeon song. We made it up to them afterward, however, by a first rate "cookie-shine."

Two weeks after this, on the night of October twenty-eighth, we initiated into the real mysteries of Pi Phidom Mabel Boardman, Louise Chaffee, Edith Heaxt, Theodora Crane, Theresa Graves, Mary Kendall, and June Roys, and seven more loyal Pi Phis you have never seen. Our banquet was held on the following evening at the Pharetra. One of the most enjoyable features of the occasion was meeting so many of our alumnae, and our sisters of Vermont Beta, for there were present, besides our own active chapter, Alice Durfee, Helen Allen, Jessie Bates, Kate Russell White, and Inez Grout of Vermont Beta; Lena Roseman Denio, '96, Fanny Sutton, '98, Dorothy Graves, '01, Lena Bixby, '03, and Maude Smith Gooding, '03, of our own alumnae.

Our college work has been rather hard this year, but we have mingled the pleasures with the duties. We have had two "cookie-shines" and have given two dances at the Pharetra. Most of the girls went home for Thanksgiving and brought back so many good things that our last "cookie-shine" was a regular Thanksgiving spread.

Alice Duncan, '06, who was unable to come back at the first of the year, has returned.

Just now we are looking forward with dread to our examinations, but with joy to the coming vacation. May all Pi Phis have a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

BERTHA CHANDLER DUNCAN.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(CHARTERED 1898)

Once again Vermont Beta sends greetings to her sister chapters.

The great "asking day" is drawing near for us and we are very anxious to know whether we shall get the girls we want to make true Pi Phis. Our prospects are more than good, we think.

We have been honored by a visit from one of our sisters from Vermont Alpha, Bessie Bump, whom we enjoyed so very much. Three of our girls attended the initiation at Middlebury College and all came back with the glowing report of what a fine chapter we have at that college.

Our reception to the freshmen girls took place at the delightful home of one of our patronesses, Miss Mina Walker. A very pleasant evening was spent and a fine time reported by all assembled.

Comparatively little rushing has been done this year but the long time between the opening of college and "asking day" gives the upper class girls a good chance to know the new girls well.

EMMA BEAN.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

Since the last letter was written we have been a very busy and happy little band of girls here in Columbia Alpha. Our initiation is long since over, and it is with much pride and pleasure that I introduce to you our five new sisters—Adelaide Albert, Margaret White, Margaret Merrill, Elinor Hoyt and Helen MacLeod,—dear girls every one of them, whom I wish you might all know personally.

George Washington University has been very gay this year, more so than ever before, and the Christmas affairs which are planned will keep us very much occupied during the holidays. On the seventh of December came what is the most splendid function of the year with us,—the students' ball, given for the benefit of our University Hospital, at the New Willard, which has the handsomest ball room in town. Several of us had the pleasure of going to it, and enjoyed it very much, of course. Over one thousand dollars was cleared for the hospital, so it was a great success financially, as well as in an artistic and social way.

This year our alumnae have adopted the very pleasant plan of having monthly social affairs at the homes of the girls, to which the chapter girls and patronesses are invited, and you may imagine with how much pleasure we look forward to these gatherings. There is usually an informal talk by some one of the members, or sometimes by an outsider, with music afterwards, and in this way we have spent several happy even-

ings already. At the last one, which was given at the home of Florence Frisby, Ruth McGowan, who has recently returned from two years abroad, told us in a most interesting way of her experiences as an art student in Paris, and the next one will be equally good if present plans are carried out. It is the best possible way of bringing together the chapter and alumnae girls. We have been very glad to have with us several times at these meetings the three girls from Illinois Delta, who are at school at the National Park Seminary at Forest Glen, near Washington,—Louise Seacord, Katherine Bagby and Inez Webster. They were also present at our initiation, and several of us have made pleasant trips out to visit them, which we hope they have enjoyed as much as we have.

At Thanksgiving time we had a delightful visit from Edith Kelly of Pennsylvania Beta, who was here for a few days with her mother. We had only one regret—that she stayed so short a time that we had little chance to entertain her as we wished. But she met nearly all of our girls at the junior dance, which fortunately happened to come during the time she was here. It was a Colonial dance, and we have wondered since whether Miss Kelly would know any of us again without our powdered hair and patches.

For the first time in the history of our college a Woman's League has been established this year, and we are very proud of the fact that our chapter president, Maud McPherson, is also president of the League, and that three more of our girls are among its officers. The purpose of the League is to promote unity among the girls, both fraternity girls and those not so fortunate. One social meeting has been held recently, and it was an unqualified success, especially in giving us an opportunity to meet many girls whom we had never known before. Our conditions are peculiar in that there are among the students many who are in the government offices in the day and only come to college after four-thirty in the afternoon, so that the regular students see but little of them. It is for these girls that the league is primarily designed, and its success in this way seems already assured.

Besides this our girls are active in all the interests of the college. In the Girls' Glee Club, which is something new here, a goodly proportion of the girls are Pi Phis, including the leader, while in the Dramatic Club the Pi Phis are prominent. Great things are expected of both organizations in the near future.

With all good wishes for the happiest of happy New Years, in the bond of Pi Beta Phi for Columbia Alpha.

ADELE RIA TAYLOR.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1892)

Once more the time for our ARROW letters comes around, and as we look back over the time which has elapsed since the last one we find it full of hopeful improvement. Almost half of that trying time between the opening of college and pledge day has passed and we feel as hopeful as only Pi Phi can. Before Christmas we are going to have a Christmas feast, the one rushing entertainment which we are allowed by our pledge. Of course we intend to make this the greatest success of any of the three given; as it was last year and as we hope it always may be.

The happiness of our college life has been overshadowed by the sad announcement that the resignation of our dean, Elizabeth Powell Bond, has been accepted. For all those who have lived under her kindly guiding influence it will be impossible to find anyone to entirely fill her place as our college mother.

ELIZABETH E. JOHNSON.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1895)

Time has passed very quickly and quietly for us since our last letter. The rushing season which demanded so much time earlier is now about over. Now comes the months of working and waiting until June, when we can initiate.

We are very glad to introduce to Pi Phi a loyal new Greek, Mary Georgiana Stanton, '07.

Our social affairs have been very informal, but all the more delightful. A "cookie-shine" in honor of Dr. Mary Wolfe, and at which seven of our alumnae were present, was a delightful evening spent in close "fellowship." Hallowe'en one of our town girls gave a chafing-dish party, which we all enjoyed. Our "election party" on the evening of the fourth of November, an old-fashioned candy pull, was voted by all a great success. Birthday spreads, which mean delicious home "goodies," and Thanksgiving boxes have appealed to our appetites more than once.

May the New Year bring every Pi Phi its very best gifts.

FLORENCE L. BARON.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1903)

Our life during the first term of this college year has not been intensely exciting but very pleasant and successful.

Hallowe'en evening Elsie Hoffer entertained the fraternity at her home. We indulged in the old fashioned games, nut cracking and popping corn before the fire-place, telling fortunes and ghost stories. The favors were in the fraternity colors.

November eleventh Georgia Cranston, '06, was initiated at the home of one of our members. We were glad to have with us Sara Black of Pennsylvania Beta. After the initiation we enjoyed a Pi Phi cookie-shine.

The chapter entertained its patronesses, the ladies of the faculty, and friends of the chapter at two teas given in the rooms. The rooms looked very pretty, lighted with candles. Our patronesses have helped us in improving our rooms this fall. One presented us with a handsome desk chair, others with china.

We hope all the chapters have had great success on pledging new members and that you may find the rest of this college year most happy and profitable.

GERTRUDE HELLER.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

So many things have happened to Ohio Alpha since the last ARROW appeared and we have had such a busy time between our college work and our entertainments.

First and most important, on the eighth of October we gave a chafing-party to the new girls and as a result we have two of the very nicest freshmen that ever were, we think—Mary Simon and Clare Humphrey. Our mock initiation followed the next week, which of course was lots of fun, and our real initiation the week after. This, owing to ideas from the convention, was one of the prettiest initiations that we have had and I think we enjoyed it more because it was so impressive.

We have been invited to two receptions lately. On Hallowe'en, Phi Delta Theta entertained in honor of their girl friends and invited the Pi Phis. A very delightful evening was spent. The Tri-Alphas, the local sorority here, gave an afternoon reception for their patronesses and the Pi Phi girls. We did enjoy so much getting acquainted with those girls whom we do not see so very often.

One of our old girls in Columbus, Grace Scott, came down to Athens

for a two weeks' visit and while she was here we gave a very informal spread in her honor. It seemed like old times and very enjoyable old times at that.

On the twenty-second of November, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stalder entertained the Beta Theta Pis and the Pi Beta Phis. The evening was spent in progressive games and finished up with fraternity songs and dancing. It is needless to say that we had a fine time.

We have just started our old system of entertaining which we found so successful last year. Two girls at a time entertain, and our parties come about once a month. We have decided to practice Pi Phi songs, and if we continue to learn as many as we did this first time, we will soon know all the songs in the book.

You must not think from this that we do nothing but entertain; for we have learned to combine good times and hard work. We hope our sister chapters have been getting as much enjoyment out of the fraternity as we have.

MARY TREUDLEY.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

It seems hardly possible that the Christmas "Exams" and holidays are so near at hand. Time has flown very rapidly for Ohio Beta since her last letter to you. As intended, we initiated our four pledges on the eighth of October. To think that they have been Pi Phis for almost two months now! The sixteenth of November we held a reception for them at the home of Clara Schille. We were very fortunate in having Magnolia Ewalt of Nebraska Beta, Helen Crane of Baltimore, and Mrs. Springer of Kansas Alpha, with us on that occasion. So our freshmen met sister Pi Phis from other chapters, as well as the faculty and the college men. We have been very lucky on the score of visitors this fall. The evening of the Illinois-Ohio State football game we gave a spread for Magnolia Ewalt and for Alice Mann and Edith Clark-Burr of Illinois Zeta. Magnolia has planned to spend part of the winter with Columbus relatives, so we hope to see a great deal of her.

So far there have been several fraternity parties given, at which Pi Phi was well represented: Kappa Sigma entertained with a formal dance; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with a Hallowe'en party; Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta, with informal dances, as well as the usual Battalion hop.

Speaking of Hallowe'en parties reminds us of the delightful evening we spent at the suburban home of Madge Wilson, one of our initiates. We had a very jolly time roasting chestnuts, popping corn and dodging after

suspended apples. Afterwards we danced and pulled taffy—scurrying across the moonlit fields just in time for the last car to the city.

Ohio Beta wishes you all pleasant holidays and a restful vacation.

KATHERINE BANCROFT.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

New York Alpha has been very busy since you last heard from her.

We did some very energetic rushing during the first half of the semester, and as a result of our labors we are proud to present to you nine new sisters, we think the cream of the freshman class: Carlene Barrett, Olive Barker, Myrta Harrington, Lois Hawkes, Henrietta Gamble, Argrette Ingalls, Elizabeth Mould, Florence Robbins and Carrie Sherwood.

We initiated our pledglings November twelfth and had with us at initiation and banquet several alumnae and last year's sisters.

We are to give our usual Christmas party December sixteenth, a few days before we go home, and we are hoping that Santa Claus will be kind and bring many useful gifts for our chapter house.

At a recent Pan-Hellenic meeting, all the sororities agreed to set December sixth as pledge day for this year. As our initiation was already over, this did not materially affect us, and it was very interesting to watch the smiles and tears, the sad and glad faces on that day.

Syracuse has been very enthusiastic this year over athletics, and we may add, very successful as well.

We have with us this year Lillian May Neff, ex-'08, from Vermont Alpha, which makes our number, with the addition of our nine new girls, twenty-seven.

We are rejoicing in our success so far this year and earnestly wish you the same feelings.

LILLIAN NEFF.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1904)

New York Beta is anxiously waiting the result of the rushing season, for Monday, December twelfth, is pledge day. As yet we cannot tell how many freshmen we will win, but we are hoping for the best. Inasmuch as Barnard is primarily a day college, our rushing parties are restricted to "at homes," card parties, and dances.

On December tenth we are to end the rushing season with our first dance. It promises to be a great success, for we are to have three Pi Phi

sisters from Pennsylvania Alpha—Jean Leitch, Mary A. Gutelius, and Anna Jackson, the Alpha Province president—to help us. Mrs. Louis Springer, a Pi Phi from Kansas Alpha, is going to be with us, also.

Since our November letter was written we have initiated two sophomores, Irene B. Adams and Sophie P. Woodman, and last week we pledged another, Amalie L. Althaus. Since October all but one of our 1904 girls have applied and been admitted to active membership.

On November nineteenth Ella Reaney gave a euchre party, but it was strictly a Pi Phi gathering. During the Christmas vacation we expect to have two, and possibly three, sisters with us. We are going to postpone our initiation until after Christmas day, and entertain the visiting Pi Phis with a big initiation and cookie-shine.

MARY N. MURTHA.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

How long it seems since the last ARROW letter was due! For now pledge day, initiation and banquet have come and gone.

Pledge day was really the most exciting of all, for the following events depended upon our success at that crucial time. Good fortune was with us as we pledged eight fine girls. Let me introduce them to you. They are Rebecca Berry, '06, and Blanche Charlton, Carolyn Cook, Helen Ganiard, Harriet Green, Ruth Dennis, Marian Legg and Annie Jones, all '08 girls.

Initiation was held November nineteenth, at the home of Sarah G. Pomeroy, Medford, Massachusetts, at which all of the girls but Harriet Green were initiated. This was followed by a banquet at the Westminster hotel, where fifty-one alumnae and active members enjoyed together the festivities. We were sorry that circumstances prevented Harriet from being initiated with the rest of the girls. We hope, nevertheless, to see her a member of Pi Phi soon after the Christmas vacation.

At our last regular meeting we were most delightfully entertained by our delegate to Convention who at that time read her report. We had delayed the report so that the freshmen might have the privilege of hearing it and thus at the very beginning of their fraternity life obtain a glimpse of the grand organization of which we are members.

As we heard the glowing account of the business sessions and the banquet of the Convention we all wished that when the time comes for Pi Phi sisters from all over the country to meet once more we may be of that fortunate number.

At this time of the year when good tidings and greetings are being sent

from east to west and back again Massachusetts Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M. LILLIAN HORNE.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(CHARTERED 1897)

Our last letter to the ARROW was written during rushing season, when all our hopes and energies were strained toward one point. This year pledge day was the twelfth of November, and such an improvement upon the spring pledge day of last year. Last Christmas found us still rushing and without knowledge of our outcome, but this Christmas finds us rejoicing over four new sisters—Ann Porter, Louise Van Sant, Lillian Baldwin and Nell McNutt. So it is with a feeling of the greatest joy and delight that we are now able to tell you of this happy culmination of our efforts. Last Saturday night at the home of one of our alumnae, Helen Doll-Tottle, we pinned a golden arrow upon each one.

Our college life has been uneventful so far this year. The basket ball teams of the different classes have been chosen and they are now practicing for the match games which take place after the Christmas holidays.

The only dramatics allowed in the college are given by the seniors, and on Friday and Saturday nights of this week they will give a production of "Much Ado About Nothing." The name of the play had been kept strictly secret until ten days ago, when one morning a beautiful poster was placed upon the bulletin board in Goucher Hall stating the name and the time it would be given.

Maryland Alpha wishes all Pi Beta Phi a most happy and prosperous New Year.

IRENE TULA FENTON.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1872)

After a very short interval, as it seems to us, the time has come for another letter. We wonder if the last two months have gone as quickly for the rest of you as they have for us.

Several things have happened to make the time go so quickly. For one thing our alumnae have been so good to us. Ethel Van Cise of Denver spent the last two weeks of October with us and we did enjoy her visit

so. Our first cookie-shine was held in her honor and we had a jolly time singing afterward.

Two weeks later we initiated our four new pledges and this was where the alumnae came in. Hortense Cowan invited us to have the initiation at her home and when we got there everything was ready for us as the older girls had arranged it all. After Billy had made his bow we had a cookie-shine. The dining room was decorated with the fraternity colors and carnations.

Frances White asked us to have one of our fraternity meetings with her. We did so and afterwards she treated us to a chafing-dish luncheon. On Hallowe'en we were entertained by Emma Grubb, one of our active girls, at a candy pull. All the usual Hallowe'en games and tricks were played and each of us was made to walk down the cellar stairs backward with a candle in one hand and a mirror in the other, and at the bottom we were rewarded by a glimpse of our fates.

Early in December we gave a progressive dinner-party. We had a course at the home of each of the town-girls, changing partners at each place. It was great fun and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Our Racine alumnae sent us the place cards for two courses. So you see our success this term has depended largely on our alumnae.

Besides these there have been several college dances and both men's fraternities have had house-warmings. We have done our share of studying, too, and are looking forward to many more good times in the future.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all Pi Phis wherever they may be.

DELIA CONGER.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1884)

Both college and fraternity life have been especially pleasant this fall. Our chapter, although smaller in numbers than it was last year, is composed of girls to whom Pi Beta Phi is very dear and they are very much interested in her advancement.

Since our last letter we have initiated nine new sisters into our fraternity life and we are glad to introduce these girls of our choice. They are Mabel Anderson, Octa Hickok, Mabel Hill, Martha Taliaferro, Monica Smith, Edith Greene, Mildred Toler, Grace Fahnestock and Alice Johnson.

The Pi Phis hold a number of positions of honor in college this year. Two of our girls are on the staff of our college annual, *The Gale*. On the board of editors for *The Knox Student*, our college paper, we also have a representative; and their names appear as class officers and chairmen of committees.

Mary Mars celebrated her birthday last month by inviting the Pi Phi and their young men friends to spend the evening with her. We had a very enjoyable time and wish Mary's birthdays came more often. Mrs. Clark E. Carr has invited our chapter to luncheon tomorrow in honor of Grace Fahnestock, one of our new sisters.

Knox has won the championship of the western colleges in football this fall, and in celebration of the fact the college gives the men on the team a banquet December ninth. The classes are to attend in a body, each with an original Knox song. The one who offers the best song will have the honor of composing the Knox song, as the best one is to be selected for this purpose. Each class is very anxious as well as confident over the result of the contest.

We have had two enjoyable "cookie-shines," one of which was given at the home of an alumna. We are very glad to have the support of the alumnae and especially since it is given in such a loyal way.

Illinois Delta wishes joy and good times in the Christmas vacation now so near.

CLARA LINDLEY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

We Pi Phi at Northwestern have had some very interesting times since our last letter. First and foremost of them all was the initiation. In our fraternity rooms on Saturday, October fifteenth, we initiated four girls. We want you all to know them. They are Amy Onken, Myrtelle Rogers, Clara Lucie Gloss, and Ethel Deckard. After the initiation we held a banquet at the Avenue House where covers were laid for thirty-four. Our table looked very pretty, decorated with Pi Phi colors, smilax, and carnations, but the chief attraction was the toy goat in the middle!

Northwestern has been very gay lately with informal dances and parties. We ourselves have entertained twice, first with a dance at Wilmette and then with a spread at the home of Lili Hochbaum. Our dance was one of the prettiest informals of the season.

We have been very glad to meet Rachel Nicholson of Nebraska Beta who is in Chicago and has visited our chapter. We hope to know her better and have her feel that she has Pi Phi friends here as well as in Lincoln.

Illinois Epsilon wishes that all the Pi Phi may have a happy New Year.

MARIE HAMMOND.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(CHARTERED 1895)

The passing of the first two months of college finds us busy with our work, and counting the days until Christmas vacation. Things seem to have adapted themselves to the new conditions of the year, and the new girls are now as much a part of us as the old girls ever were. Our initiation this year was a great success. Some of the old girls were back, and with the town girls, we all assembled at the house at five o'clock for initiation, followed by a simple banquet. All the Pi Phi representatives from other colleges were called in to tell us about their own chapters, and we especially enjoyed a short talk on the growth of our chapter by one of our charter members.

We Illinois people are proud to be able to call attention to the record of our football team, whose career we have followed with intense interest. We feel, that as Pi Phis, we can only grow as our university grows, and the development of both has pleased us immensely.

Chapters of Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon have been installed here this year, and we take great pleasure in welcoming them to the university world.

Soon we shall be parting for our Christmas vacation, and although we look forward to our visit home, we will not be sorry when once more we are all gathered beneath the Pi Phi roof.

A merry Christmas to all Phi Phis far and wide.

KATE MANN.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1888)

If we had waited just one day later to mail our last letter we could have added another name, that of Jennie Coble, to our list of pledges.

As soon as the rushing season was over we began planning for initiation and on October fifteenth, almost the anniversary of our last initiation, we pinned the arrow on nine enthusiastic new girls. Our chapter never before initiated so many in one evening.

One Friday afternoon in October we invited a number of our Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta friends to go with us to a camp a few miles from town for a fall picnic. There were boat rides and walks and races for the most of us while a committee of our girls with a few of the men for assistants spread a most delicious picnic supper for us in the camp kitchen. We were especially prepared to enjoy this spread after a

trolley ride and plenty of out door fun. After supper the whole crowd gathered around huge bonfires until time for the return to town.

On the last Saturday night before Thanksgiving we had an early fraternity meeting and afterwards called on one of our patronesses. It has been our plan to call in a body on each of our patronesses at least once during each school year.

Just now everyone is looking forward to Christmas and all of our spare time is spent in making Christmas presents for college friends and the home people. We are planning for a Pi Phi Christmas grab basket this year. Each active girl and each pledge is to arrange one present, not expending more than a given amount for it. At the last fraternity meeting before the holidays the gifts will be drawn from the basket. In this way each girl can feel that she has remembered every other girl in the chapter with a gift.

We are also studying for fraternity examination. If each chapter felt as ours does about the fraternity examination we would surely find some plan by which it would not be necessary for each girl to take time and strength for it every year.

It is an old, old greeting but we can scarcely close a chapter letter this late in the year without it for with all our hearts we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for each Pi Phi sister.

GRACE BRYAN.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1893)

At the present writing we are all very busy getting ready for the final examinations of this term. But we feel that we will be well repaid for the work by the vacation which is coming.

This term has been rather a quiet one, but very enjoyable to us all. Our freshmen surprised us delightfully last week with a Thanksgiving dinner and we have been singing their praises louder than ever. The wonders of freshmen never cease.

Instead of entertaining each fraternity separately, as we sometimes do, this year we have given a series of parties, inviting about half of each fraternity. In this way several representatives from each fraternity were present at each party. The first one of the series was a patriotic party. Our "democrat" girls consented gracefully, so we celebrated the election in that way. The house was decorated in flags of all sizes and water color flags on the backs of the programs carried out the same idea. Another of the series was a Japanese party. We tried to make each one something out of the ordinary.

Our Hallowe'en jollification consisted of a hay wagon ride. It was a

beautiful moonlight night and we drove five miles out into the country, built a large bonfire, and sat around it, drinking cider and eating ginger bread and apples until the weirdness of the dying embers reminded us that ghost stories belong to Hallowe'en as well as good things to eat.

Last "frat" night the first edition of our paper came out. We call it the *Pi Phi Scavenger* and it is published once a term. We enjoyed it immensely and felt dreadfully conceited to think "our girls" were so brilliant. I wonder if any of our sister chapters publish a paper? If they do perhaps they might give us some new ideas.

Merry Christmas to you all.

GRACE C. GRAYBILL.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1897)

The victory was ours this year. Our success was even greater than we had hoped. The contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma closed at four o'clock, October the twenty-second, and before seven o'clock eight freshmen had donned the wine and blue and were seated at our banquet table. We are very proud of our newly initiated sisters, who are: Bernice Russel of Amarillo, Texas, Nina Mae Ely of Brooklyn, Lucile Didlake of Monticello, Jane Elizabeth Bigelow of Terre Haute, and four from Indianapolis: Catherine McCoy, Bertha Empey, Anna Burt, and Elizabeth Rawles.

With the pledging season came the announcement of a new club, called Sigma Delta Theta. This organization is composed of seven freshmen and four preparatory girls.

Social life has been at its height this year, if informal affairs be included. There is an unusually good feeling among the members of different fraternities and several pan-Hellenic dances have been given with varying degrees of success.

Some of our girls attended the Phi Delta Theta ball given during their national convention held in this city.

Butler has taken a great interest in athletics this fall, and our football team did her credit, losing only one game. Now that the basket ball season has commenced we wish to do even better, for, in the girls' team, we have both college and Pi Phi to work for.

We extend hearty greetings to all Pi Phis and wish them success in the new year.

LULU B. KELLAR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1887)

Again we send greetings to our sister Pi Phis, and you will be glad to know that there are six more of us than when last we wrote. We have one initiate, Lulu Merrifield. Gladys Barker, one of last year's girls, has just come back to us after a siege of typhoid fever. And then our four new pledges—Ethel Bishop, Polly Branch, Virginia Holland and Ellen Kermen.

We had such a pleasant time securing the new girls this year and feel especially gratified at our success because of the many good things said about the old girls at the time. Is it wrong to feel a little bit proud of ourselves?

The most enjoyable event Michigan Alpha has had for a long time was a progressive dinner given by our resident alumnae to the active chapter and the new girls on November fifteenth. A more nicely served dinner or a more happy crowd of Pi Phis than the thirty at Mrs. Stewart's that night, I defy you to find. We are so grateful to our newly-formed Alumnae Association.

This dinner and a delightful cookie-shine in our room are the only special events we have to chronicle.

During Thanksgiving vacation, we were glad to welcome three of our alumnae—Mary Corbett, Estelle Nash and Lucy Baker-Whetzel.

We are now busy in our college work and also in planning for our Christmas vacation. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EVELYN D. GATES.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(CHARTERED 1888)

On Saturday, October the twenty-ninth, we initiated six new girls. They are Marjorie Loose, Eva Hathhorn, Charlotte Angstman, Elizabeth Miller, Katharine Griffith and Martha Downey. About twenty-five of our alumnae were back for initiation and spent Sunday with us. It did seem so good to have so many of our old girls with us again. Altogether we think we had a very successful initiation this year, and we are certainly proud of our six freshmen.

We have a new pledge, Anna Kanagde, who was pledged a few weeks ago and whom we hope to initiate some time next semester.

The Thursday after our Thanksgiving vacation we gave a little informal party for our freshmen.

At the time of the Chicago-Michigan foot ball game we had several visitors here at our chapter house, May Loose, who graduated two years ago, and Daisy Sabine, who was here three years ago; also Miss Gastman from Illinois Zeta, spent the day with us.

Last week we enjoyed having with us one evening Eleanor Just from Illinois Epsilon.

The freshman spread, a dancing party for the freshman girls, given by the sophomores, in which the junior and senior girls act as escorts for the freshmen, is to be given December tenth. It is the one event of the year where all the girls of the college come together for a good time. The party is usually very pretty with the gymnasium decorated with class colors and the girls all in evening dress.

We are looking forward eagerly to the approaching holidays and wish all the Pi Phis a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

RHEA L. TYLER.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1869)

Is it possible that Thanksgiving has come and gone and that we are already planning for Christmas? Thus time flies.

Iowa Alpha has had a pleasant fall, though it has been rather quiet.

On Hallowe'en we Pi Phi girls, pledges, and several alumnae, with our men friends, made a jolly party of many carriages and single traps and drove into the country eleven miles to the beautiful home of Mabel Payne.

The rooms were decorated with brilliant autumn leaves and the delicate green of smilax. The sepulchral element was not lacking, for from the corner of one room, the form of the Pi Phi ghost was dimly seen through branches of leaves.

Every one voted our evening a success, and at a late hour said good-night to our hostess and her mother, who having two Pi Phi daughters, is very loyal to the wine and blue.

The evening of November fifth, Alpha Xi Delta gave a Pan-Hellenic party at the pleasant home of one of their members. It was a very pleasant occasion, for the Greeks seldom meet in a social way, and it is good now and then to forget the rivalry.

Thanksgiving day we had our second initiation for this term and we are proud and happy to introduce to all our sisters in Pi Beta Phi our new sister, Bertha Snider, who is an assistant in the Conservatory of

Music. We also have two new pledges who will soon wear the wine and blue, Clara Munz and Mabel Gillaspie.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

STELLA GUTHRIE.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

It seems almost incredible that so quickly the fall term of college has slipped away and all the girls are planning for Christmas vacation.

Our pledge day being the seventeenth of November, Pearl Russel, Ada Proudfoot and Mary Kilburn were introduced into the fraternity world as wearers of the wine and blue, together with Miss Mary Hunting, the new Latin professor, as patroness. November thirtieth we initiated our pledges and this was followed by a cookie-shine and a very good time.

The only large affair we have given this term was a regular Hallowe'en party, given to our men friends, and was as successful as any we have ever given.

On the ninth of December we shall have our last meeting and are planning for a very good time, although we are very sorrowful over the fact that Marguerite and Celeste Robinson will not be in school next term, and probably Bernice Halley as well.

Wishing a very merry Christmas and a very bright, happy and prosperous New Year to every Pi Beta Phi.

RUTH ETHELTON BAKER.

IOWA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

(CHARTERED 1882)

Our State University this year has a larger attendance than ever before and in all departments the college is thoroughly alive and spirited. We Pi Phis have had a successful and happy year thus far. Since the last ARROW we have a new Pi Phi to introduce to you, Alice Mayor Edwards of Waterloo, who was initiated with our four other pledges.

The last Saturday in October all the fraternity girls of the University were invited to meet Miss Ruth Paxon, national student secretary of Y. W. C. A. Miss Paxon, as a former student of S. U. I. and as a fraternity woman, gave us an interesting and helpful talk on fraternity life.

Several of our girls have taken part in recent farces given by the literary societies, and there have been numerous informal doings at the fraternity houses. Friday night, December sixteenth, the sophomore cotillion opens the season of the formal parties given in the armory.

Iowa Zeta wishes all her sister chapters a successful and "Happy New Year."

SADIE HOLIDAY.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(CHARTERED 1894)

Wisconsin Alpha has been very busy since the last letter. In the middle of October we gave our fall dance to introduce our debutantes to university society, and a week later we had our initiation and a banquet. As this was the anniversary of the founding of our chapter we had quite a number of our alumnae with us. Beside the six girls of whom we wrote you, we were fortunate enough to pledge Marguerite McLean of Menominee, Wisconsin. She is a strong girl for Pi Beta Phi and every Wisconsin Alpha girl is proud to call her a sister.

Our social meetings have been particularly pleasant this fall. The girls all seem to look forward to them with pleasure. At present we are sewing for a bazaar to be given by the Self-Government Association of the University to help toward the Woman's Building which is to be built here in Madison.

There was a general exodus of Pi Phis at Thanksgiving, seven of us going into Milwaukee, and as many to Chicago. The girls who were in Chicago attended the luncheon given at Marshall Field's by the Chicago Alumnae Association, where they were delighted to make the acquaintance of Pi Beta Phis from a great many chapters.

ROSE CHARLTON WELLMAN.

DELTA PROVINCE

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(CHARTERED 1873)

It hardly seems possible that this term has almost slipped by and the Christmas holidays are here again. The term has been a very pleasant one; one of studies agreeably mingled with good times.

From October to Christmas is the season for fall hops, and nearly all the fraternities have entertained their friends in this way. The largest party of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. James Means and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blaul for two of our girls, Alma Poehler and Claudia Pendleton. This party served to open our big new hall where all the spring dances will be given. We entertained our friends with a hop on November the eleventh in honor of our freshmen, and the following week initiated Mary Buckles and Imogene Dean.

Our most important event this fall was the annual banquet held in Kansas City on the night before Thanksgiving. We always make great plans

for this annual celebration in Kansas City and enjoy meeting the alumnae and Missouri girls so much.

We are very sorry to lose one of our new girls, Mary Buckles, who has been obliged to return home on account of ill health. She will be with us again in the spring, however.

Miss Margaret Kyle of Pennsylvania Alpha, national secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, visited the Kansas organization this fall, and we entertained all the fraternity girls the afternoon that she talked to them.

Kansas University's early prospects in football were well realized. Our team did excellent work and their only defeat was by the Haskell Indians. The Dramatic club is working hard this year and will put on their first play soon after the holidays. Several of our girls were elected into the club this fall and will have parts in the play.

May the New Year be a happy and prosperous one to all Pi Phis.

LESLEY HILL.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE—TULANE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1891)

So many lovely things have happened to the girls of Louisiana Alpha that we can hardly write of them all. But to begin with the best: It is almost as a Christmas present that we give to Pi Beta Phi two new staunch and loyal girls, Marian Bean and Nina Laroussini. They were initiated on November nineteenth, in our chapter room in Newcomb Hall. We usually hold our initiations at the home of one of the girls, but we decided to have it this year at the college, as the campus is so charming at night, besides being thoroughly equipped with all sorts of instruments of torture. The college buildings are white, and the shadows of the palms and great oaks in the moonlight are very beautiful.

We are very much distressed at not being able to initiate our pledges, Elizabeth Maginnis, Louise Westfeldt and Carrie Hayward. For various reasons they were unable to attend college this year, but we are expecting great things of them, after they once cross the threshold of dear Pi Phi.

About three weeks after college opened, Stella Hayward invited all the active chapter, alumnae, pledges and "rushees" to an informal tea at her home. Several articles from past "ARROWS," which bore directly upon the subject of rushing, were read, and we cheered and sang of Pi Beta Phi to our hearts' content. Every moment of the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyable.

On October twenty-eighth Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega gave a cotillion, and representatives from each of the other fraternities were invited. There were a great many other Pi Phis there also, and

we had a delightful time, especially as it was given at the home of one of our active members.

Hallowe'en night we all went up to Céleste Janvier's, and did everything appropriate, from telling ghost stories to bobbing for apples. We had a jolly good time, and finished it off with some Pi Beta Phi songs.

We received an invitation from Kappa Kappa Gamma to help them receive at a tea to be given in honor of Miss Sinclair, an ex-grand treasurer of Kappa, but as Miss Sinclair was taken very ill the day of the tea, the invitations were cancelled.

On November the eleventh we were invited to a dance to be given in our honor by Mary Ashley Townsend Stanton. The parlors, library, dining room and hall were thrown open, and red carnations were everywhere to be seen. The affair was a great success, and no one who was there will soon forget it.

The next day at one o'clock the dormitory Pi Phis, Carrie Hopkins, Virginia Handley, Hélène Maury, Margaret Burroughs and Genevieve Jackson, entertained the active chapter at an informal luncheon in the chapter room at College. The wine and silver blue was carried out in the decorations, and palms and carnations were arranged about the room. After the luncheon we all went out to the foot ball game between Sewanee and Tulane. That night we went to an informal party at Jessie Tebo's, and after turning the lights out, we sat on the floor in the fire-light and sang our songs, while one of the girls accompanied us on the guitar. True Pi Beta Phi sentiments were afloat, and after it was over we felt much nearer and dearer to each other than ever before.

Elizabeth Maginnis gave a house party Thanksgiving, and among her guests were two Pi Beta Phis. A sugar plantation in the "Garden Spot" of Louisiana is the greatest sort of place to have a house party, and we spent four days and nights of jolly good fun.

The day after pledge day, Helen Rainey invited us to her home to give our new pledges a hearty welcome, and we did so with all our hearts. This was the finale of our rushing festivities, and a merry one it was.

Our alumnae here in New Orleans are working toward organizing an association, and we sincerely hope for it in the very near future. They have been wonderfully helpful to us this year, and we are very anxious to see them a firmly united body. They have rented a piano for our use in the chapter room,—something we have needed for so long but could not afford, and we appreciate it more than we could even express to them.

We have two new patronesses to introduce to you, Mrs. C. B. Maginnis and Mrs. Alfred Le Blanc, who, we feel, are a great addition to the chapter. On the fourteenth of December there is to be a Pan-Hellenic tea, and we all anticipate it with pleasure.

Wishing every Pi Phi the happiest of Christmas holidays and a most joyful New Year, Louisiana Alpha says au revoir.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(CHARTERED 1895)

Two more months have slipped by and we can scarcely realize that so much has been accomplished. Although the term has been full of pleasures and hard work, a most beautiful fall has made it pass all too quickly.

Since our last letter we have held our initiation, when we introduced six girls into the mysteries of Pi Phidom. The last two pledged are Pearl Fitzgerald and Alice Carson. Our freshmen already show their loyalty to the wine and blue and we hope that they will always maintain this same spirit, for surely such is the aim of a true Pi Phi.

We were sorry to have one of our most enthusiastic freshmen, Myrtle Lawton, leave us, and we miss her greatly, but expect her back after the holidays.

Miss Margaret Kyle, the national students' secretary for the Y. W. C. A., visited the Association in Lincoln for five days and we consider ourselves fortunate in having had one evening of her time. We regret that she could not be with us longer.

We have been favored with visits from several Pi Phis from other chapters: Nellie Kellogg of Michigan Beta, whom we were glad to have with us during rushing season and initiation time; Jessie Pontius of Iowa Zeta, and Jessie Nason of California Beta, were here at the time of the the Iowa game, and Josephine Collier of Illinois Epsilon, who visited for some time in Lincoln. We are always glad to meet our sisters and only wish it were possible to see more of them.

The social life this fall has been rather strenuous, although we have not entertained extensively ourselves. Last month we gave an informal dancing party for our six freshmen, and various other affairs at our chapter house.

Perhaps the most enjoyable function of this year was the "girls' Pan-Hellenic dance" at the art studio of the university on December third. It was in the form of a masked ball attended by girls only and was like any other dance, with the exception of a Virginia reel. Some stunning costumes were seen on the floor and everybody had a thoroughly good time. It was considered a great success both socially and financially, for the proceeds are for a college settlement fund.

Our Pan-Hellenic Association here is making great progress and still there is much room for improvement. These social functions accomplish a great deal in getting fraternity girls acquainted and in doing away

with that feeling which is so apt to exist where there are as many as seven women's fraternities in one college. Our next party will come in February.

By the time this letter is in print the annual county fair, given by the Y. W. C. A. girls, will have passed. All the fraternities have side shows of some description and we Pi Phis are to have "A Reverie of a Bachelor," and expect to have lots of fun.

A merry Xmas and a happy New Year to all our sisters far and near.

KATE HEACOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(CHARTERED 1902)

In our last letter we wrote you of our encouraging prospects and our hopes for success. Now all those hopes have been realized, and we have ten charming new sisters to introduce to you: Margaret Robertson, Sadie Millspaugh, Bessie Cochran, Serena Gould, Kate Martin, Lucile March, Elizabeth Evans, Nellie Harris, Florence Cowan, Addie Mitchell. We feel sure that they will make faithful, earnest Pi Phis, for even as pledges they were unusually enthusiastic, with the interests of the fraternity strongly at heart. After Christmas our active membership of twenty-two will be increased to twenty-three, when Eva Humason of Colorado Beta, who is now attending the University, will be transferred.

During the rushing season two delightful parties were given in our honor, which we heartily enjoyed, in spite of the anxiety our freshmen caused us. Mrs. Wilbough Young of Illinois Delta entertained us with a jolly trolley ride, just suited to freshmen, where popcorn, peanuts and horns were very much in evidence; and Mrs. Boswell, one of our patronesses, gave a Pi Phi card party. The house was very effectively decorated in the Pi Phi colors and red roses, and the score cards were painted in long, slender carnations. The first prize was a handsome painting of carnations, which Leonore Hummel won and presented to the chapter house.

The house has been fairly bubbling over with girls the past month, as many of our alumnae have been back for the rushing season and initiation. Our Hallowe'en party was made unusually lively by their attendance. We took our freshmen several miles out into the country to a large rambling country house, and told fortunes and ate gumbo under the huge oak trees in the dim light of pumpkin lanterns.

We have another wedding to announce to our sisters. At half past five Friday afternoon, December the second, Lula Rose was married to Mr. Kibbe of Brownsville, Texas. The wedding was a very quiet one, sol-

emized at the home of the bride, with only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom present. After the ceremony the bridal party had dinner with the bride's mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe left that evening for Brownsville, where they will make their home.

Now that our pledges have been so happily initiated into the fraternity, our entire thoughts are taken up with the approaching term examinations and the Christmas holidays. Thus, it is in a half serious and half festive mood that we of Texas Alpha extend to our sisters Christmas greetings and fond wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

FAY KINCAID.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(CHARTERED 1884)

Echoes of Pi Phi songs and shouts of joy are still ringing in the writer's ears, for Colorado Alpha has this very evening had one of those jubilees so dear to every Pi Phi, a "grab cookie-shine."

Time has passed so quickly since the last ARROW letter that it seems as if not much could have happened since then, and yet during this time our chapter has celebrated her twentieth anniversary and initiated seven girls.

Just now thimble parties are in vogue at almost any hour of the day, as the girls are busy with Christmas sewing.

We have decided to have our tree after we return this year, as our holidays begin so late, and then, too, as some practical mind suggested, we can get things for the house so much cheaper then.

Next week Claire Husted, one of our juniors, is going to California for the rest of the year, and we are all hoping she will become acquainted with some of the Pi Phis there.

We were fortunate enough to have Inez Plumb of Kansas Alpha with us for our big party, and since then we have been doing something which she told us the Kansas girls did, and which we have found so enjoyable that I think it will not be amiss to tell of it in this letter. Every Sunday morning the girls of the Lodge gather in the reception room just after breakfast and sing their favorite hymns and read their favorite Bible chapters. We think the custom a very pretty and helpful one and thank Kansas Alpha for the suggestion.

When this letter appears it will be too late to wish you a merry Christmas, so Colorado Alpha says to all her sisters, A most prosperous and happy New Year.

CLARA MORSE.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1885)

Colorado Beta feels so very happy this winter that she wishes to pass her happiness along and allow others a share in it.

For many years we have looked forward to the time when we should have a lodge, but because the homes of nearly all of our girls are in Denver, we have waited a long time in vain. We have never had enough girls from a distance to support a chapter house, but at last we have something which pleases us nearly as much.

This fall the alumnae met and decided to take definite steps in regard to a lodge. Plans were drawn up, subscriptions asked, and now as a result we are the proud possessors of a charming little bungalow. We think it is just about as pretty as any little house could be. It contains but one long room thirty-six feet long by twenty-two wide. In one side is a fine great fire place just ready to hear our ghost stories and secrets as we sit gathered about it. The windows are high up in the walls and are "lattice'd" off into cunning little square panes of glass. The wood work is deep mahogany and the walls a harmonious shade. As a whole the effect of the interior is very artistic and will be very comfortable, we are sure. The outside is light colored brick, with white trimmings and a green roof. We are hoping to hold our first meeting in it December thirty-first and we wish all our sisters might be here to enter it with us, though I fear all might find some difficulty in getting comfortable seats. We hope that our pleasure and pride in this our newest possession has not made this little description tiresomely long for you to read.

COLORADO BETA.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(CHARTERED 1900)

The University is now the center of the greatest activity, library and class rooms are crowded, no one "cuts," and all appear with eyes needful of sleep, and in general with tired, careworn faces. Is it necessary to say "final examinations?"

The usual events of the first semester of college have taken place and were very successful,—the senior banquet, junior prom and farce, and the sophomore gym—. On November the seventeenth Pi Beta Phi gave her annual faculty reception from eight until eleven o'clock in the evening. Our two new patronesses, Mrs. Jacques Loeb and Mrs. H. B. Torrey, assisted us in receiving and we felt very proud of the honor thus conferred upon us. On the nineteenth we gave a jolly little dance. Mrs.

Hiram Van Kirk has been elected an honorary member of the Prytanean society and Bertha Crawford secretary of the Art Association. Professor Charles Mills Gayley is the originator of a new organization, the "University Dramatic Society." Florence Zeigenfuss has been invited to join as a charter member. This society has awakened much interest in college circles and we anticipate some very fine literary and dramatic productions.

As usual we will close this term with a "cookie-shine," dear as an old custom to every Pi Phi heart, and as we say good bye until the bright New Year, we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

CLARA LOUISE COOPER.

Exchanges

Since the issue of the November ARROW the following exchanges have been received and are hereby acknowledged:

For September—The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi.

For October—The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, The *Delta Chi Quarterly*.

For November—The *Phi Gamma Delta*, The *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, The *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, The *Kappa Alpha Theta*, The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, The *Beta Theta Pi*, The *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, The *Alpha Xi Delta*, The *Delta* of Sigma Nu, The *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

For December—The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, The *Beta Theta Pi*, The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, The *Phi Gamma Delta*, The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, The *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

There is certainly a strong note of common sense in the warning against materialism of the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. If there is anything directly at variance with the real fraternal spirit, it is ostentation, and yet ostentation is too often the greatest, as it is the most conspicuous, fault of the fraternity chapter.

We have heard it seriously suggested by one standing high in knowledge of fraternity conditions in the United States, and the tendencies of frater-

nity spirit, that it would be well for the authorities of the several institutions where fraternities exist, to set a limit to the value of property which any chapter might occupy. Whether the attempt to impose such a limitation would not be an unwarranted assumption of authority, and the edict a mere *brutum fulmen*, we do not mean to discuss, but certainly there is cause to hope for an effectual protest from some quarter against the growing ostentation in the matter of fraternity houses. Democracy finds the current against him where part of the student body are denizens of castles. He meets with but a scornful or partial recognition. In exalting the privileges of membership in our cherished unions it would be well for the cause of humanity if we kept in mind the evil of overdoing.

When at an all-university celebration, the subject of fraternities is presented as "a topic of general interest," it may be counted as one of the peaceful victories of the Greeks. We are glad to reprint a part of Mr. Perkins' address from the *Delta of Sigma Nu*.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE FRATERNITY TO LIFE'S EQUIPMENT.

This address was delivered on Founder's Day, May, 1904, before the students, faculty and invited friends, of the University of Vermont, by Everett V. Perkins. There were three speakers: an alumnus, a senior and a junior, the two latter being chosen by the student body. It was Mr. Perkins' part to treat some topic of general interest, to the audience, and the prominence of Greek letter societies in the institution and the fact that no similar attempt had been made recently to discuss them, seemed to justify him in presenting an article, pertaining to the college fraternity.

Education may be divided into two kinds. The one kind we gain by hard, unrelaxing effort, the other we absorb incidentally, unconsciously. The one kind of education we obtain by spending considerable sums of money for books and tuition, the other we may acquire at insignificant cost. The one kind of education our professors teach, the other we learn partly from our instructors, but mostly from our fellow students. These two kinds of education are sometimes separated; they should go together, the one complementing the other. The scholars of the Dark Ages had the finest kind of education with little of the second. Abraham Lincoln had the second kind with little of the first. William Gladstone, an ideally trained man, had a happy combination of both kinds. These are the two kinds of education: That of the head and that of the heart. Our studies aim at the development of our minds; they give us a knowledge of books. But that other knowledge of equally great importance to a proportionally disciplined person—the knowledge of men, the college curriculum of it-

self fails to impart. And so the fraternity comes to the assistance of the college curriculum and says: "You teach the student how to think and reason. You place before him the printed page and show him its meaning. You fill his head with the lore of the ages. You do your part well. Now I will take him and tell him how to love and sympathize. I will lay before him the hearts of his fellows and reveal to him their interpretation. I will build for him channels by which the store of learning which you give shall flow out and gladden the broad fields of humanity. And we both will work together and will turn out at graduation an all-around man."

Thus the fraternity is a counterpart of the training of the class-room. It is really a school in itself, and offers a kind of instruction just as important as that of the college faculty. It teaches, first of all, the lesson of friendship.

The friendships formed in college, especially in the college fraternity, are among the truest friendships of life. Those of earlier days are largely determined by relationship and by the social circles of our families; many of those of after years are the artificial ones of business or professional connection. But the friendships of the fraternity chapter are pure and genuine and natural. They grow spontaneously upon soil rich and productive, under skies clear and gracious, in climate sunny and genial. The friendship of the father and the son is of a different and larger kind. Its roots are sunk deep in the hearts of the race; its fruit is more abundant and excellent. But the conditions under which it exists are less favorable. The father is busied with the duties of his occupation, the son is engaged in study and amusement. Their ages, their tastes are different. But in the college fraternity is a band of men leading a common life, common in both its inner and outer relations. Fraternity men "have all things common." And there is no ground so fertile for the fair growth of friendship as this community of lives.

Human insight is born, certainly not of book lore, but of just such comradeship as this. These ties of sentiment bind one so closely to his fellows that he may read with ease the story of their inner lives. A man not only marks the brilliancy of a student in the class-room, and listens to the cheers that greet his prowess on the athletic field, but he probes the motive which prompts all this activity. He looks at his comrade from within as well as from without. He learns why some men succeed and others fail. He comes to understand how to read his fellows correctly, how to encourage them in the right, and how to dissuade them from the wrong.

Such friendships are a constant source of inspiration to the good and honorable in life. Brothers rejoice with the student in his success. Indeed, the anticipation of their joy was half his incentive to put forth the effort necessary for success. But this is not all. When he becomes care-

less and erring they do not visit his faults with flattery or neglect, but their sympathy and honesty in revealing him his mistakes attach him to them the more strongly. What an uplifting power is this! Twenty men, urging one to achieve something noble, willing to help him, equally glad with him when he succeeds, equally sorry with him when he fails.

Who shall estimate the value of this lesson of friendship to life's equipment? Cicero says that the immortal Gods have given to us nothing better than friendship, except virtue. Not only does the fraternity man learn the lesson of friendship, but he holds in lasting possession the love and sympathy of those devoted comrades from whom that lesson was derived. And to them, as long as life shall last, he can always turn for renewed help and encouragement.

So, first of all, a fraternity teaches friendship. But it teaches more than mere passive friendship. It teaches co-operation. The ideals of the organization must be realized, its interests must be perpetuated. One man can not do this work alone, a share in it devolves on every man. All must co-operate.

Co-operation is one of the greatest lessons a person can learn. Upon it our whole social order is founded. Upon it depends the welfare of the family, the city, the state, the nation. Whether a man be an engineer or an artist or a teacher is of secondary importance. He is a citizen first of all, and his duties are the duties of citizenship. Although our peaceful and secure society, established by the unselfish and united effort of our fathers, and handed down to us a rich and glorious inheritance, does not demand our constant and immediate attention, and allows us a grand opportunity for the exercise of our talents in the attainment of individual ends, still its obligations are no less binding. And the fraternity, with the equality of its members and its democratic government, drills one in the great principles for which American citizenship pre-eminently stands.

Fraternal co-operation teaches self-denial, patience, obedience, leadership. Individual preferences must be subordinated to the will of the majority. A man, though alert and ever ready himself and eager for the adoption of important measures, must wait for his less active comrades. He has to gain the quality of patience which every worker with his fellows must possess. As an underclassman, a member of the Greek letter society has to obey those who are older and whose experience has been more varied and extended than his own. As he advances and shows his capacity, he is given positions of leadership. Thus men learn the lesson which co-operation teaches, and when the chapter-room changes itself into the senate chamber, and the men who successfully lead their fraternities now while in college become the chosen keepers of a nation's destiny, these lessons will not be forgotten.

There is still a third subject which the college fraternity includes in its course. This is generous rivalry.

The different fraternity organizations have similar aims, the pursuit of which is liable to bring collision. They each seek to enroll in their membership the best men in the entering class, and to gain the highest place on the roll of college honors. Fraternities must compete with each other wisely, honestly, successfully. This rivalry can not well make students hostile, dividing them among themselves; for all the members of a modern college, no matter to what fraternities they may or may not belong, are bound together by ties of devotion to their Alma Mater—ties the severance of which would cause a total disruption of all those numerous and invaluable activities in which college men collectively engage. This rivalry among the fraternities is a rivalry of friend against friend, a rivalry of those who are ever ready to work with joined hands for the glory of their institution. Under these conditions the most wholesome and profitable competition is learned, that competition in which a contestant eagerly strives for the prize himself, and stops not to impede others who seek after the same; in which the winner vaunts not over the defeated, and the defeated looks with admiration upon the skill which was greater than his own. Fraternity men, for the most part, have come to see that the only way to compete successfully with rivals is to excel them in real merit, which at length is sure to gain its proper recognition.

Competition is the great stimulus of the marvelous and manifold activities which characterize the American people. It stands for the survival of the fittest. To meet it one must have just that energy and watchfulness which the fraternity man acquires.

These are the lessons then which fraternalism teaches—friendship, co-operation and rivalry. Friendship, true and lasting; co-operation, strong and unselfish; rivalry, peaceable and fair. Can any one fail to appreciate the importance of lessons like these?

The December number of the *Phi Gamma Delta* is largely illustrated with the photographs of its athletic members. Such a number of "Fi ji" athletes must prove a stimulus to the younger members, and a "drawing card to future freshmen.

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Out of the forty-three Rhodes scholars sent to Oxford from the United States, twenty-three are fraternity men. Which seems to indicate that fraternities neither overlook the studious youth nor cause him to neglect his work.

Among chapters recently installed may be mentioned one Sigma Chi at Syracuse October 15, Phi Kappa Psi at Texas and at Illinois October 24, Delta Delta Delta at Pennsylvania, at Iowa State and at Mississippi, all in September, and Delta Upsilon at Ohio State University December ninth.

The eighth tri-ennial council of Phi Beta Kappa, the "honor" Greek-letter society, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., lately was distinguished by the granting of charters to ten chapters as follows: Smith, Wellesley, Mt. Holyoke and Colorado colleges, Woman's College of Baltimore, Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and the universities of Ohio, North Carolina, Texas, and Tulane.

A newcomer to the ranks of our exchanges is the Delta Chi *Quarterly*, the publication of the law fraternity Delta Chi. The magazine is now in its second year of publication and is in every way a credit to the fraternity it represents.

The November *Delta* of Sigma Nu is devoted to the alumni and is profusely illustrated. Sigma Nu is most fortunate in having five hundred such prepossessing alumni as those whose pictures are presented.

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