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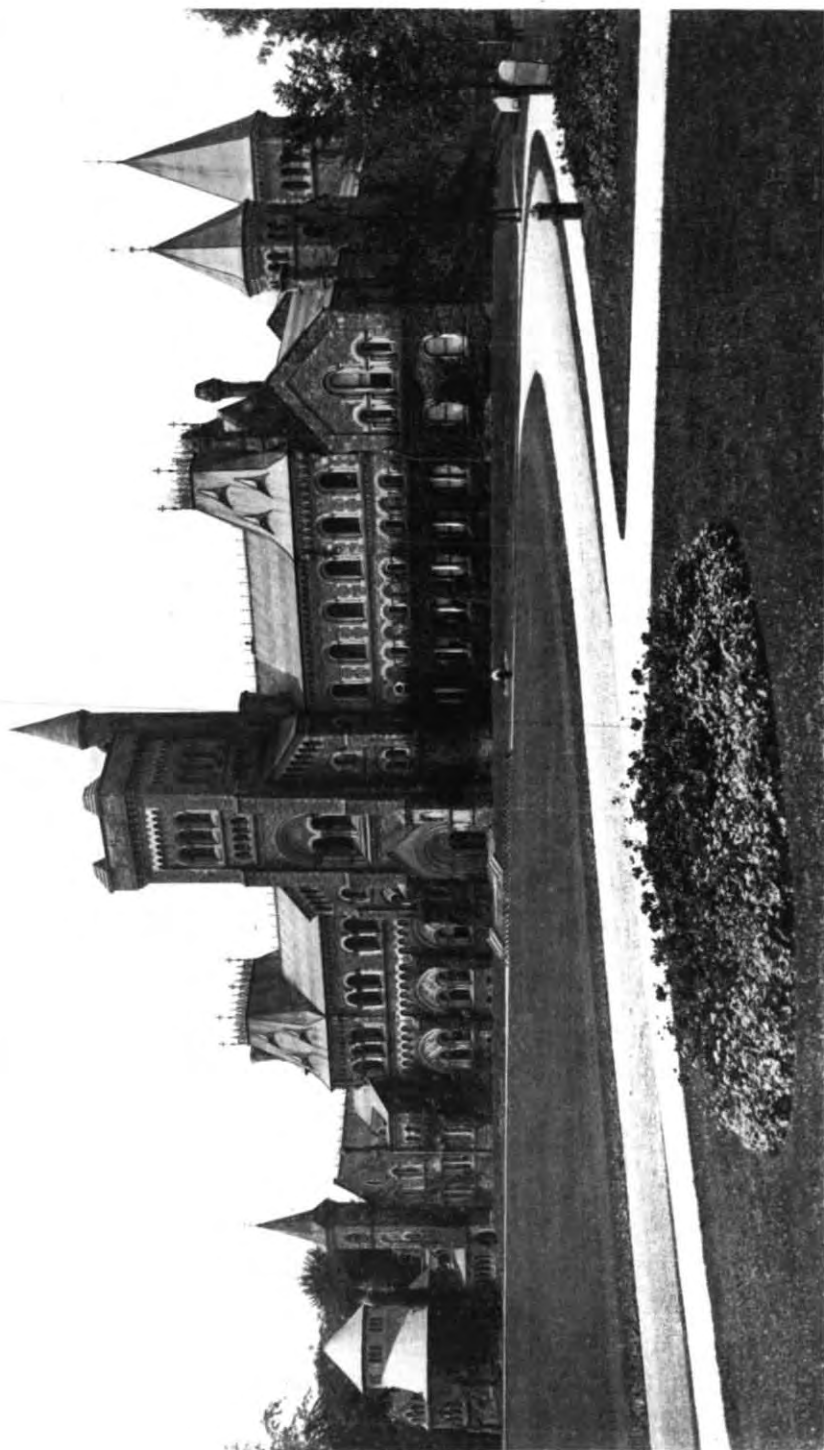
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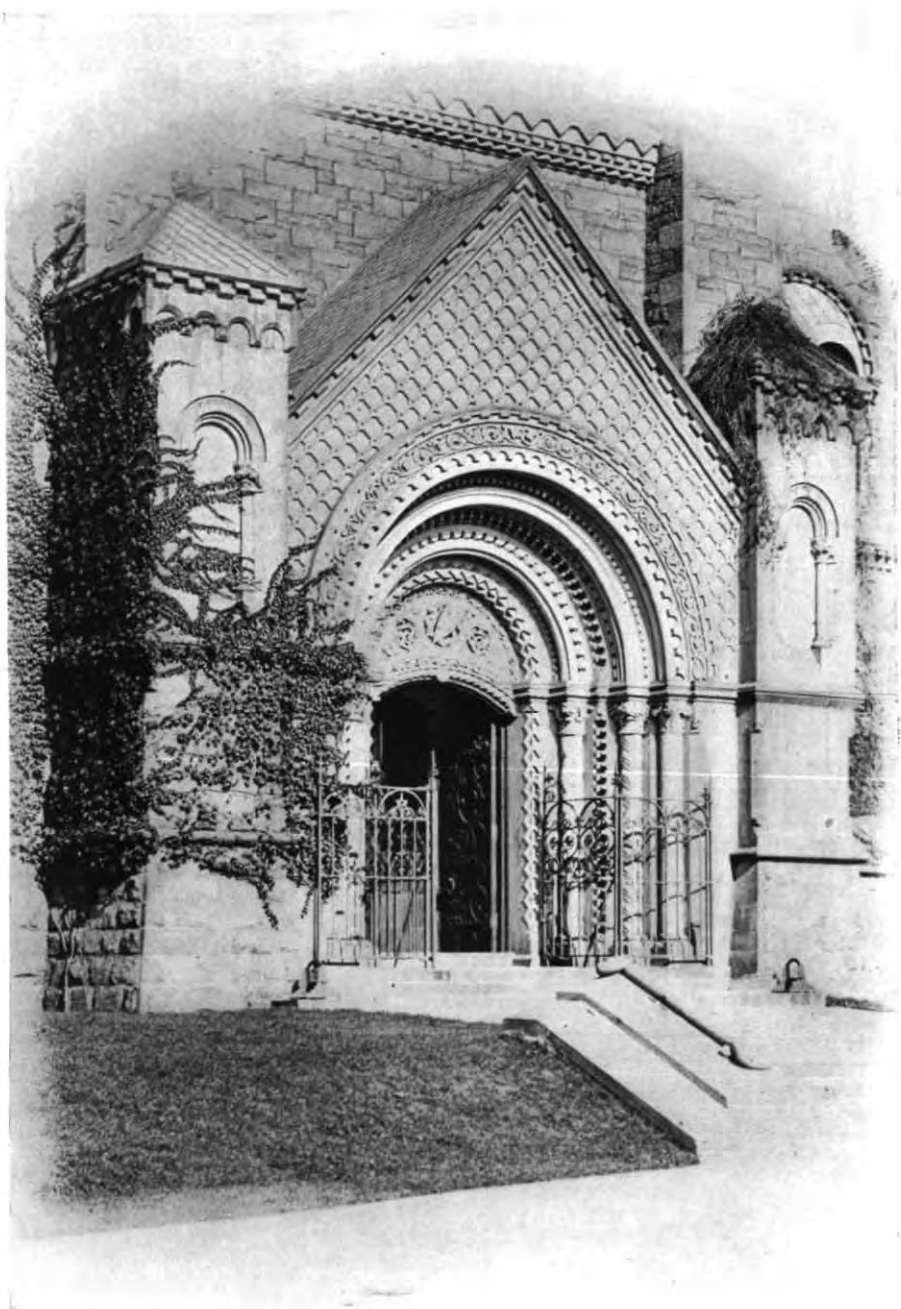
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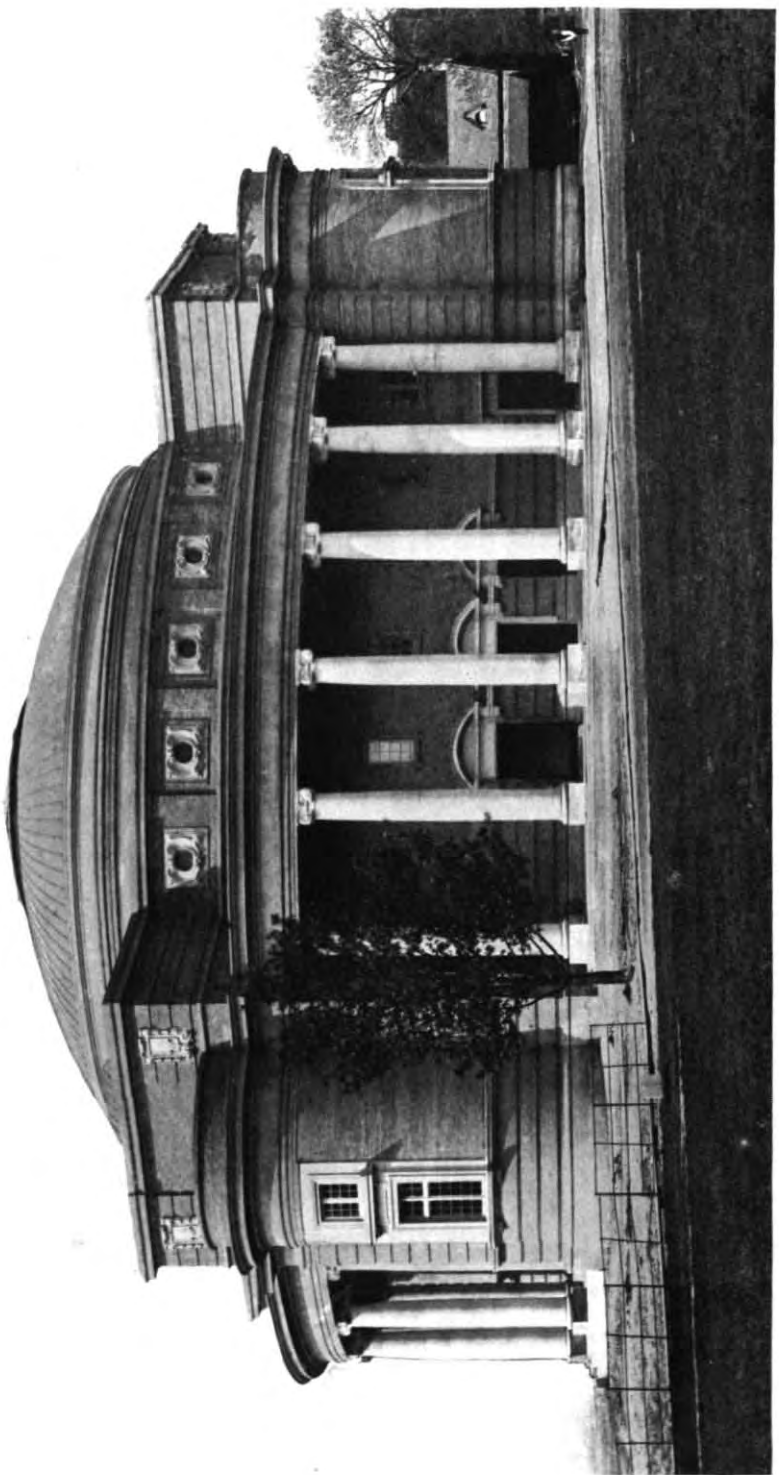


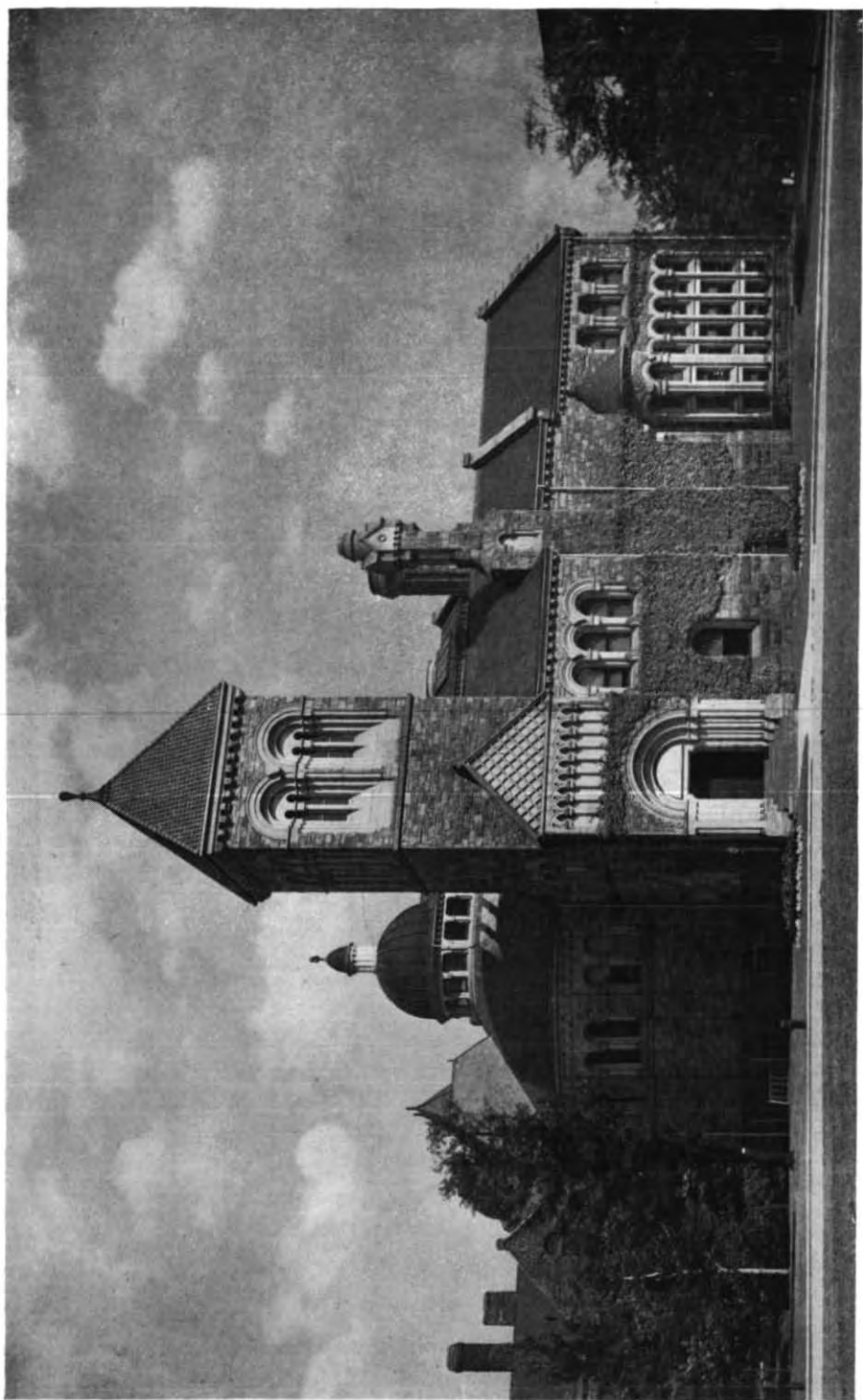
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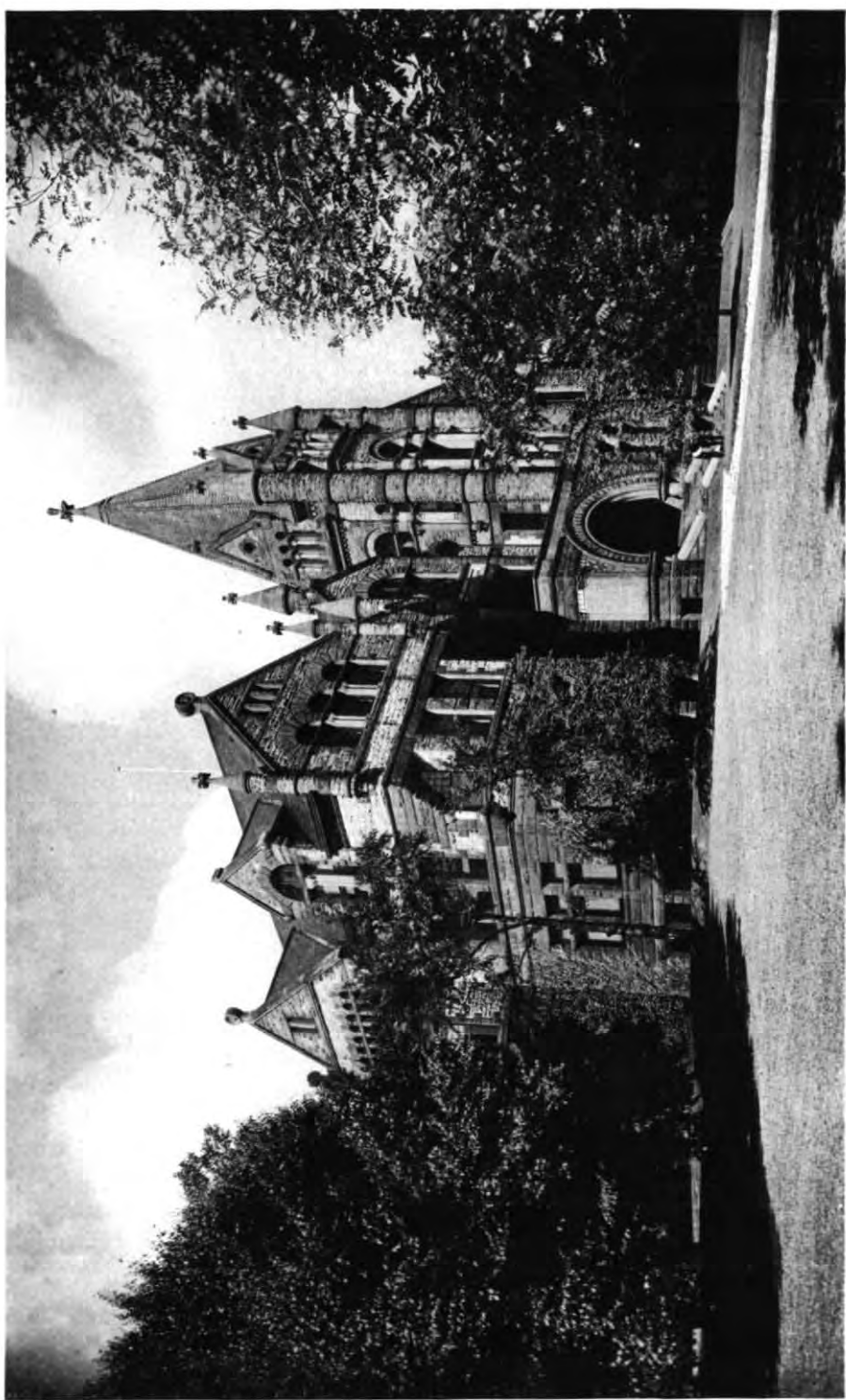
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## THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

With the founding of Upper Canada under the constitutional act of 1791 came the agitation for the development in the new colony of the same social conditions as existed in the old land,—“the maintenance of religion and the promotion of higher education.” The first governor of the new province was Colonel John Simcoe. He proposed that from the public lands, a fund should be derived for the education especially “of the more respectable classes of people, by the erection of free grammar schools, and, in the course of time, of a college or university.” In these views the imperial government readily concurred. Led by the Rev. John Strachan, the promoters of the scheme worked with an enthusiasm and zeal worthy of the cause, with the result that in 1826 a charter was granted founding a university under the name of King’s College and in close connection with the church of England. On the second of April, 1842, with most imposing ceremonial, the corner-stone was laid. When college opened, not only the council, president, principal, and staff, and twenty-two out of twenty-six students were members of the church of England, but the whole tenor of the proceedings was such as implied the predominance of that body. This mistake was remedied in 1842 by the “Baldwin Bill,” which constituted the University of Toronto, and transferred to it all the powers of King’s College.

In the meantime four new colleges had sprung into existence, King’s, Regiapolis, Queen’s, and Victoria. These were now embraced in the one, together with their entire endowment. Thus was wrested from any ecclesiastical body the control of the university and its endowments, a triumph of principle from which the country has never receded.

The work of the university now steadily advanced in every direction. The great modern movement of university development, which had already exercised a profound influence in Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, began to make itself felt in Canada also. The movement appeared first in the immense extension of the physical and biological sciences, and then in the widening of the spheres and methods of all other studies,—history, literature, and even philosophy. Between the years 1887 and 1908 many changes have taken place. The university is governed as formerly by a senate, but there is added for certain executive functions a University Council. In 1890, after a prolonged conflict, Victoria University gained entrance into the federation, and a few years later saw the Faculties of Medicine, Arts, Applied Science, Theology, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Music, University College, Trinity College, and Victoria College all affiliated.

In the autumn of 1858 was laid the crowning stone of the main building, "University College." In the system of higher education provided by the state, since the Federation Act of 1887, this college has stood as the complement of the University of Toronto;—*i.e.*, the state furnishes through "University College" instruction in those departments of the arts course in which it does not furnish instruction through the university. The college bears to the crown exactly the same relations as does the university. By the crown all appointments are made, and the lieutenant governor of Ontario is *ex officio* the visitor of the college. It shares with the university in the original endowment, and in all grants made for general purposes; the fees of its students are paid into the common purse of the university and college, and its finances are managed by the same board of trustees. It occupies, along with the university, the main building. Its governing body is the university college council, which consists of the principal, professors, and associate professors. Situated in the center of the college group, it stands, a beautiful, gray stone structure, the architecture of which is unsurpassed on the continent. Its low carved doorway and long echoing corridors, its shaded colors and quaint old turrets, its courtyard and adjoining balcony all combine to present a picture striking and impressive to those who see it first, and lasting and sweet beyond expression to those who have grown to know them and claim them as their own.

Victoria College, a handsome red brick structure situated in the extreme northeast corner of Queen's Park, was founded by the Methodists in 1837. When it became evident that the rulers of the day, entrenched in a position above popular control, were bent on a policy that would give the mastery of higher education to the Anglican church the above party promptly undertook the founding of schools of its own. Victoria College offers a course in arts and theology, and is one of the most prosperous and enterprising institutions in the Dominion. Annesly Hall, its women's residence, is a large and comfortable building, just north of the college, affording full opportunity for an ideal residence life. Its gymnasium and rink, tennis courts, and spacious grounds are among the best in the university, and may well be the pride of the college.

The founding of Trinity College by the first bishop of Toronto was the result of the complete secularization of King's College and its final separation from the church of England. Its purpose was to secure for the youth of the church the best secular education in the arts and sciences coupled with the religious teaching and influences of the church of England. Unlike the other colleges it is not built among the rest of the group, but alone in the western part of the city. A long, low building of dull gray stone, surrounded with beautiful parks and many paths, it possesses a charm quite distinct from the others and a classic loveliness altogether its own. It also offers courses in arts and theology, the work of the arts faculty being divided between the college and university, while to the college exclusively belongs the teachings of divinity. Its women's residence is "St. Hilda's College."

As early as 1819, the president of King's College had publicly urged the importance and necessity of a faculty of law in the contemplated university. This plan was realized in the constitution of King's College, when it was opened for the admission of students, on the eighth of June, 1843, and there are delightful reminiscences of the life of the law student in that college, his chapels and commons, his pranks and amusements. Terms were kept, dinners eaten, and as far as possible the life of an English student reproduced. But by the act of 1855 the functions of the university were separated from those of University College, and



since then lectures have been given in Osgoode Hall, the official law court of the province.

The establishment of a faculty of medicine was also evidently contemplated at a very early stage of the university education of the province. In 1842 the first lectures were given in the Toronto General Hospital, and in the same year the faculty of medicine was organized, consisting of four professors. In the intervening years great changes have come about. The number of students steadily increased, the laboratory equipment was gradually improved, and in every department the standard of efficiency steadily advanced. To-day the faculty occupies a spacious white brick building among the others, and the number of students increases yearly.

The interest in the application of science to the industrial arts, which was excited in England by the exhibition of 1851, took practical shape in Canada about 1870. At that time a scheme was proposed to establish in Toronto a college of technology in order to provide instruction in those subjects which bear on the development of the industries of the country. In consequence the building then occupied by the Mechanics' Institute was bought and fitted for the purpose. Following this in 1877 a bill was passed for the erection of a school of science upon a site in proximity to the provincial university. The school so constituted was opened in 1878. In 1889 the school was affiliated with the university, and has progressed rapidly ever since. In 1892 the senate passed a statute establishing the degree of bachelor of applied science, open to all students of the school of science who successfully complete the four years' course. The increasing number of students had for some time past rendered the building inadequate, and a very extensive new building has recently been completed. This building contains well equipped laboratories, and a separate building has been provided for the reception of machinery for the treatment of ores, including crushing and pulverizing machinery, stamp-mill, concentrating machines of various kinds, cyanide vats and similar apparatus.

By the act of 1849, which changed King's College into the University of Toronto, the faculty of divinity was abolished, as also the right to confer degrees in divinity. By the Federation Act of 1887 the theological colleges of Knox and Wycliffe, as well as Victoria College and St. Michael's College, were feder-

ated with the university, and given a due share in the administration and government of the university.

St. Michael's College was established in 1852 by the Basilian Fathers from Annonay, France. The institution was opened in a house on Queen street, but has been moved to a wing of St. Michael's palace, especially built for that purpose. Unlike the other federated colleges of Knox and Wycliffe, St. Michael's is not merely theological. Its object is to impart a thorough catholic training, moral and intellectual, so as to fit young men for any position in life which they may wish to occupy.

Wycliffe College owes its origin to the voluntary and spontaneous action of a body of influential laymen and clergymen of the Anglican church in Canada, as a result of a cleavage of the Anglican party in this country, on theological questions. The college was established in 1877 under the name of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, and several years later the name was changed to Wycliffe. In 1879 the college was incorporated and in 1882 a small building erected. In the spring of 1890 the foundations of the present building were laid. These commodious quarters contain residences for the principal, one professor, and students' class rooms, a library, a chapel, a gymnasium and a fine convocation hall. The theological course extends over three years, and the greater part of the students previously take the arts course of the university.

Knox College was founded by the Free Presbyterian church of Canada, in 1844. The work began the same year. After several changes of occupation the college purchased Elmsley Villa on Grosvenor street, which it occupied for twenty years. In 1875 the present buildings were erected on Spadina Crescent, at the cost of \$120,000. They include a convocation hall, a library, a remarkable missionary museum, good class rooms, and residence accommodation for seventy-five students. A fine building is now about to be erected in order to secure further necessary accommodation, and will be built in proximity to the college group. At the outset and for some years there existed an arts department in Knox College. In 1898 this was abolished and the students take in its stead the arts course of the university.

The University of Toronto does not suffer for lack of social functions; indeed it might be said to suffer because of them. Every faculty, society and club connected with the university

holds some function in the course of the year to celebrate its success and continued existence, and it is a rare thing to pass the gymnasium on a winter's evening and fail to find it lighted and filled with some happy crowd.

During the season the Dramatic Club gives an annual play in which the students interested take part and which is always well attended by the faculty and others. In the spring during Convocation week, the Ben Greet players visit the city, and give several open-air performances in the beautiful garden belonging to the Dean. These plays are thoroughly enjoyed by the students and form one of the most pleasant events of Convocation week.

Each "year" in the college also gives during the winter one reception which always takes place on a Saturday afternoon. Of these the freshmen's is undoubtedly the most popular and best attended. As to dances, their name is legion, but perhaps the most characteristic might be said to be the Rugby, the Arts, and the Graduating Dance.

Much credit is due to the Y. M. C. A. in connection with their work with the Sunday sermons. Every other Sunday during the college year a college sermon is preached in Convocation Hall. For this purpose the ablest preachers on the continent are brought to Toronto, and the student in this way is given an opportunity to come in touch with them. The singing at these monster meetings is most inspiring, and the services exceedingly helpful.

There are sixteen fraternities in Toronto University, most of them occupying fraternity houses, and apparently in a very prosperous condition. Frequent dinners and occasional dances are given during the winter and in the smaller houses especially an effort is successfully made to carry into practice the idea of a "home." Among the women the fraternity spirit has not yet been received with the degree of enthusiasm which characterizes it across the border, but it is our hope and desire to reach this point in the near future. The fraternities represented are: Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Chi Delta Psi, Sigma Pi, Nu Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, Psi Delta Psi, Xi Psi Phi, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi.

ETHELWYN B. BRADSHAW, '08.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONTARIO  
ALPHA

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## I

Toronto in winter! At these words what visions arise of a snow-covered landscape, of a frozen lake, of skating carnivals, and even of an ice palace. But let me hasten to assure the readers of the *ARROW* that those of us who have been there recently saw no ice palace, no carnival except a small one of our own gotten up for the occasion, down one of the campus walks without regulation skates, no ice-bound lake, and a snow-covering only of the very lightest description. To be sure the warmth of the welcome received by the representatives of the fraternity, whose privilege it was to install our first chapter on foreign soil, was such that it would have more than compensated for any chilliness of the atmosphere. But the weather was favorable and we felt that the fates were disposed to smile upon us.

As there are two sides to every question, so there are two different view-points from which every initiation may be regarded, that of the candidates and that of the fraternity members. The first you have already heard from the Toronto girls themselves; it remains then for me to set down a few general impressions gained of the university and of the new chapter.

From the time that Elizabeth Rogers (Maryland Alpha) and I were met at the station by the representatives from the chapter, until our departure from Toronto, nothing was left undone by any member of the chapter to render our visit as delightful as possible. At five o'clock on the afternoon of December 11, fifteen members of the local society, Zeta Tau, met at the home of Edith Gordon, there to be transformed into the Ontario Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi. It was the first time that I had seen the girls all together, and as they stood grouped about the room in their white dresses, eager to learn of the inner workings of Pi Beta Phi, I felt as I looked at the bright, earnest faces that our youngest chapter would be a success. If enthusiasm, general thoughtfulness for others, dignified self-possession, a spirit of cordial hospitality, and a general interest in college affairs count for anything, then Ontario Alpha should be more than able to hold her own.

After the initiation ceremony a supper was served at which Mrs. Davidson, the wife of one of the professors and a patroness of the chapter, acted as toast mistress. In a most graceful way Mrs. Davidson alluded to the new link just forged between Canada and the United States by the coming of Pi Beta Phi across the border. No longer were we cousins in name but sisters by adoption, and together we of Canada and of the United States drank the first toast to King Edward the Seventh. Pledges to the fraternity and to University College followed in rapid succession until the final toast was proposed: "The Ontario Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi, long may she thrive and prosper!" after which we adjourned to sing Pi Phi songs until the clock warned us that it was time to say good-night.

On Saturday we visited the university buildings; climbed the tower of University College (the home of our Pi Beta Phi chapter), from which elevation we looked down upon the beautiful campus and across to Queen's Park and the Parliament buildings; attended a lecture, and were introduced to various members of the faculty. Then came the afternoon reception to the faculty and the members of other fraternities by Ontario Alpha. Socially, it was charming, and it was a distinct compliment to the girls, as well as an indication of the esteem in which they are held by the faculty, that although it was the day of the freshman reception and of several other social functions, nevertheless a large and representative body of professors and their wives attended the Pi Beta Phi reception, among them the president's wife, Mrs. Falconer. After dinner at Queen's Hall, the women's dormitory for University College, where we were most cordially greeted by the Kappa Alpha Theta girls, we attended a meeting of the Literary Society, where a lively debate took place upon suffrage for women in Canada. It was while crossing the quadrangle to the hall where the debate was to be held that our impromptu skating or, to be accurate, sliding party took place.

On Sunday we were obliged to say farewell to Toronto, to the university, and to the chapter, carrying away with us, however, delightful impressions of an ivy-covered stone building on the far side of a snow-clad campus, of a most cordial and kindly faculty, and of a group of young women whom we are glad to see identified with us as the Ontario Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

MAY LANSFIELD KELLER.

December 14.

## II

In the fall of 1907 the girls of Zeta Tau of University College, Toronto, returned to college to take up with renewed vigor and interest the proposition of applying for a charter in some international fraternity.

Knowing little about the rank and reputation of any international fraternities, save those which had chapters in our university—Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Phi—we determined to take up the matter in a purely business-like manner. The secretary wrote to the registrar of Syracuse University and asked him to tell us what women's fraternities were installed there and from whom we could obtain information regarding them. He kindly referred us to Miss Elda Smith who advised us to get Mrs. Martin's Sorority Handbook. From this we obtained all the information that we desired and after much deliberation and discussion chose Pi Beta Phi.

The girls of Ontario Alpha at the outset were impressed by the systematic and thorough methods of Pi Beta Phi. To secure a charter in Pi Beta Phi has proved itself by no means easy, but rather a matter requiring continued perseverance and earnestness. However, as to attain what is worth while is ever attended by difficulty, we feel that in successfully reaching our aim we have secured that which is well worth all our efforts.

Satisfied that the University of Toronto belongs to the first rank and that it would be advisable to have a chapter in that institution, those in power gave us instructions about the first steps to be taken. After numerous recommendations of character and scholarship and photographs of the members had been sent to the chapters we were informed by Miss Keller that so far all was satisfactory and that a delegate would be sent by the Grand Council.

Miss Lytle, president of Beta province, was chosen, and it is now needless to say that she confirmed the impression we held of the fraternity. Of course, in keeping with her office, she met the girls of the chapter, the university president, the dean, the principals and the professors who had been so kind to us during the negotiations. At a tea, given in the home of our honorary president, Miss Lytle met members of the other women's fraternities installed in our college.

The next step was to obtain the opinion of the two nearest chapters in the United States. These are at Ann Arbor and at Syracuse. The Syracuse chapter sent a delegate to Toronto during the summer. Needless to say, all this demanded time and work, which to a great extent, however, was both pleasant and interesting. With the last preliminary only was worry connected. What so exhausting as delay! But finally one memorable day came a telegram from the Grand President, saying "Charter granted."

With renewed energy we began preparations for the initiation which took place December 11, when we became Ontario Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi. To our sisters across the line we extend the hand of friendship.

It was with fear and trembling that we waited to be summoned to the room which had been set apart for the mystic ceremony of initiation, expecting to have to undergo all kinds of dreadful ordeals, and hearing strange and awful sounds. We had all been told of the things that had been taken into the room and this news lent wings to our already vivid imagination. After what seemed an endless length of time Miss Rogers came for us and by her very presence inspired us with courage, for it seemed impossible that she would do anything very terrible. We were not mistaken. Nothing could have been more beautiful or more inspiring than our initiation. The very absence of everything light and frivolous impressed us more deeply with the solemnity of the vows we were taking and made us feel that we were entering upon something that was ennobling in every way. We have to thank you all for sending us two such examples of the aims of the fraternity and also for not only instilling into us such lofty thoughts and ideals as are embodied in our creed but for presenting to us in our initiation the first "lovely thing" on which to think. Our one desire is that we may fulfill every expectation that our sisters across the border may have for us.

After we had all been duly initiated we adjourned to the dining-room for supper, which was so very informal that even the goats were allowed to be present at the table and on the whole they behaved themselves exceedingly well. On Saturday afternoon we gave a small reception in Queen's Hall for some of the members of the faculty of University College and for representatives from all the fraternities in the University of Toronto. In this

way we formally announced the installation of our chapter, which consists of the following charter members: Ethelwyn Bradshaw, 202 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Beatrice Bowbeer, 58 Northumberland St., Toronto, and Muriel Oakley, Stratford, Ont., graduate students; Edith Gordon, 267 Rusholme Road, Toronto, Bessie Cruickshank, Maple Grove, Matsquie, B. C., Jean Fechnay, 93 Indian Road, Buffalo, Alma Anderson, 94 Admiral Road, Toronto and Kathleen Ireland, 24 Swanwick Ave., Toronto, seniors; Maude Zuern, 562 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, Geraldine Oakley, Stratford, Ont., and Marguereta Chapman, 70 Howland Ave., Toronto, juniors; Minnie Barry, 98 Gloucester St., Toronto, and Jennie Starr, 19 Aberdeen St., Toronto, sophomores; Jean McCannell, Milltown, Ont., and Gladness Chapman, 70 Howland Ave., Toronto, first year students.

MAUDE ZUERN, '10.

MARGUERETA CHAPMAN, '10.

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## FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON

The New York Alumnae club and New York Beta have settled upon April 17 as the date for their annual luncheon in celebration of Founders' Day. Any Pi Phis who will be in New York at that time should communicate with Miss Gladys Bonfils, 509 West 122nd street.



## THE CHAPTER HOUSE—A PRACTICAL PROBLEM

Long before the "cottage system" or "small group system" had commended itself to faculties and trustees as promoting both college discipline and college good fellowship, fraternities had felt the need of greater privacy and independence than were afforded by the dormitory or students' boarding house, and were establishing themselves in chapter houses. The chapter house idea is probably but little more than twenty years old, but to-day the property owned by fraternities is valued well into the millions. Colleges, too, quite recognize the importance of the fraternity house, not only in itself, but in their own economy of things; they spend their income for anything rather than dormitories, and instance the fraternity houses as an excuse for their own lack of dormitory accommodations, a lack which the chapter house was by no means intended to supply.

Even after twenty years the organization and management of the houses is by no means reduced to a system, and the chapters of each college as well as of each fraternity have their own problems to solve. Yet every chapter about to set up a home of its own has certain general questions to settle, such as the finding of a suitable house, the acquiring of furniture, the question of a proper chaperon, and first, last and always the money question.

Shall the chapter own or rent its home? The easiest plan of course is to rent a furnished house, if one can be found at a reasonable rate and in really good condition. But that "if" is a very large one. Landlords as a rule are very reluctant to lease to fraternities, feeling secure neither about their money nor of the care the house will receive. When a house of suitable size is at length found, the furniture is likely to be old and shabby, the wall paper "tacky," and the house itself in imperfect repair. Unless the lease be most carefully drawn, the chapter is likely to find itself responsible for many absolutely necessary repairs and for perfectly natural and unavoidable wear of furniture. At its very best, a ready furnished house in no way expresses the taste and individuality of the chapter. It is as impersonal as a boarding house.

A far better way, in my judgment, is to rent an unfurnished house. Newer houses may be secured usually in better neighbor-

hoods, and far better suited to the needs of chapter life and chapter hospitality. Persons can even be found occasionally who will build houses planned especially for the chapters, provided a long-term lease be guaranteed. This is perhaps as satisfactory a solution as any, although from the nature of landlords—and girls—it must remain the exceptional one. And this still leaves the furniture to be provided for. It may be said here that any chapter even hoping for a house in the no matter how far distant future, should begin at once a *permanent* fund for the first cost of the furniture and for its renewal and replacement later on. The furnishings may well be cheap at first or even second-hand, but, except possibly a piano, should never be purchased on the instalment plan. The furniture will wear out long before the debt does and the chapter will have nothing to show for it but some discouraging experience. A small contribution required from each member as a part of chapter regulations will be a burden to no one and will give a pride of ownership from the very beginning. To the chapter which desires to own its house a totally new set of problems is presented, financial, legal and—shall we say—architectural. Any chapter looking for the simple rather than the strenuous life is here and now advised not to attempt to own its home. But if a chapter feels the dignity and stability of being a property owner and tax payer, or if it be practically forced into buying or building by the scarcity of rentable houses or by the competition of strong rivals, we should like to advise it to follow the example of several of our strongest chapters who “bade farewell to every fear and boldly waded in.”

In the first place, any chapter wishing to hold property should incorporate, through its members who are of age or through parents or *alumnæ*. This inspires the confidence of those with whom the chapter has business dealings and both limits and fixes individual responsibility. Next, a considerable experience and observation of fraternity house methods leads me to urge that no steps be taken toward buying or building until a small proportion of *non-interest bearing* money is actually on hand or legally pledged, enough, say, to buy an improved lot in a fair neighborhood. This money may be raised as the chapter sees fit, but gifts, promissory notes and chapter pledges are the usual methods. A small capital having been got together, it is fairly easy to borrow the balance from a building and loan association, allowing the

income from room rent to pay the interest and reduce the principal of the debt. Quite possibly, too, some private person may be found who will lend the money upon mortgage on somewhat more favorable terms than will the building associations. Perhaps best of all, the corporation may issue stock or bonds to its own members and thus raise all the money entirely within the fraternity and its immediate friends. The fact must never be lost sight of, however, that such stock is a *debt*, as surely as is a mortgage, and the chapter should immediately plan some means of gradually paying it off or it will never in the truest sense own its house. Houses do not last forever and repair bills grow steadily larger from year to year, and before a new or remodeled house is demanded, the old one should be practically paid for, principal and interest.

It nearly always falls to a group of *alumnæ* to take charge of the building and financing of the chapter house. The management of its "internal economy" rests with the chapter itself. The house must be kept filled even at the sacrifice of some personal preference, and the room rent must be sufficient to cover heating and lighting; small repairs; rent if the house be rented; if owned, taxes, interest, insurance, repairs, and possibly a reduction of the principal. Above all, the active girls must not, because the house was planned before their day, or because it is managed by *alumnæ*, fall into the habit of thinking of it as belonging to the *alumnæ*. It is not merely the chapter house but the chapter's house,—theirs to use and enjoy, and theirs too to plan for and support.

The chaperoning of women's fraternity houses is a serious question and one wherein college authorities are prone to criticize us, rather unjustly, we believe. As a matter of fact, most chapters have little choice and must take whatever chaperons they can get. The position is not a particularly tempting one. The chaperon has none of the dignity of the instructor, none of the authority of the dean, none of the emolument even of the matron or housekeeper. That so many women of domestic experience, fine character and social grace are willing to accept the position, with little reward and occasional sharp criticism, only shows that fraternity girls have some very good friends. Though a chapter may do much to make its relations with the chaperon pleasant and happy, the task of rendering her position less anomalous and more dignified and authoritative rests chiefly

with college authorities and national fraternity officers rather than with the chapters.

Blessings on the chapter house! Though its roof may leak or its furnace smoke, though its landlord may scold or its mortgage clamor, it will always stretch its wings to cover just one more homesick freshman or old alumna, and it can hold more good times than all the marble halls that ever were built in Spain.

A. A.

## HOW OUR CHAPTERS ARE HOUSED

### ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA<sup>1</sup>—Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. No report received.

VERMONT BETA—University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

Average size of the chapter, 10.

Have suite of rooms (living-room, kitchen, and piazza) in a private house, ten minutes' walk from college.

Expense met by monthly tax on active members.

Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta also rent rooms in private houses.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—Boston University, Boston, Mass.

Average size of the chapter, 22.

Have suite of rooms (living-room, pantry, and kitchen) in a private house near college.

Expense met by weekly tax on active members.

In the hall of the college building each woman's fraternity has chosen a corner and this is the rallying point for the fraternity.

NEW YORK ALPHA—Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Average size of the chapter, 26.

Average number living in the house, 14.

Rent chapter house one block from college. Fourteen rooms (parlor, music room, den, hall, dining-room, kitchen, and 8 bedrooms). Size of rooms averages 16 x 14.

Expense met by those who occupy the house. Rent \$60 a month, heat and light extra.

<sup>1</sup>This chapter rents "The Pharetra," a suite of four rooms (dressing room, kitchen, two reception rooms) in a business building.—Ed.

House management: Usually managed by a member of the junior class. The chaperon is a sister-in-law of a Pi Beta Phi. The chancellor of the university has made rules to govern all fraternity houses. The chapter also has some special rules. The alumnae assist both financially and socially. Chapter has five o'clock tea once a week.

Faculty in favor of chapter houses.

NEW YORK BETA—Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

Average size of chapter, 12 to 15.

Average number living in the rooms, 3 or 4.

Have rooms (parlor, kitchen, and 2 bedrooms) in an apartment house,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  blocks from college. Average size of rooms, 8 x 16.

Expense met by drawing on chapter treasury, by sub-renting rooms to out-of-town Pi Beta Phi alumnae, and by alumnae contributions.

Management: By a committee consisting of the chapter president, *ex officio*, two juniors, and one alumna. Committee arranges finances and formulates the rules, which are voted upon by the chapter. The chaperon is a graduate who lives in the building. Alumnae aid socially and financially. Rooms serve not so much as a dormitory as a center for Pi Phis in New York City.

Some of the rival fraternities have rooms similar to Pi Beta Phi's; others have no rooms.

Faculty opposed to fraternities for women.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Average size of the chapter, 15.

Average number living in college, 14.

Chapter house forbidden by faculty. Have one very large room which is rented by chapter seniors, furnished with chapter furniture, and serves as nearly as possible the place of a chapter house. This is the only room of the sort in college.

Men's fraternities have rooms in the village.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Average size of the chapter, 15.

Faculty opposed to houses. Neither of the fraternities has either house or room. Fraternity meetings are held by both fraternities in the same college room on appointed evenings.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon rents a house; the other men's fraternities have suites of rooms.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Average size of the chapter, 13.

No members live in the rooms.

Have 2 rooms in a private house across the street from college campus; chapter room and reception room. Expense met by monthly dues of the active girls.

Chi Omega has 2 rooms. Men's fraternities either own or rent houses.

MARYLAND ALPHA—Woman's College of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.

Average size of the chapter, 15.

No members living in the rooms.

Rent 2 rooms on the third floor of a city house 2½ blocks from college. One large room 15 x 13, one small room 8 x 9, furnished in wine and blue color scheme.

Expense met by weekly tax.

The girls study and practice in these rooms. The college authorities have allowed each fraternity a cosy corner in the dormitory. Other fraternities rent rooms.

Majority of the faculty opposed.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Average size of the chapter, 17.

No members living in fraternity room.

Have one large room in the Woman's Building. Besides usual fraternity meetings, the room is used for luncheon parties at noon.

Expense met by tax on alumnae and active chapter.

One rival has a room; the other has not.

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#### BETA PROVINCE

OHIO ALPHA—Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Average size of chapter, 20.

No members living in room.

Rent one front corner room 20 x 40, on the college campus. Expense \$40 a month.

Rent paid by assessment.

Rival fraternities have similar rooms. Men's fraternities have rented houses.

Faculty opposed to fraternity houses for women.

OHIO BETA—Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Average size of the chapter, 16.

No members live in room.

Have a room 30 x 14, in a private house near college, which is of no expense to the chapter.

Room supplied by a friend of chapter.

Rival fraternities have similar rooms. Men's fraternities have houses.

Faculty indifferent to fraternities.

INDIANA ALPHA—Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

Average size of the chapter, 25.

No members living in rooms.

Have 2 rooms, one square from college in new dormitory. A living-room 18 x 24 and a small hall. Expense \$6 a month. Rooms used as living-rooms by members who board in the dormitory, each of whom pays \$4 a month for a bedroom. Fraternity functions held in the homes of members.

Expense for living-room borne by chapter treasury.

Rival, a local, has room exactly like Pi Phi's. Men's fraternities have rooms; one has a house.

Faculty opposed to chapter houses.

INDIANA BETA—University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.

Average size of the chapter, 20.

Average number living in the house, 12 or 13.

Rent house two doors from campus entrance. Eight rooms (reception hall, parlor, library, dining-room, 4 bedrooms).

Expense met by members paying room rent and board and by chapter assessment.

Faculty committee makes rules, which are supplemented by chapter rules. Matron, the owner of the house, acts as chaperon.

The 3 rival fraternities rent houses.

Faculty approve of chapter houses.

INDIANA GAMMA—Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind.

Average size of chapter, 12.

No members live in chapter room; most of the members live in Indianapolis.

Rent one room, second-floor front, half a block from college in a private house.

Expense met by monthly assessment of active chapter.

Rival fraternities do not have rooms. One men's fraternity has a house.

Faculty forbid chapter houses for women.

ILLINOIS BETA—Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill.

Average size of the chapter, 14.

No members living in room.

Have one room, 12 x 12, supplied by the president of the college, in his own home.

One rival fraternity has a room. Men's fraternities have chapter houses.

ILLINOIS DELTA—Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

Average size of the chapter, 20.

By faculty ruling, women's fraternities are not allowed to have houses. Therefore chapter has only one room on the third floor of the home of one of the members, eight blocks from college.

Men's fraternities have houses some distance from college.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Average size of chapter, 15 to 20.

No members living in rooms.

Two rooms, 18 x 25 and 12 x 15, are supplied by the faculty in Willard Hall, the main dormitory for women, situated on the campus. Rooms are connected by a large double doorway. It is the custom of the chapter to allow only Pi Phis to enter the rooms.

All of the women's fraternities have similar rooms supplied by the university. The men's fraternities have houses—one owned.

College authorities have been greatly opposed to chapter houses for women, but their attitude seems a little more lenient at present.

ILLINOIS ZETA—University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Average size of the chapter, 20 to 25.

Average number living in house, 18.

Rent a house 4 blocks from campus. Eighteen rooms (3 halls,



reception-room, living-room, den, dining-room, kitchen, pantry, maid's room, 11 bedrooms, and laundry).

Expense met by monthly payments of room rent by occupants of house (\$8) and by an assessment of \$2 a month on all other active members.

House management: Privilege according to classes. House rules made by chapter. Michigan Alpha alumna is the chaperon.

Kappa Alpha Theta owns house; other rivals rent houses. Most of the houses of the men's fraternities are rented.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

Average size of the chapter, 12.

No members living in room.

Room, 26 x 14, on fourth floor of women's dormitory, supplied by the faculty.

Other fraternities have rooms of same kind.

Faculty opposed to chapter houses.

MICHIGAN BETA—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Average size of the chapter, 20.

Average number living in the house, 14.

Rent a house 2½ blocks from college. Nine of the 16 rooms are sleeping-rooms. Part of the furnishings are owned by the chapter, but the smaller articles are brought by the individual girls.

Expense is met by each girl who lives in the house paying to the chapter treasurer \$24 a month board and rent. The house is rented for the present year, but the chapter expects to own it next year. It is to cost \$10,000. The Detroit alumnae have been incorporated and the active chapter will pay rental to them after the house has been purchased. This rent will be applied to the purchase money, and ultimately the house will be owned by the active chapter.

House management: The juniors and seniors usually have full management. An efficient chaperon takes full charge of the servants, of the buying and ordering of meals, etc. The alumnae contribute nothing in a financial way but entertain extensively during rushing season and during the year. Those in Ann Arbor, with one exception, are wives of leading members of the faculty. House rules are made by the chapter. Each Wednes-

\* day night is set aside for entertaining at dinner members of the faculty.

All of the rivals have houses; 4 own houses. The majority of the leading men's fraternities own their houses.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

Average size of the chapter, 25.

Average number living in the house, 15.

House owned by chapter *alumnæ* association, rented by active chapter. Eight sleeping-rooms. Situated 3 blocks from college.

Expense: Each occupant pays to the *alumnæ* through the chaperon \$40 a semester for room rent and to the chaperon \$16 a month for board. Each girl is urged to take a share or shares in the house (\$25 each). Thus ultimately the chapter hopes to own its house. With the present large chapter, the need of a larger house is felt. Plans are in progress, therefore, to build on the same lot (one of the best in Madison); in this event the present house will be sold.

House management: Rules made by the chapter. Strictest rules for the freshmen, who are not allowed to have mid-week engagements. No callers are allowed to stay after ten o'clock and no girl may be out later than that time except for week-end dances. House rules in part suggested by the faculty. The chaperon manages the house, receives the board money, advises the girls and chaperons all the social affairs. *Alumnæ* help both socially and financially by giving entertainments and often giving new furniture for the house.

All of the larger fraternities own their houses. Most of the men's fraternities have large houses.

The faculty do not oppose fraternity houses. They are glad to make suggestions and to be of help to the fraternities.

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#### GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Average size of the chapter, 12.

Have neither house nor rooms at present.

Rival has neither house nor rooms.

Faculty do not object to chapter houses. Chapter was unable to procure satisfactory rooms.

IOWA BETA—Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Average size of the chapter, 15.

No members living in room.

Have a rented room.

Expense met by dues from active chapter.

Rival fraternities have rooms corresponding to that of Pi Beta Phi.

Faculty do not recommend houses. Iowa Beta had a house previously, but this year is trying the plan of the faculty.

IOWA GAMMA—Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Average size of the chapter, 20.

Average number living in the house, 14.

Rent a house in Ames, 2 miles from college. House contains parlor, chapter room, dining-room, kitchen and bedrooms for 14. Chapter owns all of the furniture. Next year the chapter expects to rent a house on the campus which is being built by one of its alumnae on the faculty.

Expense is met by each girl who lives in the house, paying about \$21 a month. Those who live outside of the house and the pledges (who are not initiated for a year) pay a small fee. Those who room outside of the house but board at the house pay board.

House management: No distinction between classes. House rules made by chapter and approved by faculty. Member of faculty is chaperon.

One rival rents a house. Men's fraternities own or rent houses.

Faculty approve of chapter houses.

IOWA ZETA—Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.

Average size of the chapter, 19.

Average number living in house, 10.

House, 2 blocks from college and 2 blocks from Iowa River, rented from an alumna. Twelve rooms (3 parlors, dining-room, kitchen and 7 bedrooms).

Expenses met by board and rent from girls living in the house and by a monthly tax on active chapter.

House management: Managed by an upper classman. Stewardess buys for table, pays servants, etc. Chaperon has charge of general arrangements of the house. Iowa Zeta alumnae help

financially and keep a trust fund. Often meet socially. House rules made by the chapter and faculty rules are carefully observed.

The 4 rival fraternities rent houses. One of the men's fraternities owns its house; 7 others occupy rented houses.

Faculty approve of fraternity houses.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Average size of the chapter, 18.

No members living in room.

Rent a room, 24 x 24, in a private house, 4½ blocks from college. (Most of the members commute.)

Expense met by monthly dues.

Three rivals have suites of rooms. Eight men's fraternities own their houses; 9 rent houses.

Faculty approve of chapter houses.

MISSOURI ALPHA—University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Average size of the chapter, 24.

Average number living in house, 17.

Rent house one block from the university. Thirteen rooms (hall, library, music room, dining-room, kitchen, 9 bedrooms).

Expenses are paid out of the board and room rent of the girls living in the house.

House management: House rules made by chapter. At the beginning of the year the chapter goes into debt for everything necessary. This debt is paid off gradually before the end of the year. If any of the debt remains it is paid by a small assessment on active chapter.

Kappa Kappa Gamma rents house. All of the men's fraternities live in chapter houses—a few own houses.

Faculty favor chapter houses.

MISSOURI BETA—Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Average size of the chapter, 20.

No members living in rooms.

Two rooms rented by the chapter from the university on second floor of the girls' dormitory for \$195 per year. One small tea room 12 x 12, one larger room 12 x 22.

Expense met by semi-annual assessment of active members.

Rival fraternity has two rooms. Men's fraternities have rooms.

KANSAS ALPHA—University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

Average size of the chapter, 24.

Average number living in the house, 16.

House owned by the active chapter. First house from the campus. Reception hall, large living-room, dining-room, kitchen, pantry and nine bedrooms.

Expense is met by those living in the house.

Each girl pays \$7 per month for room rent and \$4 per week for board. The money to buy the house was raised with the help of the Kansas Alpha alumnæ. The work was started when the chapter had to furnish a rented house in the fall of 1906.

House management: House rules made by the chapter with the help of the house committee, which is composed of alumnæ and active girls. The chaperon has charge of the servants and table.

Rival fraternities rent houses. Kappa Alpha Theta rents house from alumnæ. Two of the men's fraternities own houses; the others rent.

Kansas University has no dormitories, therefore the faculty favor the chapter house system.

NEBRASKA BETA—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Average size of the chapter, 23.

Average number living in house, 13.

Rent a house one block from college and in the same block with the Temple Building which contains the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. headquarters. (Plans have been made to build a house in the near future.) Present house has 12 rooms (reception-room, parlor, dining-room, kitchen and 8 bedrooms.

Expense is covered by the board and rent paid by the girls who live in the house.

House management: General rules of house management are made by the local intersorority conference, in which the interests of the faculty are represented by a chosen member. Minor rules for the house are made by the chapter, often at the suggestion of the chaperon.

The houses of rival fraternities are rented. Several of the men's fraternities own their own houses.

The faculty seem to be neutral concerning the subject.

LOUISIANA ALPHA<sup>1</sup>—Newcomb College, New Orleans, La. No report received.

TEXAS ALPHA—University of Texas, Austin, Tex.

Average size of the chapter, 22.

Average number living in house, 10.

Rent a 10-room house, two blocks from campus, on one of Austin's prettiest streets. The rooms are a reception hall, double parlors, dining-room, kitchen, pantry, 5 bedrooms and hall. All of the furniture is owned by the chapter.

Expense is covered by each girl who lives in the house paying \$23 board. A very small extra tax is levied on all of the girls in the house for flowers, etc. The girls who do not live in the house have nothing to do with the expense of the house.

House management: House rules are made by the chapter and approved by the dean of women. The house is chaperoned by a lady whom the dean recommended. There is no class distinction in regard to eligibility to the house.

Faculty approve of fraternity houses when they are well regulated.

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#### DELTA PROVINCE

COLORADO ALPHA—University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

Average size of the chapter, 30.

Average number living in the house, 18 to 20.

House owned and built by chapter; situated opposite campus. Has three porches and 19 rooms (large chapter room, reception hall, den, dining-room, pantry, kitchen, tea room, several basement rooms and 11 bedrooms. All the rooms are large. The chapter room is 16 x 40. Bedrooms are furnished by the individual girls—all other rooms by the chapter.

Expense: Chapter had had a building fund for several years. Estimated cost of the house was \$15,000. The alumnae did a great deal in raising money. The brother-in-law of one of the girls built the house and the debt which is still on it is being paid in monthly instalments of \$100. Interest is paid on money borrowed from friends. The girls pay rent for the rooms, ranging

<sup>1</sup> Room in college building supplied by faculty.—For probable changes see chapter correspondence.—Ed.

from \$12 to \$15; the \$100 per month is paid out of this. Household expenses are taken out of the board money. An extra tax of \$1 is levied on each member. Each freshman pays \$5 to the house fund. Senior promises and alumnae contributions are also responsible for a considerable amount of money.

House management: House rules are made by the chapter. The members have choice of rooms according to class. Freshmen do the smaller duties around the house. The chaperon, the principal in one of the Boulder schools, has been with the chapter for five years; she is given her choice of a room, board and rent free. The alumnae help both socially and financially.

Rival fraternities all rent houses. Delta Gamma expects to live in a house of its own very soon. Most of the men's fraternities live in rented houses, although many expect to build.

The faculty seem in favor of fraternity houses, so long as the social affairs are reduced. They have been very exacting concerning fraternity social affairs.

COLORADO BETA—University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

Average number in chapter, 17.

No members living in the bungalow. (Most of the members commute.)

Active chapter owns a bungalow, containing one large room, 28 x 20, situated about one block from the university.

Expenses are small, consisting of taxes, water rent and \$20 a year on debt and on piano, for which the chapter is paying gradually. Expense covered by chapter dues.

One rival has a one-room lodge. The other holds its meetings at the home of one of its members. Two of the men's fraternities rent houses.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—Leland Stanford, Jr. University, Stanford, California.

Average size of the chapter, 17.

Average number living in the house, 17.

Until recently chapter lived in a rented house. House owned by the active chapter and situated immediately outside of the south gates on the campus, is nearly completed. This house has 20 rooms (reception hall, den, 2 living-rooms, dining-room, kitchen, 2 servants' rooms, pergola off dining-room, large inclosed porch, hall, chapter room, 2 linen closets, trunk rooms, 12 bedrooms).

**Expense:** For building the house, the girls agreed on the essential points and then explained their idea to the architect, leaving him to supply detail. Plans submitted were criticized and sent back for revision. House to cost \$10,000; of this \$5,000 lent by the university, \$2,500 lent by an alumna, \$1,000 lent by an active member, \$1,500 contributions from active members and alumnæ.

The current expenses are covered by board and rent paid monthly by the members. If this is not sufficient for living expenses an assessment is levied on the chapter at the end of the year.

**House management:** Duties of the house evenly divided, although some few are by tradition the duties of the freshmen. "House mother" is selected by chapter—often a mother or relative of one of the girls. Alumnæ have been of great help financially and socially.

Rival fraternities, for the most part, own their houses.

Faculty approve of chapter house system.

CALIFORNIA BETA—University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

Average size of the chapter, 18.

Average number living in the house, 12.

Rent 14-room house, three short blocks from campus with an ideal view of both hills and bay. Rooms are living-room, library, dining-room, kitchen, reception hall, and 10 bedrooms. Rooms of medium size; living-room, 20 x 12; each bedroom accommodates two.

**Expense:** The girls in the house each pay \$35 a month and the active girls who do not live in the house \$2 a month. Most of the members take luncheon in the house. It costs between \$350 and \$400 a month to run the house.

**House management:** House rules are made by the chapter. There is a "house manager" who attends to all the finance of the house and reports all matters at the monthly business meeting. The mother of one of the girls is chaperon. Alumnæ very helpful financially and socially.

All of the rivals except one rent their houses. Kappa Alpha Theta has just completed a new house.

The faculty are not opposed to fraternity houses.



WASHINGTON ALPHA—University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Average number in the chapter, 18.

Average number living in house, 8.

House leased until January, 1909. At the expiration of the lease, chapter expects to move into a larger house, nearer the university, completed for its use. It will also rent this house. Statistics refer to the first house. Ten rooms (reception hall, parlor, dining-room, kitchen, maid's room and 5 bedrooms). Parlor and dining-room are each about 15 x 20. Bedrooms about 12 x 15.

Expense: House leased for \$30 a month. Each girl living in the house pays \$25 board a month. Meals for outsiders are as follows: breakfast 20 cents, luncheon 25 cents, and dinner 30 cents.

House management: Rules made by the chapter. No distinction as to class. The mother of one of the girls acts as chaperon and enforces the rules. The alumnae have their own organization, but voluntarily aid both socially and financially.

Rival fraternities rent houses. Three of the men's fraternities own houses.

Faculty favorable to chapter house system.

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## SUMMARY

### ALPHA PROVINCE<sup>1</sup>

Of the 10 chapters in Alpha Province, 1 rents a house, 7 rent suites of rooms (one of these chapters also has a house supplied by the faculty as a dormitory where Pi Beta Phi has the choice of the people who live in it), 2 rent single chapter rooms and 1 chapter has no room.

The house and rooms are all very near college, 2½ blocks from college is the greatest distance reported.

The house rules vary according as they apply to living apartments, or merely to rooms for entertaining and chapter meetings. In the first case reports show competent chaperonage; in the second case, special chaperons serve at each function. The management is generally undertaken by the upper classman. In a few

<sup>1</sup> Statistics do not include Ontario Alpha, installed December 11, 1908.—Ed.



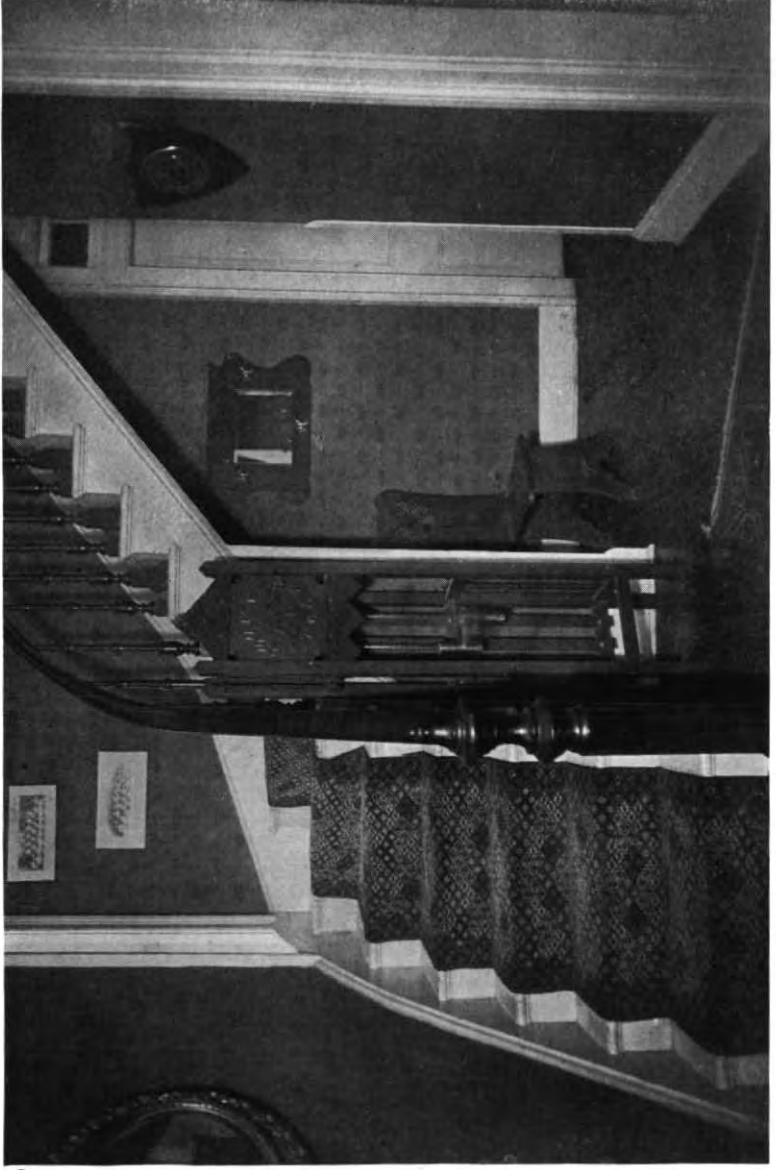
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Holder of Pi Beta Phi Graduate Scholarship, 1907-1908



Wisconsin Alpha's Chapter House—University of Wisconsin



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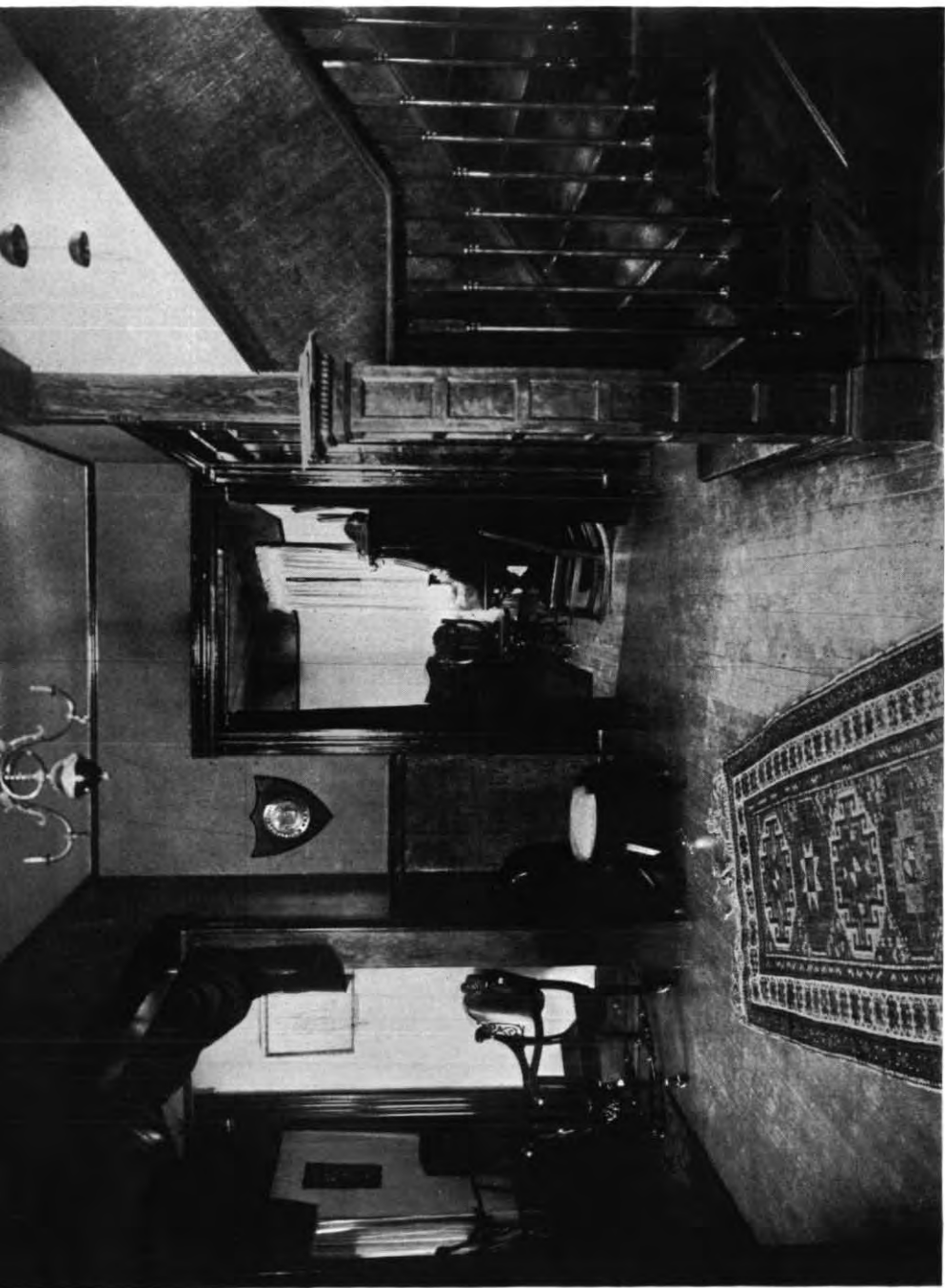
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Kansas Alpha's Chapter House—University of Kansas



Colorado Alpha's Chapter House



Michigan Beta's Chapter House





Michigan Beta's Chapter House—University of Michigan



New York Alpha's Chapter House—Syracuse University

instances some of the rules have been made by the faculty, but in most cases they are chapter rules.

Alumnæ aid financially and socially. Expense in the case of the house is covered by the board and rent of those living there. In case of the rooms it is met in several ways: by monthly or weekly taxes on active members, by drawing on chapter treasury, by subletting rooms to out-of-town alumnæ, by an alumnæ as well as an active tax, or by the help of alumnæ contributions.

Reports show that rival fraternities have similar houses or rooms. Except at Syracuse, where Alpha Phi owns its house, Pi Beta Phi is equal or in some cases in the lead of its rivals.

Five chapters report the faculty as opposed to fraternity houses for women.

#### BETA PROVINCE

Of the 12 chapters in Beta Province, 1 rents its house from the chapter's alumnæ association, 3 rent houses (1 of these chapters expects to own its house within a year), 1 rents a suite of rooms, 1 has a suite of rooms donated by the faculty, 3 have single chapter rooms donated (1 in dormitory, 1 in home of the president of the college and 1 in the home of one of the active girls).

The houses are mostly on or near the campus. The greatest distance is 8 blocks from college.

The house rules are made by the chapters, although some reports mention suggestions and approval by the faculty. Most of the responsibility is vested in the upper classmen. In some cases stricter rules are made for freshmen. Social and "Quiet Hour" rules are necessarily exacting. The chaperons in every case seem to be competent. The alumnæ contribute both financially and socially.

Expense is covered by assessment of active members, by appropriation from chapter treasury, by payment of board and rent, by a small assessment on non-resident members added to the board and rent money.

Rival fraternities have houses or rooms similar to those of Pi Beta Phi, with a few exceptions. Men's fraternities are in advance of women's along this line. In the majority of instances the faculty are not favorable to fraternity houses for women.

## GAMMA PROVINCE

Of the 11 chapters in Gamma Province 1 owns its house, 5 rent houses (one of these chapters plans to build in the near future), 1 rents a suite of rooms, 2 rent single chapter rooms, 1 has a room supplied by the faculty, and 1 has neither house nor rooms.

Most of the houses and rooms are near the college. The only exception is in the case of a chapter which expects to move nearer the campus early in the year.

Minor House Rules are made by the chapter, approved by the faculty. Some chapters have house committees composed of *alumnæ* and active girls. Competent chaperons. *Alumnæ* aid financially and socially.

Expense met by monthly dues, chapter assessment, appropriation from chapter treasury, payment of board and rent, assessment at end of year if there is debt.

Rivals have similar houses and rooms. Men's fraternities in the lead.

Faculty generally approve.

## DELTA PROVINCE

Of the 5 chapters in Delta Province, 3 own houses and 2 rent houses.

All of the houses are very near college.

House rules made by the chapters. Some work to be evenly divided; some mention the traditional freshmen duties. Some chapters have choice of rooms according to class. All speak of the congeniality and efficiency of the chaperon. Here too she seems to hold rather heavy responsibility. *Alumnæ* are very helpful both with contributions and by entertaining.

Means of raising the money to build houses has been described minutely elsewhere. Current expenses are met by board and rental, by an extra small tax levied on all active members, by freshman fee, and by chapter assessment.

Rival fraternities in some instances have similar houses, but in others Pi Beta Phi is in the lead. Men's fraternities in advance.

The faculty are favorable to the chapter house system.

## HOW SOME OF OUR HOUSES WERE BUILT

## COLORADO ALPHA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

In the beginning we had no house fund; whatever money we accumulated we applied to the purchase of a piano and some articles of furniture. Then later we began to think seriously of building a house; for good houses, well fitted for fraternity purposes, were difficult to obtain, and then only at a high rental. Six years ago the girls started a house fund, but not until 1904 was definite action taken to build. Early in the fall of 1904 a committee was appointed to look up houses and lots. March 13, 1905, we took an option from Mr. Bellman on a lot opposite the campus on one of the main streets in Boulder. This option was good until March 28, on which date we were to pay \$475 in cash with the privilege of paying the balance due, \$1000, at any time within twelve months.

From a Pi Phi mother we borrowed \$1000 at 6 per cent. interest, and to her we gave a first mortgage on the lot. We also raised \$475 before our option expired. Our alumnae gave liberally.

Mr. McGinnis, a Pi Phi brother-in-law, a prominent citizen of Boulder, offered to lend us \$13,000 at 6 per cent. interest, to build our house. This offer we accepted. Planning the house was interesting. Each girl had an opportunity to display her ability and her ingenuity in this way. But there were so many different opinions that we finally left the planning entirely in the hands of an architect.

The plan of the chapter house was finished by the beginning of the year 1907 and work on the building was begun in February. By the fall of 1907 the house was ready for occupancy. The expenses of the first year were heavy. Much new furniture had to be bought, and drapings and fixtures of all sorts. The papering too was expensive, as also were the electric light fixtures in the beams of the ceiling and the side lights. Many of our alumnae gave us \$5 or \$10 for furnishing purposes. One of the Pi Phi fathers bought our dining-room furniture of mission oak, as well as a number of pieces for our chapter-room furniture. In the house are twelve bedrooms and these the girls furnish. When an occupant leaves college she usually sells her furniture to other girls who desire it, or leaves it outright to the house.

We are paying 6 per cent. interest on the total principal borrowed. Each year we buy up as large a note as possible. Last year we bought a note of \$250 and so have less interest to pay this year. Besides the interest and principal to Mr. McGinnis each year, we of course have semi-annual taxes to pay. Last year these amounted to \$138; they will be higher this year. We also pay \$50 water rent for house and lawn purposes. General repairs must also be met.

It might be of interest to other chapters that desire to build to know some of our methods of raising money. The freshmen when they enter pay \$5 into the house fund and each senior, when she is graduated, promises to pay a given sum down and a certain amount for some years following.

We had printed a number of subscription blanks; one of these was sent to each alumna to fill out for the amount that she wished to subscribe each year. Many of the alumnae who gave liberally were unwilling to bind themselves to annual payments. Others, however, made pledges. The seniors of 1906 pledged \$100 to be paid into the house fund before June of 1908.

For two years we have given Christmas bazars; each time we cleared more than \$50. To these bazars only Pi Phi, their mothers and friends, were invited. The active girls and the alumnae made all the articles which were sold.

The rental of rooms nets \$100 or more each month for the house fund. Besides this each active member pays \$1 a month toward the maintenance of the house, and as there are more than 30 girls, this sum amounts to considerable by the end of the school year. This tax of \$1 a month the girls are supposed to earn in some way. At first this worked well. Some girls pressed gowns, others manicured or shampooed. Nearly every girl had a particular "trade," even to polishing shoes and washing waists. Now, however, the girls are busier with their studies and usually pay their assessments from their monthly allowances. Last summer we rented the house, but the experiment was not successful enough for us to urge its repetition. The house is arranged well for fraternity purposes. We have one large chapter room, 40 ft. by 18 ft., which is admirably adapted for social functions. The Christmas tree party is held the night before we leave for the Christmas holidays. To this annual party alumnae, patronesses, and all Pi Phi sisters and friends are invited. The alumnae this

year have asked us to give them a list of articles that we need for the house, such as china, linen, and furniture. At this time many give presents of money, which is applied directly to the house fund. The active chapter is planning to give some andirons for the fireplace.

We hope that every chapter may have, in the near future, a house of its own, for then only can its members appreciate to the fullest extent the enjoyment of fraternity life.

KATHERINE E. DIER, *Colorado Alpha*.

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### COLORADO BETA'S BUNGALOW

In 1901 Colorado Beta's alumnæ realized that the chapter needed a regular place for holding chapter meetings and decided that that place should be owned by the chapter.

A canvass was made among the alumnæ and subscriptions were obtained for from one to ten dollars payable yearly. For three years the fund was allowed to accumulate, the chapter paying \$20 a year; and in the fall of 1904 the bungalow was commenced, the gift of the alumnæ. The property is valued at about \$1,000.

The building consists of one room 20 feet wide by 30 feet long. The walls are tinted blue, and the woodwork and floor are dark red, carrying out the Pi Beta Phi colors. There were no improvements outside until last fall, when the chapter girls, by subscriptions in the chapter and small sums from the alumnæ, raised enough money to put city water throughout the property and to put in a lawn.

In early years the chapter had a rented lodge room which she had furnished. The chapter house now contains some of these relics. When the new bungalow was first opened the chapter received some handsome pieces of furniture from Colorado Alpha and from the men's fraternities of Denver, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, besides gifts from individual alumnæ. In the spring of 1907 the chapter bought a long-desired and much-needed piano, paying for it in monthly instalments. The chapter girls pay a monthly assessment for it and in one more year will have it paid for, when the chapter will be ready for something else which the house needs.

The bungalow is not completely paid for, but all the money

needed has been subscribed except a few dollars. The chapter will continue her \$20 yearly subscription, when the house is paid for in full, as she has bright visions of a large porch across the front and along one side of the house, and of a small kitchen. The chapter pays taxes and water rent and all other house expenses from the chapter treasury.

The bungalow is used not alone for chapter meetings, but in case of small informals the chapter is at home there. It is not large enough for anything very elaborate.

The Pi Beta Phi bungalow is the only house owned by any fraternity chapter in Denver University.

EDITH A. DRESSOR, *Colorado Beta.*

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### KANSAS ALPHA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

The thought of owning a house originated with the active chapter early in the year of 1906. The chapter believed that by this means they would secure the greatest possible efficiency and independence for their organization and that by the aid of the *alumnæ* the plan could be successfully carried out. The *alumnæ*, when the subject was first broached to them, were rather averse to the idea and hesitated over the undertaking. Finally, after much discussion and deliberation, they agreed to carry out a plan for building.

This scheme was to form an association of *alumnæ* and active girls. The officers were to be chosen from the Lawrence *alumnæ* club. This association was called the Kansas Alpha Association of Pi Beta Phi. Any Pi Phi, active or alumna, may become a member. Each member pays a nominal membership fee as well as an annual fee. This association was then chartered under the state laws. To begin with there were about sixty or one hundred members and the fee which they paid made quite a bit. The first officers of the association were: President, Mrs. Tanner; vice-president, Anna Lanter; secretary, Grace Bangs; and treasurer, Mrs. Smithmeyer.

A committee was then appointed to solicit contributions from the *alumnæ* in town. Then the officers of the association sent letters to the *alumnæ* out of town. In this way a substantial fund was raised. With this a beautiful lot adjoining the campus was purchased and partly paid for. By the end of the first year the

lot was entirely paid for and quite a sum was left which was used to build the foundation of the house. The active girls gave up their spring party, putting the money which would have been used for it in the fund for the house. Also the tax for the Founders' Day Banquet was applied to the house fund. Five dollars of each initiation fee also goes toward this fund. Each year the girls pledge a certain amount to be given to the house. The alumnae also give some sum every year. The money raised was sufficient to secure a loan on the property and the house was built.

The house is a handsome, substantial structure of brown shingles trimmed with white. There are three stories and a basement, containing fourteen rooms with a large double porch. The house faces south and the hall, which is square, is in the center. On the right is the living-room, 15 x 30 feet; on the left the dining-room, 14 x 20 feet, with a bow window overlooking the valley. In the rear are the kitchen and pantries. There are five bedrooms on the second floor and four on the third.

The ownership of the property is vested in the Association and its control is vested in a house committee selected from both active and alumnae members. Two alumnae and three active members constitute the committee which has absolute authority over the property, makes rules for the house and provides for the chaperon and general management of the house.

The active chapter rents the house from the Association and this rent goes to pay the interest on the loan and part of the principal each year; a little is left over for repairs on the house. So far the plans have been successfully worked out, improvements have been made and if the plans do not miscarry we shall be able to pay out in ten years or less. To Mrs. Tanner, who was the first president of the Association, the chapter owes a very great deal, for her persistent and unfailing interest and assistance in the building of our house.

New officers were elected this last spring: Mrs. Brownell, president; Mrs. Smithmeyer, treasurer; Mrs. Baxter, vice-president and Mrs. Benedict, secretary.

LOTTIE M. FULLER, *Kansas Alpha.*



## WISCONSIN ALPHA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

In the spring of 1903 the Wisconsin Alpha Association was organized and incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin for the purpose of securing a chapter home for Wisconsin Alpha of Pi Beta Phi. A suitable constitution and by-laws were adopted and steps at once taken to secure money for purchasing the house. The method adopted was as follows: A bond issue was provided for to the amount of \$10,000 in denominations of \$25 each, payable some in ten and some in fifteen years and bearing interest at 5 per cent. Sufficient bonds were immediately subscribed to make the directors feel secure in going ahead with the purchase of a house.

The piece of property at 233 Langdon street was for sale to satisfy a mortgage at \$7,800, little more than the value of the lot. A cash payment of \$2,000 was made and a first mortgage given for the balance at 5½ per cent. Improvements were made to the amount of \$3,436.94, bringing the total investment up to \$11,236.94. These improvements were paid for by bonds previously subscribed for, by a second mortgage of \$800 at 6 per cent. and by a loan from the Grand Council of the fraternity of \$600 at 6 per cent.

The chapter leases the house from the Wisconsin Alpha Association as from any other landlord, paying a rental of \$900 yearly. From this amount the Association has paid the interest on both mortgages, loans, and bonds, taxes, insurance and such repairs as any landlord is called upon to make. Any surplus remaining at the end of the year is used to reduce the principal.

Besides the sale of additional bonds, the association has received a few gifts in the form of interest remitted and small sums given. Meanwhile the value of the property has increased until it is now worth \$15,000; that is, it could actually be sold for that price without difficulty. So far 170 bonds have been issued. A by-law was passed by the active chapter in 1902 to the effect that each member of Wisconsin Alpha then active and each initiate thereafter should pledge herself to take at least one bond within four years after her initiation. Another by-law provides that the active chapter as a chapter shall acquire each year one bond and that this bond shall be non-interest bearing.

## CHAPTER HOUSES OWNED OR RENTED BY WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

[In this table are included all women's fraternities that have five or more chapters, and that maintain chapters in no institutions below collegiate rank. These fraternities comprise the Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Association. The editor of the *ARROW* is indebted to the editors of the various fraternity magazines for the statistics here given, except in the case of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for whom figures were furnished by Mrs. Guy Walker.]

Founded	Name	Chapters	Houses Owned	Date of purchase of first house	Houses Rented	Total
1893	A.Σ.Δ.	14			6	6
1897	A.O.Π.	11			3	3
1872	A.Φ.	14	3 <sup>1</sup>	1886	4	7
1885	A.Χ.Ω.	14	1 <sup>2</sup>	1895	8	9
1874	Γ.Φ.Β	12	4 <sup>3</sup>	1904	3	7
1874	Δ.Γ.	19	2 <sup>9</sup>	1901	13	15
1888	Δ.Δ.Δ.	27 <sup>4</sup>			9	9
1870	K.A.Θ.	28	} 5 <sup>5</sup> 2 lodges	1900	8	15
1870	K.K.Γ.	33		2 <sup>10</sup>	1900	12
1869	Π.Β.Φ.	39 <sup>6</sup>	} 4 <sup>7</sup> 1 lodge	1903	11	16
1874	Σ.Κ.	8				3
1895	Χ.Ω.	22	1 <sup>8</sup>	1906	3	4
	12	241	25		83	108

<sup>1</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford, Syracuse and Wisconsin. The house at Syracuse, the home of the mother chapter, was the first chapter house owned by a woman's fraternity.

<sup>2</sup> House owned by Albion chapter is entirely free of debt. Four chapters have started building funds.

<sup>3</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at Michigan, Stanford, Washington State, and Wisconsin.

<sup>4</sup> This includes the chapter to be installed at Stanford in January, 1909.

<sup>5</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at California, Illinois, Michigan, Stanford and Wisconsin. Butler and Vanderbilt chapters own lodges in which no members live.

<sup>6</sup> This includes Ontario Alpha at Toronto, established Dec. 11, 1908.

<sup>7</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at Colorado, Kansas, Stanford and Wisconsin. Denver chapter owns a lodge, "The Bungalow," in which no members live.

<sup>8</sup> House owned by the Michigan chapter.

<sup>9</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford and Wisconsin.

<sup>10</sup> Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford and Wisconsin.

## THE CHAPTER HOUSE—ITS POSSIBILITIES AND ITS DANGERS

Realization of power inevitably brings with it not only confidence but also a certain sense of danger. The real test of worth lies not so much in the development as in the power to rise above the dangers of the period when recognition and attainment are realized.

It is just this danger that we, the fraternity women of to-day, must guard against. The colleges, including the fraternities themselves, are waking up to the fact that fraternities are not merely secret, social institutions, but that they are a vital part of the college organization—a power for good or for evil. Never before have the fraternities appeared so prominently before the public eye, never have they been trusted with so great responsibilities. The system is, as it were, on a pivot and it is for us, who receive its benefits, to use our influence at the turning-point.

Only a comprehensive understanding of the paramount influences upon college life, and especially upon the fraternity college life of to-day, can enable us to act and to act judiciously. In order that we may the better understand at least one of these great factors, a careful inquiry has been made into the houses and rooms maintained by the chapters of Pi Beta Phi. The results of this investigation have been not only interesting as an evidence of development, but suggestive in a rather different sense, bringing up the question whether we are making the most of the opportunities offered by a fraternity house.

That the system has both advantages and disadvantages, and that the advantages in the majority of cases outweigh the disadvantages, most of us agree. That the chapter house has in many cases established itself as a permanent institution, we must also grant. The question for us to meet is: Are we to acknowledge that the chapter house system has disadvantages, which we are not strong enough to overcome?

Although in the majority of instances the chapter house fills a necessary place in college life, we must remember that the first duty of any chapter is to the college which made its establishment possible. The writer has in mind one of our smaller colleges, an institution whose very existence depends on a certain home atmosphere—a college where one generation follows another, where

tradition and custom are sacred things—a college so small and so built on the idea of unity that separation into fraternity groups would be nothing short of iconoclasm. Should this chapter, even if it desired to do so, separate from the rest of the college, when any break in the unity would mean loss to the college? Could it refuse to accept from its Alma Mater that which its forebears considered the most precious heritage—the spirit of culture, which through contact it strives to infuse? If the chapter house is to serve in a measure the same purpose as the smaller colleges in the English universities, where is its place in the small home college?

But now that I have spoken my word of precaution and granted the limitation, we must admit that such colleges as the above are few, not only because the requirements for a Pi Beta Phi charter now demand that the college have a large endowment fund and a reasonably large attendance, but also because the age itself is tending toward university education.

The co-educational colleges too frequently offer but inferior dormitory accommodations. The chapter house, in the majority of cases, supplies this deficiency. How then, are we to use it to the best advantage? Opponents of the chapter house system claim that it tends to degrade scholarship. Be that as it may, this objection seems to me infinitely less dangerous than other smaller evils, because it is tangible and one that the fraternity as an organization can regulate, if it will. Every fraternity not only has the right, but ought to consider it a duty, to make and enforce rules concerning this matter.

Pi Beta Phi has already taken radical action in this direction. Every chapter is required to maintain a scholarship committee whose duty it is to keep in constant touch with the work of every active member, and to report to the Grand Council. At least once in two years, an official representative of the fraternity visits each chapter and consults the dean and other members of the faculty of each college visited. Chapters which for two successive years are reported, through the college authorities, as deficient in scholarship, forfeit the right to charters, if at the end of two years there is no improvement. No special student in any college of liberal arts is eligible to membership, if she carries less than twelve hours' work, or if she has less than twelve hours' credit in college. Reports of our last visiting delegates show that in many cases the "work was above the average" and that where there were failures

they were, almost without exception, from the freshman class. An examination of the House Rules of the chapters shows that hours for study are insisted upon and enforced. If the requirements of the fraternity set the standard high enough there can be no ground for criticism since the girls living in the chapter houses have to attain the national standard.

The chapter house can, moreover, help the fraternity. Pride, loyalty and competition—factors potent in every chapter—are made the stronger through constant association and serve as ever present stimuli. Responsibility, in the light of an inheritance handed down by previous chapters, is another incentive. Yet aside from these controlling influences, which only we who have been active undergraduates can appreciate, there are practical suggestions wherein the chapter house may be of use in the matter of scholarship. The House Committee may make special rules, taking away certain privileges from those who have fallen below a given grade. The dean, or other members of the faculty, may be asked to meet with the chapter at stated times. Where a member of the faculty is a Pi Beta Phi and can live in the house, she is of great value to the girls, bridging over, in a way, that gulf which too often exists between faculty and students. The suggestion has been made that each house employ an alumna tutor to serve somewhat the same office as the English preceptors serve. Statistics show conclusively that many girls who otherwise would not have completed their college course, do so because of the ties of the fraternity and the fraternity house. The number of post-graduate students is also increased. The visits from the alumnae are of untold importance. I once heard an undergraduate say that she "treasured the visits of the alumnae as half of her college course!" And indeed it is a privilege for the college girl to be associated so intimately with women who have been active in all phases of life and who come *home* to the chapter to share their experience and culture.

The social phase is of next importance. Here, too, the national fraternity can take much of the responsibility, but varying conditions complicate the work, and because of this there can be few hard and fast rules. The work, therefore, has to be carried on by visiting delegates, who can live in the house, weigh conditions, make suggestions and report to the Grand Council. The national fraternity, through these visiting delegates and through frequent

reports, can keep the social conditions of the chapter house up to a high standard. Only the individual chapter can make the entertainments something more than a mere form. It is for you, who have the greater privilege of chapter house life, to give others a glimpse into this life. Make your entertainments the direct outgrowth of the personality of the chapter and an expression of the life in the house. Discriminate between an exaggerated striving for originality and an expression of a desire for something more than mere pleasure-giving. Simplicity, hospitality, dignity and expressiveness should be the aim. More sometimes may be gained through an old-fashioned evening by the fireside, where each is willing to give as well as to take, than by the most brilliant and expensive entertainment. And it requires far more poise to be able to entertain simply than to give an elaborate function.

Too often we hear that "the chapter feels absolutely lost without —," and then follows a recital of how this same person "always planned all of the entertainments and put everything through so successfully!" It is one of the graver faults of any communal system and, therefore, of the chapter house system, that she who is willing, will be imposed upon. No laws can be made to prevent it, only a change in spirit will alter it. In the words of Mr. Washington Gladden: "If we want to live together peacefully, usefully, productively, we must recognize and respect and obey the law of life which is service, ministry, helpfulness. This is the one thing which our children should be taught, the one principle which should be central and fundamental in their training. In the family they must never lose sight of the fact that each has a part to perform, a contribution to make; that the happy life of the household is the result of the fulfilment by every member of the household of the function which belongs to him. When they go out into the larger social relations, they must learn that the same law governs them; that the question of questions for every man in every association to which he belongs, in every position which he occupies, is, how he may do his part, how he may render the service which is due from him, then and there, to those who are round about him. . . . Something is due from every man to the community in which he lives."

Reports of House Management show that our chapters place a great deal of responsibility on the chaperon, especially in a financial way. They have done this, probably, because the chap-

eron is willing, probably because they think she is more competent than they, but in so doing, they have set aside one of the important things that a fraternity house can teach,—the care of a house and the value of money. Perhaps if each girl had to take her turn in running the house, it would not be so generally conceded that college girls know nothing about the care of the home.

The fraternity can control many of the larger, more tangible matters. It is to the smaller, more subtle dangers, that we must look for the real enemies of the chapter house. No fraternity government can by rule abolish snobbishness, narrow interest, gossip, an over-critical attitude, willingness to shift responsibility or bad political instinct. These we believe are the sum total of all the remaining evils charged against the fraternity house system. We dislike to admit even a trace of their existence but realize that most criticisms arise from some foundation. Sometimes the faults are the result of misdirected enthusiasm, sometimes of habit, sometimes of the community. Whatever may be the direct cause, they indirectly come from a wrong attitude, from a failure to realize that through the "eternal law of compensation" we get out of everything just in accordance with what we put into it, that the privilege of membership, itself, cannot be had for nothing, but brings with it additional responsibilities, that no member of a chapter can do anything without in a greater or less degree affecting every other member, and, that everything that is worth while is gotten by hard work.

But suppose that the chapter has this wrong attitude, you ask, how can they get rid of it? The means I should suggest is indirect, yet I believe it will serve its purpose. Organize the chapter so that there is no time or room for anything petty. Do something for somebody else.

The matter, to be considered properly, would require a long discussion. This, however, is suggestive of the idea. Make out a certain amount of philanthropic work that might be accomplished in your neighborhood. The kind of work will vary greatly according to the situation of the college and the ability of the girls. Care must be taken, of course, to regard the amount of time each girl has to spend, but even if it were only one afternoon a month, if three others were willing to do the same, an afternoon a week would be dedicated, in the name of the chapter, to some special charitable concern. College settlement, Y. W. C. A. work, Con-

sumer's League, "Friendly Visiting," sewing for charitable institutions, reading in hospitals, entertaining by musical ability, are only a few of the kinds of work that might be mentioned.

The chapter house problem is a serious one; the system has had disadvantages and limitations—but can we fear for its future? Have not the measures taken by our recent conventions proved that the fraternity is fully capable of regulating the larger matters? And do we not have faith enough in every chapter to know that in their hands it cannot go wrong?

ANNA F. T. PETTIT.

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## THE PI BETA PHI FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDY

At the meeting of the Grand Council in New York during the Thanksgiving vacation, it was decided to withdraw the undergraduate scholarships for the year 1909-10, and to offer in their place one graduate fellowship with a value of five hundred dollars. This fellowship is open to any Pi Beta Phi who has received her bachelor's degree. It may be used at any university either in this country or in Europe, which offers the best advantages in graduate work along the particular line desired by the holder.

Two points will be considered in awarding this fellowship: first, the scholastic standing of the student, and second, all-around development of character, and the ability to represent the fraternity in whatever place the recipient may be.

Applications, together with photographs of the applicants, credentials from professors, and other testimonials should be in the hands of the Grand Council not later than March 15, so that the award may be made before the close of the college year.

MAY LANSFIELD KELLER.

December 5.



## REPORT OF GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Pi Beta Phi was held in New York City during the Thanksgiving holidays. Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28, 1908, were given over to the consideration of matters of fraternity interest. Mrs. Theiss made all necessary arrangements for the meeting and secured rooms for the out-of-town members in Whittier Hall, a girls' dormitory of Columbia University. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Farnsworth, Colorado Alpha, head of Whittier Hall, business sessions were held in her apartments.

Alumnæ as well as active members will be interested in the announcement that the Grand Council has decided upon the time and place for the next convention. After careful consideration, it was deemed wisest to accept the invitation issued by the three Pennsylvania chapters, Alpha, Beta, and Gamma. The Twenty-first Biennial Convention of Pi Beta Phi, therefore, will be held in Swarthmore some time during the first two weeks of July, 1910. It is expected that at that time low railroad rates may be procured, and all members of the fraternity should at once begin planning to attend this convention during their summer vacation. The program and all definite details will be announced later.

The Grand Council has decided to make some change in the manner of granting the graduate scholarship offered annually by Pi Beta Phi; hereafter a fellowship will be offered large enough to cover all reasonable expenses for the college year, and the recipient may pursue her graduate work in any college or university either in this country or abroad.

Applications for charters from several groups of young women were presented and discussed, but, as no group had been investigated by a member of the Grand Council, no definite action was taken. Miss Keller announced that the petition of the group in Toronto University had been received favorably by Pi Beta Phi, and that the new chapter would be installed by her in the early winter.

The Grand President will appoint a committee to assist chapters in obtaining chaperons and matrons for their chapter houses. The duties of the committee will be twofold, to receive letters from Pi Beta Phi alumnæ and other women who can serve as

house mothers in chapter houses, and to furnish information to inquiring chapters.

Attention is called to the detailed directions for the annual letter to *alumnæ*. This is to be issued not later than July first. For convenience in filing, it is to be printed upon pages the size of *ARROW* pages. It shall include the items embraced in the annual report of chapter secretary to Grand Secretary, together with a complete list of *alumnæ* with their addresses. In addition, the letter may be illustrated with pictures of the active chapter group and of college buildings. It may also include other items of interest connected with college life. Copies shall be sent to each chapter (in lieu of the chapter letter), each alumna of the chapter, each member of the Grand Council, the historian, the cataloguer, the secretaries of *alumnæ* clubs, and each province president.

Miss Marlow reported a larger membership in the *Alumnæ* Association this year than in any previous year, with new names coming in constantly. There are at present 1623 members.

The Grand Council interrupted its business sessions for two social gatherings, one with the active New York Beta chapter and the other with the New York *Alumnæ* Club. The Barnard chapter were hostesses at a cooky shine in the home of Anna M. Jackson, Pennsylvania Alpha and New York Beta. Each place card bore the toast:

"Here's to the Council so wise and so grand  
Who govern the very best 'frat' in the land;  
And here is our pledge to our own Pi Phi.  
Be true to her, work for her, love her for aye."

The Council took pleasure in meeting this chapter and in congratulating them upon their increased strength and present attainment.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Gertrude Hill Springer, Kansas Alpha, entertained the Grand Council at supper in her home. Here they later met the members of the New York *Alumnæ* Club, of which Mrs. Springer is president. This club is certainly an inspiration, for here one meets Pi Phis from east, west, north, and south who are accomplishing things and whom one feels honored to claim as members of the fraternity.

A cloud was cast over this last evening's enjoyment by the absence of Miss Janvier, who was unable to remain in the city.

Other members of the Council did not separate until Sunday evening, accepting the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Theiss.

The meeting of the Grand Council was considered a success by all the members. The business of the fraternity was thoroughly planned for the next year. To the members themselves there came the added advantage of an intimate knowledge of one another and an appreciation of the sincerity with which each works for the common good of Pi Beta Phi.

ELDA L. SMITH,  
Grand Secretary.

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#### THE NEW YORK ALUMNÆ CLUB

The New York Alumnæ Club had the pleasure of sharing in the visit of the Grand Council to New York City. On Saturday evening, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Springer, the club gathered for a social evening with the Grand Officers and a thoroughly enjoyable one it proved to be. The New York club wishes to express its appreciation of the choice of convention in the new council which stands so conspicuously for those ideals of womanly dignity and helpfulness for which we are all striving.

Many chapters were represented from California to Massachusetts, and from Iowa were the four Wilson sisters, two of whom are members of the club.

For a report of our life and work there will be a time and place later. The year has been a very pleasant one indeed and the fall has brought us new members from other chapters whom we are glad to welcome.

W. H. M.

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#### THE LEWISBURG ALUMNÆ CLUB

For some time the feasibility of forming an alumnæ club in Lewisburg, Pa., has been discussed. At a luncheon given by the local alumnæ, such an organization was urged by Elda Smith, the Grand Secretary, at the time of her visit of inspection last year. The desirability of forming a club was again urged by Mrs. Nickerson, president of Alpha province, upon the occasion of her helpful and inspiring visit to Pennsylvania Beta in October.

Meantime an alumna, who recently came to live in a neighbor-

ing town, Mrs. Irene Fenton Clinger, had lately returned from a Pi Beta Phi house party at the Woman's College of Baltimore, her Alma Mater. Mrs. Clinger was eager to continue her active association with the fraternity, and she, perhaps, supplied the additional enthusiasm needful to rouse the alumnæ to action.

A meeting of resident alumnæ was called at the home of Mrs. Perrine (Grace Roberts) and a club organized. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Frank Clinger (Irene Fenton), Maryland Alpha; secretary, Grace Slifer, Pennsylvania Beta; and treasurer, Mrs. Harry Bourn (Kate McLaughlin), Pennsylvania Beta. Four chapters are represented in the club's membership of twelve: Indiana Alpha, Maryland Alpha, Michigan Beta, and Pennsylvania Beta.

We hope to keep closely in touch with the active chapter and also to rekindle our interest in our national fraternity. The club entertained the active chapter, Pennsylvania Beta, at a cooky shine at the home of Mrs. Bourn on the evening of December 4, and the alumnæ felt almost as if they were in college again. The club has not yet planned a very definite line of work, but it hopes to be a benefit both to the chapter and to itself.

GRACE SLIFER.

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#### THE BERKELEY ALUMNÆ CLUB

The Berkeley Alumnæ Club is now in its second year and has about thirty names on its roll. Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and there is a very fair attendance. The November meeting took the form of a luncheon at Hotel Stewart in San Francisco. We were sorry that more Pi Phis could not be with us, but the fifteen who did come enjoyed themselves immensely, and voted to have luncheons oftener.

We are sorry to lose two of our most enthusiastic members for a while. Florence Ziegenfuss and Edith White, both of California Beta, '07, sail from New York early in January for Europe and will be gone about six months. Blanche Cameron-Beecher, '06, California Beta, a strong worker, has gone to Seattle to live and is missed by us all. Her address is Otis Hotel.

The Berkeley Alumnæ Club would like to learn the addresses of all Pi Phis who live near San Francisco or Berkeley and wants to welcome all to our club.

SUE C. HIESTAND.

## THE SHELL BOOK BY JULIA E. ROGERS OF IOWA ZETA

One of the notable contributions of the year to popular scientific literature is *The Shell Book*, by Julia E. Rogers of Iowa Zeta. As its name implies, this book is a treatise on conchology. The comprehensive treatises published heretofore on the subject are either too technical for popular use, or too expensive for the average purse. The smaller manuals are incomplete. *The Shell Book* is therefore just such a volume as has long been desired by conchologists. Its cost is comparatively small and it gives a complete classification of shells, written in an interesting and popular as well as a scientific manner.

In the first chapter of *The Shell Book* Miss Rogers says: "The scope of the *mollusca* is great. No other animal group has so wide and varied a range of distribution. All latitudes have their peculiar genera and species, excepting only the extreme polar regions. Land shells vary from tide water to snowy mountain tops, to the limits of animal and vegetable life. Lakes and rivers teem with fresh-water forms. . . . From the populous ocean border a diminishing list of marine forms live on the ocean bed to abysmal depths. The pelagic mollusks live on the surface of the open sea. Mollusks there are that climb, leap, crawl, burrow, swim, dive, float, even fly; for the graceful sea arrow which darts out of water like a flying fish, is a squid, and squids are mollusks. No mode of locomotion is denied them. From microscopic forms they range in size to the ponderous spindle-shell, a marine snail two feet long, and the giant clam, four feet across, weighing five hundred pounds."

When one understands that *The Shell Book* is a key to all these different kinds of living mollusks, and learns that 50,000 species are now distinguished by name, one gains an idea of the vast amount of work involved in the preparation of such a volume.

The second chapter deals with the balanced aquarium and the snailery. Miss Rogers tells what form of aquarium is best, how to stock it, and where to keep it. She also describes the different plants that are suitable for use in aquaria and tells where to find them. Similar information follows about the snailery.

The rest of the book, some 450 octavo pages, is a manual of

shells, with a brief description of the appearance, habits, and habitat of each genus and subordinate species.

The volume is one of the Doubleday, Page and Company's series of nature books, of which another volume is Miss Rogers' *Tree Book*. Like all the other books in this series *The Shell Book* is beautifully illustrated with many remarkable photographs and splendid plates in color.

*The Shell Book* will be doubly interesting to Pi Phis from the fact that not only was it written by a Pi Phi, but it was also dedicated to the three children of another Pi Phi—two young nieces and a nephew of the author, with whom she spent a season digging shells in the sands of California.

## WHAT A FRATERNITY GIRL THINKS

The chapter life—what should it be but the demonstration of the actual living out of the aims and ideals of our ritual? The chapter life—what is it? Do you think that it is all that it should be? Have you never known a member who was disappointed with the life of a chapter after her initiation?

*How Can We Live Our Ideals?*

I feel confident that every member of my own chapter would agree with me to-day in saying that our life together was not what it should have been, not what it could have been. And I believe that our mistakes lay just where many another chapter will find its own; first, in a wrong idea of what constitutes "fraternity spirit"; second, in allowing our social aims heavily to outweigh our scholarly and ethical aims.

Varying tastes and opinions within a chapter seem bound to produce friction when in reality they should be the means of broadening and strengthening character. "Fraternity spirit" should mean more than a prompt response to cheers and toasts and songs; it should be more than a readiness to defend one's mates from outside thrusts or to support one another in outside interests. With us "fraternity spirit" should be less of a dead form for finer womanhood and more of a living, active force in the production of fine women.

You ask where we can find nobler women than within the ranks of Pi Beta Phi alumnæ? How far were the characters of our alumnæ influenced and developed by four years' active membership in the fraternity? Many splendid women never knew a day's fraternity life; and we ought to gain far more than we do from our intercourse in the college chapter. Our four years of association in the chapter should be to us the years when we learned tolerance, charity and love, which is not mere affection; when we learned to set aside selfish interests for the good of the whole; when we learned to do all things "a little better than necessary" because of Pi Beta Phi. Is this what our undergraduate fraternity days mean to us?

I do not ask the impossible of my younger sisters, but I so much wish that we would guard against overdoing the social side of college and chapter life. Though some shy, timid girls have developed into well balanced women through the fraternity's

tutelage, on the other hand many excellent high school students have been made second rate college students through the influence of their fraternities. This is hard for me to say, and for you to hear, but it is true. It is an evil that works as powerfully among Pi Phis as among the members of other fraternities. But because it is now so, need it remain so?

My girlhood is near enough for me to recall clearly how non-sensical I believed the advice of my elders was until experience had taught me that to consider it wisdom was better. Knowing how I felt, and how you will feel, none the less I ask you to consider well what I have written. They are the words of a Pi Phi who has done just the foolish things she counsels you not to do, in the hope that you may get the most from and give the most to your chapter during your undergraduate days.

ELLEN ANDERSON-LEWIS, *Colorado Beta*.

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For some time in our chapter it has been the custom to have luncheon in the fraternity room every day. This is partly for the convenience of those who live at a distance but mostly for our own pleasure. Instead of bringing our individual luncheons, committees of two or three girls are appointed to arrange the entire luncheon, for a certain day. So when one's turn comes around one has had such a delightful rest that all her heart and strength are put to making the others happy. On Saturdays our alumnae are always welcomed, for Saturday is our "big day." We feel that by these daily gatherings we are strengthened and brought into a much closer union; for when our knowledge of each other is confined to the class room (and a university tends towards this more than a woman's college), it is indeed artificial.

DOROTHY SMALLWOOD, *Columbia Alpha*.



## EDITORIALS

The fraternity is indebted to Anna F. T. Pettit of Pennsylvania Alpha and New York Beta for the compilation of data and the résumé of reports on chapter rooms and houses given in this issue. To Miss Pettit the fraternity also owes a comprehensive and suggestive summary of the chapter house situation as it exists in our own fraternity. The debt is no small one, for the work involved has been arduous. Miss Pettit is known to all Pi Phis as the holder for 1907-1908 of the graduate scholarship of Pi Beta Phi. She received the degree of A.B. from Swarthmore College in 1907 and in 1908 the degree of A.M. from Columbia University. English was her major subject in her graduate work for the Master's degree. At present Miss Pettit is teaching in one of the Friends' Schools in Philadelphia.

Last winter, through the courtesy of a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, your editor was enabled to recover a Pi Beta Phi badge that for some years had been worn by a young woman who was not a member of our fraternity, a stenographer in the offices of *The Delineator*. That through the help of a member of the Barnard chapter of Pi Beta Phi we have in some measure been able to repay our fraternal debt the following letter shows:

"My dear Mrs. Theiss:

Not long ago you wrote to me asking about the girl whom I knew who was wearing a key and you asked me if I would give you her name or do something about it myself. And as I told you I would do, I wrote to the girl and asked her about it. I got an answer from her saying that a Kappa Kappa Gamma girl, whose name she did not know, had given the key to her brother, and after her brother had become tired of wearing it he gave the pin to this girl whom I know. She told me that she would return the badge immediately to its owner, and she has now done this. I am sorry that the key could not have been given to you to give to your Kappa friend, but at any rate it has been returned to the Kappas. . . ."

Minnesota Alpha has issued a carefully prepared program of chapter meetings for the current academic year. Business meetings are held on alternate weeks; the third meeting of each month

is a social meeting in charge of a special committee; the first meeting of each month is devoted to topics of general fraternity and educational interest. In the case of the latter the speaker of the evening is always an alumna of the fraternity. The subjects are as follows: "Minnesota Alpha and Its Relation to National Affairs"; "A Fraternity Girl's Experience in the Far East"; "The Fraternity Girl and Her Place in College Life"; "The Fraternity Girl in Her Chapter"; "A Fraternity Girl's Experiences Abroad"; "Famous Pi Phis"; "The Social Side of Fraternity Life"; "A Comprehensive Discussion of Our National Rules and Regulations"; "Do Good Work in College Activities." There is no doubt that such a program guarantees interest in college and fraternity, in both undergraduate and alumnae members. Appended to the program, which is bound in the fraternity colors, is a list of the members of the social committee, the committee on college activities, the Christmas sale committee, the scholarship committee and the board of directors of the Minnesota Alpha Pi Beta Phi Association. It is of especial interest to note that on each committee there is an alumna as adviser, and that in the case of the scholarship committee not only is there an alumna adviser but the chairman of the committee is an alumna and a "faculty lady." There is no need to wonder whether or not this chapter and the alumnae pull together. Such careful planning, such wise selection and such prudent judgment guarantee the prosperity of the chapter. *Verbum sapienti satis est.*

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She needs only Vol. XVI, 3 and 4 to complete her file. Can any chapter supply these?

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fully checked for each issue of the magazine and show that in every instance copies have been mailed to all subscribers. If, however, copies are lost in transit, the editor will be glad to furnish duplicates if she is notified promptly of the non-appearance of the magazine.

## ALUMNÆ PERSONALS

## VERMONT ALPHA

Mrs. R. W. Jocelyn (Bertha Ranslow, '94) is now living in Milton, Vt.

Florence E. Perley, '04, is teaching in Raton, N. Mex. Her address is 132 South 4th street.

The engagement of Harold Denio Leach, Delta Upsilon, Middlebury, '10, and Goldia M. Monroe, '10, has been announced.

Married at the home of the bride's parents in Enosburgh Falls, Vt., on July 23, 1908, Eugene L. Eddy, Delta Upsilon, Middlebury, '08, to Jessie Carpenter, 'ex-'09. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy will live in New Haven, Vt.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

## VERMONT BETA

Mary E. Colburn is teaching in Atlantic City, N. J. She is living at The Atglen.

Maude Fletcher-Crawford, ex-'08, visited the active chapter recently.

A daughter was born November 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Welsh (Kathryne Gebhardt, '01) of Montclair, N. J.

Amy Metcalf, '05, is teaching in the high school at Essex Junction.

Emma P. Bean, '05, is teaching in Ackley Hall, Grand Haven, Mich.

Mrs. David Nickerson, president of Alpha province, was the guest of Vermont Beta from November 2 to 6.

Fanny Gates, '09, and Susie Holmes, '09, both of Vermont Alpha, attended our initiation and banquet, December 11.

Charlotte Hale, '00, of the Pittsford high school, was in town recently.

Sylvia Warren, ex-'09, of Williston, Gena Chapin, ex-'10, of Bristol, Maude Chaffee, '08, of Fairfax, Amy Metcalf, '05, of Essex Junction, Alice Durfee-Howe, '05, of Essex Junction, Daisy Russell, '03, of Shelburne, and Maude Fletcher-Crawford, ex-'08, of Moretown, were present at our eleventh initiation and banquet.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

The visiting committee of the Boston alumnae club will gladly call upon members of other chapters who come to Boston. The

committee consists of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, 142 Oakdale street, East Dedham; Jennie B. Allyn, 471 Broadway, Cambridge; Dr. Adalieta Shaw, 1057 Main street, Melrose Highlands; and Ethel M. Piper, 17 Albion street, Roxbury.

Mrs. C. H. Taylor (Alice Fisher) is living at 35 Wurts street, Kingston, N. Y.

Mabel Whitcomb, '03, was married November 26 to Allen Burr Rider. Mr. and Mrs. Rider will be at home Thursdays in February at 96 Huntington avenue, Boston.

A daughter was born in August to Mr. and Mrs. George Seabury (Louise Hunt, '03) of Clinton, Mass.

Georgia Alexander was married in November to Harold Tilton.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA

Florence B. Gray, '07, is a student in the New York State Library School at Albany.

The marriage of Cora Scott, '05, to Albert Doty took place the evening of December 1. One of the members of the active chapter was a bridesmaid, and the active chapter in a body attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Doty will make their home in New Rochelle, N. Y.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Staley (Mary Z. Barrett, '00) of Oneida, N. Y.

Jessie Onderdonk, '07, and Mary Makepeace, '07, are teaching in the high school at Solvay, N. Y.

#### NEW YORK BETA

The many friends of Mrs. Justus E. Ralph were shocked to learn of her death November 22, after a lingering illness at her home in New York City. Our sympathy goes out to her daughter, Virginia Ralph-Davis, '06, in her great sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schaefer (Ida Lewis, '04) will spend the next six months in travel in Germany and Italy. Mr. Schaefer's law business takes them abroad.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

May Gutelius, '04, has moved to Wallingford, Pa. She spent a few days in November in New York City, attending an executive session of the New York Branch of the Indian Association, of which body she is secretary.

Josephine McDowell-Hanan will spend the winter at her country house in Port Chester, N. Y.

Mrs. George K. Gillette (Emily Carter) is living at Sugar Brook Farm, Central Village, Conn.

M. Elizabeth Lamb is teaching in Morristown, N. J. Her address is 220 Central avenue.

The chapter entertained the Philadelphia alumnae club at a cooky shine October 21.

Maude Rice, '03, was married November 19 to William Stuckert of Newtown, Pa.

Elizabeth Pownall-Walton left with her family November 28 for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Walton, who lives in Swarthmore, is one of our charter members and will be greatly missed by the active girls.

The Philadelphia alumnae club very pleasantly entertained the active chapter at a Five Hundred Party, December 5. Elizabeth Johnson, '06, opened her home to us.

Pennsylvania Alpha has enjoyed visits this fall from Mrs. D. D. Nickerson, president of Alpha province; Anna D. Lyell, Beatrice Richards, Melvina Westcott, Pennsylvania Beta; Nellie E. Biehn, Maryland Alpha; Susan Pennell-Chipman, Massachusetts Alpha; Helen Rogers, '02, Dora A. Gilbert, '92, Deborah Ferrier, '01, Emma F. Hamilton, '02, and Flora Boyle, ex-'06.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Kate Goddard-Jones, '95, of Ningpo, China, is convalescing after a long and tedious illness of a year's duration. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are missionaries in the country where both Mrs. Jones' parents and her grandparents were missionaries before her.

Mrs. George Clinger (Marion Boyer, Maryland Alpha) and Mrs. Frank Clinger (Irene Fenton, Maryland Alpha), of Milton, entertained the active chapter November 21.

Jean Hopwood, '08, visited Professor and Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips (Jennie Davis, '01) recently.

November 18 the teachers of the public schools of Brookville were invited to "crack a nut" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Downs (Ruth Sprague, '98). A big English walnut was presented to each guest and at a given signal each one proceeded to investigate its contents. Out of the walnuts dropped two tiny hearts bearing the names of Mr. Downs' brother, Mr. J. C.

Downs, of Pittsburg, and Miss Gertrude Stephens, '99, the popular teacher of music and drawing in the Brookville schools. The resignation of Miss Stephens, to take effect in the December holidays, has been placed in the hands of the local school board. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced.—*Brookville Republican*.

Mary B. Harris, '94, is president of the Baltimore alumnæ club.

Dr. Mary Wolfe, '96, superintendent of the State Hospital at Norristown, Pa., has under her supervision more than eight hundred patients. She is recognized as one of the leading alienists of this country and was selected by the Government a few years ago as one of its representatives at the international congress of alienists which was held at Antwerp.—*New York Sun*.

Mrs. Creighton M. Konkle (Laura Allen, '01) is living at 228 Winter street, New Castle, Pa.

Florence Dyer, ex-'11, visited the chapter recently.

Mary Jameson, '11, expects to continue her work in college after Christmas.

Mary Bartol Theiss has an article in the December issue of *Good Housekeeping*, entitled "The Consumers' League."

Mary and Lewis Theiss have an article entitled "The Influence of Color Harmony" in the January number of *Good Housekeeping*.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Netta Hoffman has an apartment at 530 West 122nd street, New York City. Sara Marvel-Coles, '00, spent several days with her at Thanksgiving time.

Catharine Keefer, ex-'04, was in town during December.

Florence Ralston, '07, visited us at Thanksgiving.

Kathleen M. Gooding, '05, was graduated in November as a trained nurse from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA

Anne Porter, '08, and Lavinia King, ex-'11, visited the chapter in November.

Grace Spettigue, '06, will visit in Baltimore during December.

Alice Russell, ex-'09, will spend some time in Baltimore after the holidays.

Several members of the active chapter will attend the wed-

ding of Euphemia Miller, '07, to the Reverend Mr. George Franklin Ream of Waterville, Kan., on January 5.

Born December 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Flick (Alice Dunning, '03, a daughter.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA

Mary Wilson, now of New York Beta, will spend her Christmas vacation at her home in Washington.

Claire Dixon, who spent her junior year at George Washington, has returned for her senior year to Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

The chapter received the announcement of the marriage of Dr. Clarissa Tufts to Mr. Clayton Lewis Jenks on Tuesday, November 24, 1908.

Born to Lucina McGroarty-Bethune, '02, October 28, a girl.

Josephine Shallenberger-Sperry has been on a visit to Washington.

Edith Giles-Bettys, ex-'02, will visit Washington in January.

## OHIO ALPHA

Mabel Zoe Wilson, '01, who from 1903 to 1908 has been librarian of the State Normal School at Bellingham, Wash., is studying in the New York State Library School of Albany.

Florence Hedges has a position as stenographer in the State Hospital at Athens.

Elizabeth King, who is teaching in the Arcanum schools, spent Thanksgiving with some of her Pi Phi sisters in Boyd Hall.

## OHIO BETA

Margaret Wilcox, '08, is visiting relatives in Chicago.

Madge Wilson-Stevenson, '08, is visiting her parents in Columbus.

Born, November 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Connelley (Blanche Moss, '96), a daughter.

Edith Klein is visiting friends in Chicago.

Fannie Mitzenberg has returned from St. Louis, where she has been for some time.

## INDIANA ALPHA

Ethel F. McCollough is assistant in the public library in Superior, Wis.



Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Bestor (Jeannette Lemon), at their summer home in Chautauqua, N. Y., a son, Arthur Eugene Bestor, Jr.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

## INDIANA BETA

Mrs. Julius B. Meyer (Stella O'Byrne) has moved to 707 Normal avenue, Valley City, N. Dak. Her husband has been elected head of the department of mathematics in the State Normal School.

May O'Byrne recently returned, with her father, to her home in Brookville, Ind., after an extended visit in the East.

Mary E. Dunham, Colorado Alpha, was recently appointed reference librarian at the University of Indiana.

Mrs. H. I. Orme (Lillian Clewell) is living in Greenwood, Ind.

Edna Hatfield, Violet Miller, Juana Young, Frances Epperson, Olive Traylor, and Faye Marshall are among the old girls who have visited us recently.

Edith Spencer-Malott, '06, announces the birth of a daughter.

We were delighted to have Blanche McLaughlin, '97, one of our charter members, visit us.

Mary Stilz, from Butler College, spent a few days with us.

The marriage of Mable Batman to Earl M. Harshbarger has been announced for the middle of December.

Lillian C. Thornton of Terre Haute visited us recently.

## ILLINOIS BETA

Louise Claycomb, '05, visited Galesburg friends during October.

Marian Wilcox, '97, was married October 27 to Mr. Wayman of Chicago. The wedding took place in the Universalist church. The four Pi Phi bridesmaids were Mabel Griffith, Mildred Brown, Katherine Bagby and Inez Webster. The active chapter attended the ceremony.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dickinson (Lora Townsend) of Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth.

Theo Golliday, '07, is teaching French and German in Urbana, Ohio.

Nell Tompkins-Clayberg, '92, is teaching domestic science and household economy in the Avon schools.



Colorado Beta's Bungalow—Denver University



Colorado Beta's Bungalow



Iowa Gamma's Chapter House—Iowa State College



In Iowa Gamma's Chapter House



House where Vermont Beta has Rooms at University of Vermont



Corner of Vermont Beta's Large Room



Typical Apartment House, 511 West 122d Street, New York  
New York Beta's Headquarters



One Corner in New York Beta's Apartment—"Through the Looking Glass"



In Iowa Zeta's Chapter House—Iowa State University



Nebraska Beta's Chapter House—University of Nebraska

Delia Conger, '06, has been appointed usher at Wellesley College, a position gained only by merit.

Elsie Garlick, '03, is teaching sewing in Chicago public schools.

Mabel Jones, '03, is teaching in Farragut, Iowa.

Carrie Hurd, '05, spent Thanksgiving day in Galesburg.

## ILLINOIS GAMMA

Mrs. Ellen Carey Mack is treasurer and Mrs. Helen M. Durkee Ferris is historian of the Shadrach Bond chapter of the D. A. R. at Carthage, Ill.

## ILLINOIS DELTA

Mrs. John Edgerton (Cora Thompson) has moved from Helena, Mont., to Marysville.

Mrs. G. W. Hayden (Marian Niles, '94) is living in Kewanee, Ill.

Eunice Jacobson is in Fargo, N. D.

Frances Arnold, '95, is in Galesburg for the winter.

Mrs. Grace Lass Sisson, '92, was in Galesburg December 1.

Mable Anderson, '08, visited Lulu Hinchliff, '08, the latter part of November.

November 5 the marriage of Grace Fahnestock, ex-'08, to Dr. Thomas Birmingham of Galesburg took place.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Grace Avery to Corwin Giddings of Dayton, Ohio.

During February concerts under the auspices of the Santa Fé Railway will be conducted by Lulu Hinchliff, '08, Grace Terry, '95, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hinchliff (Nelle Townsend, '05).

## ILLINOIS EPSILON

Carrie Edith Mason, '04, was married November 4, 1908, to Walter Edmund Squire in Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Squire have gone to Paris for a year, where Mr. Squire will study music during their year abroad. Mr. Squire is editor of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon song book.

Elda L. Smith, '01, visited Elfrieda Hochbaum-Pope, '96, in December in her home in Ithaca, N. Y. Miss Smith met several Pi Phi while she was visiting in Ithaca; among them were Jennie Thornburg, Iowa Gamma, '93, who is a cataloguer in the Cornell University library; Grace Robertson-Hayes, Michigan Beta, '00,

whose husband is a professor in the law department; and Mrs. Taylor of California Alpha, whose husband is a Cornell instructor.

Dr. David D. Thompson of Evanston, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, died in St. Louis, November 10, from the effects of an automobile accident in which he suffered a broken arm, several cuts and bruises, and internal injuries. Dr. Thompson had gone to St. Louis to attend the meeting of the general committee for foreign missions of the M. E. Church. The chapter extends its sympathy to his two daughters, Edith and Sadie.

Clarice Lytle, '99, is teaching in Lincoln, Ill.

James Morris Burrows, Sigma Nu, Iowa State College, '07, was married to Mary Isabel Barrett, Pi Beta Phi, Northwestern, on Wednesday, October 21, at Des Moines. Mr. Burrows in his early college days was one of the greatest stars that Iowa State college ever had either on the baseball diamond or the football gridiron; to-day he is assistant city engineer of Des Moines, Iowa, and also secretary of the Des Moines Alumni Association of Sigma Nu. The young couple spent their honeymoon in Chicago and after November 15 will be at home at 1040 Tenth street, Des Moines.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*

Ada May Griggs, '96, died in Denver, Nov. 2, 1906.

Helen Lamson spent several days with the chapter in November.

Sybil Horning, '07, is a substitute teacher in the Evanston public schools.

Amy Onken, '08, is studying music in Jacksonville, Ill.

Lena Linn-Wisher, '07, is living in St. Paul. Her address is 61 Minnehaha Flats.

#### ILLINOIS ZETA

Alice C. Mann, '03, has resigned her position on the Iowa State Library Commission to become librarian of the public library at Kewanee, Ill.

Marion Goodman is a student at Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.

Mrs. Frank W. Bahnsen (Annie Montgomery) is the first vice-regent of the Fort Armstrong chapter of the D. A. R. at Rock Island, Ill.

Edith Spray, '07, has announced her engagement to Fred Sawyer, University of Illinois, Phi Gamma Delta. The marriage

will take place February 6. The couple's home will be in Seattle, Wash.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA

Madge Vandeburg, '03, is teaching in Wardner, Idaho.

Celia Rine has affiliated with New York Beta.

Lora Marsh, '99, is teaching in the Friends' Academy, Locust Valley, Long Island. Elsie Space-Jackson, '00, is there too, as her husband is also member of the faculty.

Ethel Bishopp-Wolcott has been living since November in McAllister, Okla.

Bess Chapman-March is the new president of the alumnae club, and Clara Seiler the secretary.

Minta A. Morgan, '88, a charter member of Michigan Alpha, whose home is in Bellingham, Wash., is to spend the winter in California.

Sara Riford-Worth is this year president of the leading woman's club of Grand Rapids.

Born, on November 15, 1908, at Reading, Mich., Francis Myers Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker (Florence Myers).

Born, on October 27, 1908, at Mason, Mich., Frank Arvin De Yoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. De Yoe (Lutie Myers, '00).

We enjoyed a short visit from Blanche Merrifield recently.

## MICHIGAN BETA

Jeanne Griffin, who last year was assistant in the public library of her home town, Niles, Mich., is this year a student in the library school of Drexel Institute.

Nellie A. Nagel is teaching in Lebanon, Mo.

Jeanette Benson's address is Bernardston, Mass.

Margaret Breck is a junior at Vassar College.

Ethel Melin, '08, is teaching in Moline, Ill.

Mrs. Peter Robertson (Margaret Couins, '01) has a second daughter.

Louise Van Dyke, '04, of Indiana Gamma is a graduate student at Ann Arbor this year. She is working for her Master's degree.

Professor and Mrs. Albert Stanley have returned to Ann Arbor after spending a delightful year in Europe.

Olive Gilbreath, Wellesley, '06, and A.M., Michigan, '08, is



with us this year, acting as assistant to Professor Fred Scott, head of the department of rhetoric in the university.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA

Florence P. Robinson, '93, former editor of *THE ARROW*, is preparing to present "She Stoops to Conquer" during the holidays. The play will be given by some of her high school pupils.

Mrs. John C. Abels (Margaret Hutton) has moved to Washington, Iowa, where Mr. Abels is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ruth L. Jennings, '08, has moved with her parents, to Fort Smith, Ark., where she is teaching.

Florence Titus is teaching in Sun Prairie, Wis.

Bessie R. Coleman, '08, is teaching German in the high school at Lodi, Wis.

Grace D. Purdie is spending the winter in Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

The engagement of Frances Hall, '08, of Rockford, Ill., to August O. Pannack of Madison, Wis., has been announced.

Cordelia Newton was married July 1 to Frederic A. Harrison. Her home is in Rhinelander, Wis.

Irene Durley is teaching in the South Side high school of Milwaukee.

Selma Vognild, '07, is giving private instruction in elocution in Chicago.

Miriam K. Reed, '00, was married December 10 to Charles Austin Tibbals, Jr. The wedding took place in the chapter lodge and was made the event of the year in local Pi Phi circles. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbals will make their home in Chicago, where Mr. Tibbals is connected with the Armour Institute.

Eunice Welsh, '00, is teaching domestic science in Seattle, Wash.

Pauline Houghton, '99, is teaching in Aberdeen, S. D.

Elizabeth B. MacGregor is taking graduate work at Wisconsin University.

Anna L. Mashek, '99, is doing settlement work in the University of Chicago settlement. Her address is 4630 Gross avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Hildred D. Moser, '08, is conducting special classes in physical training in Madison.

Janet St. John, '03, is critic teacher in River Falls Normal School.

The newly organized Madison alumnae club has a membership of fifteen and includes representatives of five chapters. The meetings are held the first Saturday afternoon of each month and the club will always be happy to see any visiting alumnae who may happen to be in Madison on these days.

## IOWA ALPHA

Mrs. George L. Cleaver (Helen Byrkit) has returned to La Grande, Ore.

Mrs. D. C. Chipman (Janet McDonald) is living in Constantine, Mich.

The friends of Mrs. Wm. C. Stover (Emily Putnam) grieve with her in the death of her husband, which occurred in October. Mr. Stover, who was a Fort Collins pioneer and philanthropist, was a member of the territorial council of 1873, a member of the constitutional convention of 1876, and a member of the first legislature after Colorado was admitted to statehood. Mrs. Stover has gone to Los Angeles to live. Her address is 1105 Mission Road.

## IOWA BETA

Gov. Albert B. Cummins was elected to the United States Senate to-day to succeed the late William B. Allison. It was just fifteen years ago to-day that the old *Iowa State Register* first announced the Cummins' candidacy. Three times he has been defeated for the Senate and three times elected governor of Iowa.

The vote to-day was strictly partisan, 141 Republicans voting for Cummins and 35 Democrats for Claude R. Porter. Governor Cummins' voice trembled as he arose to address the gathering. He referred to the long fight which he had had, but declared that henceforth it would be his ambition to heal wounds rather than create new ones. He pledged himself to work for revision of the tariff, the amending of the present laws regulating corporations, and the passage of laws for the conservation of national resources.

Following the election, Lieut.-Gov. Warren Garst took the oath of office as governor of Iowa, a position he will hold until January 1, when B. F. Carroll, who defeated Garst for the gubernatorial nomination at the June primaries, will take the governor's chair.—*New York Sun*.

This clipping is of especial interest to Iowa Pi Phis who know Governor Cummins' sister, Mrs. Theodore Grefe (Ella Cummins, Iowa Alpha and Iowa Iota), and Lieutenant-Governor Garst's wife, who as Clara Clark was initiated into Iowa Beta in 1874 as its first initiate.

Bernice Halley-Forrest visited friends in Indianola, November 18.

Ada Proudfoot, '08, spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Indianola.

Jessie Schee, '08, spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Indianola.

Gertrude Hancox, '05, and Ernest Carmen, '01, were married November 26.

Blanche Spurgeon, '06, attended a Thanksgiving house party at the home of Daisy Youtz of Panora.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harlan (Madge Peasley), a daughter.

#### IOWA GAMMA

Under the auspices of the Interurban Woman's Suffrage Council a bazar was held in November in the Martha Washington Hotel, New York City, at which there was a most interesting display of labor-saving devices patented and invented by women. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, '80, had personal charge of the house-keeping display.

Misses Alda and Elmina Wilson recently entertained at their home in New York their sisters, Mrs. C. F. Curtiss (Olive Wilson, '87) and Fannie R. Wilson, '84.

Professor Maria Roberts, '90, dean of the Junior Colleges at Iowa State College of the Mechanic Arts, is building a house on the campus at Ames. The architects are Elmina and Alda Wilson, also of Iowa Gamma.

Esther Crawford of the Western Reserve library in Cleveland, Ohio, is the editor of the forthcoming third edition of the American Library Association's list of subject headings.

Louise Rowe, '06, is treasurer of the Du Shone chapter of the D.A.R. in Boone, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary MacDonald Knapp, '83, is vice-regent of the Sun Dial chapter of the D.A.R. at Ames.

Mrs. Harvey L. Glenn (Emma McHenry, '78) is registrar of the Oro Fino chapter of the D.A.R. in Helena, Mont.

Keo Anderson, '05, and Georgia Walker visited the chapter for a few days in November.

Ethel Bartholemew, '88, visited Mrs. E. W. Stanton (Julia Wentch, '88) for several days.

Gertrude Curtiss-Paxton's husband is very ill and at the present time has little hope of recovery.

Georgia Walker of Des Moines and Lillian Mack of Waterloo will be with us on the evening of our term party, December 12.

Helen Donovan of Rochester, N. Y., is spending her vacation at home.

Mrs. Olive Wilson Curtiss, '87, has been visiting in the East for the last two weeks.

## IOWA ZETA

Julia E. Rogers, '92, conducts one of the departments in *Country Life in America*, called "The Nature Club."

Rena Hubbell, '00, is historian of the Francis Shaw chapter of the D.A.R. in Anamosa, Iowa.

Mrs. Hardy F. Poole (Dorothy Dakin, '03) is historian of the Mason City chapter of the D.A.R.

Grace R. Hebard, '82, is treasurer of the Jacques Laramie chapter of the D.A.R. in Laramie, Wyo.

Jessie L. Gaynor and her daughters are spending a year in Berlin. Mrs. Gaynor's latest publication, printed by the John Church Company, is entitled *Songs and Shadow Pictures of the Child World*. The illustrations are by her sister, Susanne F. Tyndale, also a member of Iowa Zeta.

Belle Hetzel, Elizabeth George, Madge Langstaff, Alta Smith-Hetzel of Davenport, Iowa, and Frances Beem were November guests of the chapter.

Alice Mavor Edwards visited friends in Iowa City for a few days in the autumn.

Sara McBride, '06, has left Waterloo to teach in East Des Moines.

The chapter sympathizes with Ella May Ham in the death of her mother, which occurred December 3, 1908.

Mrs. Eva Glass Lovell, '96, is traveling in California and the West.

## IOWA KAPPA

Lura H. Phillips is registrar of the Cedar Falls chapter of the D.A.R. at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

## MINNESOTA ALPHA

Josephine Schain, '07, gave her secretary's report at the recent meeting of the Minnesota State Equal Suffrage Society. She also responded to a toast at the banquet of the society.

We have seen quite a bit lately of Ethel Duncan, Indiana Gamma and California Alpha, who has been visiting her aunt in Minneapolis.

Floyd Sterling Loomis, Minnesota, '07, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who married Ruth Robbins, '08, died in December at their home in Eureka, Mont. Funeral services were held in Owatonna, Minn., at the home of Mr. Loomis' parents and interment was made in Minneapolis. Mrs. Loomis has our sympathy in her bereavement.

Mary Lyon, ex-'10, is taking a course in kindergarten work.

Caroline Gale-Harder, Illinois Delta, visited Minnesota Alpha recently.

Gertrude Hull, ex-'09, has opened a music studio in Minneapolis.

Nellie Heyd, '06, is a substitute teacher in the St. Paul schools.

Cora Marlow, '00, and Abbie Langmaid, '98, have returned from New York, where Miss Marlow attended a meeting of the Grand Council.

Olive Shellenberger, ex-'10, is teaching in Boise, Idaho.

Irma Smith, '08, and Florence Amble, ex-'08, are substitute teachers in the Minneapolis schools.

Emma Rosger, '97, is teaching in the high school at Seattle, Wash.

Lena Linn-Wisherd, Illinois Epsilon, was present at the October meeting of the alumnæ club.

## MISSOURI ALPHA

Charlene Shepard, '07, is teaching in the Warrensburg Normal this year.

Hortense Dungan, Norma Roth, Helen Bryant and Charlene Shepard attended the Pi Phi banquet in Kansas City, Thanksgiving.

Lily Sue Hostetter of Bowling Green, Mo., was here for a short visit in November.

Mabel Lee Turpin, '08, is teaching this year in Nevada, Mo.

The engagement of Ethel Robnett of Columbia to Joe Estes,

Missouri, Kappa Sigma, also of Columbia, has been announced. After the marriage they will go to Texas to make their home.

## MISSOURI BETA

Born, October 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koken (Alice Woodward) of Webster Groves, a little daughter, Ellen Ann.

Helene Johnston, who visited the chapter in October, has returned to her home in Lincoln, Ill.

Bess Stipes, of Illinois Zeta, came out to "frat" meeting last week.

## KANSAS ALPHA

Because of her health Alice Rohe, '96, has gone to Denver to live. The New York *World*, of whose editorial staff she is a member, has paid the expenses of her trip to Colorado and is still paying her weekly salary to her.

Mrs. Louis Springer (Gertrude Hill, '00) has an article in the December number of *The New Idea*, entitled "Christmas in a Stage Children's Home."

Adele A. Humphrey, '95, is teaching English in the Technical High School in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Florence Finch Kelly, '81, book reviewer on the New York *Times*, is at work this winter on a new book.

Mrs. Ely Moore (Mary Lyons) is living at 601 West 144th street, New York City.

Kate E. Dinsmoor, '03, has resigned her position as cataloguer at Purdue University to take charge of the reference and loan department of the Rosenberg library at Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. W. A. Allen (Mary Gilmore, '84) is now living in Eudora, Kan.

Elsie Evans, '03, is assistant in the public library of Leavenworth, Kan.

Josephine Gilmore, '88, is teaching in Kellogg, Idaho.

Mrs. W. A. Price (Laura Morse) is living in McAllister, Okla.

Nelle Taylor is living at 3419 Prospect St., Kansas City, Mo.

Lillian Abraham is attending National Park Seminary at Forest Glen, Md.

Calvin H. Newman, Kansas, '06, was married to Miss Edna Leedy, Pi Beta Phi, of Eureka, Kan., October 27, 1908. They will be at home in Emporia, Kan., after December 1. Brother

Newman is assistant cashier in a bank in Emporia.—*Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

George T. Marshall, Sigma Nu, Kansas, was married in August to Miss Edna Dinsmoor of Lawrence, Kan. Mrs. Marshall is a graduate of the University of Kansas and was a strong member of Pi Beta Phi. Brother Marshall's address is 114 West 36th St., Kansas City, Mo.—*The Delta* of Sigma Nu.

Claudia Pendleton, '08, is visiting Mrs. Louis Poehler (Eva Miles) in Burlington, Iowa.

Cecil Leland, Mary Buckles, Mabel McLaughlin-Beck, Nelle Mitchell, Mabel Stone, and Lucile Dillard recently visited the chapter house.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beach (Marjorie Marshall), a daughter.

Elizabeth Parkman and Edward Hardcastle of Emporia were married December 5.

The chapter extends to Mrs. Martha Snow Brown, Mrs. Mary M. Snow Case, and Edith H. Snow sympathy in the death, September 23, of their father, Dr. Francis Huntington Snow. Dr. Snow was chancellor of the University of Kansas from 1890 to 1901 and since that time has been connected with the university as a professor. To Pi Beta Phi Dr. Snow was even more than the father of three loyal Pi Phis. It was he who christened our Pi Phi spread the "cooky shine" so we are told in an article by Lucinda Smith-Buchan in one of the old-time ARROWS.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA

Mrs. L. Vance-Phillips has had an exhibition of painted porcelains at the Prince George Hotel during the last few days in November.—*New York Sun*. Mrs. Vance-Phillips also has an article "A Study in Pink and Gray" in the November number of the *Keramic Studio*.

Rilla Wyckoff-Boynton is living in Minneapolis.

#### NEBRASKA BETA

Bertha B. Quaintance, '99, is a nurse in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

The chapter rejoices with Grace Shallenberger, '10, in the honor that has come to her father, who was elected governor of Nebraska at the recent election.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA

Erie Waters, '02, was married November 17 to the Reverend Robert Augustus Armstrong of Canada. She may be addressed at Trinity Rectory, St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada.

December 2 Nina Laroussini was married to Dr. George K. Pratt.

Lily Mead Post, '02, was married December 2 to Mr. Wyatt Tugram.

Born November 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Howcott (Jennie Butler), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Little (Stella Hayward) have returned home after spending the summer in England.

Harriette Waters and Elizabeth Maginnis have also returned after several months' travel abroad.

## TEXAS ALPHA

Sue Shelton is now Mrs. R. J. McMillan of Kingsville, Texas.

## COLORADO ALPHA

The guests of honor for the September dinner were H. M. Kirton and bride (Margaret Helps), and the occasion was memorable from the fact that it was the first of its kind when a lady has been our guest on such an occasion.—Colorado alumnae association's correspondence in the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

Born to Fanny Plummer-Morton, '01, a daughter, Margaret.

Eunice Thompson, '08, has given up her school in Alamosa, and is in Idaho Springs, Colo.

Rosetta Bell-Wolcott has been visiting her mother in Boulder. She will leave soon for her home in Wickenburg, Ariz.

Margaret Helps-Kirton, '06, recently visited friends in Boulder.

Eunice Thompson, '08, and Jessie Mosher, '08, were guests at the Pi Phi house at the time of the Colorado-Denver football game.

Floye Sheldahl, ex-'10, has been visiting friends in Boulder and has also been a guest at the Pi Phi house. She is on her way to Iowa, where she will make an extended visit.

The engagement of Gertrude Teague, '06, to Mr. Holbrook has been announced.



The engagement of Ethel Poley to Louis Bradbury, Colorado, Delta Tau Delta, has been announced.

Sarah Herron has been very sick at her home in Longmont. As soon as she is strong enough to travel, she will go South.

The engagement of Ethel Thornburgh, '06, to Mr. Mills of Denver has been announced.

In January Maude McKenzie, '06, is going to California for an extended stay.

Marie Maxwell-Burger spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Boulder.

Laura Dyer-Coulsen is making her home in Boulder this winter.

Blanche Squires-Clarke is visiting her mother in Boulder.

Claire Husted-O'Neil, '04, Maud Hunn-Haley, '04, Clara Morse Winner, '06, were at the lodge the day of the Colorado College football game.

Mrs. Charlotte Joy Farnsworth, '97, head of Whittier Hall, Columbia University, is secretary of the girl's branch of P.S.A.L. of New York City, and chairman of the ways and means committee of a Manhattan trade school.

#### COLORADO BETA

Helen J. Stearns, who was graduated from the Western Reserve library school in 1904, has resigned her position in the Cleveland public library to take a position with the Wisconsin Library Commission.

Anna J. Berry is teaching in the grade schools of Passaic, N. J. Her address is 172 Sherman street.

Eva Fenton is now Mrs. Charles Chalgren of Las Animas, Colo.

Anna R. Charles is now Mrs. Chas. O. Thibodeau of Cripple Creek, Colo.

Pauline Huffine spent Thanksgiving at her home in Denver.

Mary Biggs, '02, leaves in December for Chevy Chase, where she will spend the rest of the year. She will return to Denver next fall.

Alta Stewart has returned to college after a year's absence as a teacher.

Bess Moberly will not be in college during the winter. We hope that her health will permit her to return in the spring.

Una France-Hudson has a piece of fiction in the December number of *The Red Book*, entitled "What the Colonel Wanted."

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Jane L. Shepard is first assistant in the A. K. Smiley public library at Redlands, Cal.

Jane Brotherton, Alice C. Mann, and Alta L. Stansbury of Illinois Zeta, Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown (Jessie Christian) of Indiana Gamma, Daisy B. Sabin of Michigan Beta, Helen J. Stearns of Colorado Beta, and Jane L. Shepard of California Alpha were Pi Phi librarians who attended the Minnetonka conference of the American Library Association last summer.

## CALIFORNIA BETA

Mrs. J. Stewart Ross (Dora Bramlet) is now living at 824 West avenue 49, Los Angeles.

## WASHINGTON ALPHA

Charlotte Lum, who attended the university last year, visited university friends during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Frances A. Yantis, '08, who is teaching in Burton, Wash., visited the chapter recently.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

## ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(Chartered 1893)

Vermont Alpha has had, on the whole, a very enjoyable term. Our ten freshmen are proving loyal members of Pi Beta Phi and we are experiencing the pleasures of a large chapter instead of the drawbacks we had rather feared. The delightful and helpful visit which Mrs. Nickerson paid us in November will be long remembered. We held our initiation Friday, November 6, and the annual banquet at the Addison the following evening. We had with us as guests, besides Mrs. Nickerson, Miss Sarah Pomeroy of Massachusetts Alpha, whom we have enjoyed having so near us; Mazie Powers of Vermont Beta; and of our own alumnae, Lena Roseman-Denio, Anna Nichols-Bosworth, Maude Smith-Gooding, Mary Munsey-Crane, Florence Duncan, Gwendoline Hughes and Theodora Crane. It was a very lively banquet, and the "mock telegram scheme," which we copied from the last convention, added a great deal to the fun.

During the Thanksgiving recess the girls who did not go away were entertained by one of our patronesses, Mrs. Crane. Those who went home wished that they could have been in two places at one time when they heard about the good time. The next week Mrs. Kendall, another patroness, entertained at an afternoon tea the Pi Phi mothers who live in Middlebury. Our only large party of the term was held Saturday evening, December 5, at the Pharetra. The score cards were made by our artist and those for the men had on them snapshots of the girls; by means of these they found their partners. Professor and Mrs. McGilton chaperoned.

Florence Duncan, to our great delight, has become an active member of the chapter again.

We are looking forward now, with no great pleasure, to examinations, but we are hoping that Sophomore Hop and the Christmas vacation will banish painful memories.

ALICE BRUCE SEARS.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(Chartered 1898)

The strenuous rushing season is over, and we have time to stop and catch our breath and to congratulate ourselves on winning four from a class containing only sixteen girls.

Vermont is fortunate in having a department of pedagogy added to its academic departments. Prof. L. R. Jones, a prominent educator and a favorite instructor, has been made dean of this new department.

By an act of the legislature the medical department has become a part

of the institution, with the same standing as the academic and engineering departments.

The Green and Gold debating team will meet Bowdoin within the next few days.

Probably a hockey team will be formed this winter which will hold interclass and possibly intercollegiate meets.

In short, we feel that Vermont is not standing still, but is steadily pushing her way to the front rank of Eastern colleges.

GRACE E. SYLVESTER.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(Founded 1896)

Much has happened since our last letter. Rushing season with all its ups and downs, with all its suspense, is over at last and Massachusetts Alpha is well pleased with the result of her efforts. At the very opening of college we initiated Gladys Cole, '09, who was pledged at the end of last year. This season we have added to our ranks five of the most active girls in the freshman class: Mildred Aldrich, Ruth Bartlett, Gertrude Jackson, Annette Regnier, and Miriam Taylor. Our senior delegation is also the richer by the addition of Gertrude Stone, who came this fall to Boston University from Wellesley.

Our initiation service was held on the afternoon of November 14, at the home of one of our alumnæ, Mrs. Phelps; it was followed in the evening by the annual banquet at Riverbank Court. We spent a very pleasant evening with our "new girls" and our "old girls." Many clever toasts were responded to by our active and alumnæ girls, Mildred Collyer acting as toast mistress. We were especially proud to have present Mrs. Anna Robinson Nickerson, the subject of whose toast was "Pi Phi in its Wider Scope."

Owing to the many college affairs and to the reaction from a busy rushing season, we have been rather quiet in our chapter life. However, we celebrated Hallowe'en with a straw ride out to Wellesley Hills where we took supper at the home of a Pi Phi brother and did the usual Hallowe'en stunts, mingled with some unusual ones.

Several of our girls have been much occupied for the past few weeks with rehearsals for the Latin play which is to take place in January. Mildred Collyer, Eugenia Goodwin, and Miriam Taylor are in the chorus, and Marion Morton, Mildred Daniels, Eugenia Goodwin, and Helen Brown are in the dance. Besides this the Y. W. C. A. gave a circus for the benefit of the Silver Bay fund; in this four of our girls appeared.

Our "jolly juniors" are already turning their attention toward Junior Week, although it is yet a long way off. Mildred Daniels is chairman of the Play Committee, Eugenia Goodwin is chairman of the Musicale, and Helen Brown is class president and on the *Hub* staff.

Mid-year examinations are fast drawing near and from now on we shall hang "busy" signs on our doors and abjure the world, while we turn our minds to more serious matters.

With best wishes to Pi Phis everywhere for a Happy New Year.

HELEN L. BROWN.

## NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1896)

Since last you have heard from New York Alpha she has added several freshmen to her active chapter roll, which now numbers thirty-two.

Initiation took place November 6, and the banquet followed the next evening. Many of our alumnæ were present at the banquet and showed us that their loyalty to Pi Beta Phi is as strong as ours.

Hallowe'en eve, New York Alpha entertained informally. The house was decorated in Hallowe'en fashion, and because of mysterious happenings the affair was noteworthy. Our province president, Mrs. Nickerson, was with us at the time, and her visit was very much enjoyed. A reception to the senior women of the fraternities was given in Mrs. Nickerson's honor.

Our freshmen thought it an excellent plan to entertain the freshmen of the other women's fraternities. This they did, and in this way the girls of New York Alpha became better acquainted with freshmen of other fraternities.

The annual freshmen party was held December 5 at Andrew's Hall and the freshmen announce a splendid time.

December 7 our city alumnæ initiated the freshmen into their first cooky shine. The active chapter expect to follow them soon with a second cooky shine.

The students at Syracuse are at present looking forward to Junior Week. The Junior Prom. is to be held this year in the fine new gymnasium. This is the first time that it has been possible to hold the Prom. on the campus.

New York Alpha sends heartiest wishes for a prosperous New Year to all Pi Beta Phi chapters.

ETHEL M. FROASS.

## NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1904)

We are very proud and happy to tell our sisters of the unique experience we had the Saturday after Thanksgiving day when the Grand Council was holding its meeting in New York City and we were honored by entertaining them at a noon cooky shine at Anna Morris Jackson's home. It doesn't seem much to say, but if all of you girls will stop to consider that never before, outside of convention time, has it been possible for the whole council to meet a whole chapter at one time, you will see why we are so justly proud. And they sat on the floor and ate out of our dishes! We want to tell all of our sisters, authoritatively, that our Grand Council is made up of some of the most splendid women we have ever seen and all of us ought to consider it one of the greatest privileges of our fraternity life to be able to lay such a close claim on such women.

Owing to the limited time at their disposal, social entertainments were the unusual thing for the Grand Council at this meeting. There were two exceptions, however—our cooky shine and a supper and informal even-

ing tendered them by Mrs. Springer, president of the New York alumnae club, at her home on Saturday evening, to meet all New York Pi Phis who could be present.

Our chapter life is, as always, taken up with rushing, hard and unceasing. Things are getting crucial, for pledge day is only three and one half months away. Although our prospects are exceedingly bright, you know what the last few weeks mean.

December 4, we gave the first of our annual dances in the college theater, Brinckerhoff Hall, with great success. We wish all of you could see our beautiful college building when it is ready for such an occasion. Our grand entrance hall, with the reception-room facing it, leading around to our pretty little Tiffany decorated theater, is the pride of all Barnard girls' hearts.

The *Mortarboard*, our college annual, goes to press December 15, which fact will afford some relief to two of your "editor" sisters in New York Beta.

GLADYS ALDEN BONFILLS.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1892)

Pennsylvania Alpha cannot write a letter this time telling the results of a successful rushing season for she is still rushing, if it may be so called, and expects to do so during the remainder of the year. As our pledge day is so far in the distance we dare not predict its outcome, but hope for the best and work hard for Pi Beta Phi.

Since Pan-Hellenic has forbidden all functions to which freshmen may be invited we have not been so active socially as in former years. In November we gave an informal dance for the active chapter alone, inviting only college men. It was most successful and we feel that such affairs will do much for chapter unity.

We have set aside the third Wednesday of every month as the time when the Philadelphia club, which includes many of our alumnae, is especially invited to be present at our fraternity meeting. We try to have a cooky shine before the meeting, and have found this plan to be very helpful, for we not only meet our own alumnae but those of other colleges.

Pennsylvania Alpha is pleased that Mrs. Theiss has asked one of our 1907 girls, Anna F. T. Pettit, to compile the section on fraternity rooms and houses in the current issue of the *ARROW*.

ANNA F. CAMPBELL.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1895)

This whole term seems to have been made pleasant by the visit which we had from Mrs. Nickerson. She was with us for four days in October and aside from our enjoyment of every minute of our association with her, she did us so much real good that we shall remember her visit always.

We have had so many good times this term that we can hardly re-

member anything else! Last Friday evening our alumnae club gave a cooky shine for the active chapter at the home of Mrs. Bourn (Kate McLaughlin '95). Didn't the sophomores open their eyes in surprise and pleasure at their first cooky shine! And indeed the whole chapter is not likely soon to forget this good time which we owe to our alumnae.

We feel very fortunate in having near us, at Milton, two Pi Phis from Baltimore, Mrs. George Clinger and Mrs. Frank Clinger. They entertained the entire chapter one Saturday afternoon in November at the home of Mrs. George Clinger. We just had the best time imaginable. They have joined the alumnae club and so we see them quite frequently, but not nearly so often as we wish.

Our experiment with the new Pan-Hellenic rules seems to be working well. According to these rules we have no rushing at all, except what the freshmen themselves see fit to do, and everything seems to be adjusting itself for a peaceful year.

We also have two new committees this term. One of them is the required scholarship committee, consisting of two members, whose duty it is to obtain from the registrar all the marks of the members of the chapter, to make a report of these to the chapter, and to help those whose marks have fallen below the standard—if there are any such—to raise their grades. The other committee, which also consists of two members, was appointed to call on all our patronesses regularly once every month, so that aside from our incidental calls our patronesses will receive regular calls and chapter news every month.

We are looking forward to our examinations next week anxiously but with the hope that Pi Phi will have no reason to be ashamed of us.

ETHEL WATKINS.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1903)

Since her last letter Pennsylvania Gamma has enjoyed many good times in the fraternity. The first of these was the initiation and cooky shine. Then soon after Mrs. Nickerson visited us. How we did enjoy those few days! One afternoon we gave a tea for her to meet our patronesses, the faculty ladies, and the mothers of our town girls. At the time of the Bucknell game we enjoyed a flying visit from Mabel Johnson of Pennsylvania Beta. One night during Thanksgiving vacation we were all entertained by one of our freshmen, Helen Carruthers. Another evening we had our mothers up in the rooms.

Before this year we have never had rooms suitable for entertaining, but now we hope to have many informal evenings in them. They have given us a great deal of pleasure and our guests seemed to enjoy them too. At least, one of our patronesses said, "I feel to-night as if I ought to be wearing the pin."

But not all our time has been spent in play, for we have tried to maintain Pi Phi's reputation in the college world. Since Mrs. Nickerson's visit we have tried to put into practice some of her splendid advice—es-

pecially in the chapter meeting. Our meetings this year have been longer and more interesting.

Before this letter is published doubtless all Pi Phis will have had a Merry Christmas, but Pennsylvania Gamma sends best wishes for a Happy New Year.

LYDIA M. GOODING.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE

(Chartered 1897)

Pledge day, which was November 7, is over and Maryland Alpha is proud to introduce to the Pi Phi world eight new girls, one senior, Louise Weber, three sophomores, Ada Weber, Caroline Lutz, and Anne Powers, and four freshmen, Harriet Rice, Lois Wilkinson, Elsie Yount, and Evelyn Nicholson. We have now settled down to work again and are looking forward to a happy new year in our circle of nineteen.

After the holidays we are expecting a visit from our Grand Treasurer, Miss Janvier.

During the Thanksgiving holidays five of our girls had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Council at a reception given by the New York alumnae club.

PHYLLIS C. HOSKINS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

Columbia Alpha has had a most successful rushing campaign. November 13 we initiated six girls, two of whom are from the sophomore and four from the freshman class. Besides we have two pledges to introduce later into Columbia Alpha.

The school year at George Washington has been so far a very pleasant one. The freshman and sophomore classes have given their dances. The junior dance will follow in the Christmas holidays and the senior dance will come later in the winter. The football team has made an unusually fine record, losing only one of its scheduled games. The society of Columbian women has instituted a series of teas to be held in the Women's Building, with the object of making the women of Washington more closely acquainted with the work and aims of the University. Each one of the three sororities at college is hostess one day each week.

Sigma Kappa is to hold its convention in Washington late in December and Columbia Alpha is to give a reception in honor of the delegates.

RUTH GILBERT COCHRAN.

BETA PROVINCE

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

Since our last letter Ohio Alpha has initiated the five pledges mentioned in the November ARROW. Our initiation was particularly effective this year, and the number of alumnae present was gratifying.



November 7 the active chapter gave a formal dance for the initiates at which Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, our local alumnæ and our patronesses were present.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta gave clever Hallowe'en parties. Practically our entire chapter attended one or the other of these affairs.

November 20 Miss Kay Spencer, a member of the old I. C. chapter of Burlington, Iowa, and a new instructor in the department of music, gave a twilight recital for the active Pi Phis. It was a very pleasing entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Skinner entertained Pi Beta Phi and Beta Theta Pi with a card party at their residence in Sunnyside, November 30.

We have again adopted the plan of entertaining by twos that for several years we have followed. Edith Eaton and Edith Palmer started the series this year by giving a novel entertainment.

Just now we are beginning to think of our final examinations, and from now until Christmas our social life will probably be at a standstill.

This term has been one of the most successful in the history of the university. A great deal of college spirit has developed and our football team, backed by the whole student body, has made a very successful record.

IONE PERKINS.

#### OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

Ohio Beta is busy preparing for the final examinations which come just before Christmas. The older girls whose duty it is each term to look up the grades of the younger girls have just given their reports.

Our annual initiation banquet was given November 14 at the Chittenden Hotel, with Kenyon Hayden as toast mistress. A number of our alumnæ were with us and spent a delightful evening. The date for our annual formal dance has been set for January 22.

Pi Phi is well represented in the girls' glee club of the university this year, having six members, including the director, Helen Bertram Smith. The annual concert will be given January 15.

At the last fraternity meeting it was decided that the active chapter have a sewing party some day during Christmas vacation to make new pillows for the room. Besides this each girl is to give a Christmas present to the room.

MARY LOUISE SHEPHERD.

#### INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(Chartered 1888)

Since the last issue of the ARROW Indiana Alpha has pledged and initiated nine fine girls: Ida Marie Wilson, Eunice Magaw, Esther Aikens, Ruth McCollough, Thomasine Allen of Franklin; Louise Carter of Muncie; Eva Keeling of Springfield, S. D.; Claribel Shirk of Logansport and Lucy Guthrie of Du Pont. The initiation ceremony this year was unusually im-

pressive. The home of Minnie Engler, ex-'10, was beautifully decorated by the seniors, in the customary white with garlands of green vines. We had as the guest of the evening Mrs. C. M. Carter (Martha Noble) of Muncie, one of our founders and mother of Louise Carter, one of the initiates.

Although Indiana Alpha has had several small enjoyable parties she has given no large social function.

The facilities for physical training have much increased during this year. There are six classes a week in gymnastics, in charge of Grace McDowell, '09. Class basket-ball teams and swimming classes are also being formed and Pi Phi is well represented in all such movements.

Indiana Alpha is looking forward to a most pleasant Christmas holiday and wishes all her sisters the same.

ZELLA LEE.

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

(Chartered 1893)

We are looking forward to Christmas vacation with peculiar joy this year. The city water has been turned off and our enforced dependence on our cistern is a great inconvenience.

Since our last letter to the *ARROW* we have had only a few informal parties but we have had several pleasant visits from alumnæ.

Under the auspices of the Woman's League, a play is to be given. One of our girls is in the cast.

As a rushing stunt we gave a formal dance in which half of us dressed as men; this of course furnished amusement for the whole evening. The house was decorated in our colors. One of our patronesses and Miss Dunham, who is a Pi Phi in the faculty, were our chaperons.

NELLIE WARD GRAYBILL.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

(Chartered 1897)

This issue of the *ARROW* finds us preparing for our examinations, as our term is almost ended.

Butler College has greatly increased this year in the number of students. The men have raised the standard of athletics much above what it has ever been. The football season closed with the Thanksgiving game. Butler won all her games except the last, and in this the score was tied. Our basket-ball season is now on and we are expecting great things from our team.

Our chapter has given but one party this term, for we are using our efforts to maintain a high standard of scholarship. However, we were pleasantly entertained by our alumnæ club at the home of Mrs. Galpin. (Lelia Kennedy, Michigan Beta) the afternoon of November 14. Later Faye Shover, '00, gave us a spread.

December 3, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi entertained themselves with a Pan-Hellenic dance in the gymnasium.

Costumes, programs and luncheon carried out the Dutch idea. We were chaperoned by the wife of our college president and by the ladies of the faculty. We are heartily in favor of such parties, since they promote a better feeling among the fraternities in the school.

CARRIE COOPER.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(Founded June 22, 1872)

Since our last letter we have initiated four members: Lucile Cravens, Gladys Cook, Margaret Newman, and Lillian MacHale. After initiation we had a cooky shine at Mildred Mabee's.

Marian Webster entertained the active chapter at a cooky shine in honor of Louise Claycomb, who was visiting her. The table was decorated with wine and blue and we were given little Pi Phi pennants for favors.

We were given another cooky shine by two of our active girls, Lenore Bland and Lillian MacHale. We had the best things to eat and dear little arrow place-cards.

Peace day was observed at Lombard Friday, December 4. In the oratorical contest Carol Fisher, to our great pride, won the first prize.

At present we are planning our annual Christmas tree and cooky shine, to be given December 17.

FERN TOWNSEND.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(Chartered 1884)

This has been a busy half year for Illinois Delta, with few promises of any change. The fourteen pledges whose names we gave in our last letter are now Pi Phis. We invited all of our town alumnae to be present at our first initiation, when the six town girls were initiated and many of them responded and then stayed for the plentiful cooky shine.

November 20 was the night of our first informal and the following evening we were at home to the faculty. Our formal comes the last week in February.

We are enjoying to the utmost some new furniture for our room. Our freshmen girls have made a lot of new Pi Phi pillows and these, together with a wine-colored leather banner, add greatly to the pleasure we already had in our room.

ESTELLE AVERY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

Illinois Epsilon has another splendid pledge, Castle Crain, who makes the sixth girl we have pledged this fall. Because of a faculty ruling we cannot initiate until second semester, so we have formed a pledge chapter and have set the girls to learning the chapter roll, Pi Phi songs, and the history of our fraternity. Then on Monday after our regular chapter meeting we meet with our pledges, discuss with them those things con-

cerning our own chapter which we feel it best for them to know, and end by singing our songs.

October 24 we had our annual fall informal to introduce our pledges. Since then we have given parties to each of the men's fraternities at the homes of our Evanston girls, thus enabling them to meet our freshmen informally. We have had our usual fraternity suppers and are planning our annual Christmas tree, followed by a supper on December 21.

We were very sorry that our active chapter was not represented at the annual Thanksgiving luncheon given by the Chicago alumnae club, for we have always enjoyed these affairs very much. The announcement did not reach the dormitory until after all of us had gone to our homes for Thanksgiving, so not even the town girls knew of it until later.

Enthusiasm and college spirit has had a great awakening at Northwestern this fall with the return of intercollegiate football. Four of us went down to Champaign for the Illinois-Northwestern game and met our Illinois Zeta chapter. We found the girls charming and when we left them on Sunday evening they had given us such a grand good time that we had entirely forgotten the score, and that is saying a great deal, considering that it was 64 to 8 in their favor.

KATE E. FREUND

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(Chartered 1895)

Our pledges, Hazel Ovitz, Helen Hough, Frances Hurford, Irene Gould and Edith Richardson, were initiated November 17. November 23 we pledged Verna Brown, who enters as a junior, and plans to take library work.

After the initiation ceremony on the seventeenth we gave a little banquet at the house for our new Pi Phis. A few toasts were given and at the close Lois Franklin, '03, proposed "a toast to Edith Spray, who on February 6 is to become Mrs. Fred Sawyer." We were all greatly surprised and delighted at the news. The date of the wedding had been kept a secret so we might have a surprise in store.

In Pan-Hellenic this year we are much interested in the passage of new rules for rushing season. The faculty are urging a year's rushing with pledge day April or May, but with the sorority girls there is a strong opposing sentiment and it has been unanimously agreed not to adopt that system for the coming year. What the faculty will do for the year following is still a question.

When Northwestern played Illinois in football this year many Northwestern people came down for the game and we had the pleasure of entertaining four of our Northwestern Pi Phis Saturday and Sunday.

Helen Hough, one of our town girls, gave a dinner party recently for us all which was enjoyed very much.

Most of our girls were away for Thanksgiving vacation. The girls who stayed had the pleasure of a visit from Kate Mann for a part of the

time. Katherine Fairbrother stayed with us until the first of November, and Florence Brundage is still with us, as she is at present doing some special cataloging for the university library.

LUCY GRAY WILSON.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1887)

Again Pi Phis appear after rushing season with smiling faces. Our five new pledges are Alice Clarke of Elton, N. Y.; Winifred Collins, of Bear Lake, Mich.; Edith Adams, of Rensselaer, Ind.; Gladys Cherriman, of Grand Rapids; and Leah Stock, of Hillsdale, the daughter of our patroness. We need not tell you of like experience, how glad and proud we are.

On bidding day, October 31, we gave a luncheon to our alumnae and the rushees at the home of Vivian Lyon. On the following Tuesday we entertained the rushees and college men with a cooky shine in our room. After ten days of anxiety we were rewarded with success.

The State Y. W. C. A. Convention was held in Hillsdale in November and gave to Hillsdale girls a great deal of work and a great deal of pleasure. There were several speakers of note, among them Miss Ruth Paxson, who is so universally loved and admired. A banquet was the social event of the convention and a most enjoyable one it proved to be. Our Mrs. Waterman gave a toast. Miss Hemenway, Vermont Alpha, of Olivet College, we were glad to become acquainted with through the convention.

Our patroness, Carlotta Bailey-Ewing of Grand Rapids, recently gave a delightful reading from "The Servant in the House," in Hillsdale, and the Pi Phis attended en masse.

Another visitor whom we have very much enjoyed is Lena Bushong, Colorado Alpha, who spent a few days with Clara Seiler. During her visit our pledges entertained us one evening in a novel and enjoyable way.

Best of wishes to all sister chapters from Michigan Alpha.

ALICE L. SATTERTHWAITTE.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Chartered 1888)

Thanksgiving is over and we are well on our way toward Christmas, and eagerly looking forward to our two weeks' vacation, for we were allowed only Thanksgiving day this year.

Never before have college activities been so strenuous at this time, one thing piling upon another in swift confusion. December 12, the Comedy Club presents Barrie's "Admirable Crichton," in which the leading lady is one of our seniors, Hope Mersereau. Muriel James and Helen Bradley also have parts.

The freshman spread, given by the sophomore girls each year in honor of the freshmen, comes this year on December 15. The juniors and

seniors always take the freshmen, and help introduce them to their first large college function of this character.

At the senior class elections, Muriel James was elected vice-president. She also holds the same position in the Deutscher Verein.

December 16, 17, 18, 19, Michigan makes its second venture in the comic opera field, presenting an original piece entitled "Culture." In this play every part is taken by the men of the university.

Gamma Phi Beta held her annual convention here the second week in November. Delegates from Wisconsin and Baltimore chapters stayed with us.

December 17 we expect to give an informal Christmas dance, for which several of the old girls are coming back.

NEVA M. HUNGERFORD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(Chartered 1894)

Of course this is a happy season. Quarterly examinations are over and Christmas is just around the corner. Then we have another reason to be pleased, from the fact that a new patroness has consented to join us,—Mrs. Dennis, wife of Professor A. L. P. Dennis of this city. It is always pleasant to feel that others have an interest in the fraternity that is of so much consequence to us.

We are all looking forward to the marriage of Miriam Reed, which is to take place in the house on December 11. It will be an exciting day for all of us, in spite of the fact that we shall be sorry to see her go.

I don't know whether or not any of our sister chapters know of our custom of having a Pi Phi Christmas tree each year. If you haven't tried it you must do so next year. Our tree has a present for every one on it. Each girl draws a name, and for that person she buys some little gift that is appropriate and must be accompanied by a rhyme concerning some characteristic habit of the recipient. The verses are often amazing, and always amusing. We hold this Christmas celebration the night before we leave for vacation.

Wishing that every Pi Phi may spend the merriest Christmas ever,  
I am yours fraternally,

HARRIETT MAXON.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

(Chartered 1869)

Rushing season at Wesleyan is over at last and we are proud to introduce our four new girls, Mabel Piper, Edith Burgess, Ada and Gertrude Redd. They were pledged early in the morning on November 24, and we breakfasted together afterward. On the evening of December 6 Mabel Piper and Ada Redd were initiated at the home of Mrs. Johnson (Bertha

Augsburger). Early in November we entertained about sixty guests at a fall banquet at the home of Mrs. Wallbank. Our patronesses entertained us at an elaborate five-course dinner one evening at the home of Mrs. Worthington. This year we are having our first experience with patronesses and we find it very delightful. Several of our alumnæ were back for pledging and the last weeks of November were very gay. Miss Helen Schell, Alpha Phi, entertained us at a Kensington, and Mrs. Munster of the faculty entertained for Clara Munz, who visited here on her way to California, where she is to spend the winter.

In spite of our social interests we do not lose sight of the scholastic aims and aspirations, and are trying hard to keep Pi Phi ahead in all college activities at Wesleyan this year, as she has always been before.

ETHEL POWELSON.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1874)

The call for material for the January ARROW makes us realize that the first half of our school year is almost over. Only two weeks until our Christmas vacation comes!

We gave a banquet Hallowe'en time. Our table was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and a centerpiece made of a large pumpkin filled with fruit. At each plate was a large white chrysanthemum. After dinner we gave a little play that had been written by two of the girls. Then we sat around an open fireplace and toasted marshmallows and one of the girls read our palms.

Several improvements have been made in the buildings in the campus. New parlors have been made in the Ladies' Hall and these have been fitted out with new rugs, curtains, and furniture.

Next year we hope that we shall have an enrollment of one thousand students, and a new gymnasium which is sadly needed. Everybody is working hard to attain these ends.

IRMA E. WALKER.

IOWA GAMMA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1877)

The most enjoyable social affair this term was a luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. W. Stanton (Julia Wentch, '88). All the resident Pi Phis, alumnæ and active, were there to meet Ethel Bartholomew, '88.

Our girls have been engaged in outside work as well as in the regular college work. Several of them are practising for the sophomore class play, "The Maneuvers of Jane." Four of the girls are at work as members of the *Bomb* board, editing the college annual.

It is pleasant to note the progress of Pan-Hellenism at I. S. C. This year an interfraternity local "Sigma Sigma" has been organized. It will surely prove a strong factor here as it includes among its members some of the strongest men from each fraternity.

October 2, we initiated Helen Donovan of Rochester, N. Y. She has been our chaperon for two years and is at the head of the domestic art department at I. S. C. She classified as a student this fall and we were able to fulfill our long cherished dream of making her a Pi Beta Phi.

We shall end our social functions for the term with an informal dancing party December 12.

MAUDE A. MIRICK.

IOWA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
(Chartered 1882)

Now that the leaves are all off of the trees and it is really cold, we begin to realize that the school year is well along on its way. It seems not so short, though, when we look back on all that has happened both in the social life of the fraternity and in our school work.

The chapter felt, shortly after the opening of the year, that it would be a pleasant, as well as a helpful, thing if the girls had some one day when they would be at home to alumnae and invited guests among the women of the university and the faculty; that it might increase a good feeling toward us and certainly would broaden our acquaintance and our feeling of fellowship with those around us. So it came about that Friday afternoons through October and November we were at home to our guests.

Because of our at homes we diminished the number of our spreads and little "times" together, merging them all into two occasions. The night of November 3, we were entertained by our freshmen at an Election Party given at the house. The rooms were gay with Jack-o'-lanterns and colored paper, and the natural excitement in the air lent much to the evening's pleasure. Then, the Thursday before vacation we had our customary Christmas party, with a tree and gifts for the house, and after it, a little dance and merrymaking.

We have decided, this year, to depart from our usual course, and instead of letting the freshmen money simply disappear, we shall put it into something for the house that all can see and enjoy. Probably we shall buy a davenport for our living-room.

ALICE E. BROOKS.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
(Chartered 1890)

As we are working under Pan-Hellenic restrictions of an April pledge day with "no rushing" we have had to get acquainted with freshmen in some "natural way." The sororities have taken to giving weekly teas to which are invited other sorority and upper class girls and freshmen. We hold our teas Wednesday afternoons, one week in the rooms, the next at the home of some one of our girls. These teas are creating better feeling among the sororities; they are bringing sorority girls and independents together and they help us to become acquainted with freshmen in a "natural way."



We are allowed one rushing party during the year. Pi Phi drew the first date, the first half of the first week in March.

Esther Chapman has been appointed a member of the senior class play committee.

Louise de La Barre will spend her Christmas vacation in New York.

We wish to introduce to all Pi Phis Amy Gray, a sophomore, whom we pledged this fall and initiated November 9. The initiation was held at the home of Vera Smith and was followed by a spread with toasts and songs.

MARIE LOUISE ANDERSON.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
(Chartered 1899)

This year has been especially helpful in that Missouri Alpha chapter has had a good opportunity to know many other Pi Phis.

The football game between Washington University and our own university afforded a fine opportunity for getting acquainted with our St. Louis chapter. Six of the girls were with us for several days at that time and we were so glad to have them for we felt that even that short meeting brought us together in a closer bond of friendship.

Then too, the Kansas-Missouri game at Kansas City, Thanksgiving brought again the usual banquet with the chapter of Pi Phi from Lawrence. There were sixty-seven Pi Phis at this banquet and such a lovely time as every one had, listening to toasts, singing the good old songs of Pi Beta Phi, and completely forgetting college partisanship in the union in Pi Phi.

One of our girls, Susie Shepard, is on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet this year and four or five others are doing active work on committees. The association has just closed an "Oriental Bazar" in which our girls worked faithfully selling candy, serving hot tea, etc. The proceeds of this bazar are to help furnish the new Y. W. C. A. house.

The active chapter gave a reception in December to the university faculty ladies. We were most beautifully assisted by several of our town alumnae who helped very materially to make the afternoon a success.

The University Dramatic club presented "She Stoops to Conquer," with musical numbers, December 12. Linda Crewdson took the leading woman's part and several of the other girls were in the musical numbers.

FAY ELIZABETH JARMAN.

MISSOURI BETA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
(Chartered 1907)

So many things have happened since the last letter that we find it hard to do justice to all the good times we want to tell about. October 17 we initiated seven girls into Pi Beta Phi. They are: Nell Megown, Ruth LeCron, Marguerite Frazer, Mabel Grant, Emma Bettis, Sara Thomas and Eulah Gray. The whole evening was a beautiful one and the supper at the end was one of the prettiest.

Tuesday, November 17, Mrs. Wagner, one of our patronesses, gave a luncheon to the chapter. Besides the very appetizing menu the delightful air of informality made the afternoon a complete success. Mrs. Wagoner is the most charming of hostesses and we are indeed fortunate in having her for a patroness.

November 28 we gave an informal at home in our rooms to all the new girls in the university. Nearly every one came and we talked and sang and drank chocolate until dark. This is our way of getting acquainted with these girls and of having them come to know us. They always come to our rooms more readily when once they have had an especial invitation. And we want them to come, for what would our good times be if we did not share them with others?

In a few weeks the girls of McMillan Hall, including the sorority girls, will give a reception to the undergraduate students in honor of the new chancellor, Dr. Houston, and his wife. Then, also, those of us who are historically inclined, are working hard for the try-out for the Annual Play. The contest is held December 14 and every member of the Dramatic Club must enter it. We are hoping that Pi Phi will capture as large a share of the honors as she did last year.

SHIRLEY SEIFERT.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(Chartered 1873)

We have pledged Marguerite Emery, who is to be initiated in a few days.

The Thanksgiving banquet was held in Kansas City this year on the night before the Kansas-Missouri game. About seventy Pi Phis from Kansas and Missouri universities and from Kansas City were in attendance. Nineteen of the Kansas Alpha girls went down. Iris Calderhead and Tess Critchfield gave toasts.

Our alumnæ gave a reception at the home of Mrs. Luther Lewis (Lucene Barker) to the active chapter in honor of our chaperon.

The University Glee Club gave an entertainment in December. The opera, "Princess Ida" was presented by the fine arts department December 10 and 11.

LOTTIE M. FULLER.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(Chartered 1895)

We are enjoying what we hoped for last fall—a very prosperous year. Our new house has proved to be a great comfort, as we have been able to do quite a little entertaining, and besides, we find it very convenient to be so near the university. The town girls drop in oftener, and that, in itself, is worth a great deal.

The mid-semester rushing season has come and gone, and we have another pledge to introduce to you, Alice Quimby, of Creston, Iowa. We have thirteen freshmen altogether, now, and wish to assure you that the

number is not an unlucky one this time, for a happier, more lively crowd of freshmen we have never known.

We have done quite a little entertaining for them this fall. In October at Walsh Hall, we gave them a dancing party, which every one certainly enjoyed. Then, not long ago, our freshmen entertained the freshmen of the other sororities at tea at the chapter house. The decorations were in yellow, and the girls who served tea wore yellow gowns. It was a pretty little affair, and the fifty new girls had a very pleasant time in getting acquainted with one another.

Lately, several of the girls who are not now in college have been visiting at the chapter house. Martha Taliaferro, of Roseville, Ill., and Pearl Fitzgerald, from Omaha, are here now. We never enjoy anything quite so much as to have our last year's girls come back. It seems so much like old times.

I must not forget to say how much we appreciate what our Lincoln alumnæ have done for us this year. We wish you could all visit us, and see how beautifully they have helped us in the furnishing of the house. We always send representatives to our alumnæ meetings, and find that it has helped us so much to keep in touch with them in this way.

We have several girls who are very prominent in school life this winter. Edith Kruckenbergh has lately been elected to the German Club, and Sylvia Killian, one of our freshmen, to the Dramatic Club. Frances Gould is to have the leading part in the "biggest" play which the Dramatic Club will give this year, and Sarah Martin is on the *Cornhusker's* staff.

We are now very busy preparing for the holidays. We are planning to have a Christmas tree, and a real Santa Claus, here in the house. The presents are to be of the ten-cent store variety, and most of them will probably be very appropriate.

Nebraska Beta sends greetings and good wishes to all her sister chapters.

MAE LITTLE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(Chartered 1891)

Newcomb, the old, beautiful Newcomb, that has become so dear to the hearts of all those who have in any way been connected with it, is to be transformed into a larger, a fuller, but scarcely a more beautiful institution. A large site in the uptown part of the city has been chosen for the new Newcomb; already plans have been started and trees planted on the grounds. It has been for some time a question in the minds of the fraternity girls at Newcomb as to what they should do at the new college. A fraternity at Newcomb could hardly support a house, as most of the fraternity girls are themselves residents of New Orleans. Mr. Dixon, our president, has suggested that we have one large house in which each fraternity could have perhaps two or three rooms. Some of us like this idea, some of us do not; so at present we are left high and dry with no definite plan for the future.

New fields of interest have been opened at Newcomb this winter in the form of a Student club, a Latin club, a Newcomb Athletic Association, and a Newcomb Quarterly. This last is very likely the dearest in the hearts of the Newcomb girls. For this is to be Newcomb's private property—Newcomb active and alumnae. We are glad to see that one of our Pi Phi seniors is the editor-in-chief of *The Arcade*, as our quarterly is to be called.

As there is no definite rushing to be gone through with this year Louisiana Alpha has felt that she will have time to do a little charity work out in the city. Several plans have been started—one is to give the orphans of a certain institute an excursion each month. This excursion will lead to some historic part of the city where not only the children but also their guides may learn a little of their city's history.

Louisiana Alpha is filled with the most pleasant memories of last year's convention and sends wishes for a Happy New Year to all Pi Beta Phis.

LOIS JANVIER.

## DELTA PROVINCE

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(Chartered 1884)

The last big football game for the University of Colorado was last Thanksgiving Day. We played the State School of Mines in Denver and won 13 to 0. Our football team has been an excellent one and has taken part in many an exciting game.

Every one is now busy thinking of Christmas gifts, and sewing parties are in full vogue. Many pleasant evenings are spent in this way—the girls gathering together in one room. We are looking forward to a Christmas tree celebration Thursday, December 17. We always have a Christmas tree the night before we leave for the Christmas holidays. All the alumni are asked and there are ludicrous presents for all; real presents of value are given to the house and house fund. This affair is one of the jolliest times of the year.

We are at present preparing for the initiation of another pledge. The initiation is to take place Saturday, the fifth, and will be followed by a cooky shine. We shall be so glad to introduce Susanne Lovelace to all Pi Phis.

Our social life has been quiet for the last two months. However, we have had several enjoyable teas and musicales and informal dances.

We have taken active part in the Woman's League affairs. Katherine McKenzie is president of this organization. One of the League's parties was an afternoon affair, given at the Gym. There was fortune telling, barn dancing, et cetera.

We have had pleasant visits with last year's graduates. Jessie Mosher and Eunice Thompson were here for one of the football games. At present we are enjoying the visit of Floye Sheldahl.

KATHERINE E. DIER.

## COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

(Chartered 1885)

Since the last letter to the ARROW Colorado Beta has held her fall initiation and is proud of her seven new girls. After the initiation we had a cooky shine which was followed by a reception in honor of the freshmen.

We had first term finals just before Thanksgiving, and at that time we pledged Elizabeth Fraser, a sophomore, formerly a student at Colorado College.

We were very happily entertained by Iota of Sigma Kappa on the afternoon of November 23.

The Y. W. C. A. County Fair takes place Friday night, December 11, and the chapter will present an original melodrama "Cursed and Couldn't or Relentless as the Tomb." The girls are working hard and we trust the play will be a success.

We are all very proud this year of our football team, which has won us the Colorado championship—a new experience for us.

The freshmen entertained the chapter Decemebr 12, at a fancy dress party. The last week before the Christmas holidays the girls have planned for a Christmas party for the bungalow and each girl is planning a surprise for that time.

The girls will soon be going home for the holidays and we wish them one and all a merry Christmas.

EDITH DRESSOR.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

One week more and California Alpha will be in the midst of the final examinations—one of the few events at Stanford to which we do not look forward with pleasure. Until then, however, many delightful things are happening.

Last Saturday Captain Marshall's farcical comedy, "His Excellency the Governor," was presented in the Assembly Hall under the auspices of Sword and Sandals, a dramatic club. It was considered the most finished and successful production ever presented by that organization and every one is enthusiastic over it. We are especially so, as Ruberta Roberts, '09, had the leading rôle. During her sophomore year she had an important part in Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," and last semester had leading rôles in both the junior opera and "The Egyptian Princess," which was presented by the Schubert club.

Mildred Hadley, '09, has recently been elected a member of the German club, and Ruth Sterne, '09, became a member of the English club earlier in the semester. The latter now has the honor of being a member of the French, German and English clubs.

Miss Jennie Sutliff, sister of our former Grand President, Miss Helen B. Sutliff, is taking up book binding and has kindly offered to bind all the ARROWS for the chapter. Her offer was accepted with alacrity and we shall soon be very proud of our ARROW file.



Columbia Alpha's Chapter Room in the Woman's Building  
—George Washington University



Illinois Beta's Chapter Room—Lombard College



Illinois Delta's Chapter Room—Knox College



Missouri Beta's Chapter Room in the Woman's Dormitory—Washington University

The twentieth of December will see us installed in our new house and until then the time cannot pass quickly enough. We had expected to be all nicely settled by Thanksgiving, but it seems we were too impatient, and Christmas is more nearly the day. The girls who are to remain here through the holidays are looking forward to the "night before Christmas" when they will hang up their stockings in the new house, with as much pleasure as are those who are fortunate enough to be going home for their Christmas.

California Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MARY C. BRUNTON.

WASHINGTON ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
(Chartered 1907)

The approach of the holiday season finds us busy with many plans. Although several of the girls expect to go to their homes, we are going to take that time to move into our new chapter house.

Large and conveniently near the university, it will indeed make an attractive home for the chapter and especially for the fifteen girls who will live in it. The general color scheme is white, white woodwork with white walls within and white curtains throughout. We are going to purchase a number of pieces of furniture which will add much to the furnishings.

All the Greek-letter women of the university enjoyed a matinee dance a short time ago given by the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Part of the girls in tailored shirtwaists and black skirts acted as gentlemen, the rest wore the usual party dresses. Everybody had a good time and the sight was an unusually pretty one.

A number of university affairs have lately attracted the attention of the students, the senior informal and especially the annual 'Varsity ball which took place last week. The affair, which was very successful, was enjoyed by a large number of representatives from the chapter.

The entire university is now happy over the fact that the football team are champions of the Northwest.

Bible Study as a branch of the Y. W. C. A. is being taken up in the different sororities. A course will be conducted in our chapter by Mrs. Main, one of the faculty ladies.

The Pi Phis received the highest average in scholarship among the women's fraternities for the first month of this academic year. We hope we can sustain our good record.

We are going to have something entirely new this year in the chapter, that is, a Christmas tree in the house and for the house, for each girl will give something to the house instead of to the other girls, and we shall all enjoy a cooky shine together.

Soon after the opening of the new semester we expect to initiate our pledges and give a large formal reception to celebrate the opening of our new house, and while at that time we are glad to welcome representatives



of many of the chapters through our local alumnae club, we would be even happier if more of you could be with us at that time.

ELIZABETH DEARBORN.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(Chartered 1900)

1908 ends happily for California Beta. We number nineteen active girls, active in college as well as fraternity. In the junior farce, the leading event of the fall term, Hazel Donoho had a leading rôle in the curtain-raiser. Della Darden, '10, is the president of the Equestrian club. Pauline Ruth plays guard on the freshman basket-ball team. Gladys Lewis, '12, is a Treble Clef girl and is to be one of the principals in an operetta soon to be given. Georgie Dell McCoy, '11, is a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet and has charge of the mission study department. Pi Phis are also prominent on the committees for college functions.

Pi Phi has had but one large rushing affair this winter and that in the form of a card party. The chapter house was artistically decorated with yellow chrysanthemums. The score cards were attached to a large bunch of violets. Blue and gold, our college colors, were used most advantageously. With the assistance of appropriate prizes and dainty refreshments the whole affair was a pronounced success.

The last evening of the term witnesses a "Jolly Up" at the house. An informal dance is to be given in honor of Louretta Weir, '08, who has been in Nevada all winter. The girls are looking forward to one grand time together before the holidays.

California Beta wishes all of her sisters success in the coming year.

GEORGIE DELL MCCOY.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Two doors of the parsonage in Branford, Conn., in which the ten ministers met in the year 1700, and gave the books for the founding of Yale College, are to be mounted in the university library. The doors opened into the room where the ministers gathered. The relics are the gift of George D. Seymour, of New Haven, and are the oldest parts known of any building in the country connected with Yale.—*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

In memory of May Helen Ritchie, for many years secretary of the college, Bryn Mawr has established a scholarship for the girl who has shown throughout her four years in college in the highest degree the qualities of joyousness, high courage, fortitude and faithfulness.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

The first woman Rhodes scholar has arrived in London in connection with the scheme for founding scholarships for women on the lines of the scholarships for men founded by Cecil Rhodes.

The scheme was formulated in 1905 by Mme. Thayer, then chairman of the education committee of the Society of American Women in London, who is devoting her life to carrying out its development.

Miss Clara Howard, the scholar in question, who was entered for a year of postgraduate study at Girton, is from Columbia University, and her scholarship was raised by the Society of American Women in London, the nucleus being subscribed by the education committee during Mme. Thayer's chairmanship.

Miss Howard arrives among us with a brilliant record. The women Rhodes scholars will in future be chosen by competitive examinations. There was hardly time for this, however, in this case, and thus Miss Howard was chosen on the recommendation of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the wife of the American Ambassador in London, and of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.—*The Lady's Pictorial*.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees the change in curriculum necessary to make Wesleyan College of A rank was made. This makes three A-rank woman's colleges in the South—Newcomb, Randolph-Macon and Wesleyan.—*Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

Thomas Weldon Stanford, of Australia, recently endowed Stanford University in his will with \$12,000,000, his plan being to send annually to Stanford University a number of Australians on the Rhodes Scholarship scheme.

The recent gift from Mr. John D. Rockefeller of \$2,191,000 to Chicago makes possible a twenty-five per cent. increase in the salaries of the faculty.—*S. A. E. Record*, quoted by the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

The Woman's building at Illinois University is a fine example of Colonial architecture, and is unique, in that no man may cross its portals except at the invitation of the Dean of Women. The center contains a large gymnasium, swimming pool, and shower baths. In the south ell are the parlors, large artistically furnished rooms, entirely at the disposal of the girls for lounging, or for receptions and meetings. These open on to a large veranda which overlooks the girls' tennis court and athletic field. The north ell is used by the Household Science Department.

Bowne Hall of Chemistry, erected for Syracuse University by Samuel W. Bowne, of New York, has been completed at a cost of \$200,000. One of its features is the theater. This will accommodate 450 persons, all of whom may have an unobstructed view of the demonstration. All curtains can be drawn simultaneously by motors operated by a button at the desk, thus darkening the room instantly. Upper windows can also be operated by means of a lever. Special reflectors on the electric lamps so diffuse the light that there is no shadow.—*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

Col. William F. Vilas, who died in August, was one of the founders of Wisconsin Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. He was a United States senator and a member of President Cleveland's cabinet. His will provides for the creation of a trust fund, which ultimately will reach \$30,000,000, for the benefit of the University of Wisconsin. The estate, now valued at nearly \$3,000,000, is to be placed in the hands of four trustees during the lifetime of Mrs. Vilas. She receives the entire income so long as she lives, but upon her death the fortune is to be turned over to the university, subject only to a bequest of \$30,000 a year for life to his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Hanks, and some minor charges. Only half of

the net income is to be expended by the university until the principal, with interest, reaches \$20,000,000. Then only one fourth of the income is to be laid aside and added to the principal. When the fortune reaches \$30,000,000 it is all to be expended by the university as provided in the will. This provision is for the erection of a Henry Vilas theater, with reading rooms, lecture halls, baths and accessories, and also for the establishment of a large number of scholarships and also ten professorships at not less than \$8,000 nor more than \$10,000 per year. This is the first large bequest for the benefit of the Wisconsin University.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

The language societies at the University of Michigan are to coöperate in the production of a college play that will be unusual. The Deutscher Verein, the Cercle Français, the Sociedad Española, the Scandinavian Society and the Cosmopolitan Club all are to take part.

The play, however, is to be all in English, a comedy dealing with the ideas of a professor who falls asleep and dreams of a universal college in which all nations are represented. Apparently the idea is to have the various nations represented by proper types. Michigan has a large foreign student population.—*New York Sun.*

The Massachusetts Association for the relief of California, formed at the time of the great earthquake, had a balance of \$100,000 not used for relief work, and has donated it to the University of California, to build and equip at Berkeley a hospital for the university.—*American Educational Review.*

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first college Y. M. C. A. in the world was celebrated at the University of Virginia, Oct. 11 and 12. The exercises were held in Madison Hall, the splendid \$80,000 home of the Y. M. C. A. at Virginia.

For some time there has been an open dispute between the University of Virginia and Michigan as to which could rightly claim the distinction of having given birth to the college Y. M. C. A. movement. Michigan students in February, 1858, organized a religious society, calling it the Michigan Student Association. The Virginia Young Men's Christian Association was not formed until October of the same year. The southern university claims

that her association was conceived in the spirit of the Y. M. C. A., and, in addition, adopted such name, while the Michigan organization was no more than many similar Christian societies in American colleges. Virginia's claim is now generally conceded, but, even though others than Michigan doubt it, the cloud on the title did not mar the celebration in the least.

The Y. M. C. A. home at the university was made possible by a gift from the late Wm. E. Dodge, a well-known New York philanthropist, and from his widow, in 1904. It is named for President Madison, rector of the board of visitors at the University of Virginia from 1826 to 1834.—*Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

The Chicago friends of Alice Freeman Palmer, president of Wellesley from 1882 to 1888, and dean of women at Chicago from 1892 to 1895, have presented to the University of Chicago a peal of bells as a memorial to Mrs. Palmer. The bells, which have been hung in Mitchell Tower, bear this inscription, written by Mrs. Palmer's husband, Professor G. H. Palmer of Harvard: "A gracious woman, retaining honor, easy to be entreated, always rejoicing, making the lame to walk and the blind to see, great in council and mighty in work, rooted and grounded in love, fervent in spirit, given to hospitality, the sweetness of her lips increasing learning, in God's law meditating day and night."

The bells were cast by the Whitechapel foundry of London, from whose foundry came the great bell of Westminster, "Great Peter" of York, and "Great Tom" of Leicester.

One of the few peals of bells that have been hung in American college towers is the one at Iowa State College at Ames. This peal is a memorial to Margaret MacDonald Stanton, the first preceptress of Iowa State. Mrs. Stanton was not herself a college woman. Especial interest attaches to the bells because Mrs. Stanton's three sisters, Mary MacDonald-Knapp, Florence MacDonald-Wishard (both of Iowa Gamma), Janet MacDonald-Chipman (of Iowa Alpha), her sister-in-law, Sarah Smith-MacDonald (of Iowa Gamma), and her daughter Margaret Stanton (of Wisconsin Alpha) are all members of Pi Beta Phi.

## EXCHANGES

Exchanges that receive three copies of the *ARROW* will kindly send exchange copies of their publications to Miss May L. Keller, 1822 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.; Miss Elda L. Smith, 710 South 6th St., Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Lewis E. Theiss, 230 West 111th St., New York City.

"During the closing session of the national conclave (of Kappa Sigma), while the collegians were waiting for belated committee reports, Boutwell Dunlap, of California, raised his hand for quiet.

"'Boys,' he said, addressing the big gathering, 'by chance I've just learned that one of our fellows is here in Denver in destitution, and they tell me he's dying. I think we should do something for him. He may live a month, or he may die to-night. What do you say?'

"An undergraduate, sitting close to the front, grabbed a huge silver and gold Kappa Sigma loving cup from the speaker's table. He started the ball rolling by sending a ten-dollar goldpiece clinking to the bottom of the big cup. Up one row and down the next passed the cup. Silver dollars, heavy gold eagles and bills of varied denominations dropped rapidly one on top of the other. In five minutes the cup was returned to the rostrum, a veritable horn of plenty. The bearers were forced to hold the top layer in place with their hands. More than \$1,000 had been contributed in the twinkling of an eye, and there was no honor roll for subscribers either.

"The chairman whipped a ten-dollar banknote from his purse.

"'There, some of you freshmen,' he ordered, 'chase down to the nearest florist and get the bulkiest bunch of roses you can find.'

"Up to this point but two men in the meeting knew the name of the dying Kappa Sigma.

"'I forgot to say,' announced the chairman, 'that the brother in hard luck is Martin B. Lewis, of the University of Nebraska chapter.'

"As the freshmen returned with their arms filled with long-stemmed roses, the money was poured into a canvas coin bag. A committee of collegians was appointed to deliver the substantial token of love and esteem.

"There was a big banquet at the Albany to close the conclave last night, and everybody present seemed to be having a great, good time. But there was not a happier Kappa Sigma in Denver last night than Martin B. Lewis, at the Agnes Memorial Sanitorium, a thousand miles from his home in Riverside, Ill., dying in a strange land. As the invalid buried his burning nose and cheeks in the great red roses and began to understand what had been done for him by his fraternity brothers, a smile of content overspread his face. He went to sleep still smiling."—Quoted from a Denver newspaper by the *Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

On April 1, 1907, the Worthy Grand Chief announced that certificates of honor would be issued to brothers who attained a distinguished position in intellectual pursuits. The certificates were to be limited to seniors and to be granted only to those then in college. The basis of the award is meritorious work in studies, debates, oratory, etc. The certificate is issued by the Worthy Grand Chief, after he and the members of the High Council, have been satisfied by the report and the representations of the Worthy Master of the local chapter that the honor should be awarded. Fifteen Alpha Tau Omegas have already secured the coveted certificates.—*Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

The Colorado Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega has established a fund by means of which a set of books will be awarded to any member of the Boulder chapter who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi.—*Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

By the action of the Washington convention the fraternity decided to coöperate with Ohio Alpha in the erection of a building that should serve a threefold purpose. First of all it is a lasting memorial to the six beloved founders of our fraternity and it is particularly appropriate that the house should look across Miami's beautiful campus to the tablet which marks the room in the old North Dormitory where Phi Delta Theta was born. Moreover the house is a model chapter home for Ohio Alpha and in all its details is a home of which any chapter might well be proud. Then in the third place a part of the house is especially constructed to house the ever growing library of the fraternity. In less than eighteen months after the Washington convention the house was completed and the chapter moved in May, 1908.

The house is situated directly opposite the lower campus upon one hundred feet of ground leased to the fraternity by the university for ninety-nine years, renewable forever, which means that the fraternity practically owns the land but by leasing escapes taxation. The lot is wooded with walnut and oak and is a very valuable piece of property.—*Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

From the *Phi Gamma Delta* we learn that in the same cemetery at Wabash, Ind., there are the grave of a founder of Phi Gamma Delta and the grave of a founder of Psi Upsilon. The tombstone of one bears the inscription: "One of the Founders of Phi Gamma Delta"; the tombstone of the other: "Erected by the Alpha Chapter of Psi Upsilon." The *Phi Gamma Delta* publishes a picture of the tombstone of another founder of that fraternity. The tombstone was erected by the fraternity at his grave at Maysville, Cal. The grave of Noble Leslie DeVotie, founder of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is at Columbus, Ga., and a call is made in the *Record* for assistance to be given to the local members in erecting a monument to his memory. The following is clipped from the annual report of the secretary of Phi Kappa Psi, published in the *Shield*:

"Delay in erecting a memorial to our founder is a burning disgrace

to our fraternity. It does not show any appreciation of what he did. It shows no desire to honor his memory and there is no reason whatever why a fitting memorial should not be established at once. Every member of the fraternity living knows of this fund. He knows he can contribute to it, but no one does. What a disgrace!"

The graves of four of the six founders of Phi Delta Theta have tombstones. Two of these stones were partly provided by the fraternity and bear inscriptions showing that they were founders. The graves of the two others are not yet suitably marked.—*Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

This goblin ghost of imitation fraternities, by the way, suddenly loomed up in a new and weird form in Washington, and those chapters of our own and other fraternities who are in the South will, we think, be particularly interested to hear the manner of its appearance. One day not long ago "A lady to see you" was announced to one of our Chi Omega girls here. Rather puzzled that no name or card was sent up, our sister sailed down to find—a coal-black young negress, arrayed in the latest styles, seated in the drawingroom.

Before her "hostess" could gather sufficient command of her amazed and wrathful wits to order her out, she managed to announce that she was from the Negro High School; that they were organizing a Greek Fraternity, and that knowing Miss Blank was a member of a similar order, she had come over to ask just how to start one or how to go about affiliating with another!—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

On the occasion of their diamond jubilee the Psi Upsilon crowded the grand ballroom of the Waldorf the night of November 24 to the number of almost 800, thereby breaking the record of all college dinners, and incidentally all other public dinners by a few hundred.—*New York Sun*.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity announces the reestablishment of the Miami chapter at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 28, 1908.

Where a chapter initiates a man, it and the fraternity has the right to expect from him four years of undergraduate service in return for the privilege of membership. The great ideal of every fraternity is homogeneity of membership. To obtain this result in its finished product, the alumnus, four full years of undergraduate chapter experience is vitally essential. No matter what personal attributes or qualities a man may possess at the time of his initiation, he cannot, in one year or two years, assimilate his fraternity's teachings, appreciate its ideals, conform to its type. In Delta Tau Delta we have had many of these members, who have proved interested and valuable alumni. But as a rule, their alumni value is small compared with that of the regularly graduated brother.—*Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.



"The chapter I like," said an intelligent woman who had lived all her life in a college town and had watched the fortunes of its several fraternities rise and fall through a long period of years, "is the one that is wise enough not to overlook the rough diamonds, and strong enough to polish them when it gets hold of them. It is not ordinarily true that the boys of greatest possibilities come here with the most 'shine' on them. The chapter which does not take men on the basis of what may be made of them, as well as on the basis of what they are, seems to me to place a low valuation on its own influence." In all this there is a great deal of wisdom. The cut of a man's coat, or the color of his necktie, does not always measure his culture or his companionability. How often it is that the chapter's ugly duckling becomes a swan in his senior year! It is true that not every duckling is a possible swan, but sometimes a freshman of most unpromising externals on investigation turns out to be one of the strong men of his class. There is not a freshman class picked over in the "spike" of this year, which has not men in it who next year or year after will be found to be very desirable. How much better it would be all 'round if the chapter, through careful investigation, would find these men and assist in their development, rather than permit them to make the hard struggle for recognition alone. We think there is a great deal in the theory that a chapter is to be judged not so much by the men turned into it as by those turned out by it at the end of each college year. If the man who graduates, or quits college from some other cause, is weaker in any way than when he entered, then a heavy responsibility rests upon the chapter,—a responsibility it cannot escape. The chapter which can take a man somewhat lacking in some of the graces and turn him out a polished product without the loss of his strong qualities, is a chapter of which any institution should be proud.—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The secret of success is not to go in quest of new opportunities and facilities, but to use to the best effect those already in hand. There is always readiness on the part of our weakest chapter to lament its chapter house; always anxiety in case older brothers-in-ordinary are not fulfilling their obligations to secure more initiates; always haste in case of poverty of achievement in any office or department, to blame legislation. But it is only when the most has been accomplished with present facilities that a change is either needful or for the better. Doing the best with poor tools is the work of men; it reveals men; it makes men; and if the best has been gotten out of the past, it will be in no mood of lament or anxiety or blame that the victorious band of brothers goes on to the acquisition of new facilities, or men, or laws to crown a success which the one essential factor in a chapter—the intrinsic manliness of its members—has already signally achieved.—*The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho quoted by the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

Let us establish libraries! What kind of libraries? Chapter libraries! Think of the pleasure and the importance of it. The idea once formu-

lated will surprise you in its rapid development. With a Lyre file, Baird's Manual, The Sorority Handbook, your chapter books, a chapter scrap book and kodak book (chapter libraries are in a privileged class) you already have a nucleus, around which chapter birthdays, Christmases, and loving alumnae will soon build a library which will inspire pride.—*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

The University of Virginia, in order to encourage the building of fraternity houses, has set aside a certain sum of money and will lend chapters two thirds of the amount necessary to build, the chapter itself furnishing one third; the university further furnishes free of charge a site for the building, retaining, of course, the title to the land. Carr's Hill, which is the location of the gymnasium and the president's house, has been laid off in lots to be used for fraternity houses. Each member of the Virginia chapter, on leaving the university, signs a note for fifty dollars or more, to be used toward the building fund.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

February 17, 1908.

EDITOR OF THE DELTA:

Yours of the 14th enclosing Mr. ——'s letter is at hand. You will have to be content with my penmanship because I am writing this away from my office and my stenographer is not available. There are no secrets in Beta Theta Pi concerning matters of administration and finance and there ought to be none in any other fraternity. So far as my experience and knowledge goes you are very welcome to it.

I am thoroughly and entirely opposed to any centralized plan of house ownership. I believe it to be an idle dream. The men who are willing to put their money in a fraternity house are quite unwilling that any one should control but themselves.

When the chapter house movement began to take shape in 1886 or thereabouts, its present development was foreseen by many long-headed fraternity men and the fraternity journals of that time contained many suggestions of united effort to secure funds and centralized control of such funds, but so far as I know they have all failed except Sigma Chi, where a modified general fraternity scheme is, I believe, yet in existence.

Now my solution of the problem is not to deal with it as a general fraternity matter except to urge the chapters to house themselves, but to leave the solution of the problem to effort of individual chapters.

None of the older fraternities like Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Psi, Psi Upsilon or Delta Upsilon have any general scheme. In Delta Psi some of the weaker chapters have been assisted but it has been a matter of individual loyalty and not in pursuance of any legislation.

Your Mr. —— is entirely mistaken when he imagines that men of affairs will not manage the property of college chapters. I am going to cite my own fraternity because I feel at liberty to do so, but here are a few facts.

Our Dartmouth chapter house is looked after by a committee of alumni including Professor Sherman, General Kimball, president of the Boston, Concord & Montreal R. R., and others as busy. Our Brown chapter house is in the hands of the Chief Justice of Rhode Island and two of the busiest lawyers in the United States. Our Cornell house is managed from Buffalo, N. Y., by a wealthy soap manufacturer, who gives time and brains to it. Our DePauw house is largely looked after by Hon. Edwin H. Terrill, formerly Minister to Belgium, who lives at San Antonio, Texas. It is just the fact that such men do give their time to the chapter house that makes the chapter house scheme a magnificent reflex force. My son, who is a student at Wesleyan, has, he recently told me, learned a most impressive lesson in fraternity loyalty to see the interest the doctors, lawyers and ministers of his chapter exhibited in a recent chapter house crisis.

The moment you centralize the scheme you destroy this incentive to individual effort. Our fraternity journals are not as good as they were twenty years ago because now they are taken as a matter of course and the alumni do not support them by subscriptions or help them by contributions and other efforts, as they did.

#### THE PLAN THAT HAS WORKED

Now my plan is this. Urge each chapter to save, save, save until it has at least \$2,000. Urge each chapter to take from each initiate his note for at least \$100, payable in five equal instalments beginning two years after he leaves college. Form a stock corporation among the alumni, one corporation for each chapter, and sell as much stock as you can at par. Don't promise any profits. There won't be any, but it insures certainty of ownership and provides that the stock shall never pass from the ownership of a Sigma Nu. Then sell bonds possibly among these same alumni and a few others agreeing to pay 6 per cent. interest (if the rate can be made lower so much the better) and agree to secure this by a second mortgage.

Now suppose a chapter house has 100 members, alumni and undergraduate—

It will save, say.....	\$2,000
It will sell stock, say.....	2,500
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\$7,500

With this money it can build a \$15,000 house, giving a first mortgage for the other \$7,500. This should be rented to the chapter at a rent sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage and on the bonds, the taxes and repairs. The contribution of \$100 from each initiate will gradually but surely pay off the bonds and the mortgage. Each man who pays in money should get stock for it.

There is a plan that has worked 200 times within the last five years and is working all right now. It places the ultimate burden of acquiring the house on the men who use it but it secures the present help of the

alumni who can help. It is, however, their own affair and is managed in each case by men they know and not by a lot of officers elected at a convention in a distant city by a lot of irresponsible boys.

I am a thorough believer in a centralized government. I would tomorrow be well pleased to see my fraternity governed by one man who could levy taxes, issue charters, and exercise all legislative, judicial and executive functions. But the undergraduates won't stand it and they won't stand any general scheme of assessment, and the alumni won't contribute to it!

Let each chapter have its own plan; supervise it if you will, but let it be an individual plan. Practically all of the chapters in New England and the Middle States are obtaining houses on the plan I have outlined. A great danger to a centralized scheme is that it concentrates power over money and that means politics within the fraternity to grasp that power.

My judgment is, govern the fraternity as little as possible. Make as few laws as possible. Let the general officers all be helpers, not commanders. Levy as few assessments as possible. Emphasize love, not duty, effort not money. The alumni of any college fraternity are splendidly loyal when they understand what they ought to do and they give time and money and effort when they see the result and control of it.

Have I helped you? If not, ask questions. Here in New York I know the men who actually run the different fraternities and we talk over these problems very cordially among ourselves. Boyish human nature is the same all over the country and our problems are all alike. The young think a law enforces itself, a scheme well planned is ipso facto executed, but those of us who are not young know better.

Sincerely yours,

WM. RAIMOND BAIRD.

—The *Delta* of Sigma Nu.

The scribe for the chapter went to Chautauqua this summer and thought it quite the proper thing to sign her name to the Pan-Hellenic register, but discovered that only men's names appeared there. She was thinking about this when she met Louise Iliff of Theta, and the two made up their minds that the women should have a book as well as the men. Accordingly the book was purchased, and seven Gamma Phis wrote their names in it before it was put in the registry room. Later there were a large number of Kappa Kappa Gammas, Pi Beta Phis, and members of other societies who registered.—Chapter correspondence in the *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta.

The recommendation made by the Intersorority Conference that the Wisconsin plan of an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities should aid in the regulation of rushing, social life, etc., is a good one. Every one is coming to realize that alumni interest in the college and alumni interest in the fraternity is the most powerful available factor for good. Wherever possible the older fraternity men and women should be drawn into active participation in the chapter life.—*Delta Gamma Anchora*.

Each chapter must send to the *Anchors* of Delta Gamma \$10 in advertisements or its equivalent in alumnae subscriptions.

The fifth biennial convention of Chi Omega, held in Chicago in June, 1908, voted that not more than one fourth on the membership for any one year might be students in an affiliated school—music, oratory, art. An official banner and seal were adopted. The power to grant charters is still vested in the Supreme Governing Council. Hereafter the national treasury will pay the full traveling expenses of delegates instead of a pro rata amount from a "Convention Fund."—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

The nineteenth biennial convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held last August with the Allegheny chapter at Meadville, Pa. All severance of membership was included in two grades, dismissed on request, and expelled. The convention instituted the office of custodian of the key, who must sign all orders for badges and be responsible for the return of a coupon after the order is filled. No cognizance is to be taken of any local society in admitting a new chapter; those women whose names appear on the petition are to be initiated, provided that at the time of the sending in of the petition they were regularly matriculated students at the institution concerned and taking the required amount of work. A new song sheet to include chapter songs was authorized. The question of a coat of arms was referred to a special committee. The responsibility for names misspelled in the *Key* was laid on the chapter concerned. The policy of the fraternity, it was agreed, should be to pledge not earlier than the beginning of the second semester. A girl must have fulfilled the entrance requirements for the college of liberal arts in the university in which she is entered, no matter what course she is pursuing, before she is eligible to invitation to membership. A chapter house policy committee, consisting of the delegates from chapters having houses, was appointed.—*The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity held its Grand Arch Council in July in Denver. The convention voted that the sum of \$1,000 be raised by subscription to erect a granite drinking fountain in memory of the founders of the fraternity; the fountain is to be located on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College and the local chapter is to be made custodian of this memorial. One year's subscription to the *Shield* in advance was made obligatory upon the chapters for each outgoing graduate. A coat of arms was approved. The extension committee reported, and its report was adopted, that the strength of the national fraternity will be imperiled by a further continuance of the present method of expansion, that the position of the fraternity depends upon a careful survey of the entire field. A permanent committee of three was appointed to investigate all the colleges in which the fraternity should establish itself and to make a full report of its findings within one year.—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

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