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MILL you come with me for a short visit to Mu's new chapter house? Just imagine yourself riding in one of the busses which have become a traditional part of Stanford life, up the palm-lined avenue leading to the Quad, further along the Row past the homes of faculty and fraternity, then on beyond the campus gates. And just outside on the hill-slope to your right you will see a large shingled house where eighteen Gamma Phis are eagerly waiting to greet you in their new home.

The story of Mu's new home seems longer, perhaps, to us who have taken part in it, than to others who see only the accomplishment of it. Ever since we received our charter in January, 1905, our highest hope has been to own our own lodge and all our efforts have been made towards the realization of this ideal. Many difficulties stood in the way, but one by one they were surmounted; and this fall when college opened we were more than repaid for all our work by being able to move into our own home.

At Stanford the University maintains the policy of refusing to sell any of its land to outsiders and all who wish to build on University land are required to lease it and pay so much ground rent per year. When Mu chapter decided to form a stock com-

pany, a preliminary step in the way of security had to be made, which was a deposit of \$2000 in the bank by the individual chapter members. This done, stock amounting to \$10,000 was issued and sold, as many Gamma Phis as possible taking shares and the rest sold to outsiders.

After many set-backs and delays, ground was broken for the house last May, and when the girls left for home in vacation time the foundation was securely laid. During the summer the building was personally superintended by Ruth Gilbert and Helen Thoburn, two of the girls, who devoted all their time and energy to bring about the completion of the house for the opening of college. And the last of August, when the girls returned to the campus, the house was so nearly finished that we were able to move in and by the middle of September we were fully settled.

The "House-on-the-Hill" is what we of Mu chapter call it. It lies on a hillside above the road—a big shingled house with a long sloping roof and rustic-finished timbers stained a dark brown. From the porch, fifteen feet wide and extending around two sides of the house, can be seen, to the east and north, the campus and the strip of valley lying between the hills and the bay, and the mountains on the other side; and to the south and west the rolling foot-hills as far as the highest ridge of the Coast Range, where the sun sets in a glorious red-gold ball. A large circular lawn intervenes between the driveway and the private avenue leading to the road below; and the ground on the lower side is terraced up to the steps.

As you enter the house, the front door with its heavy brass Gamma Phi Beta monogram ushers you into the large hall and just beyond is the cozy den. The wide stairway is at the right and directly opposite a large open fireplace with raised hearth, where we gather after dinner. To the right of the hall is the music room and the dining room and to the left the living room and library with Dutch doors opening on the porch. The pass-pantry and kitchen form a separate L of the house back of the dining

room. The lower floor is so arranged as to be entirely open for dancing.

We are particularly pleased with the finishing of the house. The floors are maple; all the woodwork hard Oregon pine, stained weathered oak. The furniture on the first floor is all weathered oak and in keeping with the woodwork. The hall and den are done entirely in wood—broad panelling and heavy studding with massive beams across the ceiling. In the music and dining rooms the walls are wainscoted six feet, the tinting above being red and the ceiling a deep cream. A buffet built in and a plate rail on which are white and gold plates, add to the attractiveness of the dining room. The electric fixtures in these rooms are of heavy dull brass with red glass globes, and are suspended from the ceiling by large-linked chains. In the living room and library the tinting is done in Gamma Phi colors—brown walls and deep cream ceilings. The two open fireplaces in these rooms with the one in the hall are of large, unglazed tiling, of a mottled brownish color. The big settees built in by the hearths and the window seats, make the house seem cozy and homelike. The fixtures in these rooms are the same as those in the music and dining rooms, only they are amber in color instead of red.

On the second floor are six bed rooms, a bath and wash room, a linen closet, two lavatories, besides the chaperone's room and bath, and a large unfinished store room under the eaves. The hall is wainscoted four feet and the walls and ceiling, like the living room, are brown and deep cream. The bed rooms are all finished in the dark oak stain and tinted a cream color. Large closets and broad windows make the rooms most comfortable. This year the girls have furnished their rooms with white beds, and new dressers and tables and chairs; and the rooms all are light and airy. The third floor has three bed rooms, a bath and wash room and a large unfinished trunk room. There are many little conveniences and features about the house such as the up-

stairs porch, the telephone seat on the stair-landing, and the wide stairway between the second and third floors, which have to be seen to be appreciated.

As a whole, the house has more than surpassed our expectations in planning it. Its elastic qualities are unbounded, for it is not only the home of Mu chapter, but of all Gamma Phis. At the time of the Stanford-California intercollegiate Rugby game, on November 9, we were fortunate enough to welcome the girls of Eta besides many of our own "old girls" who came back for a few days' visit. And in closing this story of our home, we extend to all Gamma Phis everywhere and always a cordial wish that we may some day "personally conduct" you through the "House-on-the-Hill."

ELSIE DORRANCE OWEN, Mu, '07.



Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Gamma Phi Beta

REALIZATION surpassed expectation in every detail of the Gamma Phi Beta Convention at Syracuse. If we never had known before the spirit of Gamma Phi we would have learned it then in the home of our Alpha chapter, where every hour gave fresh proof of the sweetness and strength of our sisterhood. Nor was hospitality confined to Alpha of Gamma Phi Beta alone, for from the first there was strong inter-fraternity cordiality. Scarce-ly had we been met by our Syracuse sisters and whisked away to their homes before we were off again at the invitation of Alpha Phi to a most delightful afternoon gathering.

This was but the beginning of such a four days' program as the word convention always suggests, but the convention this year had a unique feature which greatly increased our enthusiasm. Not only did we meet scores of Gamma Phis whom we had before known by name alone, but we met in person those who have been closest in our thoughts of and feelings toward Gamma Phi, the four founders of our order, Helen W. Dodge Ferguson, Francis E. Haven Moss, E. Adeline Curtis Curtis and Mary A. Bingham

Willoughby. Their presence intensified our impression of the growth of our sorority, the strength of its ideals and the earnestness of its purpose.

To these general impressions were added others which were the result of many separate occasions planned with loving thought and carried out with untiring energy and grace. The feeling of fellowship so characteristic of the convention was largely due to the pleasant informality of the reception at Mrs. Stearn's home on Tuesday evening. Before the close of the evening we were entertained by the active chapter of Alpha in high class vaudeville. The Dutch clog dance was a most effective feature of the program and the Gamma Phi sing which served as a finale appealed to us as an expression of Alpha's heartiness and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the alumnae council met for half an hour before the regular business meeting. The business sessions were held at the home of Mrs. L. O. Wadleigh, who also entertained Miss Gertrude Ross and Mrs. T. L. Berry, of the Executive Board. The delegates who answered to roll call were: Alpha, Misses Mace, Frisbie; Beta, Miss Kinyon; Gamma, Miss Driver; Delta, Miss Beiler, Miss West; Epsilon, Miss Persis Rollins; Zeta, Miss Kline; Eta, Miss Grace Foulds; Theta, Miss Helen Hersey; Iota, Miss Ellen O'Gorman; Kappa, Miss Helen Weld; Lambda, Miss Beatrice Prosch; Mu, Miss Grace Foulds; Alumnae Chapters—Chicago, Mrs. Berry; San Francisco, Miss Foulds; Milwaukee, Miss Carrie E. Morgan; New York, Mrs. Blanch Shove Palmer, Miss Edna Stitt; Boston, Miss Squire; Syracuse, Mrs. L. O. Wadleigh, Miss Emogene Day and Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke; Denver, Mrs. W. O. Miller.

There were about fifty visitors among them Anna Morris Dimmick, Zeta, editor of THE CRESCENT, Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, well known as the author of the "Juliet Stories."

Business continued till four p. m. both Wednesday and Thursday with the exception of the hour for luncheon for which provision was made each day at the chapter house.

After business came the pleasure of numerous teas and entertainments. About three hundred Syracuse girls irrespective of sorority met with us Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. G. Allen. The hostess was assisted by Miss Gertrude Ross, Mrs. South, Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Mace, while Mrs. Hamilton S. White presided in the dining room. On Thursday afternoon Pi of Psi Upsilon fraternity gave a reception for the convention delegates and the local chapter at their beautiful house. Friday was a very busy and happy day. At 12:30 we all gathered for the convention picture and then the delegates were given a view of the city in the pleasantest way possible—a drag ride—as guests of the Delta Upsilon. If enthusiasm can repay hospitality Delta Upsilon had full opportunity to measure our appreciation for not only did we find Syracuse itself a charming city, but we also noted with loyal pride that a Gamma Phi home stood in almost every block. During the remainder of the afternoon Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi entertained both the delegates and visitors at their chapter houses.

The evening hours were equally pleasurable. We have already spoken of our first evening which gave such a pleasant tone to the whole convention. On Wednesday evening Chancellor and Mrs. Day, with their usual cordial interest in Gamma Phi, opened their home to us and gave us the opportunity of meeting about 500 guests. They were assisted in receiving by Miss Emogene Day, Miss Ross and Miss Ruth Laycock. Thursday evening was the occasion of the convention dance at which the alumnae chapter was hostess. The dance was given at the Alhambra and preceding it the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity entertained at dinner in their chapter house. The hall was decorated most tastefully with the sorority colors and pink carnations, the sorority flower.

But the climax of the social pleasures incident to the convention was the banquet on Friday night which closed the program. One hundred and seventy-five sat down to a delightful menu, which consisted of

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	Oyster Cocktails
	Cheese Sandwiches
	—
	Cream of Celery
Wafers	Celery Hearts
	—
	Fillet of Beef with Mushrooms
Princess Potatoes	French Peas
	—
	Finger Toast
	—
	Lemon Sherbet
	—
	Waldorf Salad
	—
Salted Nuts	Pim Olas
	—
	Spanish Sandwiches
	—
Neapolitan Ice Cream.	Assorted Cakes
	Coffee
Music by Kapps Orchestra	

Carnations and chrysanthemums were used as decorations with silver candleabra filled with pink and white candles and pink bon bon boxes in the shape of our sorority crescent were the souvenirs.

The presence of our founders was recognized in the first toast which was called for by Mrs. Austiana Taylor Goreth, who presided as toastmistress with peculiar charm, and was responded to by Mrs. Helen Dodge Ferguson. The toast scheme was simple and appropriate and the singing of our favorite songs added to the hearty enjoyment of the program.

TOASTS.

AUSTIANNA TAYLOR GORETH, Toastmistress.

I

Our Founders.....Helen Dodge Ferguson

"First the babe."—Shakespeare.

Song....."Once a Maiden Went to College"

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II

- Atalanta in Tutelage.....Eta, for Our Western Division
 "And then the schoolboy with his satchel,
 And shining morning face."—Shakespeare.

- Song....."The Joy of Gamma Phi"

III

- Das Ewig Weibliche.....Grace Smith Richmond
 "And then the lover,
 Sighing like furnace."—Shakespeare.

- Song....."Singing to Thee"

IV

- More Worlds to Conquer.....Gertude Ross, Sorority President
 "Then the soldier,
 Jealous in honor."—Shakespeare.

- Song....."As We Stand at Thy Portals"

V

- Sororities at the Bar.....Delta, for Our Eastern Division
 "And then, the justice,
 Full of wise saws and modern instances."—Shakespeare.

- Song....."'Tis Only a Song of Merry Girls"

VI

- The Second Generation.....Beta, for Our Middle Division
 "With spectacles on nose."—Shakespeare.
 "We look before and after."—Shelley.

- Song....."We're Gamma Phi's Forever"

At the close of the last song not the least interesting part of the evening followed, when in response to Mrs. Goreth's request then rose in turn the first pledging, all charter members, fiancees and brides, delegates and other interesting groups.

The parting that evening was not the end of the convention, for the Athletic Association of the University entertained all

delegates and visitors who remained in town at the Syracuse-Lafayette game, held Saturday afternoon in the stadium. A perfect afternoon, a good game, and splendid place made it a most enjoyable close of the festivities at Syracuse.

Since then North and South, East and West, Gamma Phis have been enthusiastically living over again the happy convention days and spreading the influence of its splendid fellowship.

FLORA ROBINSON, Zeta.



The following are Syracuse girls who were back at convention time exclusive of those who live in the city: Mesdames Austiana Taylor Goreth, Grace Smith Richmond, Kate Foster Sarnberger, Louise Klock French, Ida Saxton Wilcox, Myrta Kenaston Russell, Georgiana Taylor Carpenter, Anna Terry Whitford, Mary Beck Harvey, Clara Brigham Collins, Anna Loomis Humphrey, Mary Fuller Feason, Nettie Fuller Leete, Cora Willar Frederick, Mary Crothers McCoy, Florence Reed Munro, Miriam Ernhout Barnes, Minnie C. Dinsmore, Blanche Shove Palmer; Misses Carrie Green, Mary Edson, Lua Noyes, Mary Bingham, Irma Schoefflin, Beth Wildman, Ruth Gordan, Lucy Babcock Titsworth, Helen Saxton, Elizabeth Mason, Ruth Elva Russum, Ruth Piatt, Mary Supplee, Florence Seeley, the Misses Gaggin, Miss Zimmerman.



A LPHA cannot say too much about her happiness in having our four founders with us at convention. It was the first time since '78 that they had all been here at the same time. It is impossible to tell just how we all felt when we saw these four to whom we owe everything, seated together at banquet and next to them the first initiate, Mrs. Wilcox.

It was also Alpha's as well as the whole convention's pleasure to have the national president of our sorority, Miss Gertrude Ross, with us. To her we owe a deep debt of gratitude for her

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faithful and untiring guidance during the past year. Two other members of our executive board were with us—Mrs. T. L. Berry, our new vice president, and Miss Mabel E. Stone, our secretary.

Grace Smith Richmond, our "Ladies Home Juliet," was also with us. The lion roared very gently, but very cleverly, and we were more proud of her than ever.

Miss Mary Whitford, "the Alpha girl who has not missed a chapter meeting in the thirty years since her initiation," and who has attended each of our banquets since then, was with us at our reunion feast.

Mrs. Kate Gardiner Cooke holds another banquet record. She also has never missed one since her initiation in 1886.

Zeta rejoiced our hearts by sending ten delegates and visitors. Among them were Miss Alice Dimmick and Miss Anna Dimmick, the latter our CRESCENT worker, also Miss Elizabeth Gatch, our Y. W. C. A. secretary, whose work this year is in Brooklyn, New York.

Another of our well known Gamma Phis was with us. Miss Olive Dutcher, Iota, who is Professor of Biblical Literature in Mt. Holyoke College.

To the two girls who came over three thousand miles to our convention only words of praise are due—The Misses Prosch, of Seattle, Washington.

Miss Grace Foulds, of Eta, was the busiest worker of convention among the delegates, as she represented San Francisco Alumnæ, Eta and Mu chapters.

“Das Ewig Weibliche”

The Toast responded to by Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, '88

MADAM Toastmistress and Ladies: A number of years ago—I don't venture to say how many—I had the pleasure of seeing a little play, written and enacted by girls of Gamma Phi. The name of the play was, I think, "A Cake of Soap"; or possibly, it might have been "A Pack of Cards," or "A Pair of Curling Irons." It doesn't matter, only I'm sure it must have been something beautifully intellectual, like one of these.

There were three male parts in the play, taken by three extremely clever girls. But while two of these girls were merely clever, the third, the leading man, was certainly a genius of high order. The other two men, in spite of their exquisitely correct clothes and neckwear, had just a touch of femininity about them, but the leading man was sternly masculine. He had all the characteristic tricks of the hero. His fashion of thrusting his fists down into his pockets and jingling his loose change, his style of settling his coat collar, his way of managing his large pocket-handkerchief—all these things were art—high art. The other two were obliged to speak in voices which occasionally broke, like a fourteen year old schoolboy's, in their efforts to achieve a deep masculine pitch, but the rich contralto speech of the leading man was fairly melting in its suggestion of the possibility that he could, if urged, sing tenor. Even his hair, though one divined that a long coil of it was at the moment enshrouding his spine and making him miserably hot, had in it a magnificent wave, just at the point of departure—so to speak—which effectually

concealed the fact that it did not end picturesquely where it seemed to end.

As for the love-making of this leading man—it was superb. It was easy to see that the leading lady was genuinely affected by it—and as for the audience, it was spell bound. He was by turns vehement, tender and audacious—precisely as a lover must be if he expects ever to get anywhere with a girl who is at one and the same time, appealing, imperious and capricious. He said things under his breath. He laughed and got angry and kicked footstools; threw pillows about; lit cigarettes—many cigarettes. If I remember, he never got beyond the first puff, but then, lovers don't, when they are seriously in love. Altogether, as one watched him, one's wonder grew as to how he could do it all so well.

The impression that he gave of being really and genuinely a man—and a remarkably good-looking chap, too—was so universal that when the play was over, and an informal dance began, he was in tremendous demand as a partner. He was tall and he danced quite as well as he did everything else, and his devoted manner made him seem really worth while to the girls to be nice to. I remember hearing one girl call him "darling," as they two-stepped by, and the look she gave him as she said it was—well, it was calculated to keep her in practice, while waiting for the real thing, to say the least.

The thing which puzzled some of us, as we looked on at all this charming make-believe was this: What is this girl like—as a girl? Can she possibly be a thoroughly womanly sort of a girl—or is she one of the masculine sort to whom such a part comes as naturally as breathing? The question really was an interesting one.

The next evening a reception was given at one of the college buildings. As I remember it, it took place mainly in the cor-



AMY LOUISE PHELAN
President of the Executive Board

ridors, which were decorated for the occasion. During the evening a group of us were standing at the foot of a staircase. It seemed to be made up of the Princess and three or four of her courtiers. The Princess was a tall and graceful girl in a charming blue silk gown with a manner which struck us as particularly captivating. She was being all things to all those men in a way as delightfully girlish as you can imagine—I don't need to describe it. The point is that the air of her suggested the eternal feminine so completely that—well—we failed absolutely to recognize that leading man!

When it was pointed out to us that the youth who had made love to the girl in the play with such a manly air was really the Princess who was at the present moment driving her courtiers distracted with so many dainty ways, we said to ourselves: "Oh, of course! No wonder she knows how to do it! She has had only to observe—she has had all the chances to know how men act under all conditions."

This incident may shed a little light upon the burning question, "Why do the girls of Gamma Phi make nicer sweethearts and brides than other girls do?" Of course you agree with me that there can be no doubt that this is so—the only thing we have to do is to find an explanation for it. On that same evening I remember noting that the case of the Princess was by no means a case by itself. Our Toastmistress of tonight was present at that reception. We were told that it was some time since she had been back upon a similar occasion. Some of us were anxious to see her, but to our dismay we found it quite impossible. Such a solid wall of black coats surrounded her from first to last that we could only catch unsatisfying glimpses of her through the interstices. As for her sister, it appeared to us she was in danger of being mobbed. All about us were similar illustrations. And when, now and then, we came upon a demure girl in a far corner

somewhere, attended only by a single man, and looking as if she had no special use for him, we knew her case was most dangerous of all. For that's the sort of

—“girl who has so many willful ways
She would have caused Job's patience to forsake him,
Yet is so rich in all that's girlhood's praise,
Did Job himself upon her goodness gaze,
A little better she would surely make him.

Yet is this girl I sing in naught uncommon,
And very far from angel yet, I trow.
Her faults, her sweetesses, are purely human;
Yet she's more lovable as simple woman
Than any one diviner that I know.”

—DINAH MULOCK CRAIK.

So much for Gamma Phi's sweethearts—and I may say in passing that I am fully aware that this designation includes the entire unmarried portion of the sorority. There is no use in anybody's denying it. Even the most studious of the active members—which ever she is—the one who goes in for rank and honors, and eschews society, and allows no man in Syracuse, or Minneapolis, or Baltimore, to bother her with his attentions—we understand perfectly that once a week she receives a letter from Arizona, or from South Carolina, or from the Philippines, which temporarily distracts her attention from the algorithm of the infinitesimal calculus. At this very moment she has the latest of these letters tucked away somewhere under her laces, and there's no use in her looking at us with that innocent expression. She will probably be the next bride.

As for the brides themselves, we can tell which they are, for they have not been listening as conscientiously as the others. They are already planning whether they can take one train earlier for home tomorrow morning than they promised him they would take. Last night, when they had reached their rooms after the ball they sat up to write him a full description—and sent it to

him this morning by special delivery. At least the letter started out to be a full description, but after stating which of the old girls are back, and telling him which frock she herself decided to wear, it became side tracked by the very mention of that frock. "It was the one, you know, dear, you like so well—the one you said—when I put it on the first time we went out to dinner after we were married, that even in my wedding gown I had never looked—" You know the sort of thing.

But we can't blame her.

"Her mode of candor is deceit;
And what she thinks from what she'll say
(Although I'll never call her cheat),
Lies far as Scotland from Cathay.
Without his knowledge he was won,
Against his nature kept devout;
She'll never tell him how 'twas done,
And he will never find it out.
If, sudden, he suspects her wiles,
And hears her forging chain and trap,
And looks,—she sits in simple smiles,
Her two hands lying in her lap!
Her secret (privilege of the Bard,
Whose fancy is of either sex)
Is mine; but let the darkness guard
Mysteries that light would more perplex."

To the sweethearts and brides, then, of Gamma Phi—may they never be found out!

Mother Alpha

**Introduction to Beta Toast at the Convention Banquet,
by the Toastmistress**

DEAR Mother Alpha, here have we gathered,
Sisters and daughters from east and from west;
Some from the northland, some from the southland,
All to thy hearthstone, like birds to their nest.

Here at thy feet lay we guerdon and treasure,
All we have garnered of wisdom and grace.
Love—who can fathom it, joy—who can measure,
At the fond smile on thy welcoming face?

Each has her story, part told, and part hidden,
Triumphs to gladden and griefs to be shared.
Tho' to thy fireside come shadows unbidden,
Yet thou wouldest know how thy children have fared.

Mother, in joyance thy smile was our sunshine,
Always thy voice was our word of command;
Ever in struggle thy brow was our beacon,
Ever outstretched was thy welcoming hand.

To now we bring thee our nearest and dearest,
Naught have we worthier, Mother, of thee.
True to thy counsels, they cherish thy favor
Loyal and steadfast and loving as we.

Take then *our* daughters and teach them thy wisdom,
Duty, devotion and love with their lore;
Thus shall our hearts still keep time with thy heartbeats,
Thus shall thy fair fame increase evermore.

—*Austiana Taylor Goreth, Alpha, '92.*

The Chapter House

WETHER the writer of this paper was selected because for many years she was a resident in a square where there were nine chapter houses, besides two college boarding houses for girls, she does not know. Surely, during the time her observations from the standpoint of an outsider, mingled with her own experience and pleasure in connection with her own chapter's house, have many times set her thinking.

The chapter house—purely the product of the Greek letter society, the scene of the very center of the chapter's interest, the college home of many, the resort of the graduated college girls, the very substance of many happy memories of college pleasures. Its management and maintenance is a vexing question; especially so at a time when the whole system of domestic economy in America is so disturbed, and when the management of her own home seems to present a problem almost too difficult for even a veteran housewife to solve. And yet, every year a dozen girls unskilled and of little or no experience in managing a house, all undaunted, undertake and often make a success of maintaining such an establishment.

One chapter house about which I knew more or less, had been under the guiding hand of a committee from the chapter's alumnae. They had gotten the house very much in debt and were ready to acknowledge their failure. At the same time they hesitated to give over to the girls themselves the control of affairs. Now it happened at that time that there lived in the house an extremely capable, womanly girl who was anxious to assume alone the duty of manager. She very successfully proved her ability to cope with the question. She has written me very emphatically that she "believes now, just as she did then, when she was in college, that it is impossible for anyone outside of the house to run its affairs." And she thinks that there should be one, and only one, who is responsible who lives in the house. Her method was this:

She was practically the financial head. Another of the girls who was particularly congenial to her was her bookkeeper and her books always balanced. To her the girls paid their board and money was drawn on her funds by the financial head to pay the bills. The financial manager paid all bills, plumbing, meat, coal, groceries, lighting, etc., and she attended to all matters, as she express it, "just as a man would do in an ordinary household." The chaperon did the marketing, was given an allowance for the table and servants, "and paid and hired and managed her own servants."

This particular girl about whom we are thinking attributes her success simply to her constant attention to the matter and to the efficiency of the bookkeeper. Few would be willing to sacrifice so much time and pleasure to the care of a house. She suggests that no one ought to be expected to do so much without some compensation, that one serving in this capacity earns at least her board, but under such an arrangement, could, also, keep the books herself.

In another instance when a similar plan was tried, the financial manager failed in attention to her duties and in accuracy, so that she left college with her books and accounts so entangled that the house suffered from it for a year or two.

Another plan at present in successful operation—the living rooms, dining-room, kitchen, and pantries are furnished and replenished by the chapter, also heated and lighted. The sleeping-rooms are furnished by the individual occupants. Then a man and his wife are employed to keep the house in running order, and are paid a stated sum for this. But those who live in the house have no responsibility in the question of meals, for they simply pay their board to this same man and his wife who work independently in this respect.

In our Gamma Phi Beta chapter house, in Syracuse, most of the furnishings are a collection of gifts received from our own girls or from their parents, or friends at annual holiday parties—or more properly—donation parties. At times when there have

been special needs, taxes have been levied upon the whole active chapter.

The question of a chaperon is a delicate one, and her position is hard to fill. For she must be a lady and a person of the greatest tact, and yet of sufficient self-assertion to command respect. With these characteristics must be combined a willingness to enjoy, sometimes, a good deal of attention; at other times, to be utterly ignored, and to work very hard; more often to be not a chaperon, but merely a housekeeper. Some one has remarked with quite as much wisdom as wit, that the chaperon at a chapter home, like the attendants at an insane asylum, was short-lived. Certainly my observations as a resident of a block of chapter houses taught me to expect to see a different woman serving in that office in each house, nearly every year.

It is hard to discover a chaperon who is, as well, a good house-keeper, but that work must of necessity fall to her, as no college girl can give her time to housekeeping. It seems to be the prevailing plan that the chaperon should not carry the pocketbook, but should work on an allowance besides her regular wages. That in order that the house may run smoothly the servants should understand that they are dependent upon her for their places, and not under the authority of any one else.

The chaperon can do about as much chaperoning as most persons who serve in that capacity at social gatherings. College girls are not calculated to take corrections as to their behavior and conduct and the keeping of reasonable rules from the chaperon or from the seniors. Often even seniors need advice or something more forceful.

A good chaperon, and one whom the girls in the house were all very fond of, always took such matters regularly to one of the alumnae—one, I believe, of her own choice. In this way the alumna, many times quietly, sometimes firmly, made clear to the young lady in question that her conduct was not becoming, or that the interest of the chapter demanded different behavior on her part.

Another plan suggested for handling such matters—for they arise in any chapter of any sorority, because we are all human. This plan is to have one or two seniors, perhaps, one in the house and one out of the house, selected by the resident alumnae, who shall have a care of such things. These seniors in turn choose one of the alumnae of similar tastes as theirs so that they can feel perfectly free in talking with her as their counselor. One of our own college girls has said that all matters of discipline must be in the hands of the alumnae, for the simple reason that they are the ones for whom the active girls have the most respect.

Our present active chapter girls feel that the chapter house presents the best solution of the problem of living as well as possible while in college, and of developing loyalty to the sorority and of establishing sorority discipline.

Many of the alumnae, some of whom went to college before the days of chapter houses, others who have lived at the chapter house while in college, honestly disapprove of the chapter house. They believe that the influence of the chapter house is a detriment to the girls who live in it and not good for those who do not room and board there. And for these reasons they are confident that the chapter house does not foster the best interests of individual Gamma Phis as Gamma Phis, or as college girls, or as young women.

It is the dream of many of our alumnae to own not a chapter house but a chapter lodge. They would have this lodge contain suitable rooms for chapter meetings and for social gatherings, kitchens and complete equipment for catering for banquets. This would provide a place for any Gamma Phi in college or out of college to gather at any time, in two's or three's, or in greater numbers, but would necessitate the use of dormitories or other places for rooms and board.

However radical the ideas the writer has presented to you, she wishes to assure you that they were collected from Gamma Phis older and younger in Syracuse and out of town, all of whom expressed themselves very earnestly and very seriously.

MILLICENT A. HINKLEY, Alpha, '94.

Reviews

"With Juliet in England," by Grace Smith Richmond. Illustrated by
Charles M. Relyea : New York, Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.50

THIS is not the introduction of Juliet by the author of this volume to her readers. In that charming story entitled, "The Indifference of Juliet," Mrs. Richmond first presents her to the public. It is regarded somewhat hazardous for an author to continue the leading character of a story in a second volume; but Juliet is just as strong and as fascinating in her rambles in England as she was when we were first introduced to her in her indifference. Here we have Juliet taking us on a most interesting tour through England and she is more fascinating and wiser than when we first met her. The scenes through which she leads her charming company as well as the sea voyage are perfectly natural and charming. The reader feels himself one of the little circle so is his interest enlisted and so perfectly human are all the character sketches. The author has done her work most delightfully. Mrs. Richmond wields a pen with strength, illumination and literary charm, and has written a book of authoritative travel as well as an excellent work of fiction. There is therefore a double interest in the work, as an account of travels in the rural parts of England interwoven with a story of extraordinary interest. One is continually breathing a bracing atmosphere, whether onemingles with this charmed circle described in the book on land or sea. Juliet is the leading character, but Diantha, the vivacious Western girl, is an easy second. Timothy Fitzpatrick, the witty Irishman and Oxford student, falls desperately in love with Diantha and pleads his cause with fine spirit and genuine heart love for this Rocky Mountain girl, but the dashing, noble, Lieutenant Lincoln Webb, U. S. A., finally conquers and with consummate skill wins the heart of the beautiful young maiden. The influence of this Western woman upon these two men is remarkably set forth and gives to the story enough dramatic interest to hold the reader's attention to the end.

The author has painted with true skill the domestic life of the married couples in her story so as to show that there still remains the true love and fidelity which so frequently is made to appear by writers as matters of the past, not to be found in the married lives of men and women of today. She makes love and devotion the perfectly natural conditions to be looked for in the normal home circles of the present.

It is in every way a clean, hearty, wholesome book. A story with vigor, fine moral sentiment and strong, pure characters. The author gives us an interesting book on travel, as well as a very entertaining picturesque human story. We have not seen its superior among the books published this year.—B. F. D.

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Toast

The Common Faith and Duty of Pan Hellenism, by Walter James Sears.

Sigma Nu, delivered at the Banquet of the Pan Hellenic
Association of Ohio State University,
Columbus, Nov. 24, 1906.

MR. SEARS, in his toast on the "Common Faith and Duty of Pan-Hellenism," seems to me to state very concisely the facts concerning the common faith of all Greek letter fraternities but I think his ideas as regards the common duty are far beyond realization at the present. But perhaps an outline of the toast will give you a much better idea of the points he brought out. He first asks, "Is there a common faith?" and answers "there was and is a common cause for them."

They all sprang from the desire of men to protect their rights, to cherish their friendships, to ennable their natures, to enrich their minds and to advance their ideals. The first college fraternity of which there is any record was the union of the students at Athens, Rome and Alexandria, and later at Paris, Saleno and Oxford, under the name of their own tribe and nations. But as civilization advanced the old barriers of antagonism between tribes and races were broken down and college men found a new and better ground for fellowship in culture and brotherly love.

He then raises the question, "Is there a common duty?" and answers, "There is an urgent demand for the willing sacrifice of practical human service." In connection with this he shows the life of a student in early times when the students and teachers were free—the life of the student in the Middle Ages, when education was under the control of the church and state—and the life of the student in the modern university which has outgrown the one and modified the other.

Again the student is free and the teacher. There is still the reign of law and rule of system, but it is an enlightened law of self-control and self-government quickened by the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion. But many ask: "Has not the teacher too little influence and the student too much freedom?"

Mr. Sears turns to the alumni and asks if they shall not in some sense and in some way take the place of the teacher in his old relationship of personal direction and guidance. He suggests for the carrying out of this idea an Alumni Board of Visitors for each chapter and that through Pan-Hellenic Associations, these boards to exchange visits among all the chapters and to report to the central Pan-Hellenic Board the result of these visits. He goes still further and suggests that the alumni give the means to endow and form tutorships. These tutors or leaders to be placed over each chapter house like old English colleges—to direct the studies, lead the amusements, counsel the students, and mould and direct their life. This Mr. Sears thinks should be the common duty of every fraternity man.

In conclusion, he says that the rational things for fraternity men is to unite upon the common grounds of a high human calling which will prompt one to utter the pledge of the common faith and to perform the service of a common duty.

HELEN GABLE, *Beta*.

Executive Board Greeting

WITH the best of wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, the board assumes its new duties in the service of the sorority. We ask the prompt coöperation of the chapters at all points where our work touches theirs and trust that the year may be one of steady advance for our beloved sisterhood.

Our foundations were laid broad and deep, the superstructure has been reared with a wise conservatism, and today we face the world with unshaken faith in our ideals, knowing what Gamma Phi is to us and proud to share her bonds with the new members of the sorority. Within we are at peace, and criticism from without cannot shake that calm of conviction and experience.

Criticism there undoubtedly is, not of this sorority and that fraternity, but of all Greek letter organizations, and it is well for us to know what form these strictures take and to decide how far they are concerned with undesirable and remediable phases of Greek life.

Some of the complaints against fraternities have, of course, never been urged against sororities, but there is one indictment brought against both impartially, the charge of an undemocratic exclusiveness and aloofness from friendly fellowship with the large non-Greek college world. We are said to limit our friendships too strictly to our own little group and to miss both the giving and the receiving of wider and more varied influences.

This is undoubtedly true of the majority of us and a little thought convinces us that from both the altruistic and the selfish point of view such a limiting of our friendship is not a desirable thing. We all cherish some ideal of social service, not to be satisfied by devotion to those of our own household only, but reaching out to all the lives that touch our own. This ideal must not be starved through the four years of our college life and can find its best expression not only in the work of the Y. W. C. A. and the college settlement, but also in a real friendliness of spirit that will develop the chance contacts of class room and campus into enduring friendships. And, as always, this spirit will bless its possessor even more than those on whom she spends its fruits of love and service, in the widening of sympathy and deepening of character that are the flowers of life.

It is the active chapters that bear the brunt of criticism and it is the undergraduate who for the fair fame of her sorority, the realization of her social ideals and the development of her own character, must extend her friendships beyond the bounds of the sisterhood.

AMY LOUISE PHELAN, President.



WE cannot resist remarking upon the rare opportunity which was afforded all who attended Convention in meeting our founders. To these noble women we owe all our sorority life, and the privilege of meeting them was surely an inspiration to us to attain to Gamma Phi Beta's ideals. The deep seated interest which was manifest by these splendid women was indicative that our sorority is based upon something deeper and more eternal than mere social intercourse.

The Gamma Phi spirit, that indefinable force, pervaded the entire Convention. To the presence of our founders we must attribute a large portion of it. Never before was it so apparent that this influence of the sorority had done so much to strengthen and mould character. This was shown by the unanimity of the Convention body and the spirit which pervaded the entire gathering. This part of the sorority life is not one which has been changed and altered by the various individual characters which have made up our chapters, but rather it has been the moulding force of the chapters. All have received its impress and therein has been our strength.

"The world will little note what we say here, but it can ne'er forget what they did," though it was some thirty odd years ago.



IT IS with great pleasure that we have reviewed the last Juliet book by Mrs. Richmond. Alpha and all Gamma Phis have always been proud of the author, but this last volume has brought

new laurels to her and a new source of pride to her chapter and sorority at large. The book is much of an improvement over the serial which was run in the Ladies Home Journal. They might be said to make up the book, but taken just as they were issued, they are the book only in a mutilated form, and not in the splendid literary style which this volume presents. We feel confident that this volume will have a wide reading by Gamma Phi and many will want to know more of Juliet and of the author's splendid characteristics with which she clothes the characters of her book.

Congratulations to the author and to ourselves for the privilege of sharing with her in her well merited praise.



WITH the close of Convention, our faithful president, Miss Ross, was released from her duties, and these were handed over to Miss Phelan, who has already served five years upon the Board. Miss Ross, though no longer actively engaged in the work, has the interests of the sorority so much in heart that she can do nothing else but watch with intense interest our every move.

To Miss Phelan, as she takes the helm, we pledge our loyal support, assuring her that in the taking up of this work we will lend her our hearty coöperation. This is no easy task, but she takes it up, as did her predecessors, with much interest and a heart full of loyalty. The year will bear its many opportunities to her and these we feel confident she will grasp, making the most of them for Gamma Phi Beta.



THE new directory has been issued and was ready for distribution at Convention time. This has been done through the untiring energies of Miss Una Winterburn. It is a task which is almost impossible to bring to a perfect culmination, yet with all the trying annoyances and delays, Miss Winterburn has pre-

pared for us a most complete and accurate directory and we owe her a debt of gratitude for this handy reference book. Now that this material and information is so well in hand, each chapter should take great care that it is kept up to date.



AH. FETTING, of Baltimore, presented to Convention very tasteful pins. They were stickpins, in the rose gold finish, with a circle at the top, on which was outlined a crescent. The crescent enclosed the initials of Gamma Phi Beta, which were raised on the background. The crescent bore the inscription, "Syracuse, N. Y., '07." All the delegates and the visitors who were fortunate enough to secure pins gave expression of their indebtedness to Mr. Fetting and of his splendid work as a jeweler.



WE call attention to the new address of the president of the Executive Board, Miss Amy Louise Phelan, The St. Francis, Sacramento, California.



Notices.

AFTER the convention, a group picture of the founders was taken. Copies are now ready, and may be obtained at fifty cents each from Miss Marion Beecher, 113 Kirk avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.



COPIES of the new directory may be had by alumnae from their chapter.



ALPHA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Refreshed by a few days' vacation and a Thanksgiving dinner, and happy at the prospect of another and longer recess, we surely ought to be diligent and willing students between times.

Little of note has happened at Alpha since she had the great pleasure of entertaining at and meeting in convention her many sisters from far and near. It was indeed a great inspiration to us, and increased, if possible, our love and enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta.

Two of our girls—Rege Waters and Katherine Parkhurst—won much praise for their clever work in a college farce, "Breezy Point," which was given under the auspices of the Silver Bay Club. The entertainment met with sufficient success to warrant a second performance. Gamma Phi is also to be represented in the next dramatic effort given by the Crouse College French Club, so that our fame behind the footlights is well established.

The next large social function which excites interest is the junior "prom," which is booked for December 12.

Eight of the girls spent the vacation at the chapter house, where all stringent rules were done away with and a jolly good time prevailed. They had with them Mary Supplee, '07, for a few days.

Our principal "spare-moment" occupation for the next few weeks will be making and buying Christmas presents, but before we can communicate with you all again Christmas will be past and gone, so in closing we wish you each and all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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BETA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Since the last number of THE CRESCENT Beta has been very busy indeed. First, seven freshmen were initiated—Gladys Lewis, of Michigan; Eleanor Thompson, from



THE FOUNDERS
(Frontispiece of the Convention Banquet Toast and Menu Card)

Pennsylvania; Helen Welles, from Colorado; Laura Hall, Edna Lowry and Louanna Meeker, of Michigan, and Clara Ely, from New Jersey. Marion Pellow will enter the University in February and will then be initiated. Our active chapter at present numbers eighteen, since we are fortunate enough to have Helen Barbee, Theta, with us this year.

The Pennsylvania game, one of the most exciting in years, brought back many Gamma Phis, and the house was full to overflowing.

Linda Kinyon, Margaret Lydecker and Paula Henze, our delegates to convention, brought back most glowing accounts of everything. They were enthusiastic over everything and everybody. Some of the other delegates passed through Ann Arbor on their way to convention, and Beta enjoyed short visits from several—Persis Rollins, Epsilon; Clara Barkhausen and Hazel Driver, Gamma, and Edith and Beatrice Prosch, Lambda.

Nellie Connor, a Beta girl, spent last summer in Seattle, so we were especially glad to have the Lambda girls with us, so that Beta might in turn show them her hospitality.

A few days before the Pennsylvania game the Michigan Union Club-house was opened. It is an unusually attractive club—for men. Girls may be taken two days during the week for dinner or luncheon.

We are having at present the last long Thanksgiving vacation. The regents having decided to give only one day, the girls are making the most of it, and the chapter house is deserted. Six of the girls expect to be together in Owosso, with two of the active chapter. After vacation everybody will have to get ready for mid-semesters, and after that Christmas.

Beta sends the heartiest of Christmas greetings to all her sisters.



GAMMA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma has another freshman to introduce to you, Bessie Farrell, of Sioux City, who was initiated with our other nine pledglings some weeks ago. At our initiation banquet we were glad to have with us many of our town alumnae, as well as Nelle Miller, '04. We were sorry that more could not come, but expect a greater number than ever for our banquet in June. During mock initiation the freshmen gave us a clever little play, the nature of which was a complete surprise to us all.

November 9 the freshmen entertained at an informal dance at the chapter house. The house was very artistically decorated with autumn leaves and plants. There were about fifty guests, many from out of town.

THE CRESCENT.

A few weeks ago we entertained the Delta Gamma chapter at an informal matinee dance. We expect to entertain some of the other sororities in this way and so become better acquainted with the girls outside our own sisterhood.

We were very glad to have the Prosch girls, of Seattle, with us for a day and wished that more of the girls could have visited us on their way to convention. Since our delegate, Hazel Driver, returned from Syracuse, we have heard such enthusiastic reports that we are all planning now on meeting many of you next year at Ann Arbor.

Wisconsin people were very much excited last week over the Minnesota game. We were glad to have some of our last year's girls back for it—Bernice Miller and Marguerite Samuels, besides our Kappa sisters, Myrta Rhodarmel and Pearl Weston. While they were here we gave a reception for the different fraternities.

The Haresfoot Dramatic girls are to give a play December 30, in which Allison More and Edith McMILLER take part.

Gamma wishes a bright and prosperous New Year to all Gamma Phis.

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DELTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: First of all, Delta wishes to introduce her six initiates—Fannie Rexford, a junior; Louise Nelson, a sophomore; Belle Dalton, Susie Eastham, Esther Lewey and Margreta Hastings, freshmen. They are dear girls and worthy of Gamma Phi. The first and the last enjoy the lofty distinction of being president of their respective classes. Now that we have them all, rushing and its cares seem in the remote past, but as it was a necessary pre-condition to our present joy we will just mention it. Beginning in October, the season lasted four weeks, in the course of which we had the usual number of affairs, among them an attractive luncheon at "The Sign of the Teapot," in town, a party at the home of Anne Goodsell in Brookline, and one at Mary Beiler's in West Newton. Recently the new members took their turn at entertaining and gave us a spread in the chapter room, which, by the way, is now at 37 Botolph street.

Delta has greatly enjoyed her opportunities of meeting girls from other chapters this autumn, opportunities found at rushing parties, at our meetings and at Marion Dean's home in Melrose.

Next in importance to the new girls comes convention. We were obliged to limit our representation to Mary Beiler and Marden West, instead of going in a body, as we would gladly have done. Their enthusiastic accounts serve to show us what we have missed and to fill us brimfull of Gamma Phi spirit.

EPSILON

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Our convention delegate has come back fired with enthusiasm, as usual. You can't get within a block of her without hearing little fluttering words. The atmosphere is thick with "Gamma Phi spirit," "grand girls," "loveliest time," "Oh, that Alpha chapter, and all the others, too." And the chapter, as a whole, is preparing for a precipitate flight to convention next year with Beta.

We took in six fine freshmen at the close of the rushing season—Marguerite Bierer, of Hiawatha, Kan.; Carolyn McCarty, of Tuscola; Mary Shoning, of Elgin; Edna Lure, of Joliet, and Elizabeth Davidson, of Evanston, Illinois, and Magdalena Carpenter, of Fargo, N. D.

The rushing season closed in a ferment of excitement. It was charged that rushing rules had been flagrantly broken. We are still holding Pan-Hellenic meetings, and, although we have some results, it seems as though the end were not in sight. We doubt very much whether we shall be able to agree on any contract for next year. For three years those who have kept the contract have suffered.

We have had quite a number of visitors from other chapters—Mrs. Palmer, from Alpha; Miss Culton, from Theta, and Vena Brunk and Florence Findeison, from Gamma. We are always glad to see people from other chapters, and we hope that they will look us up whenever they can. We have no chapter house of our own, but it doesn't affect the warmth of our welcome.

We gave our informal on the 22nd of November at Ravinia Park, and such a good time as we had! Last Monday we had a special sorority meeting and spread and sent invitations to every Gamma Phi we could find in Chicago and Evanston. We hope to send these special invitations every few weeks, and we look for even better success when the new directory appears.

All best wishes to you all from Epsilon.

**ZETA**

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Pledge Day has come and gone, and Zeta, after existing for two months, is once more beginning to live. We have seven pledges to introduce to the sorority—Anna Treadwell Blanton, Nashville, Tenn.; Elizabeth Caroline Barnes, York, Pa.; Margaret Irving Handy, Newark, Del.; Louise Tiedeman, Charleston, S. C.; Ruth Porter, '10, and Helen Marguerite Porter, '11, of Clearfield, Pa., and Wilhelmina Anna Treide, Baltimore, Md. Before this issue is published they will have been initiated, and it is unnecessary to

say that we will be proud to place our Gamma Phi Beta pin on seven of the finest girls in the freshman class.

The rules made by Pan-Hellenic have worked very well this year. As Pledge Day came on the 23rd of November, we had two months in which to become acquainted with the freshmen. "No rushing!" was the decree from Pan-Hellenic, but in order to know all the new girls calling hours were set during which fraternity girls might call on freshmen. These hours were from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 7:30 every day except Sunday. Teas, also, might be given—one every other week—to which new students might be invited. Aside from this, each fraternity was allowed two functions—one formal function not exceeding twenty hours in length and one informal not exceeding three hours.

Zeta's formal function was a house party, given at the home of Mary McCurley, in Forest Park. The house was turned over to the girls, and at about 4:30 p. m. we took possession. The house was cobwebbed from top to bottom, and each girl had to follow up one strand of the web in order to find her room. Dinner was served about 7:30, and afterward part of the active chapter presented the one-act farce, "An Economical Boomerang." Then there was dancing and finally a kimono parade and a midnight feast in the den. The next morning every one was up and ready to take a walk before breakfast. The party broke up about noon, and every one had had a good time. One of our old girls remarked that "even the chapter girls had a good time," and you all know what that means in a rushing party.

Our informal function was given the night before Pledge Day at Ethel Shriner's home. We just had an informal evening together, roasting marshmallows, popping corn and running potato races.

Altogether, Zeta has had a most successful rushing season, and we wish that all sister chapters might have the same good luck.

We were delighted to have a flying visit from Grace Foulds, Eta, and we wish that we might have more visitors from other chapters and our own as well, for they are a great help to the chapter.

In closing, Zeta wishes to each and every Gamma Phi the very merriest Christmas and a most successful and happy New Year.



ETA

CORDIAL greeting from Eta to her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. "Tempus fugit" is a saying true as it is old and hackneyed. Already we are at the end of another college semester. Thanksgiving week for play, followed by a week of work, and then exams., unsparing, pitiless,

remorseless, measuring up our excuses for being here during the past few months.

Thanksgiving week is a gay one in the college calendar, filled with all manner of final jollifications. Friday is Junior Day, and the members of that class devote themselves to entertaining their fellow students. In the afternoon the "farce" is presented by a junior cast. As it is written by a junior they have all the glory. Alice Southworth has a prominent part, so of course all Gamma Phis will turn out in a body. The prom, held the same evening, is the last big college function of the year and is generally thronged with happy pleasure seekers.

In spite of approaching exes, Eta recklessly keeps things up to the bitter end, and on December 2 holds her annual Thanksgiving dinner, when the alumnae and active girls meet together to celebrate the national holiday. This is one of the jolliest days in the year for Berkeley Gamma Phis. Generally our delegates from convention arrive in time to reinspire us with all their fresh enthusiasm. This year our building corporation will tell us how much it has done and is planning to do towards the new chapter house. Rumors of wonderful plans have made us burn with curiosity, and we hope next time to be able to let you into the secret.

At the last election of the Prytanean Honor Society Esto Dunbar, one of our seniors, was chosen for membership.

Alice Southworth is on the editorial staff of *The Blue and Gold*, the college annual.

Mabel Pierce, one of our alumnae, is president of the Wellesley Club of San Francisco and corresponding secretary for the California branch of Collegiate Alumnae.

We are waiting impatiently for news of convention. California delegates have so far to travel to the eastern chapters that they generally linger on the way home and pay fleeting visits to the chapters en route.

Eta sends wishes to all her sisters for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



THETA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: This is usually a very quiet season with us, but our Pan-Hellenic rules for this year have thrown us into a state of uncertainty and excitement.

For two weeks Theta has been carried almost off her feet in the whirl of rushing stunts preceding the issuing of our invitations. The first party was a musicale at the home of Miss Louise Iliff, given in honor of the "rushees" and their mothers. Members of our chapter rendered the vocal

and instrumental selections, and Miss Hood, of the alumnae chapter, gave three readings from Bliss Carman.

We next entertained the girls and their escorts at a "college euchre" party at Lucy Moore's. Mrs. William Smedley followed this with a very clever "anatomy party" in honor of the new freshmen.

On Friday evening, November 22, we gave our annual dance at the Woman's Club, and the following day gave our last rushing stunt of the season at Allene Seaman's, a "Japanese luncheon."

As a result of our efforts during this long rushing season we wish to introduce to you our four new pledges, Winnie Waid, Mary Allen Green, Elizabeth Stevenson and Kittie Lee Bishop. We hope to initiate these December 5.

December 6 the Y. W. C. A. gives a "county fair" at the University. Mame Gallup, one of our seniors, is chairman of the executive committee and is assisted by two other members of the chapter, Eva Davis and Lucy Moore. Theta has taken the entire charge of the fortune telling booth at the fair and hopes to make it a huge success.

When the Christmas holidays are over we will begin laying the plans for our annual play, given usually in February or March. We all look forward to it with great pleasure and expectancy.

The membership certificates are at last ready for publication and can be obtained by addressing an order to the Theta correspondent for THE CRESCENT.

Theta wishes you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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IOTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Long desired convention came and realized our high expectations, and our delegates came back filled with enthusiasm that quickly communicated itself to the entire group. It seemed as if Iota received a fresh start and that the activities of chapter life were entered upon with a new zest and vigor. That was the result of the serious, vital side of convention. The result of the social side was different—tales of "where I stayed," of Alpha's chapter house, of the Alpha girls as a whole and of special Alpha girls; of the fun—teas and receptions galore, an amateur vaudeville that excelled any professional performance, a dinner, a drag ride, a dance which is recalled whenever the strains of "The Merry Widow" waltz are heard, and, best of all, a banquet where we met our four founders, and where we learned "who's who" in Gamma Phi. A football game finished the gayeties, and now just the word "Syracuse" brings a faraway look to the delegate's eyes,

and when one says, "Do you remember?" and the other replies, "I was just thinking of"— the jealous stay-at-homes groan and say, "Oh, come away; *they're* up at Syracuse again!" I'll have to come away now and talk about Barnard and Iota.

Miss Laura Gill, our Dean, is enjoying a year's leave of absence, and Professor Brewster, head of the English Department, is acting Dean.

The Faculty Committee on Student Organizations made a new rule concerning pledge day. No student may be invited to join a sorority before April of her Sophomore year. In the meantime, rushing is to be unrestricted, and since all rushing is now done outside of college, the conditions between Freshmen sorority members and non-sorority girls are undoubtedly improved.

Iota intends to do little rushing. Even the tea which we held in the Barnard Theatre on November 26 was not a rushing party, but was a reception to the entire college and faculty. Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. Caughey, Misses Warr and Stitt of the New York alumnae were on the receiving line, and many more were there to help Iota. Nearly all the college came and their enthusiastic remarks made us believe that they enjoyed themselves.

The theatre was decorated with banners of Barnard, of the four classes, and of Gamma Phi Beta; the table, dressed with ribbon of two shades of brown and with pink carnations, was most attractive. The orchestra was so excellent that it was with difficulty that we kept our feet still. In short, we are very proud of our success. Our next affair is to be a subscription dance during the Christmas holidays, and we are already making preparations for it. By the time you all read this letter, Christmas will be a thing of the past, so we can only hope that all our Gamma Phi sisters have had as merry a Christmas as we of Iota anticipate.



KAPPA

DEAR SISTERS: The active girls of Kappa Chapter are rejoicing with their alumnae over the recent granting of their charter by convention. Our alumnae have always been strong and loyal, and are now most happy in the fruition of their hopes.

Rushing at Minnesota is a long process this year. Thus far Gamma Phi has been limited to calls, informal evenings, and graciousness toward hopeful freshmen. But December 12 will be our first great day.

Then comes our first large rushing party, which will consist of a dinner at the Minnitanka Club and an evening at the home of Mrs. Backus on Oak Grove. We expect to entertain about thirty freshmen.

Our informal dance was given November 6 in Shevlin Hall, on the campus, an ideal place to entertain. Everyone voted the occasion a success.

The Pan-Hellenic girls gave a party at the same place, October 19. All sorority girls were invited. They renewed their childhood days by dressing as small children and frolicking accordingly. This is one of a series to be given through the year.

Helen Weld has just returned from convention with glowing accounts of the delightful days spent with so many Gamma Phis, and of the hospitality of Alpha's splendid girls.

Pearl Weston and Myrta Rodearmel went down to Madison for the football game, and were royally entertained by Gamma.

Our first social evening meeting was held recently at the home of Ruth Tallant. We were pleased to have with us Jeanette Cole of Mu, who spent a few weeks with Helen and Hazel Lovell. We were also glad of the opportunity to meet Edith and Beatrice Prosch of Lambda, who stopped on their way to convention.

One of the college events of the season was a play—Jamieson—a character comedy, written by Mrs. Frances S. Potter, a popular professor of the English Department of the University. It was put on by a local stock company and brought forth much enthusiasm for the play itself, for the author, and for the company.

Kappa wishes a most Happy New Year to every Gamma Phi throughout the land.



LAMBDA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: By this time every chapter has undoubtedly settled down into the old rut of "digging," and the time passes so quickly that we can hardly realize the Christmas holidays are upon us, and that the end of the first term begins to loom up in the distance like an unpleasant dream.

It took Lambda a long time to realize that work was before her, for although we had counted on a house for immediate occupancy at the first of the year, we were obliged to wait until the last of October. Just realize, for over a month your sisters at Lambda were homeless. But, girls, we're in and it was well worth the waiting. We are all so proud of our "own" that we fairly bubble over. The freshmen were getting a little anxious for initiation, but they, too, are in and mighty glad we are to have them, and meetings again look natural with a long roll call. After all was settled we felt as though we were ready for company, and the house was



MU CHAPTER HOUSE—Front View



The Living Room and Library



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opened to the faculty and our friends. Everything went off splendidly, and now Lambda has put aside frivolity and is getting down to work.

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MU

DEAR Gamma Phi Sisters: October's letter was written in the last tense days of rushing season, so it was left for this one to tell you of the three new sisters. Jennie Heartt, of Los Angeles, and Mildred Hayes and Marion Darby, of San Jose, have brought our chapter-roll to eighteen, and with all the girls in the house but Marion, and two of those whose homes are in Palo Alto, we feel unusually close together for the fall semester.

The three months since rushing season have made us acquainted with our house. It is acquiring a personality, is quite settled and finished, and even has the promised lawn in front. We have become used to the extra walk from the Quad up the Row and the hill. In this long semester of unbroken Indian summer we have found how much easier it is for us to get to the halls than it used to be, and the Gamma Phis are all becoming good trampers.

We have had our big dance, and found what a joy it is to be able to dance around through all the rooms without having to reverse one's course, for the house was planned downstairs principally for dancing. The great side porch, burlapped in, makes entertainment easy. Later we also had a telephone dance. This and a great deal of entertaining of other college girls and of the various campus organizations, and the open house at the time of the inter-collegiate game (22-11 in Stanford's favor, by the way), when we had our sister chapter with us, and on the whole sixty guests for the day, have filled the social side of the semester, and now the last dance of the season is over and we are ready for next week's finals.

It was a great grief to Mu this year that she could not be directly represented at convention; we are looking forward with deep interest to the return and report of Grace Foulds of Eta, who was so kind as to act for us there, as well as for her own chapter, for we know what a splendid session it must have been. We are already counting on the time when we may have convention with us.

Mu gives you all greeting and the desire for a strong, active and happy year for all chapters of Gamma Phi.

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SYRACUSE

DEAR SISTERS ALL: When the convention was over and our last glimpse of you was on a fast-retreating train, Syracuse seemed very quiet, felt lonesome, and listened to hear a pin drop.

Truly we are glad you came, and we have safe folded in the jewel corner of our heart of hearts memories which will inspire us, more than ever, to hold high the Greek ideal.

To meet and greet "Our Four Founders" together was a satisfaction—Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. Willoughby. And they, the four, had not clasped hands for thirty years! It is an illuminating fact that living with uplifting thoughts keeps people young.

I wonder if this is why, when we met her at the convention, we knew Mrs. "She-that-was" at once, as well as the less married ones of the present tense?

Many of us had known Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond through the Youth's Companion and Ladies' Home Journal, and we were so glad to meet her in the flesh here, as a Gamma Phi Beta sister. Just imagine, if you can, how we, in the old Alpha armchair, felt almost round-shouldered with the weight of pride in the dear sorority.

As we sat, after the banquet, listening to our brilliant toastmistress, Austie Taylor Goreth, heard the gracious thrilling words of Helen Dodge Ferguson, and the expressed desire of Miss Ross that Gamma Phi Beta should always stand for the noblest and best, it was good to look about the room and see its fulfillment in the faces of so many who are "looking up, lifting up and lending a hand" seven or eight days in every week.

Faces which make you think of the perseverance of the saints. They are not all in the past. Were not "Our Four" there—our Phi Beta Kappas; our faithful Mary Whitford, too, who has never missed a sorority meeting? And the three Gamma Phi grandmothers, and the daughters of daughters? Aren't we just glad of them! The former are Mrs. Adelaide Whitbread White, Mrs. Clara Worden Wilcox, Mrs. Mira Haven Draper. The latter, the daughters of Bertha Boomer Brooks, Jennie Reals Baltzel, and Mira Haven Draper.

Last summer a terrible accident occurred on Cayuga Lake, when the steamer *Frontenac*, loaded with passengers, was burned. Sarah Veeder, '96, was on board and gave much heroic service in caring for those who were injured. She herself suffered later from collapse, due to the great strain upon her nerves. She has received much gratitude and praise for her self-possession, and the generous help she gave at that time.

The first alumnae meeting of the year was held at Kate Gardner Cooke's, on Harrison street, and the second with Nettie Sadler, on University avenue. Both were largely attended, and places were made for the then coming convention. Delicious refreshments were served by both Mrs. Cooke and Miss Sadler. These afternoons, once a month are greatly enjoyed and looked forward to by all the members.

About seventy-five were present at the initiation spread this fall, nearly half the number being alumnae.

And now, since this letter will not reach you in time to say "Merry Christmas," we wish you one and all a doubly "Happy New Year." Indeed, we hope it—1908—will bring the very *best* things to every member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.



BOSTON

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, and to our new alumnae chapter of Minneapolis would we add a special greeting.

The year has opened auspiciously for our chapter with three new members, and several more have promised to join at our December meeting. Edna Spinney, '03, Mary Shepherd, '03, and Marion Squire, ex-'08, are the new initiates, and we have welcomed them in characteristic fashion by setting them to work. They are good material and we know of old what to expect of them. If all the chapter could have accompanied Marion Squire on her convention trip, we would have realized our dearest wish, for those who have never attended a Gamma Phi convention look forward, longingly, to their turn, while the fortunate ones who have caught the convention fever, always feel restless toward the second week in November, and, like Mr. Micawber, wait for "something to turn up" which shall turn their steps convention-ward.

Two meetings have been held this season, one devoted entirely to business, held in October with Katharine Whiting, and the other divided between business and a picnic lunch. The latter was held a warm Saturday in November, with Grace and Bessie Newhall, at their bungalow in Lynnfield. All manner of picnic delicacies made the lunch a feature in itself, but the pine-carpeted knolls without the camp and the fire within were too tempting for us to linger long around the table. Finally the call came for a business meeting, and we tore ourselves away from the beckoning pines and settled in semicircle with our backs to the windows and proceeded to wrestle with convention business. One of the

chapter herein proved herself a parliamentarian, explaining to us with most surprising glibness, intricate points in constitutional law.

It was a jolly meeting where everyone felt free to express her views, for no difference of opinion could cause any strained feeling to arise; though as a chapter, we are singularly of one mind and usually vote as a unit. There are advantages in small chapters, alumnae as well as college, which result from the greater freedom the members feel in discussion, and when a decision is reached, it is certain that everyone has had her opportunity to speak and has not felt constrained, from timidity, to remain silent.

The December meeting, to be held in Delta's rooms, will occur on the seventh, and henceforth, we mean to hold all our meetings there, the first Saturday in the month, at eleven o'clock. All Gamma Phis are welcome.



NEW YORK

CAN IT BE? Yes, it is time for another CRESCENT letter. New York is such a busy place that the days slip by and we can scarcely realize that they have been and are now gone. However, New York Alumnae Chapter is always glad to spare time to send loving greetings to her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. Convention has helped to make the time seem particularly short, for many of us were planning to attend. Since our return, we've found ourselves most popular. Each and every Gamma Phi wanted to hear all about our good times.

We have done some things since we last wrote you. On October 12 we held our first gathering for this year at the home of Mrs. E. L. Thorndyke. We had a fine beginning, and there is everything in that they say. Twenty-five were present, and we had the added pleasure of welcoming five new members into our ranks. It was also our good fortune to be honored with the presence of Miss Grace Foulds, the San Francisco Alumnae delegate, who had come East from Berkeley to attend convention. At this meeting, Mrs. T. H. Dinsmore, Mrs. E. J. Palmer and Miss E. W. Stitt were elected to represent our chapter at the thirty-third annual convention of our sorority.

Our second meeting was held at the home of Anna Louise Cole on November 23. Although there were not quite as many present as at our previous meeting, yet those that were able to attend were most enthusiastic, and we had a genuine good time. Convention reports were given and sisterly greetings from other chapters heartily welcomed. We enjoyed having with us Miss Barkhausen, from Madison, Wisconsin, who happened to be sojourning in New York for a few days.

At this time of the year, the Christmas spirit is abroad, so we extend to all our sisters our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and the happiest of all New Years.

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SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SISTERS, All, Greetings: By the time this letter reaches you, Christmas joys will be passed, and the New Year, full of promise to us all, will be urging upon us new and weightier duties. It will be a year which we hope will mark the fulfillment of a long-cherished hope of active and alumnae, a chapter house owned by Gamma Phi! So this spring will call for self-sacrifice and earnest labor and consideration, and each alumna, appreciating the debt of gratitude she owes to Gamma Phi Beta, not only for enriching her actual college life, but for the present tie that forever binds her to the past through the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

A sorority house, our very own, with an alumnae room for our own use and enjoyment, will be the greatest joy of all, for it will be a source of strength to the active chapter and a unity of interest to the alumnae, and an eternal tie for us all, and we shall be fulfilling substantially our ideal of being "founded on a rock."

We had our Thanksgiving dinner at the chapter house last night, full of enthusiasm, good cheer, personal attachment of young and "old," gladdened by song and turkey and toasts.

We, of the alumnae chapter, who always meet at these affairs, enjoy ourselves more each time, laughing over our ancient history and imparting such of it to freshman ears as we think will be appreciated. But our chief joy is to bear witness to the growth of the sorority, not alone in numbers, but in strength of purpose and in adherence to the ideals and worthy traditions of Gamma Phi. Out of what now seems feeble beginnings has grown the ideal structure, and we expect the ideal to be now clothed upon with the reality—and the house will symbolize not only the working of love we owe our community, but will recognize the power and strength lent by the entire sisterhood in making the growth of this individual branch possible. And the attainments of any one chapter should be a joy to all, and in our prosperity we thank you all and rejoice with you in your own.

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DENVER

ONCE again the Christmastide is with us, and in this season of peace and good-will we are trusting that the joys and blessings of our sister chapters may be as numerous as the berries upon the holly and the

mistletoe with which we deck our homes. So, first as a greeting—Merry Christmas to all! And after that—the happiest and most prosperous of New Years!

The history of the Denver Alumnæ Chapter is, of course, brief. Our first meeting was held with Lindsey Barbee, our next with Esther Doll; Louise Iliff was hostess in November, and on December 13 we are to be the guests of Mabel Walker Edwards. At this meeting we shall have with us again Isabelle White, who has returned to Denver after a half year in Paris.

Our new charter and the business for convention have claimed our time at these meetings. After four-thirty, two of the active chapter always join us, and with them we grow enthusiastic over their various affairs of college life. Socially, we have not been idle. In October, Edith Plested Avery, who has been visiting in the city during the summer, entertained us most charmingly. During the rushing season Louise Iliff opened her beautiful home to both active and alumnae chapters, and together with the prospective freshmen we enjoyed a most delightful musicale.

Now that rushing is over, and all the desired freshmen are wearing the double brown, we are rejoicing with the active girls over the glorious result of the strenuous social season. The college girls may be physical and financial wrecks, but the fact remains that they have gained the day; and at the initiation soon to be, past, present and future will join in the chorus,

"Oh, you must be a good Gamma Phi,
Or you won't go to heaven when you die."

Convention by this time has been numbered with the beautiful memories of the past, and we are anxiously awaiting the report of our delegate, Grace Twombly Miller. May the convention enthusiasm and inspiration be ours during the coming year! May the memory of a happy past be with us in the life of this new alumnae chapter; may the present hold naught but the best and truest; and may the future bring us all blessings for the sorority we love so well!



MINNESOTA

DEAR Gamma Phis All: Not quite two weeks ago came a telegram from Helen Weld, Kappa's delegate to convention, announcing that our Minnesota Alumnæ Association of Gamma Phi Beta had been granted an alumnae charter. In less than an hour the news had spread to all of us who were possessed of telephones, and such an exchange of mental hand-shaking as ensued! So here we are making our bow to Gamma Phi

and it takes me back about six years to the first letter that we, as an active chapter, wrote to THE CRESCENT.

Of those ten charter members, at least six are to be seen at the alumnae meetings today, as well as our still loyal and faithful sister and champion, Louise J. Crooker. Added to this number are sisters from Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon and Mu, besides about twenty Kappa alumnae who live in Minneapolis.

If we were a few weeks older we might tell you of our organization and plans for the year, but we have hardly had time to catch our breath as yet, so please excuse us.

Our alumnae meetings this year have been most enthusiastically attended, and everyone has gone home from each one feeling a little happier, if that could be, that she is a Gamma Phi.

The fact that the University is situated here in Minneapolis keeps all Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, in the closest touch with each other, and every standing committee in the active chapter has an alumna member. Our chief reason for existence is that we may be a strong and united organization to stand back of Kappa Chapter and not lend a helping hand to them, but be in their very midst with *both* hands ready to serve at all times.

The present problem is rushing, about which, under the new Pan-Hellenic rules here, you have read in a previous issue of THE CRESCENT. We are all in to win, and we feel every confidence that Kappa of Gamma Phi will be ready in April to introduce the finest freshmen in college as pledges.

I said that to strengthen our active chapter was our chief reason for existence, but we would be narrow indeed if we limited our interests to our own immediate circle, dear to us as it may be. There are so many spheres of activity in which the college-bred woman must take her place as a trained worker, and it is as such that we owe our first duty rather than as sorority women. Our lives are so full of things pleasurable and profitable that it is necessary for each one of us to decide for herself what is *most* worth while, and eliminate many things that are not.

It is my ambition for our alumnae chapter, as for all others, that it may be an organized effort for things that count in the development of all that is good and uplifting, *especially* to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Surely this thought is not inappropriate at this season when we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—ours has already begun.

Personals**Alpha**

Irma Schoepflin spent several days at the house after convention.

Mary Supptee, '07, spent Thanksgiving vacation at the chapter house.

Mrs. Ruth Piatt Wells, '04, was a guest at the house after convention.

Grace Zimmerlin, '06, was the guest of Laura Wilbur during convention.

Elizabeth Wildman, '06, was the guest of Bessie Bowe during the week of convention.

Lillian Titsworth, '06, was entertained by Mrs. Agnes Avery Millen during convention.

Mrs. Julia Babcock Dunkley, '04, of Kalamazoo, Mich., spent Sunday at the chapter house recently.

Invitations have been received for the wedding of Ethel Wells, '06, to George Welch, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the evening of December 4.

Mrs. Wilcie Dickerson Jones, ex-'09, of Birmingham, Ala., with her husband, Mr. Frank Jones, spent a day with us while on their wedding trip.

Beta

Adelaide Davis spent a week end with us this fall.

Sarah Hardy comes home from Toledo every week.

Vera Lay returned this month from a year's stay abroad.

Marie Shearer is now at their new home on Hill street.

Marion Dickinson is studying arts and crafts work this winter.

May Carpenter Taylor, of Detroit, visited us before going to Florida.

Isabel Hasie McKay, of Detroit, made a flying visit to Ann Arbor not long ago.

Florence Brownell is at home in Kalamazoo. She was also back for a few days.

Mary Putnam, of Ypsilanti, dropped in at the chapter house the other afternoon.

Frill Beckwith was back for a day or so visiting her sister, Alice Thompson.

Bess Rider Symons, '03, visited us for a few days this fall. She is now living in Saginaw.

Ada Gilbert Clos, of New Mexico, has been spending the winter with her mother in Ann Arbor.

Lulu Liessemmer, '07, has a position in the German Department of the Battle Creek High School.

Patty Bancker and Lorette Sherman, of Jackson, spent an afternoon and evening with us a few weeks ago.

Jessie Herman is teaching in Howell High School, near enough to come back often. Irene Gilbert is also there.

We are glad that Marguerite Burdsall, a pledge from Three Rivers, is convalescent after an attack of nervous prostration.

We have enjoyed several visits from Mary Christie, Zeta, and Kathryn Crawford, Epsilon, both of whom are living in Detroit.

Zaidee Belle Vosper is teaching in Pontiac, near Ann Arbor. She has been with us twice this fall, the first time since she was graduated in 1904.

Born, to Marion Brownell, nee Blyker, '06, of Kalamazoo, a son, November 9, 1907.

Gamma

Bernice Miller, ex-'07, has been visiting Gamma.

Nelle Miller, '04, attended Gamma's initiation and banquet.

Marguerite Samuels, of Darlington, visited Gamma last week.

Clara Barkhausen, of Green Bay, attended convention at Syracuse.

Edith Bower, ex-'06, and Louise Durst, '05, spent a day with Gamma.

The Misses Prosch visited Gamma for a day on their way to convention.

Harriet Ludlow, of Monroe, was in Madison for the Wisconsin-Illinois game.

Myrta Rhodarmel and Pearl Weston, Kappa, of Minneapolis, came down for the Minnesota game, and stayed with us several days.

Delta

Florence Beiler is in Porto Rico, where she is teaching English.

Hannah O. Litchfield, '07, is teaching in Westbrook High School.

Edith L. Riggs is teaching in the East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island.

Elizabeth S. Hacker, '07, has a position in the High School in Glastonberry, Conn.

Katharine D. Hardwick and Helen F. Osgood are engaged in associated charity work.

Delta has been very fortunate in meeting Gamma Phis from other chapters—the Misses Prosch, Miss Hersey, Miss Barkhausen, Miss Heffron, Miss Allen and Miss Kimball.

Epsilon

Anne White is teaching at Greenville, Illinois.

Sarah Shute is teaching at her home, Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Florence Wallace is preceptress at Onarga Seminary, Onarga, Illinois.

Epsilon was grieved to hear of the death of Edith Monagon's mother this summer. Our sympathy goes out to her.

Zeta

Born, to Lucile Reilley MacDonald, a son.

Ethel Lee Carr, ex-'06, is visiting Bess Brown, '08.

Elizabeth Gatch, '06, attended convention at Syracuse.

Nell Watts, '05, has just returned from a visit to New York.

Mrs. Fay Turner Chase has been visiting her sister in Walbrook.

Ann Williams is spending the winter with her sister in Schenectady, N. Y.

Flora Robinson spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Jessie Wilson in Princeton, New Jersey.

Imogen Dobbins Cannon has returned from her wedding trip and is now in her new apartment in New York City.

Florence Oehm, '05, has been confined to her home on account of ill health, but we are glad to announce that her condition is much improved.

Ethel Shriner, '07, left recently for a visit to New York. After returning from New York, she expects to go to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Eta

Grace Foulds, '04, our convention delegate, is expected back in December.

Marin Waterhouse, ex-'06, has paid frequent visits to the chapter house during the past semester.

The engagement has been announced of Charlotte Hoffman to Professor Kellogg of Stanford University.

Esto Dunbar, '08, spent a delightful Thanksgiving vacation at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hutchins, nee Alice Singer, ex-'07, in Gridley, California.

Alma Brown, '02, was married on October 19 to Charles K. Lower, of Stockton, California. Mabel and Hazel Pierce, both of Eta, were in the bridal party.

Iota

Olive Dutcher, Laura Van Cise and Laura Matthews, Iota alumnae, attended convention.

Miss Barkhausen of Gamma and the Misses Prosch of Lambda visited Iota on the day of the reception.

Flora Robinson of Zeta visited Barnard as Baltimore delegate to the Y. W. C. A. Conference held there. Iota regrets so much that on account of the short time it was impossible for any of the girls to see her.

Mu

Born, to Ethel Floyd Bosworth, Elgin, Ill., in October, a daughter.

Born, to Ethel Lloyd Bosworth, on October 2, a daughter, Barbara Lloyd.

Born, to Marion Junkins Skinner, Stanford University, in November, a daughter.

Elise Owen, '07, was down from Stockton for a short visit at the time of the game.

Jeannette Cole, '09, has been traveling in the East this fall. She visited Kappa for a time.

Pauline Gartzmann, '07, is spending the winter in San Diego. Her address is 2519 First street.

Helen Salisbury, '04, visited Mu for several weeks in November on her way from Lake Tahoe to her home in Los Angeles.

Syracuse

Mrs. Curtis' home is in the city, for which we are grateful, and we are especially glad of her loving counsel at our alumnae meetings.

At one of the convention events we were pleased to see Clara Worden Wilcox, the sorority's first initiate, wearing her own pledge colors.

We are sorry to learn this morning of the death of Mr. Willis Merrick Gage, father of Mrs. Belle Gage Dibble. He is also brother-in-law of Mrs. Cora Willard Frederick.

We were all so glad to see Mary Edson, '93, at convention. It was her first visit to Syracuse since illness compelled her to leave college at the close of her sophomore year.

Julia Babcock Dunkley surprised us by a call late in October. She was in town but a short time. During convention week her sister Lucy was with us. Lucy is teaching in Kalamazoo.

During convention week, Mrs. Wilcox gave at her home on Castle street a dinner in honor of the founders, one of whom—Miss Helen Dodge Ferguson—she entertained during her entire stay here.

Mrs. Willoughby was the guest of Mrs. Fanny Cobb Stevenson, and Mrs. Moss was with her sister, Mrs. Mira Haven Draper. Mrs. Moss remained a few days for a visit, but has now returned to Illinois.

Jessie Hurlbut Hodge, '95, is pleasantly settled in her new home at Charlotte, North Carolina. She writes that she is enjoying the warm southern winter days, and that "Baby Helen is well, and good, a blessing and a comfort." Mr. Hodge has a fine position as electrician for a large concern in Charlotte.

Boston

Euretta Kimball of Gamma and Mary Allen of Lambda are making their way into our Gamma Phi hearts during their residence in Boston.

Boston girls were glad of an opportunity to meet Edith Prosch of Lambda again, and also her sister, Beatrice, who came to Boston for the first time, during their visit with Marion Dean.

Florence Sherman and Lida Harris, while traveling in Europe together this summer, had the rare pleasure of meeting a Gamma Phi, and of their own chapter, too,—Edna Hilton, now of Minneapolis, and a too infrequent visitor to Boston. On the street in Rome and again in a train, bound from Geneva to Paris, three three met and experienced the delight only a few of us, comparatively, ever enjoy, of seeing the face of a Gamma Phi in a foreign land.

New York

In October, a son was born to Mrs. W. E. Palmer, of Jersey City.

Jean May Bruce is teaching English and History in the Briarcliff Manor School.

Willa May Fricke is still pursuing her course of study at the Woman's Hospital in New York. She hopes to receive her doctor's degree next year.

San Francisco

Mary Le Conte, '04, now Mrs. Jack Hoffman, has a little daughter.

Della West Bassick, '03, attended the Thanksgiving dinner, December 2, and it was a delight to see her.

Amy Phelan, '98, paid us a short visit in October. She is teaching at present in the Sacramento High School.

Lena Redington, '97, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her classmate and sister, Agnes Helen Thomas, at Fresno.

The engagement of Charlotte Hoffman, '01, and Professor Kellogg of the English Department of Stanford University has been announced. Miss Hoffman is at present traveling in Europe.

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Winifred Willard is spending the winter in Denver.

Ruth Wallace is teaching in Miss Nothcott's School.

Edith Reese Veatch is now located in Silver Plum, Colorado.

Born, to Edna Myers Allan, November 8, a daughter, Dorothy.

May Schiffer has spent the autumn months in Omaha and Chicago.

Isabelle White has returned to Denver after a delightful six months in Paris.

Ruth Drake Drysdale, of New Plymouth, Idaho, made a short September visit to us.

Carolyn Wolfe is studying the kindergarten course in the Normal School at Greeley.

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Greek Letter Societies and College Life

THE topic for discussion seems to carry with it a challenge which it might be well to consider a little first. So much adverse criticism is heard concerning the part Greek-letter societies play in college life that the desirability of college societies, anyway, seems called into question. On this point, whether Greek-letter societies are desirable or not, investigation shows us that students, the world over, are drawn together into little groups or clubs; there is something inherent in the student mind which causes their formation. A comparison of the aims of these loosely-knit local clubs, oftentimes formed purely for pleasure, with the high ideals of the national Greek-letter societies attests to the greater desirability of the latter. The various clubs in college often have interest in each other's affairs, so that no competitive spirit is aroused. Whereas, the similarity of purpose which exists in the fraternities calls forth competition which is stimulating and worthy if not carried too far. Again, the watchful oversight of the local chapters by the national organization keeps them up to a high standard of scholarship and general excellence, a spur which the local club lacks.

The "Independent" for October 5th, 1905, contains a fair-minded statement of the fraternity question, entitled, "Good and Evil of College Fraternities." The author, who is anonymous, speaks of the custom in many fraternities of recording all the ranks of the members. He says:

"The chapters which do this have made remarkable records in scholarship, and wherever you find one that has carried on the system long, you will find that the alumni list has a notable number of scholars and distinguished men of affairs."

Now let us consider the negative side of our subject, since the objections to college societies are what the members largely meet with from the outside world, and afterwards, we will try to answer some of these objections.

In the first place, the line should not be drawn so sharply between societies in college functions, showing that we are Gamma Phis, or Kappas, or Alpha Phis, before we are anything else. You remember, how Nathan exclaims in the play of "Nathan Der Weise"—"Are we Christian or Jew before we are *Men*?" So, first of all, are we not fellow students of the same college? All plans should be made for the honor of the college and afterward, if any special honor comes to us, then be proud that it reflects credit upon the sorority. Above all, let us not flaunt our sorority membership so much before the eyes of the college world that we are always thought of as Gamma Phis. Be simple and natural, always thoughtful for our neighbor—deciding who is our neighbor according to Biblical instruction—and loyal to our college and then our chapter will be highly respected for numbering such girls in its ranks.

Another objection commonly raised, is that secret societies are so bound up in themselves that they take no interest in college life as a whole. Since a chapter, theoretically, is composed of picked girls, it would appear that the fraternity girl was more capable of taking the lead than the non-fraternity girl. And yet, how often the management of college functions is left to the "nons," while "the frat-girl" stands aloof. She loses, thereby, the

training which comes from managing a large college affair, as well as the wider acquaintance in the college world.

President Seelye, of Smith College, has an article in the September "Ladies' Home Journal" on the "Influence of Sororities," in which he has much to say on this very point. He speaks of the fact that the lives of women are necessarily contracted and their acquaintance limited so that the college life gives them the greater breadth of interest which they need. The sorority possesses all the qualities of the home life by narrowing the circle of friendship to its own members, and thus counteracts one of the great benefits to be obtained from the college life. To quote a bit, he says: "It lessens their interest in communal life and their sense of obligation which membership in the academic family imposes."

Any sorority woman who reads this article must feel that President Seelye's judgment is rather severe and his conclusions one-sided, for he does not give a single paragraph in consideration of any benefits to be obtained from the sorority, while admitting a possible advantage in the fraternity.

We have all seen the shy, awkward freshman transformed into a charming self-possessed sophomore, through the influence of her sorority sisters. Such a girl would have retired to a quiet corner whence no friendly hand would have drawn her forth in a woman's college where the sorority is tabooed. We have all seen the fun-loving, irresponsible girl suddenly develop a perfect genius for responsibility and became the bulwark of the chapter. Then there is the girl indifferent to her marks whom the watchful oversight of the chapter incites to more industry with the honor of the chapter for a motive. But our purpose is not to defend our sorority to President Seelye, and we pass on to the consideration of another objection.

We are often accused of lacking in loyalty to our college. It is claimed that the fraternity absorbs it all. Yet a loyalty that is not broad enough to include both does not amount to much. And the society member who is not loyal to her college will not feel an excess of loyalty for her society.

Let me digress enough to remark at this point that I believe conditions in Boston University, my alma mater, to be typical of other co-educational colleges, so far as inter-sorority relations are concerned and relations to the college world in general.

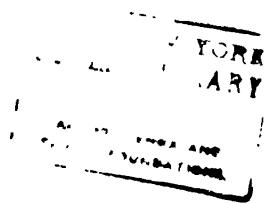
I submitted this subject to two sorority women, members of a different sorority from my own, and each other, though alumnae of the same college as myself. "Why, you don't believe in them, do you?" said one, "don't you think they are narrowing in their influence?" And the other woman spoke of the shut-out feeling which the non-fraternity girls feel. This, I admitted, was an evil hard to cure. But doesn't this exist in any college, whether there are sororities or not, I argued. There are bound to be cliques and too often, in the women's colleges where there are no societies, these cliques are founded upon wealth, and thus the girl on the outer circle of the social life is made to feel the contrast between her lot and more fortunate girls, very keenly.

An alumna gains a certain perspective upon this subject which only time can give and which the college girl cannot possess. She can see, after graduation, wherein things might have been made a little pleasanter for the "nons," places where fraternity lines need not have been drawn so strictly. She sometimes realizes that friendships were blighted with girls of other societies that might have been most congenial and lasting if the imaginary gulf between the two could have been crossed. As in any form of civilized government where men are controlled by law, each one must give up some of his individual rights and privileges for the greater benefits coming to him under a wise and stable government, so each society member seems to lose a little of her freedom in forming friendships according to her fancy, for the closer friendship which she gains within the bonds of a society.

It is time, now, to turn to the affirmative side of the question. That the college society does not absorb all the loyalty, we have an example in the action of Theta, which is mentioned in her last CRESCENT letter. I refer to the pledge of \$1000 which the chapter



OLIVE V. McDOWELL



made to the university's building fund. The various Greek-letter societies in Boston University, led by Delta Chapter, through their alumni associations, have contributed several hundred dollars each to the Professorship of History Fund which the alumni undertook to raise.

There are doubtless other cases where our chapters, and other societies, too, have borne their share in college enterprizes. They have offered prizes for the college paper to award, they have prepared plays for the dramatic society, they have kept open houses for the faculty and the college students, to mention only a few forms wherein the loyalty of the chapter to the college expresses itself. And the chapter always acts as a magnet to draw the alumnae back to college, for the alumna who has not returned for years is sure that when she comes the mention of her name insures her 'a warm hand-clasp and a hearty welcome. So the Greek-letter society performs a valuable service in disseminating news of the college world among its alumnae and in keeping them in touch with the college.

Charles Dudley Warner, when asked to write in defense of his fraternity, exclaimed: "Defend my fraternity! I could as soon think of defending the sunlight, and I cannot get myself into the proper mood to do either."

As an alumnae of ten years' standing, I can see now the mistakes which might have been remedied during college days, and yet, mistakes or not, I refused to yield a point to the other alumnae who thought sororities an evil. No matter how faulty the policy, how regrettable the mistakes, Gamma Phi Beta still remains one of the biggest forces and one of the dearest memories of my college days. And I always feel a twinge of pity for the alumna from one of our big women's colleges in the East who did not have this experience in her college life. She has lost some of the richness, some of the fullness of college associations which the eclat of graduating from a big college cannot make up for.

[*Note.—I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to Dean Warren, of the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University, for many helpful suggestions.]*

ELIZABETH PUTNAM, Delta.

Lambda's New Home

EVER since Gamma Phi Beta established a chapter at the University of Washington, the girls that comprised Lambda have looked forward to the time when they would possess their own home. After five years of patient waiting their hopes have been rewarded and although we cannot say truthfully that it is our very own we feel that it is near to it as we shall come for many years. Through the kind offices of Mr. Prosch, of Seattle, Lambda has moved into a new home with the deepest sense of satisfaction that it is all that we could ask for.

The section in which the house is situated is new and is destined to become one of the prettiest residence districts around the University. The site is incomparable, as it commands full sweep of Lake Washington and the Cascade mountains with its two majestic peaks, Mt. Rainier and Mt. Baker.

The house itself is well adapted to the location. It is of a low rambling architecture, entirely shingled and stained a rich brown. A Dutch door marks the entrance into the reception hall. To the right is the living room, which extends the whole south side and opens onto the cement porch through long French windows. At the farther end of the room is the red brick fire place with corner seats on either side. At the front is a deep window seat flanked by book cases. The woodwork is done in dark brown, which harmonizes well with the green tinting. The furniture is entirely mission, while Turkish rugs cover the floor and stenciled curtains drape the doorways.

To the left of the reception hall is the den, hung with many pennants. Farther on is the dining room shut off from the main hall by folding glass doors. Here, too, are found window seats and a big fire place, with china closets on each side. The second and third floor are given over to large bedrooms, seven on the second and three on the third. The servants' apartments are back of the kitchen on the first floor, leaving the girls plenty of space.

This description but poorly portrays Lambda's home and the

only effectual way of gaining a knowledge of its true beauty is by coming and seeing for yourselves. So Lambda extends a most cordial invitation to all of her sisters and hopes in the near future to entertain every one of you at some time.



Inter-Sorority Relations

INTER-SORORITY relations is one of those topics which evoke noble sentiments at the beginning of a discussion. At the end it is apt to degenerate into an animated and scarcely unprejudiced account of the last squabble in the local Pan-Hellenic. Inter-sorority relations form a sort of Gordian knot. Every one has a turn at it—loosening in one place only to tighten past help in another. In my opinion Alexander's way was the best with the Gordian knot—he cut it. But that I am not permitted to do.

The most notable plan which has been brought for bettering inter-sorority relations is the Inter-Sorority Conference. Its importance, it seems to me, is not what it has done nor what it will do in coöperative organization. That, indeed, is important to keep Greek standards well forward and more nearly abreast than they have been. But the dry bones of discussion at an Inter-Sorority Conference will never, by any regulation whatsoever, make one sorority more charitable to another at any given place or time. What is the bearing of such a conference on inter-sorority relations, then? The very fact of there being such a conference—of the sororities' working together for any end (in this case it matters not what) is the first step toward the inter-sorority ideal. We need the inter-sorority ideal for it will hasten the day when Greek shall meet Greek “with malice toward none, with charity toward all.” This will clearly be when the lion and the lamb lie down together. (But let us not be of the cynical ones who suggest that the lamb will be inside the lion.)

Pan-Hellenic organization is a subject which requires some mention in its influence on inter-sorority relations. In the experience of Iota Pan-Hellenic has not improved relations between

sororities. Instead of binding together the sororities for mutual support, it renders them mutually repellent. This is bound to be so since, practically speaking, the chief province of the local Pan-Hellenics is to fix pledge day and make rushing rules. Every sorority delegate when in Pan-Hellenic has her sorority's interest specially at heart at such times and it is natural to be self-centered and suspicious. Does some one say Pan-Hellenic has a broader basis than this; it is to coöperate with the faculty; it is to look after college matters of inter-sorority interest! But, frankly, how often does the Pan-Hellenic meet for such purposes, compared with the many times when it must regulate rushing. It is seldom called upon by the faculty for coöperation and the matter of inter-sorority interest is rushing.

I have ventured to offer this criticism of the method thought to promote inter-sorority friendliness. What have I to suggest in its place? Ill-feeling there will be during rushing season—to some extent. But what can we do to prevent the narrowness of party feeling, inevitable at such times, from becoming the distinguishing mark of the sorority girl. The cure, it seems to me, lies not with any outside source, be it general conference or local Pan-Hellenic. It lies with each sorority to discourage that spirit as sophomoric, which clings to the memory of old fights and continually snuffs the air of battle. To keep it effectually in the background, there is one way which is successful. There are, of course, others, but this I have seen proved. Working with other sorority girls on college publications, in college plays, and organizations is one of the surest ways of promoting good understanding between different sororities. Moreover, it keeps out of one's own chapter that deadly spirit of, "We are the people and wisdom shall die with us."

Let me suggest also that there is much good to be got from perusing other sorority and fraternity magazines.

In closing, there is just one point—no, to be honest, there are just about forty points I should like to make. But to content myself with one! We all know the pleasant friendships we have

had with girls in other sororities. Has that hurt our love for our own sorority? You will say, "No!" Shall we not, therefore, lend ourselves socially to all that is worthy in college life, knowing that we can never stray from the mystic circle?

HELEN CARTER, Iota.



Rushing

IT is a little hard on the Greek-letter world, when one realizes the scholastic definition of the term "rushing," that such a name should ever have been applied to our well-meant efforts to place others in a position as happy as our own. "To drive or push with violent haste or impetuosity; to enter rashly or precipitately," says the Standard dictionary, is the one true meaning of rushing. This is sad. We trust that we do not drive or push our freshmen into membership. We hope and pray that they do not enter rashly or precipitately, and yet—it is not difficult to imagine a condition where such circumstances are quite possible.

The word "rush," to us, should mean: To give a freshman the lasting impression that she not only wants to live with us, but can barely live without us.

This, of course, is not for our first meeting with the freshman. Neither is such an impression to be created before the sorority *as a whole* desire that she wear the pin, nor before we know that there are no valid reasons why she should not wear it.

Ascertain these two things and then create your impression. In the right sort of rushing the sorority girl assumes much of the attitude of a man towards any woman. It is not a servile nor a favoring attitude, but a distinct effort to interest the rusheeé, to make her enjoy herself and to perform the little services which are so small in the doing, but so large in the feeling of friendliness engendered. It is the effort to realize what one felt, suffered and enjoyed, when in the freshman's position, and the only right attitude in "rushing" is arrived at by such an effort. Not whether one is "making a hit" with the freshman on account of

good clothes and a wonderful flow of the superior knowledge gained by prior residence in the college; not whether one is giving a clear idea of the manifest superiority of the only sorority on earth worth while joining—these are not the questions. The freshman may have seen good clothes and heard much talk before; she may even have the broadness of mind and depth of experience to know that there are other sororities. The whole impetus to rushing should be: Am I making this little girl happy and at ease? Am I myself appearing as the true womanly woman Gamma Phi Beta would have me to be? From such an attitude the reflex action cannot but be good both for sorority and member. In other words, think of self in relation to some other self—subordinate, if necessary, abnegate, all thought of one's own good to the good of the sorority and its possible future member.

Little courtesies, the things which a younger woman instinctively does for an older, or which a man does for a woman, are the things which count far more than elaborate display or ostentatious flattery. The picking up of a handkerchief, the deferring of an opinion, means more than any amount of talk about "beautiful eyes" and "trade lasts." Do not imagine that upperclass dignity is lost by such service. After initiation your freshman will repay your courtesies with the same gracious dignity in which they were offered; she may repay your flattery, but you will distrust her if she does.

The standpoint of this chapter has usually been that individual rushing is infinitely more practical and successful than formal entertaining. The sorority, one by one, can really *know* the rusheé, and can at the same time reveal its everyday happiest side to her. She becomes almost insensibly one with them in spirit—she begins to care for individual girls for certain personal characteristics, not because they are part of a glittering and unapproachable body. Glow worms are often much more comforting than constellations or fixed stars. Furthermore, there are the

important items of time and unnecessary expense. Never be niggardly in rushing; give and do in so far as you can; but insist that this giving and doing be volitional; not wrung from those who can ill afford it. Outside of the ordinary little chapter events which all willingly contribute toward, there are always enough girls who are willing to "rush" the freshman along some special line. For the benefit of those who cannot do this, have your rusheé at the chapter house for dinner, very informally, or bring her around some evening when the girls are singing Gamma Phi songs, and she will feel your spirit more than she would if handed an ice and a macaroon at some ultra-formal affair.

The most sane and reasonable prospect for the future, though at present a very hazy one, is that of no rushing whatever, in the common acceptance of the word. Entrance into the sorority sophomore year, with plenty of time to know your girls before choosing, is ideal. After one possibly straitened year, the house would take care of itself, and the spirit of your freshman toward both chapter and college would be far better. But until that ideal state arrives, we must do our best during rushing to create the spirit which is going to make a good member of the sorority and of the college. And this can be done by the example which we set in our own action and conversations.

Don't be loud. Don't boast of yourself or of your sorority. Don't spend too much money or dress too much. The freshman may think she can't afford to do the same next year. Don't think your freshman is an immature idiot. She may be as wise as you, or more so. Don't talk about "our girls" or "our sorority" too much. You may have other subjects of common interest. Don't talk parties and men too much; on the other hand, don't try to pose as a grind; both are equally childish to the well-balanced mind. Don't think your rusheé doesn't know more than she looks. Don't talk secrets or call each other aside when your freshman is around. Don't jolly, don't be sarcastic at the expense of others; above all, don't knock other sororities. A good word

about some girl in another order will do more to set the freshman brain to working on your many fine girls than quantities of self-praise and disparagement of others.

Do try to help your rusheeé in the natural difficulties of the first year. Do make her feel that you are her older sister; a very present help in time of trouble. Do let her see that you have ideals of squareness and womanliness, which you are not ashamed to display. Do make her feel that you are rushing her for her own sake, not for her family or for her pocketbook. This last is unnecessary to mention in Gamma Phi, I thoroughly believe. Do introduce her to your friends, and make her path easy into "the right crowd" of the college.

In a word, be yourself, and be a good Gamma Phi, and you will neither "push with violence" nor will she "enter precipitably." Forget yourself, but never forget your rusheeé—subordinate yourself, but never subordinate your sorority—and your rushing will lead surely and truly to that day when we see our beloved crescent borne over the rusheeé's heart.

RUTH LAYCOCK, Alpha.



Hilda

Dreaming, she watched the turquoise waters dance and sparkle,
 With slow, sweet smile she hailed the radiant day,
 Singing, she bound her hair with golden sunbeams,
 And watched the white ships sail across the bay.

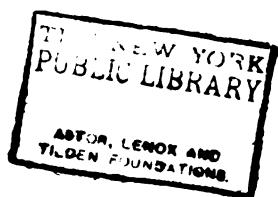
At eve the little fisher boats came sailing inland,
 At eve she waited till the grey night came,
 The naked stars looked down from out the heavens,
 And saw with her the flash-lights pale and flame.

A wave came in from the deep, a little wave and white,
 It broke into tears and sobbed: Why keep
 Your watch for one who lies asleep,
 Far under the restless sea, Ah me,
 Forever under the sea.

GLADYS WILTON, Delta, '08.
 —From the Boston University Beacon.



MISS EDITH BEATRICE WALLACE, Denver
Advisory Member of the Executive Board



In Memoriam

Olive V. McDowell, Iota

O LIVE V. McDOWELL, only child of Bishop and Mrs. William Feaser McDowell, entered into eternal life at Camden, South Carolina, on December 23, 1907.

During the years of 1902 and 1903, Miss McDowell was a student at Barnard College, and at this time was initiated into Iota Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. From the day when we first pinned our badge upon her, she took an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare of our sorority. Her last service was the signing of a check in payment of her CRESCENT subscription for the coming year.

Her college life was brief—ill health came. For five years she suffered patiently until at last she heard the Master's voice saying, "It is enough—come up higher."

It seems like a strange providence to us, that a life so young, so full of promise, should close its earthly career so soon. Pure and true, ever kind and cheerful, her influence will linger with us in sweet and tender memory.

"She is not dead—the child of our affection—
But gone unto that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection
And Christ himself doth rule.

In that great cloister's stillness and seclusion,
By guardian angels led,
Safe from temptation, safe from sins' pollution,
She lives, whom we call dead."

At a January meeting of Iota Chapter the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our sister, Olive V. McDowell; be it

Resolved, That we, the Iota Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved parents our deepest

sympathy; we mourn with them in their loss, yet we are grateful for the memory and influence of her character as a sister beloved. She stands before us as a noble example of one who bore uncomplainingly and with fortitude the weakness which deprived her of so many pleasures, which as a young woman she should have enjoyed; and be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our sincere grief, drape our badge for the period of thirty days; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bishop and Mrs. McDowell, and be published in THE CRESCENT.

LINDA BELLE SAVITZ.
ELLEN K. O'GORMAN.
EDNA WALMSLEY STITT.

Cornelia Lydia Brown

It is with deep sorrow that we again chronicle the loss of one of our sisters. Cornelia Lydia Brown, of the class of '84, died, after a lingering illness, at her home in Auburn, N. Y., on January 17, 1908.

From her initiation into the sisterhood to the last hour of her life she exemplified most truly all we can mean when we say "she was a good Gamma Phi."

Though her illness had for some time prevented her from being often with us, she was able to join us at our Alumna Reunion last June. Ever cheerful, even when prostrated with weakness and pain, she was an inspiration to all who knew her, whether friends or the nearer and dearer sisters in Gamma Phi. Short services were held at the home of her brother, in Auburn, on January 20. The sorority was represented by Mrs. Grace Hobart Clark, Miss Mary Whitford, Mrs. Seth D. Baker, Mrs. Nellie Morgan and Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke.

Services and interment took place the following day at Cortland, N. Y., her former home, and were largely attended by her many friends in that city.

KATE GARDNER COOKE,
For the Syracuse Alumnae.

RESOLUTIONS.

Inasmuch as we, the Alpha chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, have lost through death Caroline Brown, our beloved sister, be it

Resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy to her family in their bereavement, and be it

Resolved, That we drape our badges for a period of thirty days, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE CRESCENT, and also be sent to the college papers.

DEIRDRE MACE,

OLIVE PIERCE,

For Alpha Chapter.

Edith Mitchell Hambright

A GAIN Gamma has draped the badge of Gamma Phi Beta, for death, who visited us only a twelve-month ago, has returned to claim our sister, Edith Mitchell Hambright.

Edith Mitchell was born in Menominee, Michigan, February 14, 1882. Here she spent her childhood days, moving later with her parents, to Racine Wisconsin, where she received her high school education. In the fall of 1900 she entered the University of Wisconsin, was pledged to Gamma Phi, and initiated in October. Then followed two happy years—happy for Edith, who was most popular in college circles, and happy for those of us who claimed the friendship and the love of this sister. Edith was of the party from Gamma that instituted Kappa Chapter and many were the friends she made on that pleasant trip to Minneapolis.

In October, 1904, she was married to Mr. Harold Gould Hambright, of Racine. Her married life, which was ideally happy, was made still more bright by the arrival of a little son last spring. Immediately upon this, tuberculosis followed. Change of climate and constant care at a sanitarium both proved ineffectual. With absolute resignation Edith awaited the fate decreed for her until February the eighth saw the close of that sweet and all too short young life.

FLORENCE DAISY STOTT.

Indian Pipes

THE GHOST FLOWERS.

Do you know the weird place where the ghost flowers grow
All in a white and shivering row,
Along the dark hollow so bosky and brown,
Far from the highway and far from the town;
So still and so silent, so lean and so low;
Do you know? Do you know?

Do you know how they gleam through the dusky dark
Of hemlock and pine and brushwood and bark,
So piteous and pale, so shy and discreet,
With the leafy brown mold wrapped over their feet,
Close swathed all in white above and below;
Do you know? Do you know?

Do you know how the beetles and bugs as they pass
Scuffle and shuffle and sneak through the grass;
How the birds stop their singing and fly through the gloom,
Where the ghost flowers gleaming threaten their doom?
"What is it"? they say, and "Why is it so"?
Do you know? Do you know?

Do you know why they stand in the sultry shade
Of tree stump and rock and woodland and glade,
And hold their white faces so close to the ground,
And never look up and never look round,
Through the summers that come and the summers that go;
Do you know? Do you know?

ANNIE GRACE GOODSELL, Delta, '08.
—In the Boston University Beacon.

The Value of the Chapter Letter

HERE are very few chapters of Gamma Phi Beta who do not seem to feel the importance of the chapter letter and the necessity of making it a communication that is at the same time newsy, accurate in details, interesting, legible, and *prompt*—but above all things making it a real communication to their sister chapters. However, there is much truth in the following article published in the Beta Theta Pi that will strike home to many of us I do not doubt.

A great deal can be said about the form and quality of the chapter letter and a great deal is always being said about it. We constantly hear, "write legibly, on one side of the sheet only, spell proper names correctly, keep a notebook to jot down the events of the quarter as they happen, etc., etc." Too much cannot be said about it all, but these are little things that tell only too surely the attitude of her chapter, through the correspondent, toward the chapter letter which is the one vital touch with its sister chapters.

The editor of Beta Theta Pi says:

"The function of Beta Theta Pi and all similar journals is first and foremost to afford a medium for the publication of chapter letters. Its secondary functions are to keep the fraternity informed concerning its doings collectively and the doings of its members individually when such doings are noteworthy, to note the progress of colleges and institutions and other fraternities and in general to keep in touch with the fraternity side of college life.

Recently a correspondent wrote a letter to the Palm of Alpha Tau Omega and complained that too much space was given in it to chapter letters, that it was not out on time and that it contained many errors. The complaining correspondent was himself late in sending in his communication. The editor of the Palm felt himself compelled to state the reasons for its existence and did so in such an able manner that we gladly reproduce what he said:

The Palm is published because it affords a convenient vehicle for the dissemination of information throughout the fraternity. It supplanted the older system of interchapter correspondence. Instead of being compelled to write a quarterly letter to each chapter it is enough now that the correspondent write one letter to the Palm. This journal was founded primarily, to publish chapter letters. This is amply evidenced by the fact that many of the earlier issues were almost wholly devoted to chapter letters, and as long as this management remains in control so long will the chapter letter remain the essential feature of the Palm. Anything will be sacrificed in their behalf. Space, time, money—anything—must bow to the chapter letter. We insist that it shall be so not only because we tread the path of the traditions of Alpha Tau Omega and her Palm, but also because we have an abiding faith in the chapter letter and its usefulness.

It is because the chapter letter has been perverted that it seems unimportant. Because men fail to put in it their best endeavors, it is vapid, nonsensical and valueless. Because men fail to grasp its importance they abuse it and then deride it and would banish it—forsooth!—that the Palm be out on time!

Not so with us. The chapter letter saves the Palm from being sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Hence our almost superhuman efforts, at times, to induce neglectful correspondents to forward their letters. Hence, our untiring energy to secure complete representation. Hence, too, our patience in waiting until November 13th for Bro. Trube's letter. It was due November 1st.

The present undergraduate fraternity man accepts all the benefits of fraternity life as a matter of course. They existed when he came to college. They exist for him to enjoy and they always will exist. His usual attitude is one of criticism because they are not more abundant or greater in value. It is not until he is out of college and his point of view changes that he appreciates the work of his predecessors who by much self sacrifice have made possible his comfortable fraternity home, its efficient organization, its publications full of information. The Beta Theta Pi was slowly built up. It did not reach its present standing without much

hard work. All of our publications are monuments to the unselfish labor out of which they grew. Each of our chapter houses stands for much self denial. If the undergraduate could only realize what the fraternities were not so very long ago he would be very thankful for the work which has made them what they are now."



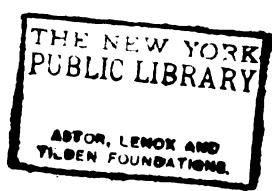
Women and Coeducation

COEDUCATION has been on trial in many of the colleges of this country for over a quarter of a century. In many respects the experiment has accomplished more than its most ardent advocates anticipated, in other particulars it has been a failure. The fact, however, is that it has not had, altogether, a fair field. The young women in most of the coeducational institutions have not in all respects been provided with the same advantages which are given to the young men students. There are colleges that have opened their doors to young women by building for them an annex. The equipment of the annex, as regards library and laboratories, is very inferior to that of the men's college of the same institution. Though the body of men students is small in some of these colleges and the classes correspondingly small, with a full faculty of competent men instructors, the young women are not allowed to enjoy these advantages with the young men, but have a teaching force of their own which in numbers and efficiency is inferior to that of the main college. There are other institutions which have equipments for the young men which are idle part of the time, and though the young women are sorely in need of these advantages, they are not allowed to enjoy them. We know one college in the middle west with a large body of students about equally divided between the young men and women. A splendid gymnasium has been recently built which is exclusively used by the men students, though members of the faculty have confessed that arrangements could easily be made giving the women about half of the time with no lack of

efficiency to the men. The college of music connected with this university is not equal to the demands of the young women by whom it is almost exclusively patronized. The same is true of the art department. When an appeal is made to the governing board to give the young ladies the privilege of the gymnasium and to increase the art and musical facilities, they refuse upon the plea that if the attractions are so strong for young women there is danger of the institution becoming a woman's college. The only departments connected with this college which show any profit is the college of music and the young women's dormitory. This argument of the trustees of this institution would close all the high schools in the country, for the girls vastly outnumber the boys in attendance. Besides this, the above-mentioned college has an unwritten law to have men instructors only, as far as possible. With all these disadvantages against the young women students they are making a record, as regards scholarship, quite the equal of the young men. This was proven by the report of a committee of the faculty of this same college who were appointed to go over the college records for years past and report a certain percent of the highest grade students of each graduating class. This investigation revealed the fact that the young women were as numerous among the high-class students as the young men. There needs to be some readjustment in many of our co-educational colleges touching the matters presented in the article, or else, in all fairness, these institutions should go out of the coeducational business.

LAMBDA'S CHAPTER HOUSE







THE editor wishes that she might adequately express her sympathy with Iota Chapter and her friends in the Denver and Theta Chapters, indeed with the whole sorority at large in the bereavement they feel in the death of Olive McDowell. She feels that the loss has been a personal one to her for she knew Olive for several years—knew her wonderful heroism and her strong, tender, beautiful character and was unusually drawn to her. Her last conscious act was signing a check for her subscription to THE CRESCENT and was indicative of her unfailing thoughtfulness and her love and loyalty to her sorority. In this as in many of her characteristics, she set us an example worthy of our emulation.

We are glad that we could be present when they laid her to rest in the beautiful little cemetery of Delaware and could offer Bishop and Mrs. McDowell in their great grief the assurance of our unfailing sympathy and love.



WE are glad to present to our sisters a picture of Edith Beatrice Wallace, our representative on the Executive Board from our new Alumnae Chapter in Denver. Both the chapter as a whole and the new member of the Board are exceptionally enthusiastic and we are glad to welcome as strong and representative an association in our list of Alumnae Chapters. We regret that we are unable to present the new member from

Milwaukee Chapter, but hope that we may have a picture of Mrs. Baldwin in time for a later issue of THE CRESCENT.



Permanent Good of Conventions

THE aftermath of the Syracuse convention should be inspiring and enduring. Gatherings like our annual conventions have not accomplished all their purposes when they have given a few days of social functions and business sessions to the delegates assembled. They should be the means of larger vision and deeper inspiration to those attending. Every chapter should feel the stimulating effects for months that follow. Every plan and idea suggested by the convention for the betterment of the fraternity life should be actualized by the chapters and membership as quickly as possible. Unless this is the result of the convention it is not worth the effort and expense of holding it.



Common Dishonesty

THERE are species of dishonesty practiced by some people which they have not given sufficient consideration to see the immorality underlying them. There are those who would spurn the suggestion of taking what did not belong to them, though they were absolutely certain that they would not be discovered in the act. They meet every obligation of financial indebtedness of an ordinary character with scrupulous punctiliousness. But there is one kind of indebtedness which they do not regard as morally binding. We refer to their subscriptions to periodicals. They not only defer the payment beyond the time permitted by the contract of the publishers, but thousands of people, honest in every other particular, will fail entirely in paying their subscriptions for periodicals. This is dishonesty plain and simple and is on a par with jumping a board bill, or stealing a ride from a railroad company.

National Sororities and Local Societies

THE position of the government of some colleges allowing local fraternities, but forbidding the existence of national sororities is incomprehensible to us. For all the evils alleged against the national societies by these authorities are found in a more aggravated form in the local fraternity. If the national sororities are undemocratic, much more the local sororities, which have no bonds of fellowship outside their little circle. If the national sororities engender humiliation to those who are not admitted to membership, the effect is the same with the local organization. And so throughout the list of the evils alleged, the national sororities are less effected than the local. A college faculty which is alive to the modern forces that enter into the educational life of our day will coöperate with the fraternity spirit of the present. One of the most effective college presidents we know, enters heartily into the fraternity life of the boys, and has used the fraternities to great advantage in matters of administering discipline.

*College Sororities for College Girls*

THE editor overheard the following conversation on a street car which reveals a tendency in sorority life that needs some attention with a view to remedying the evil. First young lady—"How are you getting on with your college work?" Second young lady—"Oh, quite well; I have received a bid from _____ sorority, and will accept, now I do not expect to attend college much longer." From the trend of this conversation it was evident that this young lady entered college with the sole purpose of securing admission into a sorority. This young lady represents a class of whom we have known quite a number, whose sole ambition was to become a member of some sorority and not to take a college course. Young ladies of this kind practice a deception on the sorority by which they are bid. College sorori-

ties are for college women and not for social prestige. We believe the sororities should protect themselves against this evil. Would it not be a good thing if every candidate before bid to membership in a sorority were asked the question, "Is it your purpose to complete your college course, unless unavoidably prevented?" A college sorority is designed for college-bred women and is not adapted to social butterflies. Social clubs have their place in the social world, but college sororities are born and fostered in the atmosphere and by the traditions of college life, and therefore only young women who have lived under these influences for a number of years are material fit to build into a college sorority structure. Nothing will put down the criticism of college authorities against sororities and commend them as genuine factors for the development of intellectual life and genuine literary culture as to keep them free from the merely social spirit. Young ladies therefore who aspire only to social position have no legitimate place in a college sorority, nor has the sorority any mission for such.

The college sorority which would admit a very considerable number of the class of girls who do not expect to take a college course would soon die out. The burden of sustaining college sororities falls upon those who complete their college course. It is therefore self-evident that the social adventuress has no place in the membership of a sorority, nor can she be other than a burden upon the sorority into which by false pretenses she may chance to slip.

A Report on the Present Condition of Pan-Hellenics in the United States

BY LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, GAMMA PHI BETA

THE sixth Inter-Sorority Conference, which met in Chicago September 13, 1907, directed a committee of one to collect statistics from all the Pan-Hellenics which could be reached, and to form from them a general report on Pan-Hellenics. This report was to consider: (1) the similarities and differences in Pan-Hellenic constitutions; (2) the difficulties met by these associations; and (3) the ways of solving those difficulties. Reports have been received from fifty Pan-Hellenics, and the facts gathered have been grouped under the headings given below:

I. THE LARGEST PAN-HELLENICS.

Name of College.	No. of Sororities in the Pan-Hellenic.	Date of Pledge Day.
Syracuse University	11.....	Matriculation day
Northwestern University	10.....	October 11
Wisconsin University	10.....	Matriculation day
California University	9.....	September 13
Nebraska University	9.....	November 23
Barnard College	8.....	April, 1909
Illinois University	8.....	October 5
Michigan University	8.....	Matriculation day, and Spring
Minnesota University	8.....	April 11
Baltimore College	6.....	November 23
Boston University	6.....	October 21
De Pauw University	6.....	October 28
Leland Stanford University	6.....	September 26
Colorado University	5.....	September 16
Washington State University	5.....	Matriculation day

II. DATE OF PLEDGE DAY.

- 7 Colleges pledge in September.
- 15 Colleges pledge in October.
- 9 Colleges pledge in November.
- 3 Colleges pledge in December.
- 1 College pledges in January.
- 1 College pledges in March.
- 2 Colleges pledge in April.
- 1 College pledges at the beginning of the Sophomore Year.
- 11 Colleges pledge on Matriculation Day.

The Colleges pledging in December are the University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, and Adelphi College. Ohio State University pledges in January, Newcombe College in March, and the University of

Minnesota and Barnard College pledge in April. Barnard, however, by faculty ruling, does not pledge till April, 1909. The University of Mississippi, by faculty ruling, does not pledge till the Sophomore year.

III. LOCALS.

Thirty-five out of the fifty Colleges reporting have no locals in their Pan-Hellenics; the other fifteen each have one, and all but two report that the locals are just as willing as the nationals to abide by Pan-Hellenic rulings. At Adelphi College and at the University of Michigan the local has made trouble by pledging before Matriculation Day, or before the pledge day established by Pan-Hellenic.

IV. CONSTITUTIONS.

Twenty-two Colleges out of the fifty sent no constitutions; as they were especially requested to send copies, it seems probable that they had none to send. Indeed, nine of the twenty-two state that they have no constitution, or that it is being formulated for the first time this year. Most of the constitutions sent were very similar, and followed the model constitution distributed by the Inter-Sorority Conference last year. But a few points of difference appear, especially in the time of meeting, the arrangements for calling meetings, and the vote required for passing measures.

Thirteen Pan-Hellenics, only, have any provision in their constitutions for regular meetings. Boston, Hillsdale, Nebraska, Texas, Simpson, and West Virginia have a regular meeting once a semester. Minnesota, Northwestern, Swarthmore, and Washington State University have monthly meetings. Colorado and Ohio State University have meetings in alternate months; and Leland Stanford has a meeting in April of each year. Five constitutions state that special meetings may be called at any time, by sending a request to the chairman of Pan-Hellenic, and one or two Colleges have frequent meetings during the first few weeks of the term, or during the whole rushing season. But the majority of the constitutions give no hint as to when meetings are held.

There is also considerable difference in placing the responsibility for calling meetings. Thirteen constitutions make no provision for calling a meeting. Nine have the chairman responsible, and one states that "any member" may issue the call.

Most Pan-Hellenics demand a unanimous vote on all matters, and two even insist that important measures shall be submitted to the Chapter for final decision. The University of Illinois allows a majority vote, though the rule is suspended for 1907. The University of Indiana allows a two-thirds vote. Ohio State University allows a seven-eighths vote, and

Swarthmore, though it requires a unanimous vote, permits a majority to put the question in dispute before the Inter-Sorority Conference, and provides that the decision of this body shall be final. This measure might be a wise way of settling questions when some one or two Sororities hold out against the majority; but to make it really practical, it would be necessary to let the Inter-Sorority Conference Secretary, or a committee appointed by her, act for the Conference during the year.

V. BY-LAWS AND RUSHING CONTRACTS.

As might be expected, the by-laws and rushing contracts of the Pan-Hellenics present many points of difference. Some of them, like Leland Stanford and Cornell, are elaborate, and attempt to meet every emergency likely to arise during the rushing season. Others, like those of Wisconsin and Ohio State University, strive for the utmost simplicity and conciseness compatible with clearness. On certain points the great majority agree; the points in which they differ may be suggestive to Pan-Hellenics which have not thought of these plans.

Most Pan-Hellenics begin their rushing on Matriculation Day, but Denver, Illinois, Leland Stanford, and West Virginia prefer to let a short period elapse before beginning, so that the necessary work of registration and arrangement of programs may be out of the way first. Fourteen colleges avoid all fraternity talk until the invitations are out; then, if a girl who has been bidden wishes to know something more about Sororities, she is requested to ask the Sorority she prefers for information, and this Sorority sends one of its members to answer her questions. During the rushing season all entertaining is decided on and limited by Pan-Hellenic. Indiana prescribes the cost of the most formal party given, and Pennsylvania states that the rushing must be "simple and inexpensive." No other Universities try to regulate cost, but they all regulate the number of parties, and often the kind of parties that may be given. Cornell forbids "functions" (formal affairs) entirely. Several Colleges limit the rushing affairs to which men may be invited, or prohibit these entirely. Adelphi, Kansas, and Ohio State University Pan-Hellenics entertain at the beginning of the year; Adelphi specifies that this affair is for the Freshmen girls, but the others do not state clearly whom they invite.

The customs about bidding are very nearly the same everywhere. Pan-Hellenic decides on a form of invitation, and this is written, printed, or engraved at the cost of each Sorority. The bids are sent out on the same day by a committee; the bid states the time and place for the answer, and frequently adds a request that all bids not accepted be returned as a negative answer, which shall be considered final. The time allowed for returning an answer varies from a few hours to two weeks. Generally

the answer is to be written and mailed; several Colleges state that they have tried personal answers and have found them very unsatisfactory. Six Colleges forbid all rushing, or talk about Sororities during the interval between invitation and answer. Two Colleges use pledge pins instead of ribbons. I think this custom is more widespread than the reports would indicate.

So far most Pan-Hellenics follow the same customs, but there are several points which are emphasized by very few of them. Four expressly forbid saying anything against another Sorority or any of its members. Several state that alumnae, friends, and pledges are bound by the rules made by Pan-Hellenic. California, Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan, and Minnesota allow sisters to be pledged any time after matriculation. Illinois allows cousins to be pledged by permission of Pan-Hellenic, and Illinois Wesleyan allows girls who have been in college a year to be pledged any time after matriculation in their later years. Baltimore and Minnesota insist that a girl must take a certain number of hours of work to be eligible for a bid. Iowa Wesleyan and Wisconsin send five copies of their Pan-Hellenic constitutions and rushing contracts to their Grand Presidents each year.

VI. DIFFICULTIES AND SOLUTIONS.

Fifteen Universities report that they have had no difficulty in organizing or running their Pan-Hellenics; they feel that Pan-Hellenics are necessary, and that they have already considerably increased inter-sorority friendliness. Two Universities, on the other hand, say they do not like Pan-Hellenics, and consider them injurious to inter-sorority relations. These are the University of California and Washington University, St. Louis; the latter Pan-Hellenic was organized this year. The remaining Colleges, while they confess to difficulties, are bravely working to solve them, and in many cases are succeeding.

The difficulty mentioned by the greatest number of Pan-Hellenics, fourteen, is the breaking of contracts; it is exceedingly hard to prove the offense and to punish it. In most Colleges the proofs are laid before Pan-Hellenic, which acts as judge. In one or two Colleges the Alumnae members of Pan-Hellenic form a court to deal with infractions of contract. Curiously enough, however, very few constitutions provide any punishment for the breaking of contracts when proved. The following punishments have been adopted by some Colleges:

Baltimore has three grades of punishment for different degrees of guilt, but all consist of the withdrawal of rushing dates, or the entire suspension of rushing for a number of days. Cornell demands an apology in Pan-Hellenic meeting. DePauw publishes a statement of the offense in the

College paper. Northwestern publishes an apology in the College paper. Ohio State University inflicts a fine of not more than \$10, or reports the offending Sorority to its Grand President. Swarthmore also reports to the Grand President. Several Colleges provide for the report of offenses to the Inter-Sorority Conference. When the case is taken to a Grand President, or to the Inter-Sorority Conference, the power in question is expected to decide on and inflict the penalty. Cornell tries to prevent the breaking of contracts by having weekly meetings of Pan-Hellenic during rushing season.

The difficulty which comes next in importance (reported by ten Pan-Hellenics) is that of fixing pledge day. The solution for this is frankness and courtesy in the discussion in Pan-Hellenic meeting, and a willingness to compromise when the wish of the majority becomes clear.

Distrust of each other is the difficulty next in order. This is mentioned by but five Pan-Hellenics but I suppose distrust must be present in the case of broken contracts, and may often lie at the bottom of accusations of such breaking. Several Pan-Hellenics, however, speak of the growing feeling of confidence between Sororities. The only cure suggested for distrust is time.

The other difficulties are mentioned by but few Pan-Hellenics, but it may be that they have been felt more widely than the reports would show. For instance, only one Pan-Hellenic complains of tardiness and poor attendance at Pan-Hellenic meetings. The remedy suggested for this is fines—fifty cents for absence, and a smaller sum for tardiness. Several complain of indifference; no remedy is suggested for this. One Pan-Hellenic cannot interest its alumnae in Pan-Hellenic; another cannot keep them from breaking Pan-Hellenic rules by violent rushing. Several Pan-Hellenics cannot define rushing clearly enough to prevent misunderstanding; one has trouble because Sororities pair off and oppose each other. In one College one Sorority refused to join Pan-Hellenic, and caused considerable trouble, while at another College a Sorority insisted on withdrawing and doing as it pleased when things did not go to suit it. Both these last cases were reported to the Grand Presidents and settled by them.

After all, this is not so long a list of grievances as might have been expected, and most of them are capable of cure. Considering the fact that Pan-Hellenics have been running but a few years, and that Greeks always have shown a strong dislike to union, the prospect for the future is certainly encouraging.

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS SUGGESTED BY THE REPORTS.

Thirty-nine Colleges out of 50 have an interval between matriculation day and pledge day; 24 Colleges out of 50 bid in October and November.

Every Pan-Hellenic should have a constitution.

Every constitution should provide (1) for regular meetings (perhaps as often as once in two months); (2) for some definite way of calling both regular and special meetings; (3) for some definite punishments for breaking contracts.

It would be well to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of requiring a unanimous vote in Pan-Hellenic. The Inter-Sorority Conference requires a unanimous vote, but Pan-Hellenics are of course free to decide this matter for themselves.

Each Pan-Hellenic should consist of one active and one alumna member from each Sorority represented. The Inter-Sorority Conference agreement requires this.

It is both wise and practicable to limit the amount of money spent in rushing, and the number of rushing affairs given.

Some Pan-Hellenics have begun to entertain the Freshmen, or all the women of the college, as a good way of opening the social life of the year.

All Pan-Hellenics might well express disapproval of talking against a rival Sorority or its members.

All charges of breaking contracts, or the spirit of contracts, should be reported to Pan-Hellenics, when they should be investigated; if the charges are substantiated, the guilty ones should be punished as provided for in the constitution.

Pledge day should be fixed in time for the constitution and by-laws to be printed not later than May 1st.

The constitution and by-laws should be sent each year to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities represented in the Pan-Hellenic.

In making out this report I have often named the Pan-Hellenics who are trying some unusual experiment, or who have been successful in meeting difficulties. I hope that other Pan-Hellenics who would like more information on some of these points will write to the proper Pan-Hellenic for it, and I am sure they will receive prompt and cordial answers to their inquiries.

I wish to thank most cordially the Grand Secretaries of Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, and Delta Gamma, whose work has made this report possible.

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RULES ADOPTED BY THE PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

1. Pledge Day shall be the second Saturday in April.
- II. Each Sorority shall have the privilege of giving two parties before Pledge Day.

III. Away from the campus, more than two Sorority girls with a Freshman constitute a party.

There shall be no limitation to the number of girls with a Freshman on the campus, it being left to the discretion of each Sorority. It is understood that there shall be no entertaining.

IV. No Sorority girls shall attend chapel exercises with Freshmen.

V. During the two weeks immediately preceding Pledge Day, there shall be no intercourse whatever between Sorority girls and Freshmen.

VI. Daughters and sisters who are not pledged during the first week of college shall be governed by the same rules which apply to other Freshmen.

VII. No Freshman shall be pledged to a Sorority unless she has attained the standard of scholarship decided upon by the dean of women and the Pan-Hellenic Association.

VIII. Girls entering College at the second semester cannot be asked to join a Sorority until the Pledge Day of the following year.

IX. Uniform invitations shall be sent to Freshmen so as to reach their destination the morning of Pledge Day. A Freshman must mail her refusal immediately and give her acceptance at the specified time and place.

RUSHING RULES FOR 1907-8 ADOPTED AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

We, the undersigned fraternities of The Ohio State University, in order to bring about and preserve a friendly inter-fraternal spirit and to regulate rushing, do hereby agree to observe the following rules and regulations, from May 1, 1907, to Monday, January 13, 1908. (First Monday after registration of the Winter Term.)

I. No invitation for fraternity membership shall be extended to any girl who has not been an enrolled student of the University for at least one term.

II. Invitations shall be written according to the following form and mailed by the noon mail of the first Friday of the Winter Term:

"My Dear Miss.....

"You have been elected to membership in.....

Chapter of.....Fraternity. You are requested to send your written answer not later than five p. m., Monday, January 13, 1908. If you should desire further information before deciding definitely you may request one interview with any one girl of the fraternity. With the exception of this interview there shall be no intercourse between fraternity, and non-fraternity girls until the answer is received.

"(Signed).....Chapter,..... Fraternity."

III. The interview with entering girls shall be limited to giving information desired by the entering girl concerning the fraternity. There shall be no urging or helping the entering girls to decide.

IV. There shall be no discussion or voluntary mention of fraternities with entering girls.

V. No fraternity shall give more than two parties during the rushing season and none during the last week. (Parties mean the presence of the whole fraternity.) Smaller parties may be held on Saturdays from October to January, at which only four members of the fraternity may be present, each fraternity entering in the order of its establishment. Kappa Kappa Gamma—first, Kappa Alpha Theta—second, Pi Beta Phi—third, Delta Delta Delta—fourth.

VI. From registration day till the end of this contract there shall be no intercourse between entering girls and fraternity girls during the luncheon hour. There shall be no intercourse between entering girls and fraternity girls during the luncheon hour. There shall be no intercourse between entering girls and fraternity girls during the last three days of this contract.

VII. During the time of this contract fraternity girls shall not be allowed to accept invitations from entering girls.

VIII. Girls who are pledged to any fraternity shall be bound by the rules of this contract, except that they may be counted as guests at all entertainments.

IX. An advisory council consisting of the alumnae members of the Pan-Hellenic Association shall act as a court of appeal in all cases in which one fraternity is in doubt whether or not its plans or the action past or planned, of any other fraternity, is an infringement of these rules.

X. During the Fall term of rushing the Pan-Hellenic Association shall meet once every two weeks.

XI. A copy of this contract shall be sent to all alumnae residing in town.

(Adopted May, 1907.)

GENERAL RUSHING RULES OF LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

I. All matters concerning rushing are to be considered fraternity secrets and are not to be discussed with men or with non-members of the fraternity.

All rushing is to be as secret, quiet, and unobtrusive as possible.

The discussion with Freshmen of fraternity matters is forbidden before bidding-day.

A pledged girl is subject to the same rules and regulations as an active member.

II. Freshmen are not to be escorted in public, or to football practice, or to public entertainments anywhere; and are not to be met at trains by more than one person. Trips to Berkeley chapter houses are excluded.

III. There is to be no calling upon, or walking with, entertaining, or rushing of Freshmen upon class days before 4:30 p. m., and all rushing is to cease not later than 10:30 p. m. upon all such days except Fridays.

IV. No dances, parties, or entertainments are to be for Freshmen at which men are present. This restriction applies to entertainments given by or in behalf of a Sorority in a private residence.

V. Sorority members are not to countenance or to arrange rushing parties to be given by men.

VI. No tallyho or automobile rides are to be taken with Freshmen. Drives with Freshmen are to be limited to Saturdays and Sundays. (The first Saturday and Sunday are excluded.)

VII. No Freshman shall be kept over night in a Sorority house.

VIII. No Freshman shall be escorted to the chapter house after the first visit and then only by one member.

IX. Lists of engagements sent to a Freshman shall consist only of simple enumeration of dates.

a. A luncheon date shall be included between 12:30 and 2:30;
a dinner date between 6:00 and 8:30.

b. It is understood that anything in the way of a formal entertainment is to be strictly excluded. Hence, it has been deemed wise to state that luncheons and dinners must be confined to four courses and that there shall be no hired music.

c. No fraternity shall send flowers to a Freshman.

X. These restrictions are to hold until one week after bidding-day.

XI. Questions of interpretations and complaints of these agreements are to be determined by the Alumnae Committee, to consist of the alumnae representatives of the Sororities upon the executive committee of the Pan-Hellenic Association of Stanford University.

Complaints of violations shall be made to the alumna representative of the Sorority making such complaint, and such representative shall attempt to settle the complaint by conference with the alumna representative of the Sorority complained against. In case these two are unable to settle the complaint, the matter shall be referred to the full executive committee.



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: With those awful mid-years once more a thing of the past, we are gradually smoothing out our furrowed brows, casting off that worried look, and for one brief moment we refuse to let "our studies interfere with our regular college course."

A short time ago we gave our annual party in honor of our freshmen, inviting only men from the freshman class to meet them. It was directly after the holidays, so that Christmas decorations, consisting of strings of red bells, holly and mistletoe, were used with great effect. Dancing was the principle entertainment, although many were attracted to the upstairs rooms, where chafing dishes and co-eds were in evidence. The whole affair was informal, and a good time seemed to be lacking for no one.

We are turning our attention to "spring rushing," even though we are at present enjoying zero weather, and will give our first party for that purpose this Saturday. This is principally for city girls whom we hope are coming on the hill in the fall. Right here, we wish to announce the pledging of May G. Saugie, '10, of Mayville, N. Y., and Olive Beaver, '11, of Styesant, N. Y. We hope to initiate them very soon into the "bonds of Gamma Phi."

Next week is Senior Week, which means one round of gaieties. On Wednesday the 12th, is the Glee Club concert. Thursday evening, the senior ball, and on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings occur the different fraternity dances. A new addition to the week's program is the "Ice Carnival," which is to be held on Saturday evening.

The extreme cold weather which has visited Syracuse lately may in part account for the unusual amount of illness among our girls, three of whom have been critically ill. Jess Tenman, Floss Taylor and Olive Pierce have been on our sick list for several weeks, but we are happy to say that they are now on the road to recovery.

Alpha sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters.

BETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Christmas has come and gone, and even the long-dreaded examinations are over. We have settled down now to our regular routine of work.

Since the last CRESCENT letter we have pledged another girl—Alura Rudd of Ann Arbor. We are going to initiate her very soon.

Yesterday we had our annual Valentine dinner. All the town girls were with us and we had a jovial time. We sang Gamma Phi songs and exchanged valentines, most of which were home manufactured, and were much to the point, and therefore amusing.

Local Pan-Hellenic has granted us a dispensation which permits us to pledge seniors in high schools. We are very grateful for this, as it puts us on an equal footing with the local societies.

Nellie Connor, one of our sophomores, has left us for this semester on account of her health. We are extremely sorry—she will be greatly missed.

There has been nearly a month of splendid sleighing since Christmas. Coasting parties, sleigh rides and skating have been very popular. But now the weather has suddenly changed and we are wading around in water a foot deep.

The alumnae in Detroit are giving a series of luncheons at the College Club. They are to be held monthly and all of the active chapter is invited in for each and everyone. Mary Christie, Zeta, and Catherine Crawford, Epsilon, were present at the last, and Paula Henze, Linda Kinyon and Gretchen Lydecker went from here, though the day was a college day—Tuesday. It is hoped that all the Gamma Phis through the state who can possibly manage to be present at one or all of these luncheons will do so. They afford a wonderful opportunity of becoming better acquainted and also of furthering Beta's interests.

**GAMMA**

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma has been very busy since Christmas with work, semester examinations having taken up our last few weeks. We were all sorry to lose three of our girls. Florence Kaestner did not come back after Christmas, and Winifred Coon and Jean Williams are unable to be here this semester.

Last Friday night was the Junior Prom, which proved to be a great success. Nearly all of the girls attended it as well as the different fraternity house parties, which followed, and had a fine time. The night after prom the juniors gave a very clever play, in which Allison More had the leading part, and was especially good.

Many of our alumnae have been here at various times. The Madison alumnae were with us a few weeks ago for dinner and meeting. Inez Etter McGillvary, Nelle Miller and Harriet Ludlow were here for a few days; Agnes McDonald came to attend Bernice Davis' wedding, and Elsie Minn was here for prom.

We have had no parties for some time, but expect to give a Leap Year Party the 29th. We wish that many of the girls might come for it.

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DELTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We celebrated Christmas with a tree for ourselves and one—the same, to be truthful—for a choice collection of little ragamuffins. We delight in both equally and, though the infants usually were somewhat depressed, we trust it is merely their society manner. During the vacation the alumnae entertained us.

Returning to college after the holidays, all the industrious among us settled down to study for the examinations which would be upon us in two weeks. The hopelessly demoralized went to the theatre. That trial—referring to examination week—past, we had another vacation and have come back refreshed and ready to thoroughly enjoy ourselves. N. B.—We have not yet received our marks. We begin doing this at a Valentine party at Olive Marshall's; then there's a Parents' tea, and Sue Philbrook has asked us all out to her home still later, but in the same month.

Our plans for March have not yet been laid, but will be. It seems a bit late to wish everybody a very happy New Year, but Delta does so most heartily and lovingly.

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EPSILON
(No Letter)

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ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: News, news is the cry of Zeta's correspondent, for since rushing season is over things have settled down so that there seems to be nothing whatever to write about.

On December the 14th we initiated our seven new Gamma Phis, and proud indeed were we to have them known as Gamma Phi Betas.

Now that mid-year's are over, the next college excitement is Senior Dramatics, to be given Friday and Saturday nights on the twenty-first and twenty-second of February. The play is "As You Like it," but the cast of characters has so far been kept secret among the seniors. Of course, there are many surmises as to who's who, but those who know are "not telling."

The college has just had a two days' visit from Miss Ruth Paxson, Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. Needless to say, her visit was a rare treat for the college and one greatly enjoyed by all, as Miss Paxson is a favorite among the college girls.

This is the time in the college year when the students are doing their hardest work, and so there is very little news.

Zeta would close with best wishes for all her sister chapters, both active and alumnae.

ETA

(No Letter)

THETA

THETA takes pleasure in introducing to you her new initiates—Mary Allen Green, Kitty Lee Bishop, Elizabeth Stephenson, Winnie Waid, all freshmen; Bertha Webb, a sophomore, and Doris Best, a junior—from whom we have a right to expect faithful, earnest work for the welfare of Gamma Phi.

With one long-drawn happy sigh we bade farewell to rushing season and rested ourselves sufficiently to pass our mid-year exams; then, Christmas vacations, with its numerous festivities claimed us, and now we are safely launched upon another term's work in college.

The date, as yet, has not been set for our annual play, but it is being written for us, and we are eagerly awaiting the "first reading and assignment of parts."

Miss Louise Iliff recently entertained Miss Laura Gill, Dean of Barnard College, and President of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and it was the privilege of Theta's seniors to meet her at a reception given in her honor by Bishop and Mrs. Warren.

On January 28, Theta enjoyed a delightful afternoon with the active chapter of Pi Beta Phi at their bungalow in University Park. It was charmingly informal and aided very much in eliminating the scars of heated rivalry incurred during the recent rushing season.

We are planning to entertain members of the football team some time in February, as well as members of the faculty.

Dramatics seem to have taken the school by storm, and numerous Gamma Phis are assisting in the productions of the college dramatic club, freshman class play, and senior class play.

We were delighted to welcome our convention delegate, Miss Hersey. She gave us a glowing, enthusiastic account of convention business and offered many very helpful suggestions to the chapter, gained from discourse with her sister delegates.

Theta is very regretful over the loss of one of her most promising freshmen, Miss Waid. Her family will make their future home at 200 Maple avenue, Oak Park, Chicago, where Miss Waid will continue her college course at the Lewis Institute.

IOTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Iota has been continuing along the even tenor of her way, made most calm by the adoption of a Sophomore Pledge Day. During Christmas week we had our regular dance for alumnae and freshmen which was most successful and which has been our only rushing entertainment. Our new directories were enthusiastically received, and all the girls feel like thanking Miss Winterburn personally, for they not only supply a long-felt want but are also most attractive.

To tell you our serious news—Miss Gill, who was our Dean for many years, has resigned, and Professor Brewster, head of the English Department, is now Acting Dean. Barnard, following the example of some of her sister colleges, has adopted the point system of office holding and hopes that by this means former undesirable conditions will be remedied.

Our frivolities form a longer chapter. After vacation we settled down to a big effort for the mid-years, and emerging thence triumphant all Barnard celebrated in a mid-year finale, when the four classes provided almost impromptu stunts; it shattered our Gamma Phi dignity sadly to see two of our plumpest seniors posing in *robes de nuit* as Mellin's Food Babies, made so familiar to us by the bill-boards; another, with truly life-like costume and make-up, impersonated a Gold-Dust twin; and one of our sophomores unblushingly played "The Merry Widow" waltz in an orchestra of tissue-paper wreathed combs. Then came Junior Week at Columbia, bringing among its many enjoyments the very popular teas of the different fraternities. On the eve of Washington's birthday the Barnard juniors gave their annual ball to the seniors at the Astor Hotel. The Undergraduates Association has decided to present "The Taming of the Shrew" for its annual play, and in preparation for the coming "trial of parts" all the histrionic talent of the college is wandering about the corridors mechanically repeating, "Fie, fie, unknit that threatening, unkind brow!" or else is standing motionless for some minutes with eyes staring straight ahead in practise of a servant's part—really most difficult, you know. We (the editorial "we"), speak from experience.

You girls in other colleges have no doubt already welcomed your new members. Iota wishes that she could introduce some to you, but she has

to wait for another year. Meanwhile, she wishes to congratulate you all for the good work that she knows you have accomplished. Goodbye, and good luck from Iota to all the Gamma Phis.

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KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: With mid-year exams over, Kappa has settled down to her usual activities, and you may be sure we are always active. Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of Helen Griffith. Each girl brought a contribution to the furniture fund for the Gamma Phi Beta rooms. We were glad to greet all the girls who were home for the holidays and enjoyed our impromptu entertainment.

We departed from the ordinary somewhat this year and collected a fine Christmas dinner for a worthy poor family. The gratitude received was well worth the effort.

On New Year's evening we entertained our men friends at a reception given at Pearl Weston's. It was a happy holiday affair and one of the most enjoyable receptions we have ever given.

Gamma Phi and all other sororities have just two rushing parties this year. We gave our first in December. It consisted of an afternoon reception at Mrs. Backus' home on Oak Grove street, and a formal dinner and evening at the Minnkahda Club. As far as appointments and a good time are concerned it was a very successful occasion. Our next one, in March, will be more informal. Pan-Hellenic at Minnesota has limited the finances of entertaining to fifty dollars per party, which will be an advantage to all the societies. Pledge day will be April 1, just a few weeks more in which Gamma Phi will do her best.

Next Friday we will revive an old custom and hold a Valentine sale at the home of Olive Benks. There will be many features—valentine and cake sale, fish pond and fortune-telling. We hope to be as successful as we have been in the past.

Last week we held our regular meeting at the home of Marion Jones. Each girl brought a picnic lunch with her. The alumnae were invited and we had a general celebration, exams being over, and the new work not yet begun.

Miss Peck's class in Modern Drama will revive a Jonson comedy, "The Silent Woman," to be given very soon. Rewey Belle Inglis and Grace Kingsley will take part.

By next issue we hope to introduce several freshmen to our sister chapters, and it is needless to say they will be star girls.

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LAMBDA

GREETINGS from Lambda Chapter to all Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The new semester is upon us and it bids fair to be as strenuous as the past one. Refreshed by their Christmas vacation the girls came back filled with enthusiasm for work.

We have not done any rushing this term, and unless more girls enter soon we will probably have none to do.

On the 18th of January we had our first formal dancing party in our new home. The whole lower floor was given over to dancing, the refreshments being served on the second floor. The house was decorated with ferns and Oregon grape. It was indeed a pretty party, and in fact we believe it to be the prettiest party Lambda Chapter has ever given.

The girls are all very busy with their work in the college world. Several of them are active in the Y. W. C. A. and take great interest in the development of that organization. Violet Dungan is Chairman of the Farce Committee and also Chairman of the Social Committee of the Woman's League. Helen Urquhart, one of our sophomores, has been chosen for the part of Viola in "Twelfth Night," which the English students of the University are going to put on the stage in a few weeks. Violet Dungan, Zella Steele and Therese Preston are members of the Girls' Glee Club.

Our alumnae have organized this winter. They met together last week at the Perry for luncheon and there decided to furnish a room in the chapter house to be known as the alumnae room. When it is once furnished we trust that it will be occupied frequently by our alumnae and Gamma Phis from other chapters.

On Saturday, February 29, the Pan-Hellenic Organization will give a card party in our house. It is thought that in this way the girls of the different societies will become better acquainted.



MU

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: From out the heart of a fragrant, glowing day Mu sends greetings to her sisters. The weather-maker has certainly been good to us this year, for instead of having to repeat last year's trials of mackintoshes and rubbers, we have been able to dispense with coats entirely many days this winter.

In addition to the initiates we introduced to you in the January number of THE CRESCENT, we want to present Daisy Dake, a former Gamma Beta, who came back just in time to have the last of the charter members welcome her into Gamma Phi Béta. Also we want you to know our new Christmas freshman, Susan Davis, of San Jose.

One of our '07 graduates, Elise Owen, has returned to college this semester to take up post-graduate work. While we are happy in this

addition to our chapter roll, which the new year brought us, we were at the same time deprived of two of our charter members, Emma Charlebois and Ruth Gilbert. We had hoped to have with us this semester Pansy Aulney of Spokane, a Lambda girl, but she was unable to come at the last minute.

This semester Mu expects to lead a quiet life so far as her entertaining goes. We have given up our big reception and the underclassman dance, both well-established features of our second semester, socially, in order to help out the extras which are always incidental to a new house. We have had one informal dance, but that will probably be the extent of our entertaining until next year.

Winifred Higgens has one of the leading parts this year in the sophomore play, "The Manouevres of Jane," and is working very hard at her part. She has unusual ability in dramatics and we expect to be proud of her on the fifteenth, when the performance takes place.

The Pan-Hellenic Association of Stanford is about to give some affair which will bring all the sorority girls together. A dance was thought of, but given up for several reasons. The suggestion now is to have a supper picnic in the hills. This will probably be decided on, for there is no more ideal way to bring a crowd together and no more ideal place than these hills at our very door.

We were delighted to have with us for a couple of days this semester Edith and Beatrice Prosch. Mu wishes more of the Gamma Phis who travel through California would stop off at Stanford and visit the chapter. It really isn't far from San Francisco and is very easy to reach. The door always stands open to them and the heartiest welcome awaits them from every girl.

CHICAGO
(No Letter.)

SYRACUSE

DEAR Sisters All: Despite the fact that the north pole has dropped into our lap since we last met and stunned us some yet we're all here, to say "Howdy," today. "Many were cold, but few are frozen," and that streak of sunshine is widening every day, since Teddy Bear saw his shadow.

Between Christmas and New Year the teachers of New York State assembled here. As Vice President of the English Teachers' Association, Mrs. Howard, '83, (now at Brown University), presided at one of the meetings.

At that time the University here gave a banquet to her graduates who are teachers. Several Gamma Phis were present.

The mid-year alumnae meeting was with Mrs. Hoyt. To this, the active girls are bidden and all the Gamma Phis who happen to be in town. This time it was made a fruit shower for the chapter house. About thirty were present, seven active girls.

Edith Hamlin, '90, who is teaching music in Pennsylvania, was back; Sarah Veeder, '96, and Lillie Smith, '91, who is Professor of Latin at the Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. She is a Ph. D., but the gentle little lady would never tell you, so we will.

January 4, the chapter met at Miss Hinkley's. The girls were all most glad to greet at this meeting Mrs. Corrine Lewis Robinson, '98, from Washington, D. C. She enjoys her new home very much, but her many friends here miss her greatly.

A little later, eighteen of the alumnae spent the northwest end of a January day with our resident founder, Mrs. Curtis. Our welcome made the mercury go up and it was a visit long to be remembered by all in the house!!

Do you like sandwiches of every known variety, olives, and all the things which make a Gamma Phi spread? Please say "No," because we left nothing but the boxes. Fun? O yes, and one of the silent partners is writing an epic poem on the occasion. It flows in a thin but copious stream, and is entitled, "Look in the Basket," or "The Hairpin's Revenge."

On February 1, Mrs. Skeel royally entertained us at her home. The new directories had just come, and we make our grateful bow to Miss Winterburn and the committee.

An affair which honored our Gamma Phi family and delighted us all was the banquet given by the civil engineers at "The Vanderbilt," to Mr. G. E. Whitford. It marked his fifty-second year of service to New York State as engineer on many of our most important constructions. If his daughter Mary (our faithful Gamma Phi who has never missed a chapter meeting), *should* some time fail to be there, we shall know she is lost in the depths of the great leather covered easy chair presented to Mr. Whitford that night. By a purse of gold also, and many letters, his brother engineers sought to express their appreciation of this able, faithful and valued man.

It is with deep feeling that Syracuse records the death of Cornelia L. Brown, '84. Hers was a busy, happy, helpful life. A memorial from one who knew her well appears in this issue. May we also say, as did Phebe Cary, for Alice:

"Such sweet communion had been ours,
We prayed it might not end;
Our prayer is more than answered—
We have an angel friend."

BOSTON

IT SEEMS a little out of season to mention Christmas festivities at this remote date, but the annual reunion for all Delta, given by Boston Chapter, is the chief function of the year for us. Our girls at a distance plan to come home for it and for some time it is the only opportunity to meet Gamma Phis during the year. For this occasion, too, the Delta girls are our guests and very charming guests they make.

Mabel Langford Priest opened her home to us this year, always hospitable to Gamma Phi, and between fifty and sixty girls gathered here on December 27. We could not name all the familiar faces, but among the girls whom we have missed was Florence Barbour, just as full of fun and droll sayings as ever; Margaret Eaton Whiting, whom many of us had not seen since she became a bride; May Wonson, Anne Boardman and others whom we see too seldom. Through the long afternoon, old friendships were renewed and new ones formed. I need not describe it, for you all know what happens when Gamma Phis get together, and a mere description can never convey the spirit of good fellowship that is the chief element of success in a Gamma Phi reunion.

This took the place of our January meeting and a "nor'easter" settled the question of our February meeting, settled it, that is, for all but our faithful Eugénie Ward, who trudged into Boston in that wild storm, not because she expected the others would come, but because she was on the luncheon committee! Of such stuff are Gamma Phis made, and the attack of croup that resulted was a bitter reward.

We had a charming little visitor at our meeting in December, Miss Mario Danforth, aged nine months, accompanied by her mother, Theodora Clapp Danforth, and she proved the center of attraction. At this meeting, Rachel Bessom joined the chapter.

NEW YORK

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: New York Alumnae Chapter again sends greetings! We have no very startling news to relate, but perhaps you will be interested in our every-day happenings, and we are glad to let you know that we are thinking of you.

Our last meeting was held on Saturday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Caughey, 22 Mt. Morris Park West. Miss F. Louise Ware shared in the entertainment, and nineteen of us answered present to the roll call. We arrived in time for luncheon, and spent the whole afternoon together—a variety of fancy work accompanied us. Many of our girls came from a great distance, one from Asbury Park, but we all feel that to attend a meeting where such true Gamma Phi spirit abounds is worth

while. Miss Connor and Mrs. Mary Maxim Cawdrey of Zeta visited us, and it gave us great pleasure to bid them welcome.

February 15 is the date of our next reunion, and we are anticipating it. We will tell you of this in our next letter.

To each and every sister, we send our very best love.



MILWAUKEE

DEAR Gamma Phi Sisters: Though half smothered in snowdrifts, we find our Gamma Phi spirit still unimpaired. Our chapter this year boasts of a membership of twenty. We hold our meetings on the third Saturday of each month at our various homes. Thus far this year our meetings have been devoted entirely to business, but we are planning soon to give a Gamma Phi luncheon, at which we hope to entertain all of our alumnae sisters in the vicinity. Six of our chapter members live out of Milwaukee.

We received most interesting reports of convention from Gertrude Ross, and we wish that we might all have been with our sisters "in convention assembled."



SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Greeting: We have had a very auspicious beginning to our new year. One of our charter members, genial Dr. Vida Redington, has been married to Frederick Volkhardt and her charming home should be an inspiration to us all. We all gathered there last Saturday and spent the afternoon and congratulated ourselves that through our mutual sisterhood, we were all privileged to be such good friends as well.

Amy Phelan, our new Grand President, was there and met many of the active girls and younger alumnae who, thus far, had not had the pleasure of knowing her as a friend, nor yet as our most esteemed President. We regret to say that no engagements were announced, although several are rumored.

While we are still working towards our house, unostentatiously, the Kappa Alpha Thetas are on the verge of being first along that line, so we are bestirring ourselves the more.

We send you our best wishes for a happy New Year.



DENVER

CHRISTMAS was a very gay and giddy time for all the Denver girls, both active and alumnae, and when the fun was all over, and the bells had tolled the New Year, it was hard to settle down once more to plain and prosaic living.

Early in January came a jolly time for the alumnae at Florence Slocumb Southard's, where two Gamma Phi baby guests kept the ball rolling. As befitted the first meeting of the New Year, we had much business to transact, and our secretary was kept so busy that she had little time for the "side talks" in which even our worthy officers sometimes engage. The usual financial report was frowned upon, and duly accepted; for a time we argued as to whether a brown monogram, or a gold-embossed pin should deck our stationery, and in view of the added importance which our charter bestows, we decided to further indulge in a plain business-like paper which should proudly bear as its heading—Denver Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta.

Then there was the party to discuss, for on February 15 we are to be "at home" with Inez Ridgway to the active chapter. We are anticipating a splendid time, and in honor of the proximity of St. Valentine's Day we shall doubtless revel in hearts, cupids, and tender sentiments.

Finally, lest you think us frivolous, we elected our representative on the Executive Board—Edith Wallace, one of the original Alpha Iotas. Always a force and an authority in our sorority life, she reached the pinnacle of her popularity when, at the time of the National Convention in Denver, she steered us safely through the financial seas, and left a balance of eighty-five dollars in the treasury.

During the early part of January, Miss Gill, Dean of Barnard, and National President of the A. C. A., was the house guest of Bishop and Mrs. Warren at their beautiful home, "Fitzroy Place," in University Park. Bishop and Mrs. Warren and Miss Iliff gave a large reception in honor of Miss Gill, at which the alumnae chapter was well represented.

New Year's Day was marked for us by a delightful reception for all sorority women, given by the Denver alumnae of Pi Beta Phi in honor of one of their number, Mrs. Jessie Gaynor, author of that charming little song, "The Slumber Boat." The Greek world was well represented, and we certainly spent a most pleasant afternoon with "our friends, the enemy." At some time there comes to every one of us the realization that there are other things in life as vital as the pledging of greatly-rushed freshmen; from another and wiser standpoint we note the admirable characteristics that belong to the antagonist, and with a smile at the remembrance of the rushing season, we clasp hands with the former foe, finding her a friend worth having.

We are all Greeks after all, and no matter what badge we wear, there is so much we may learn from one another, there are so many hours we may spend in mutual pleasure and profit, that we Denver Greeks are planning a Pan-Hellenic organization. Denver alumnae of Gamma Phi send

their representative to a conference of other sorority women, to be held tomorrow. Perhaps we may decide upon an annual gathering; perhaps we may see fit to meet oftener and more informally, but certain it is that we are all enthusiastic over the movement. But, in spite of all, can we help saying to one another?

The anchor, the arrow, the kite and the key
Are all very well, but for you and for me
There's nothing so dear
As this little pin here—
The crescent of dear Gamma Phi!



MINNESOTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Life moves on much more slowly and calmly for an alumna than for an active chapter. After the rush of four years of college the new alumna feels as though very little really happened. But Minnesota Alumnae being a very new chapter, has some news of importance.

The meeting held at the home of Mrs. Robertson was chiefly devoted to the important business of a new chapter.

The wedding of Miss Katherine Taney to Mr. Charles Silverson was an interesting event of last month. About thirty of Miss Taney's most intimate friends were invited to a dinner given by Mrs. Taney in her daughter's honor. Just before dinner, while the girls were singing college songs, Miss Marion Jones surprised us all by playing the Lohengrin Wedding March. Miss Taney and Mr. Silverson entered and the wedding took place.

The alumnae chapter is much interested in the rushing of the active chapter. Pledge day is to be the middle of April according to Pan-Hellenic ruling. This has prolonged rushing much beyond the usual time. As a result both active and alumnae chapters are kept busy with a series of little teas and dinners, Pan-Hellenic allowing each sorority two parties and putting no restriction on individual rushing. We are all eagerly awaiting the result of the new plan in April.

Minnesota Alumnae sends love and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

Personals

Alpha

Elizabeth Opp, '07, of Waverly, has been in town for Senior Week.

Grace Zimmerlin, '06, who is teaching in Weedsport visited in Syracuse last week.

Syracuse girls have been well represented in The Youth's Companion this winter; Gamma Phi by Mrs. Richmond, '88.

Dr. and Mrs. Flick of Syracuse University, will, this coming summer, conduct another Travel Study Club through Europe. Mrs. Flick is a member of Syracuse alumnae, and she will be especially glad to correspond with any Gamma Phi who may be planning such a tour.

Mrs. Howard, '83, and Mrs. Hodder, '95, with their mother, Mrs. Boomer, have built a house near their old home, in the city, and during vacations expect to reside together. Mrs. Hodder is instructor in Mediaeval History at Wellesley. She says seven Gamma Phis are there, representing nearly as many chapters.

Beta

Mary Christie of Zeta visited us at Junior Hop time.

Vera Lay has been down to visit us again, spending a week with us.

Irene Gilbert's engagement has been announced to Mr. Louis Watkins of Howell, Mich.

Louella Stone has announced her engagement to Mr. Charles E. Davis of Gloversville.

Gamma

Grace McDonell is teaching in Superior.

Mae Rowe, '07, is teaching in Sheboygan Falls.

Euretta Kimball, '06, visited Gamma a few days before Christmas.

Ella Davis Goodyear and family are spending the winter in Biloxi, Miss.

Born, February 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones (Mary Laflin); a son.

Mrs. Helen Steensland Nielson and family are spending the winter at Lodi, Cal.

Clara Jenson has been visiting her sister and the Kappa Chapter at Minneapolis.

Vena Brunk of Chicago spent a couple of weeks in Madison the last of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittingham leave New York the 27th for a cruise through the West Indies.

Mary Pratt Bright, and daughter left the middle of February for an extended visit in California.

Bernice Dow was married, February 12, to J. Pratt Brush, Sigma Chi.

After an extended trip through the West, they expect to live in Minot, S. D.

Elsie Minn '07, who is teaching at Waupaca attended the Junior Prom at Madison.

Harriet Ludlow and Nelle Miller of Monroe spent the day with Gamma a couple of weeks ago.

Agnes McDonald of Evanston has been visiting Gamma, having come to Madison to attend the wedding of Bernice Dow to J. Pratt Brush.

Zeta

Zeta Chapter is expecting a brief visit from Helen Brown, '05.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Oscar Bressler (Florence Herman, '98), a daughter.

Blanche Connor, '04, has been visiting Myra Manifold, '05, at her home in York, Pa.

Mary Howe Maxim was married December 17 to Mr. Louis Rader Cawdrey at her home in Passaic, N. J.

Mrs. Josiah Sibley (nee Adeline Webb) of Long Beach, Cal., spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Belle Buckle, Tenn.

Ethel Shriner, '07, will spend the first two weeks in March visiting Lucile Reilley MacDonald at her home in Charlotte, N. C.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Vail Frost (Jessie Gore, ex-'03), of New York City, on January 16, 1908, a son, Aaron Vail Frost VII.

Margaret Axson sailed from Genoa on January 26 for America, and on her way home expects to make a brief visit to the Zeta girls in Baltimore.

Margaret Wilson, ex-'07, has been visiting her cousins at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. She will also attend the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Tota

Helen Carter, '07, spent her Christmas holidays in town visiting her grandparents.

Mrs. Cutler Whitwell (Florence Nye), '05, has changed her residence from Grove to Tucson, Ariz.

Helen Hersey, Theta, and Ethel Shriner, Zeta, were with us for a few chapter meetings in December.

Anne Carroll, '07, was in town for a few days visiting her sister, a freshman, at Brooks' Hall. She spent her vacation at her home in Warwick, N. Y.

Ellen Brooks, Kappa, stayed in Brooklyn with a Smith friend during the Christmas vacation. Sarah Rowe, '09, met her, but the other Iotas most unfortunately had no opportunity of seeing her.

Kappa

Lila Root is teaching in St. Paul public schools.

Cora Taney is substituting in St. Paul schools.

Hazel Lovell recently visited in Rochester, Minn.

Marie McReland, '06, is teaching at Ellsworth, Wis.

Harriet Young, '06, is attending art school in Chicago.

Georgia Campbell, '06, Princeton, Minn., visited us for a few days last month.

Helen Griffith, '05, is instructor of Rhetoric at the University of Minnesota.

Mary Haupt visited Helen Jewett at Fergus Falls, Minn., during the holidays.

Florence Millspaugh, Little Falls, Minn., spent a week with friends in Minneapolis.

Francis Young, '10, who spent last semester at Wells College, has returned to the University.

Mildred Hunter, '06, is teaching at Hastings, Minn. She came to St. Paul for Miss Taney's wedding.

Sara M. Preston, '07, is teaching at Glenwood, Wis. Helen Riheldaffer recently spent a few days with her.

Millicent and Margaret Lees sailed with their father for Scotland, January 11, or the steamer "Lusitania."

Clara Jensen, Gamma, spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Johnson, one of Kappa's latest initiates, at her home in Minneapolis.

The wedding is announced of Katherine Taney, '06, and Mr. Charles Silverson of New Ulm, January 27. They have left for a six months' trip, including many European countries.

Lambda

Born, to Meta Becker Hergert, Seattle, a son.

Born, to Louise Wetzel Clark, Portland, Ore., a daughter.

Myra Smith Dickenson, '07, of Seward, Alaska, visited at the sorority house this past month.

Mildred Robertson, '05, was married on January 15 to John Story, Sigma Nu. They are residing at Lincoln Court, in Seattle.

Helen Russell, '07, was married February 5 to Ralph Pierce, Phi Gamma Delta. They will be at home in this city after March 1.

Invitations have been received for the wedding of Myrn Cosgrove, '07, to J. Ray Kennear, Phi Delta Theta, which is to take place on February 18, at Pomeroy.

Arlene Hassen and Beatrice Prosch were the guests of Katharine Mc-

Graw and M. Ruth Guppy, Beta, at the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma on Saturday, February 8.

Jessie N. Jackson, '07, was married at her home in Portland this past month to Wallace Lippincott Atkinson, Phi Gamma Delta. For the present they are living in Treadwell, Alaska.

Ava Dodson of Bellingham, Katharine Edwards, Margaret Brown and Alice Gardner of Everett; Charla Blodgett, Ruth Guppy and Katharine McGraw of Tacoma, were out-of-town guests at the alumnae banquet held at the Perry this past month.

III

Jessica Bird is attending an art school in Garvanza.

Gertrude Brainerd is registered at Pomona College this semester.

Susan Bird is to be married in February to Mr. Coombes of Banning.

Jeannette Cole has returned to Pasadena after visiting in Minneapolis.

Helen Salisbury was elected President of the Stanford Club in Los Angeles.

Emma Charlebois is staying with her parents in Ventura after finishing her course at Stanford.

Helen Thoburn, since her graduation at Christmas time, has been assistant secretary to Doctor Jordan.

Mabel Crow Bennett has moved to Randsburg, where her husband has a position as assayer in the Yellow Aster Mine.

Ruth Gilbert is making a short visit in Southern California. She will spend a few weeks with Emma Charlebois, Daisy Dake, Jeannette Cole and Pauline Gartzmann.

Boston

Boston girls were rejoiced to see Sadie Holt at the Christmas reunion.

A little daughter, Dorothy Rayma Bartlett, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bartlett (Marguerite Slater) on November 22, 1907.

Augusta Putnam is spending the winter in Texas, with a side trip to Mexico City and a brief stay in New Orleans, and is planning to spend the spring months in North Carolina.

New York

Florence Beers has received an appointment as teacher in the High School at Richmond Hills.

Augustine Ellean, who has been traveling abroad for some months, has recently returned to her home in Newark.

Helen Fairchild McKelvey has come into the city for the winter months, and is now residing at 384 Central Park West.

Gertrude Hulse Beakes has returned to her home in the city, and we are glad to know that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Milwaukee

Born, to Mrs. Evan D. Jones, nee Mary Lafin, '95, a son, February 14, 1908.

Mary Pratt Bright and daughter Eleanor have left for a six weeks' trip to California.

San Francisco

Amy Phelan is visiting in Oakland for a few days.

Elizabeth Graham, '01, and Mr. Brehm are to be married this spring.

Dr. Veda Redington and Frederick Volkhardt were married on December 24.

Denver

Edith Garrigues Painter is now "at home" in Telluride, Colo.

Mary Crary Moore spent the greater part of January at the Moore ranch in Brush, Colo.

Mabel Johnson McCreery is again in Denver after spending the holidays at her home in Lincoln, Neb.

Sarah Margaret Stover is the name of Lucile Timberlake Stover's wee daughter who arrived in January.

Nelle Woodard, Clara Sperry, Janet Newkirk and Effie Bunn, all of '07, have made flying visits to us since the holidays.

Esther Doll spent the Christmas holidays with her brother, a student at Cornell, and is again at home after a delightful visit in Harrisburg, Pa.

The Denver Gamma Phis sympathize very deeply with Iota in the death of Olive McDowell. Bishop McDowell, then Chancellor of our University, and his family were for many years residents of Denver, and Olive was known and loved by many of the alumnae girls.

**Our Contemporaries in Black and White**

WE acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges be sent to the following:

Miss Amy Louise Phelan, The St. Francis, Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. T. L. Berry, 1019 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, Box 32, Sta. E, Columbus, Ohio.

November—

The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.

The Alpha Xi Delta.

December—

The Shield and Diamond.

The Journal of Omega Upsilon Phi.

Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Triangle of Tri-Sigma.

The Kappa Alpha Journal.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

January—

The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.



Delta Kappa Epsilon held its convention in November, at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1882 the Western Reserve University was reorganized with an enrollment of 75. In 1907 it has 927 students.

Phi Kappa Psi has 1,400 alumni subscribers to The Shield. Sigma Nu claims 1,100 alumni subscribers for The Delta. Kappa Alpha is asking for 13 more to add to her 987 alumni subscribers to make an even thousand. Delta Upsilon has 926 alumni subscribers to the Quarterly.

Delta Tau Delta held its thirty-ninth Karnea in August at Chicago that was memorable as their "greatest of Karneas" (637 in attendance), and also exceeds any other fraternity's previous convention in point of size.

Dr. John F. Goucher, founder and only president of the Woman's College of Baltimore, has resigned from his active duties of president to take effect when a successor will have been elected. The new president has not yet been named.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma has completed its twenty-fifth year of publication. It was the first journal in the interest of women's sororities.

Delta Upsilon held its seventy-third convention at University of Minnesota in October.

The University of Wisconsin is to receive \$200,000 annually for four years as provided for by a recent act of the legislature.

Syracuse University has a registration this year of 3,164 students. The University of Iowa has 1,968 students. Both of these colleges recently acquired chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Nation, of November 14, 1907, prints a strong article by a Bowdoin man, criticising President Wilson's abolishment of Princeton clubs and defending fraternities.

What Phi Psi, or what member of any college fraternity has a record equal to that of C. E. Woods, Mayor of Richmond, Kentucky, Grand Recorder of Sigma Nu and editor of the fraternity journal? He writes the editor of the Shield that he has attended every meeting of his chapter held in fifteen years excepting five, and these absences were due to the fact that he was visiting other chapters. He has personally founded or revived ten chapters. He is beginning his seventh term as editor of the Delta. He receives a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year for his services as secretary of the fraternity and editor of the fraternity journal.—Alpha Tau Omega Palm, quoting Phi Kappa Psi Shield.

Miss Marjorie Bellamy, commenting upon "The Training of Initiates," in the November "Themis," Zeta Tau Alpha, gives many excellent suggestions, of equal reference to men's as to women's fraternities. She says:

Initiating the girls is not all. It is as much our duty to teach them as it is theirs to learn. Many initiates do not know how to go about learning, nor do they know what to learn. How can we help them?

First and foremost is by example. We should be well up on all general fraternity matters, such as the history and purposes of fraternities from the beginning, as well as our own history and aims. Each member should bear herself so as to be looked up to and respected by those who have just been brought into the fold. Recall the purpose of our fraternity, keep our motto before each new member, for it is just after they are initiated that they are most impressionable, and consciously or unconsciously they follow in our footsteps.

From the first she becomes a representative of the fraternity, and she should be taught to feel this.

The amount of interest alumni take in a fraternity is proportioned to the amount of interest the fraternity takes in them. Generally the alumni are in a better position to assist a chapter financially than are the active members themselves. It behooves active members, then, to see that their alumni are kept in touch with the chapter, and we can conceive of no better way than by the chapters giving the alumni annual smokers, dinners, and entertaining them in various ways. We are glad to note that in some of the representative fraternities these things are done.—The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Northwestern Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has instituted the system of making an upper classman responsible for the scholarship and deportment of a freshman. That some supervision is essential is due the individual and the fraternity as a whole. The editor of Beta Theta Pi advises that a committee be formed of upper classmen, who would naturally be in sympathy with the younger members, and alumni, one of whom, if possible, should be on the teaching force of the college. The object of such a committee would be to meet with each member of the chapter at the beginning of the year and consider with him what he intends to do while in college, and to check any actions that are not for his or her good or that of the fraternity.

"The work of such a committee should be conducted with the utmost frankness and candor consistent with common sense and the usual courtesies of life."

Grinnell Jones, Secretary of the Boston Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu, writes in the November Delta:

"Gamma Epsilon at Lafayette is to be congratulated on conceiving and adopting a new idea which can and should be made of tremendous value to the fraternity as a whole. Their reporter announces in his letter in the May Delta that they have elected a new officer, the alumni secretary, whose especial duty is to maintain and strengthen the bonds which unite the undergraduate chapter and alumni. At our next grand chapter our law should be amended so that every chapter will be required to maintain an up-to-date list of addresses of the alumni, to write to each alumnus,

either personally or by personal letter, at least twice during each college year, giving the latest chapter and college news. Gamma Epsilon has found that this plan has already produced big results for the chapters, and this experience will surely be repeated by others which give it a fair trial. The letters should contain a request for personal items, which should then be sent to the editor for use in the alumni personals. This policy, if energetically carried out, would make The Delta much more interesting to the alumni and increase the number of alumni subscribers. The resulting gain to the fraternity in the improvement made possible in The Delta and in the increased helpfulness of the alumni for their chapters will be tremendous. It will result in a more accurate fraternity catalogue, too. The alumni secretary should be requested to send a revised list of addresses to the editor of the catalogue every year on a given date and report all changes of addresses as soon as he learns of them."

It is a circumstance to be greatly regretted but a fact nevertheless that the great majority of sorority girls, both active and alumnae, are ignorant of *national* sorority life. They forget that the active chapter of which they are members is but a small part of the whole sorority; the sorority in turn forgets that she is but a small part of the *National* Sorority world. Only delegates to the National Conference realize the fact; would that their realization might be observed by every member of a sorority!—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

Never has the spirit of coöperation been so strongly manifested as at the present time. It permeates all branches of society; industrial, political, social, religious, literary, and scientific. That it has entered the colleges, quickened the fraternities into action and thus widened their possibilities, let every Greek be devoutly thankful, for it enables us to see ahead the realization of our ideals.

Foremost among such coöperative movements is the Deans' Conference, which is to meet in Chicago at the Stratford Hotel, December 20, 1907. The last conference was held in 1905 and consisted of the Deans of Women of State Universities; and by courtesy, the representatives of the I. S. C. Realizing that in such an organization the fraternities find their ablest advisors, we look forward with interest to their decisions, which we hope will be as helpful as before. One article we specially indorse:

Article VI. The Deans wish that all Sorority Grand Presidents would do as a few already do, and write once a year directly to them for the scholarship records of the chapters. They will be glad to send accurate and detailed reports, such as cannot be gained through any other source. They feel sure that such reports, followed by praise or blame from the Grand Presidents to the chapter, would help greatly to raise the standard of scholarship. They stated that they were very much in favor of sorority houses, and thought them best managed by the older alumnae.—The Lyre, of Alpha Chi Omega.

The real aim of every sorority, whether expressed or understood, is to bring the lives of individual members, and thus the entire college system, a little nearer ideal conditions.

The only way disinterested critics can be made to see the real work of the sorority is through its representative living among them. There-

fore, every chapter, and every individual fraternity member, should always keep in mind that by each member of the sorority is the whole judged. If every sorority girl in the world realized this, it would not take long to convince the world at large that a sorority is not a social club, but the uniting of kindred spirits for the accomplishment of one purpose: namely, the building up of a nobler and more cultured womanhood in the world.

There is a strength which comes from real union, to which there is nothing similar.

It should be a recognized fact that a girl may spend little or much time on fraternity work, according to her own wishes. Sometimes hard tasks, which many could do with the greatest ease, are left for a few. Yet complaints from these few are almost unheard of; for those who work realize that they receive far greater benefits than the careless or the idle.

In most organizations the whole is judged by its weakest member. Hence, it develops upon each chapter to give special care and attention to its weakest and least worthy sister. Perhaps it is your fault that she is no better. Have you encouraged her in her studies? Have you taught her what is expected of her and how she may work for the good of the sorority? If you are disappointed in her, can you say you have done your full duty toward her? Let her realize that upon each alike is the responsibility of representing not only herself and her chapter, but the entire sorority, in all her actions, and you will find that she will not fail you, nor give the world room to criticise her sorority.—Themis, of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Beta Zeta Chapter at Kentucky University, Saturday, February 22, 1908.



This interesting information follows a thorough and keen review of President Seelye's attack upon women's fraternities:

President Seelye also says that in the leading women's colleges of the day sororities do not exist and would not be permitted, because they are not needed and would seriously interfere with the social ideal.

This last point is of especial interest, coming, as it does, from the president of the largest women's college. A good many years ago, when the college dormitories provided ample accommodations for all Smith students, there did exist an ideal communal life. In recent years, however, the number of new buildings has failed to keep pace with the increased number of students, many of whom, under present conditions, are forced to find board and lodging in private families. It is interesting to note that under these conditions, similar in some respects at least, to those that Dr. Seelye says encouraged the formation of the first sororities, some of the Smith students, despite faculty opposition, have resorted to the sorority plan. One of the organizations, Delta Sigma, is of several years standing, possesses a goodly membership among the alumnae and has recently erected a luxurious chapter house. Smith is not the only large woman's college which thus gives an ocular demonstration of the fraternity tendency. In other words, where it is impossible for all the students to be accommodated in the college houses, the same movement is on foot. The president of one of these, instead of frowning upon the

growing sentiment, gives a guarded answer to all requests for permission to seek a national charter in the words: "The time is not yet ripe."—The Arrow.

And there is the evidence of two successful men in the world, two of the best products of college fraternity system, Governor Hughes and Secretary Root. Governor Hughes says: "If the memories of Delta Upsilon were taken out of my life, how much of the highest value would be destroyed! * * * We don't want a man to go out of college believing that he is more exalted than another. He must have no feelings of superiority over his fellow citizens; he must know that he is not separated from his fellow workers in the world. That is the broader fraternity; that is the basis of our society and all societies. * * * Fortune is the young man, who in his college relations finds himself constrained by some worthy ideal which makes him feel he will be untrue to his former associations unless he measures up to the talents that have been given him. Let nothing rob us of the spirit of fraternity."

Secretary Root says: "I am a firm believer in the great benefit that comes from our system of college societies. I think a great benefit is to be found in the association between the members of the different classes. I know many and many a case where the influence of the upper classes over freshmen and sophomores has saved young fellows from going wrong; has pulled them up and done for them what no president or professor could have done. I should be glad to see every student coming to this college under the guidance of upper classmen who will take an interest in his welfare and keep him straight and safe."—Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi.

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 Carson, Cora Jackson (Mrs. R. N.), 1899.
 Dryer, R. E., ex-1894, Rochester, N. Y.
 Hathaway, Kate B., 1894.
 Hebard, Laura C., 1888.
 Manning, L. Y. (Mrs. W. S.), ex-1894.
 Pearsale, Elizabeth, ex-1901, Saratoga, N. Y.
 Stone, Edwina Benedict (Mrs. E. H.), ex-1901.
 Strickland, A. B. (Mrs. F. L.), 1900.
 Knapp, Anna M., Utica, N. Y.
 Rice, Ina M. (Mrs. L. H.), Cazenovia, N. Y.
 Wilmot, Jeannette L., 1889.

Beta—

- Davis, Harriet Weyerhauser (Mrs. F.), 1899, 1990 St. Paul, Minn.
 Dibble, Mary L. (Mrs. C. C.), 1900, Ludington, Mich.
 Harned, Mary, 1886-88, 127 Paine Ave., Worcester, Mass.
 Shearer, Marie, 1905-07, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Wilkins, Marcia, New Philadelphia, O.

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- Abercrombie, Lula Janes (Mrs. T.), 6565 Yale Ave., Chicago.
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Wilson, Philena Yutzy (Mrs. F. J.), 1901, 7th St., Sioux City, Ia.

Delta—

Meriam, Annie Loud. Change Loud to Lund.

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Pope, Edwina L., 1908, 627 Library St., Evanston, Ill.

Rollins, Persis, 1909, 932 W. Monroe St., Chicago.

Timberlake, Jeannette, 1906-7.

Bieser, Ida, 1906-7, 410 N. 7th St., Hiawatha, Kan.

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Carpenter, Magdalene, 1909, 228 14th St. So.

Crawford, Kathryn, 105 Chandler Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Jenks, Alice M., 750 So. State St., Elgin, Ill.

Bassett, Agnes, 1910.

Gray, Bertha, 1910, 1509 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Stolp, Louise, 17 W. 26th St., Chicago Heights, Ill.

Davidson, Elizabeth, 1911, 1819 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Luke, Edna, 1911, 512 Third Ave., Joliet, Ill.

Skoning, Mary, 1911, 600 Margaret Place, Elgin, Ill.

McCarty, Carolyn, 1911, Tuscola, Ill.

Clement, Laura, 1907.

Monagon, Edith, ex-1909, 1513 Meridian St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Zeta—

Sanderson, M. Jamieson (Mrs. H. S.), 639 Pennsylvania Ave., Denver.

Gatch, Elizabeth, 1908, 135 S. 9th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hoornbeck, Helen Briggs, d. June, 1907.

Nagle, Mrs. G. A., "The Druid," Mt. Royal Ave. and Reservoir St., Baltimore, Md.

Eta—

Phelan, Amy Louise, The St. Francis, Sacramento, Cal.

Iota—

McDowell, Olive, d. December 24, 1907.

Leibert, Jeannette R., 508 W. 113th St., New York City.

Kappa—

Millspaugh, Lulu, d. May 27, 1907.

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Emma P. Sutherland. Class.

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Grace L. Durgin. Class.
Bertha B. Mansfield. Class.
Claribel Moulton. Class.

Epsilon—

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Laura Barher. Class.
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Mrs. Charles Churchill (Kittie McKenzie). Class.
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Mary A. Lyford. Class and address.
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Bertha N. Schorpe. Address.
Mrs. E. P. Sherry (Laura Case). Class.
Antoniette E. Shyrock. Address.
Ida Simonson. Class.

Eta—

Mrs. E. I. Bray (Mary Bowers). Address.
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The Founding

By a Founder

GAMMA PHI BETA was the child of high ideals, and we who cradled its infancy, earnestly sought, and fondly anticipated their realization, while many staunch and influential friends, prominent among which were members of our own faculty of Syracuse University, gave to the young sorority their cordial support. Chancellor E. O. Haven (later Bishop), whom we as students greatly loved and revered, rendered valuable assistance in the selection of name and motto, and, after due deliberation, we adopted the name Gamma Phi Beta, with the pronunciation herewith indicated. For our badge we readily agreed upon a monogram, Miss Bingham suggesting a crescent, to which the writer added the quaint Hebrew inscription, and the combination resulted in a monogram,—each letter bearing a different chasing,—set at right angles in a crescent. The whole was perfectly flat, and, attached to it by a chain three inches in length, was a guard-pin bearing in outline the letter S, for Syracuse.

It fell to my lot to draft the constitution, which was accomplished at my home, 610 Crouse avenue (then Chestnut street), where many of the early meetings were held, as we then met from house to house, and on November 11, 1874, four names were duly affixed to this constitution, and Gamma Phi Beta became a reality.

Those early days possessed certain advantages which present conditions do not afford. For instance, if any question of vital importance arose, we were able, upon brief notice, to summon in conclave the whole sorority in some convenient and secluded nook of the Hall of Languages. After a time we chose as our colors, two shades—a light and a dark—of brown. Our first song, "List the Watchword," was written for and sung at our first anniversary banquet.

"It appears in our song book in a badly disarranged and confused condition. This was soon followed by our "Initiation Song," which also shows serious errors and omissions, and, as in the case of the other, words and music are sadly at variance.

Our first piece of instrumental music was the "Gamma Phi Beta Waltz," composed by Dr. William H. Schultze, founder of the Germania Musik-Verein, and later leader of the Mendelssohn Quintette Club. Dr. Schultze was at this time Professor in the Fine Arts College of Syracuse University, and in recognition of his courtesy, Gamma Phi presented him a gold-mounted ebony baton. Figures indicating our growth, as a sorority, are not at hand. Being conservative, our membership increased slowly, but our progress from the first was steady and constant.

Gamma Phi Beta even had its share of college honors. A member of the class of 1876, classical course, was one of the ten selected to present a thesis on Commencement Day, and the basket containing the flowers which Gamma Phi presented to her first graduate, is today among my cherished possessions, for "the scent of the roses clings to it still."

After meeting from house to house for a time, we rented a parlor on University avenue, and later we gratefully availed our-

selves of Professor Brown's generous offer of the use of his own private study in the Hall of Languages for our weekly meetings, which were always held on Friday afternoons.

Two annual banquets were observed, one on, or as nearly as possible coincident with, the date of the founding of Gamma Phi, and the other at commencement time. Such in brief are the facts relative to the early days of Gamma Phi, and if, in seeking to comply with the request of the editor of THE CRESCENT for a chapter from our genesis, we may seem egotistic, be it remembered that it is simply history which we have penned.

We were very jealous in those days of everything pertaining to the honor and well-being of our beloved sorority, and this is no less true of the present. Daily we wear the little badge which has become more dear by the lapse of years, and which means so much to every member of Gamma Phi. The *esprit de corps* manifest at our convention last fall was an earnest of still grander achievement, and, thus animated, let us strive for the realization of the highest possibilities; putting into life only that which is noblest and best, it will afford us a rich and satisfying fruitage. Thus, with our God-given powers fully consecrated to His service, our lives will ever grow richer and better as the years go by, until, at last, we shall "ring from life's conflict a triumphant close."

HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON, Alpha, '76.



A Brief Record of the Beginnings From Alpha

THE Syracuse Gamma Phis have one advantage over their sisters elsewhere, they have access to original sources for the history of the sisterhood, for one founder, Mrs. E. Adeline Curtis, and the first initiate, Mrs. Flora Warden Wilcox, live in the city. Besides we have many secondary sources, those who have been identified with the sorority almost from its founding. This history, though unrecorded and passed from generation to generation, like tradition, is nevertheless authentic.

In the Greek letter world, Syracuse University is well known for a large number of fraternities and sororities have chapters here. Of the twelve sororities represented at Syracuse two were founded here, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. Three years after the university first opened its doors to students our order was founded, the date being November 11, 1874.

Fortunately, our four founders were present at our last convention, so the delegates can give their chapters livelier impressions of Helen M. Dodge (Ferguson), Frances E. Haven (Moss), Mary A. Bingham (Willoughby), and E. Adeline Curtis (Curtis) than can picture or history. From time to time THE CRESCENT has served to make all Gamma Phis better acquainted with the four women who banded themselves together that, through mutual help, they might cherish the ideals of culture, moral strength, and true womanhood. All unconscious of the future of their organization, these women laid a sure and a permanent foundation. Their principles and their purposes were so well defined and so enduring that they made it possible for Gamma Phi Beta to grow into a national sorority with a chain of chapters from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

November 20, our sorority received the name it now bears. Gamma Phi Beta was chosen from a list of six names proposed by Miss Haven's father, Erastus Otis Haven, D. D., LL.D. He was at that time chancellor of the university and later became a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our founders, however, had not completed their task. Though organized and named, the order had no badge whereby the world might identify its members. Besides, the members themselves desired to have as a constant inspiration a visible symbol of their new purpose. Two sophomores, members of a local society which became the Pi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, were given the privilege of designing an appropriate pin. Charles Newell Cobb, at present inspector of the University of the State of New York, presented the design which was approved and accepted.

The first Gamma Phi Beta badge was somewhat different from the present official pin. It was slightly convex and was one inch in diameter. Then, as now, it consisted of a black enamel crescent enclosing the monogram, but the letters were chased and were not raised above the crescent. For nearly twenty years the badge was worn with a guard-pin attached to it with a chain. At first the guard-pin was the initial of the university with which the chapter was connected. After Gamma was established, the guard-pin became the initial letter of the chapter name, as the old English M and W are so similar as to be confusing.

Bertha Boomer (Brooks), '81, was the first to have a jeweled pin, the Phi being set with pearls. From that time until 1901, the pins were variously jeweled according to individual taste. The Phi or the monogram was set with turquoise, pearls, opals, diamonds, or rubies; sometimes each letter was set with different jewels; and frequently a diamond center stone was added. It is uncertain who had the first pin with raised monogram, but pins as early as 1890 differed in this respect from the original. They were also smaller, though larger than the present pin. Of late years, a reaction has set in and the jeweled pin, in the Alpha Chapter at least, is a rare exception, and the size has been regulated by the sorority.

After selecting a pin, the founders next chose the society color. Their first choice was light blue, but October 8, 1875, this color was changed for two shades of brown. Appreciation prompted the society to make this change in honor of Dr. Brown. The reason for thus honoring him will appear a little later. These new colors were first used that autumn at the public exercises of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Convention held that year at Syracuse.

For those who have known Gamma Phi Beta only since the chapter house life has been adopted, it is hard to realize that for many years, the sorority had only a chapter room. During the first year, the meetings were held at the homes of the members. The next year, Professor John J. Brown, LL.D., of the science department offered the society the use of his private study for

their meetings. Glad to accept this offer, the young women used this room for one year, even holding their anniversary exercises there on November 11, 1875. For the next three years the meetings were held in a private house near the university, a room being rented for that purpose. Later the society rented and furnished a room in the Hendricks block, a building in the business center of the city. Here, after the regular meetings, the girls had "a feast of wit and a flow of soul." For the feast, each one contributed ten cents. With this combined capital the freshmen were sent to purchase tempting foods. In the merry hour that followed, the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta became stronger through that close companionship. Those who remember those meetings are still enthusiastic over them.

There are two customs of the early years that deserve attention, for these customs are still followed, at least at Syracuse. These are the spring and fall banquets. At the close of the college year of 1874, Gamma Phi Beta held a banquet. There were five of the six members present, the smallest attendance Alpha has ever had at a banquet, but probably the largest in proportion. On November 11, 1875, the anniversary of the founding was celebrated. In the afternoon a banquet was held, only one of the ten members being absent and that on account of illness. For this occasion Miss Dodge composed a song, the first society song of which we have any record; in all probability it is "List the Watchword." There was an additional feature of that celebration which we omit today. In the evening Miss Curtis entertained at her home in honor of Gamma Phi Beta. To this reception, college and city friends of the society were invited. Accuracy requires that a change be recorded; the fall banquet, though still a celebration of the founding of the order, is held later than November 11, on the Friday immediately following the return of the delegates from convention.

The banquets of the early days were very different from the twentieth century function. They were simpler, though none the less enjoyable, except possibly to the freshmen who did the

serving. The young women who lived in town furnished sandwiches, salads, cakes and other dainties; the other members paid for coffee, ice-cream and whatever else it was necessary to buy.

One entertainment of a less formal nature has also survived,—the peanut and olive spread. Eva Seymour, '85, invited Alpha to what she termed a "chocolatetaire." It is easy to imagine that chocolate in many forms was served. A few weeks later another member entertained the chapter informally. It so happened that one of the features of the refreshments was peanuts and olives. This function the guests dubbed a "peanut-tare." The combination so captivated the fancy or the appetite of these college women that they straightway adopted the peanut and olive spread as one of the features of their informal gatherings.

Meanwhile the membership had been increasing. When a year old, the society numbered ten members. During the first college year, there was added to the roll the names of two new members, both sophomores. March 19, M. Clara Worden (Wilcox) was initiated; and Barbara Crane (Van Wagner) on June 4. Mrs. Wilcox was not only the first initiate, but also the first Gamma Phi Beta wife, mother, and grandmother. Early the following fall, one sophomore and three freshmen were initiated. Until 1882, the number of initiates varied from three to twelve, so that in that year the total membership was fifty-nine. The membership at that time is mentioned because after June 7, 1882, Gamma Phi Beta was no longer a local organization.

Kate Gardner (Cooke), '86, energetic and ambitious, felt, even though she was a freshman, the need of expansion. With her, to see the necessity of action was to act. She wrote to a friend in the University of Michigan about establishing a chapter there. Her friend replied that she was a member of a sorority but she said that there was an excellent opportunity to establish a successful chapter and sent a list of six names of desirable women. This information was confirmed and the list approved by competent judges. When Miss Gardner made the suggestion that it was time that Gamma Phi Beta become a national organization,

the society was so pleased with the suggestion that she felt justified in presenting a plan which she had already formulated. This was enthusiastically approved. After the necessary correspondence with the young women at Ann Arbor, Ella French and Kate Gardner were sent to install the Beta Chapter, June 7, 1882.

It may be well to explain why Gamma Phi Beta is known as a sorority, since that name was given to the society at that time. When the delegates returned from Ann Arbor, Jessie Decker, '80, entertained in honor of the establishment of the Beta Chapter, and the event was announced in the city papers. On the way to college the next morning, some of the young women met Professor Frank Smalley of the Latin department, now Dean of the Liberal Arts College. He remarked that they were probably elated over being members of a sorority. Ever since Gamma Phi Beta has retained this term as an official name. Little did any of this group realize that in 1900, Dean Smalley's daughter, Bessie, would be initiated into the order to which her father had given an official title.

Chapters recently established will, no doubt, wonder at a proceeding so irregular as the establishment of the Beta Chapter. Their wonder may be increased when they learn that November 14, 1885, Gamma was installed in a similar manner by Beta. They will contrast this method with the present method which requires hard work and patience for a new chapter to obtain a charter. Conditions were different in 1882. Then Gamma Phi Beta was only a local organization, probably little known to any university except Syracuse.

Dignity, poise, and conservatism were three of the ruling ideas of the founders. These ideas they have transmitted by different means to every new member. The growth of Gamma Phi Beta, then, has been slow, but it has been slow from choice and principle. As many charters have been refused as granted. Our chapter roll, compared with that of other sororities, is short, but it is representative. Though the sorority has celebrated its thirty-third anniversary, there are only twelve Greek letter chapters.

The establishment of Beta and Gamma has already been recorded. Delta was installed at Boston University by Alpha, April 22, 1887; Epsilon, at Northwestern, by Beta, October 13, 1888; Zeta, at Baltimore College, by Alpha, November 24, 1893; Eta, at the University of California, by Beta alumnae, April, 1894; Theta, at Denver University, by Zeta, December, 1898; Iota, at Barnard, by Alpha alumnae; Kappa, at the University of Minnesota, by Gamma, May 23, 1902; Lambda, at the University of Washington, May, 1903, and Mu at Leland Stanford Jr., by Eta.

The chapter roll is increased to twenty by eight graduate or alumnae chapters. These were established in the following order: Chicago, Boston, Syracuse, New York, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Minnesota, and Denver.

The first convention was held in Syracuse in the fall of 1883. Beta sent one delegate, Miss Isadore Thompson. Again, there is a sharp contrast between the past and the present. Judging from the minutes, the business sessions were less arduous than those of recent conventions. The festivities were far less numerous and of an entirely different nature. The convention closed, as is the custom now, with a banquet. Some of the fraternities expressed their good will by sending notes or flowers.

The second convention was held at Ann Arbor in 1884; the third, at Syracuse; and the fourth, at Ann Arbor again. Since then the conventions, with one exception, have been held with the chapters in the order of their founding. The one variation from this order was when Alpha, by its request was allowed to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the founding. Five years before, in 1890, the eighth convention was held at Syracuse. This convention was called the "Sixteenth Annual Convention of Gamma Phi Beta"; for it was decided that the number of years since the founding of the sorority should give the convention its name. This is customary in such organizations; in this case it might be said to be exact as well as customary, for reunion exercises had been held every year since the founding. One other convention is notable for an interesting fact. The twenty-eighth

convention with Eta at Berkeley, California, was the first Greek letter convention held west of the Rockies and the second, west of the Mississippi.

Until the convention of 1893, which was held with Epsilon, all general sorority business was transacted in convention. This method was no longer advisable for there were then five Greek letter chapters and three alumnae. The number was to be increased, for arrangements had already been made to establish Zeta two weeks after the close of this convention. Accordingly, it was decided to appoint an executive board to transact the business. Not only would this method facilitate matters, but it would relieve the undergraduates of burdensome details, for the board was to be composed of alumnae. The board appointed in 1893 was temporary; in 1894, the permanent board was organized. Ella French of Syracuse, Honta Smalley of Chicago, and Louise Putnam of Boston constituted the first board. Each one was president in the order named; the other presidents have been Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, Syracuse; Mary Wellington, Boston; Mrs. Alice Hosmer Preble, Chicago; Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, Syracuse; Emma Lowd, Boston; Lillian Thompson, Chicago; Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, Syracuse; Elizabeth Putnam, Boston; Mrs. Florence Clifford Savage, New York; Gertrude C. Ross, Milwaukee, and Amy Phelan, San Francisco.

For business purposes the sorority was incorporated under the laws of New York State. The legal transactions in this matter were carried on by Colonel Chamberlain, father of Julia Chamberlain (Alley), '81. The state granted Gamma Phi Beta a charter, October 8, 1880, and the charter was filed on the fifteenth of the same month. This charter requires that there be five trustees, all of whom shall reside in Syracuse. The first trustees were Ella French, '78; Emma Norton (Brown), '82; Lulu Smith (Dawson) of the Class of '81; Alice Bannister (Race), '81, and

Mary Whitford, '81. The present trustees are Mrs. Florence Palmer Baker of the Class of '81; Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86; Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe, '93; Mrs. Genevieve Ostrander Porter, '86, and Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh, '91.

The sorority has three publications, a song book, a directory, and a quarterly. The first song book was published in 1887, under the direction of Beta. Until that time the songs had been printed on separate sheets. That the new book might be a fair sized volume, all Gamma Phis who had any skill in composition were asked to write songs. Today, if orders were issued in this matter, they would read: "That the song book may be kept within bounds, write no more songs." The first song book was much thinner than the present book; otherwise it had nearly the same dimensions. The covers were of pasteboard covered with dark brown cloth and bore the title in gold. Our second song book was published under the direction of Delta in 1896. The third issue has been published under the supervision of Miss Lowd, Boston alumnae.

Gamma Phi Beta's growth is recorded in its first publication, in point of time, the directory. The first directory was given to the charge of Alpha for publication and appeared in 1894. The second, prepared by Epsilon, was published in 1900; and the last, by New York alumnae, 1907. Time will not permit counting the names printed in the fifty-six pages of the last issue.

With this number, THE CRESCENT finishes its eighth year. For three years Delta published the quarterly; then Zeta published it. Now, however, the sorority publishes the magazine. This official organ has shown commendable growth and gives good promise for the future.

Statistics end here. Their selection has been restricted by necessity, not by choice, for information concerning many of the chapters was not at this time readily available. Such as are given, however, show that the sorority is progressing along lines that are in keeping with our ideals. If it were possible to tell

what individual members are accomplishing and what each chapter has done, this progress might be made more evident here. No Gamma Phi needs statistics; without them she knows that her sorority is an inspiration to her, and helps her to realize her ideals. For our friendships and for practical help in right living, we can be none too thankful to our founders.



History of Gamma Phi Beta on the Pacific Coast

In 1893 the University of California register announced nine hundred and eighteen students. There were eight fraternities among the men, and one sorority—Kappa Alpha Theta—among the women.

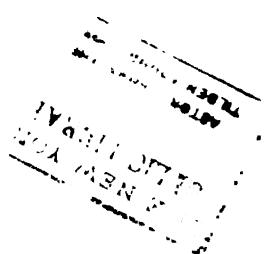
Just before the close of the college year a group of three girls, all juniors, decided that there were certain lasting benefits to be derived from a sorority, and that there were at that time more girls in the university than could reap the benefits of the one chapter then existing there. But the summer vacation came before the three could definitely formulate their plans for action, and they separated for the summer. During these months the nucleus of the new sorority was busy getting ideas.

College opened in the fall with well-laid plans of organization. More girls were asked to join the project so that by the end of that term there were in all, four juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen. These eleven were known about college as Tau Deltas, and were ready to take the necessary steps to obtain admittance into some national sorority. But which one? Among those consulted was Mr. Leon J. Richardson, a Psi Upsilon of Michigan—a recent arrival in Berkeley as instructor in Latin. I remember his words yet. In answer to the question, "Nationally which sorority ranks highest?" he said enthusiastically, "Gamma Phi Beta, without question." His ardor kindled in the hearts of each one of us a burning desire to be Gamma Phis.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Top row, left to right.—Irene Baltzel, Clara Ham, Winifred Draper, Gladys King, Mildred Fulmer, Olive Pierce, Marion Beecher, Eleanor Pendor, Mary Nellis, Bertha Dodison, Mabel Whitney, Marguerite Metzger, Helen Johnson, May Granger, Marion Scott, Christopherina McLeannan, Edna Eckersley, Jess Truman, Christine Reed, Mary Perrin.
Second row—Betty Brooks, Olive Hunt, Marguerite Metzger, Helen Johnson, May Granger, Marion Scott, Christopherina McLeannan, Edna Eckersley, Jess Truman, Christine Reed, Mary Perrin.
Third row—Sue Smith Bessie Bow, Joe Frisbie, Katherine Sibley, Ruth Lavcock, Emily Treadway, Deldre Mace, Jessie Paige, Bertrude Waters, Marion Williams, Clara DeVoe.
Bottom row—Fredericka Dunlap, Louise Lee, Olive Beane, Louise Lee, Olive Gordon, Edna West, Bernice Peck, Ruth Hamilton.







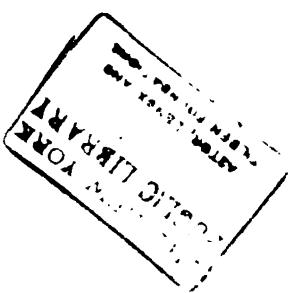
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Middle row.—Paula Hense, Helen Gable, Nellie Connor, Mecia Shieldon, Helen B. Hicks, Madge Miller, Gretchen Lydecker.
Bottom row.—Alura Rudd, Helen Wells, Gladys Lewis, Laura Hall, Eleanor Thompson, Clara Ely, Edna Lowry,
Louanna Meeker.





GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

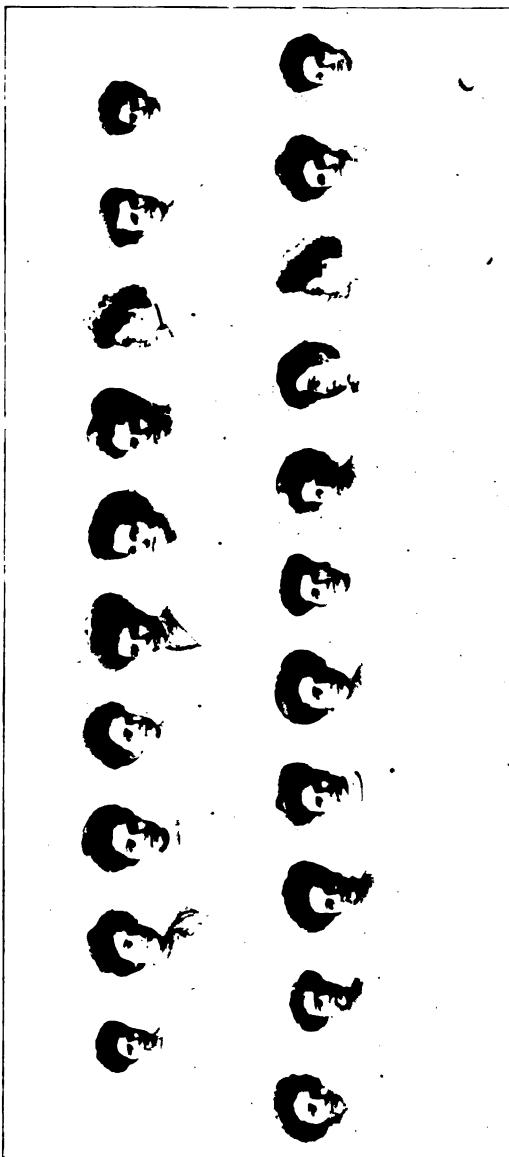




DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Top row, left to right.—Dale Goble, Timberlake, Marguerite Briner, Magdalene Carpenter, Persis Rollins, Bertha Gray, Agnes Bassett, Edna Lulke, Ruth Palmer, Elizabeth Davidson.
Bottom row.—Mary Skoning, Helen Cowles, Florence Rhodes, Louise Stoll, Laura McCarty, Margaret Williams, Caroline McCarty, Edwin Fope, Alice Jenkins, Janet Childs, Ethel Cowles.



We sent a committee down to San José to see Violet Jayne and Nettie Daniels, both Beta girls whose addresses had been given us by Mr. Richardson. From these ladies we learned of the high ideals of Gamma Phi Beta, and that her reputation nationally was supported largely by her great conservatism. That awful project of sending a delegate East each year to Chicago or further, almost scared away our determination to make a petition for membership. But the effort seemed worthy of the cause, and in due time a formal document, expressing our aims and hopes, was sent to the Executive Board. This was in January, 1894. Then followed long weeks of weary waiting. Letters from the Executive Board saying that the vote was being taken by chapters. Hasty visits to San José for news and reassurance. At last—a telegram in these words, "All votes favorable. Congratulations."

We breathed never a word of our success to anyone in Berkeley except to Mr. Richardson, while several more weeks slowly passed in order to give the San José Betas time to get necessary documents and pins of trusting sisters-elect. On the evening of April 17, we were instructed in the holy mysteries by Violet Jane, Nettie Daniels, Ruth Guppy—all of Beta—and Jane Greenwood, Delta.

And great was the surprise thereof on April 18. At first we did not think that we could afford a house, so we rented a chapter room. From year to year the successor to this meeting place increased in size until we were able to point with modest pride to a little house occupied entirely by us, and serving very well for our simple entertainments. The wave of lavishness that has recently swept over the whole land had not yet rolled in. I wonder what we would have thought had a prophet informed us that as alumnae we would one day be assisting at an Eta reception for which seven hundred cards had been sent out. But thus have great things ever their small beginnings, and thus shall that single eight-by-ten room evolve into that beautiful home we see rising before us as soon as a few more shares are sold of the

Gamma Phi Beta Hall Association, incorporated under the laws of California.

Convention met in Berkeley in 1901. One of its results was the beginning of the San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter, for it was then that its charter was granted. The purpose of this chapter is two-fold,—first, to forward the aims of Gamma Phi Beta; second, to enjoy those friendships begun in a happy past. For promoting these intentions meetings are held four times a year, with occasional extra sessions when special business demands them. The girls in this chapter live in various cities in California, but they keep the meeting dates in view so that there is always a full attendance of devoted members.

Everybody knows of the startling growth of Seattle, developing from a city of 20,000 to a city of 300,000 within ten years. It seemed as if in this very rapidly-growing section we ought to have a chapter of Gamma Phi. Upon Eta, as the nearest chapter, seemed to depend the personal inspection of those seeking entrance. A committee was sent up which reported most brilliant prospects from as fine a group of girls as had applied for a charter. The name of their local organization was Alpha, significant of the fact that they wished to be the first national society in their University. On May 27, 1903, Vida Redington, Bess Rothermel, Sue Dunbar and Greta Augustine, the four sent up by Eta, had the enormous pleasure of attaching formally unto ourselves twenty-five active and alumnæ members of the Alpha Sorority. We have heard much of the success of these girls in their college world, while those of us who have visited in the North can attest their great loyalty and extreme cordiality.

Several applications were made to Eta by different local groups of girls at Stanford University for a chapter there. Eta felt the responsibility of being the nearest chapter, so each time beheld with very critical eye the *soi-disant* worth which presented itself. While we wanted a chapter there very much, we did not want it until the right persons applied. At last they did, a local chapter known as Gamma Beta. There were five hundred women stu-

dents at Stanford at that time, the limit permitted by the trustees of the institution, with all the important sororities represented except Gamma Phi Beta. In the spring of 1905, the whole Eta Chapter, and many Eta alumnae, went down to Stanford to do the proudest piece of work Eta has ever done,—to initiate our Mu Chapter. One naturally expects a young chapter to have a setback now and then, to lose a few girls or some other equal calamity. But the progress of the Stanford chapter seems to have been phenomenal. The girls ranked at once with the best sororities there, took immediately a large share of the college honors, and attached to themselves from time to time very valuable girls. They certainly understand the art of making one feel at home—an art of sweet and quiet ways, and an art that does not lose itself in the magnificent new home they have recently built for themselves.

Eta is especially glad to have a large university near enough that she may have a sister for a close neighbor. She and Mu constantly exchange visits on the occasion of athletic meets and other college functions. It is regretted that Lambda is two days away, fast traveling, so that the members of the California chapters can only see their northern sisters on an occasional interchange of visits.

LENA MARTHA REDINGTON,
San Francisco Alumnae Chapter.

The Syrens
An Allegory

Cradled by the moon-washed seas,
Of the lovely Caribbees,
Where the long sea-grasses quiver,
Syrens watch and wait forever,
Beckoning from beds of foam
To the sailors, where they roam.

Sapphire blue their sunny eyes,
Sapphire like the southern skies,
Never Helen in her glory,
Never maid in any story
Dreamed and smiled with face so fair
As the syrens, smiling there.

Old Ulysses, long ago,
Heard them singing, soft and low.
Never knew that care and sorrow
From the earth they fain would borrow,
For the syrens wed to men,
Find a soul and live again.

So they braided golden hair
With sea-jewels, rich and rare.
Sang of life and love's completeness,
Sang with all a syren's sweetness,
But Ulysses turned his head,
Never heard the words they said.

On their banks of tossing green,
Where the white scud danced between,
Still they watched the slow waves wrestling
Into billows shoreward heaving,
By the farthest coral gate,
Singing songs of Love and Fate.

Still they combed their braids and curls,
Fashioned necklaces of pearls,
Chanted legends quaint and olden,
How to earthly love behoden,
Syrens would immortal be
When the Angel dried the sea.

Sailing slow at set of sun,
With his kingdoms yet unwon,
Fearless he as ancient rover,
Young Ulysses, passing over,
Furled his canvas all awing,
Furled to hear a syren sing.

Straightway called her from the blue
In the old, old way yet new;
Wooed her there with accents tender,
In the sunset's fading splendor,
Till she followed where he led,
Trusting every word he said.

And a mortal maid went she,
Dowered with immortality;
Left the old life, unregretting,
Sailed out in the sun's slow setting,
Through its gold and amethyst
To the Islands of the Blest.

Now, if ever o'er the main,
Young Ulysses sails again,
Vowing he will love them duly,
Vowing he will love them truly,
Not a syren of them all
But will hear and heed his call.

So they wait forevermore
By the low, moon-flooded shore,
Beckoning with foam flecked fingers
Where Ulysses haply lingers.
There they sing, and, singing, wait
For Ulysses coming late.

Purple night and golden day
 Frame slow years and slip away,
 Yet no gleam of pain or pleasure
 Shines athwart their life's still measure.
 Peace is theirs, devoid of pain—
 Peace which earth-life cannot gain.

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Fair College, goodby! 'Tis the turn of the tide,
 And its setting will bear us from thee.
 Then here's to thy memory, here's to thy pride,
 And here's to thy children to be.
 In the offing still flutters the flag of last year,
 We are up and away with the dawn.
 Then, comrades, goodby to the scenes that are dear,
 With a sigh for the years that are gone.

Fair College, goodby! 'Tis the turn of the tide,
 We sail for the ports of the world.
 Then here's to the seas where our Argosies ride
 And the winds where our sails are unfurled.
 Blow they eastward or westward, we seek on our way
 High honor and faith among men.
 Then, fortune or failure, rich freightage are they
 When our prows seek thy harbor again.

GLADYS WILTON, Delta, '08,
Senior Class Poet.

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The Songs of the Fawns and the Browns

ONCE upon a time there were six small groups of girls known as the Fawns and the Browns. And these little girls lived all over a great country that was once inhabited by Red Men. For this reason, I suppose, the Fawns and the Browns loved a certain red flower which they called a carnation.

Now these girls were very fond of singing, but their only collection of songs was contained in a small black covered book that had been made by some older sisters. So these young Fawns and Browns decided to have a new song book, and one time when

they were gathered at the Hub, under the guidance of Florence, there were appointed Emma and Lavinia and Harriet to make a new song book.

These young sisters were few in number, and not very rich, but they were very loyal, so that in two years' time there appeared a beautiful new book with covers of fawn and brown, in honor of the names of the sisters. There were five hundred of these books, and the cost was five hundred and twenty-five dollars, but the little sisters paid the money. They were few in number, but they were rich in loyalty to their family.

Then it came to pass that in about eight years, when the number of the groups of the Fawns and the Browns had increased to ten or twelve, there was need of some new song books. So the sisters once more assembled, and considered the matter. Again, Emma was appointed to make the book, but this time without the assistance of Lavinia and Harriet.

In a short while the little sisters furnished contributions of songs, and made many promises to purchase the new song books. But these Fawns and Browns were not like the old Fawns and Browns. New generations are not always like old generations. And in all ages it has been impossible to make bricks without straw. So the years passed, as many as four, and still very many of the Fawns and the Browns had failed to keep their promises, so that it was impossible for Emma to make the books.

Those sisters who had increased so greatly in numbers had not increased in family pride. They had also become so very, very poor that they could not afford to keep their promises, but fortunately they were still able to have pretty clothes, and to go to parties, and teas, and such things. Some people would say that, knowing their poverty, and their weaknesses, they should not have made such promises. And this is very true.

Thus, in a little while, the purchase money will have to be returned to the few little sisters who were loyal enough to send it, and the Fawns and the Browns will not have any song book.

The Chapter House

In universities where the dormitory system exists the chapter house is in many cases dispensed with, but when there are no dormitories it becomes an absolute necessity. Many girls would never be permitted to come to college if obliged to live in rooming-houses—a large number of which take in men as well as girls. The chapter house has a refined home-like atmosphere, far more pleasant than is to be found even in a dormitory, and the girls living in the chapter houses are drawn more closely together and know each other better than would otherwise be possible.

The chapter house is a center to which all the girls in town can come at any time and receive a most cordial welcome. The alumnae should be made to feel that the chapter house belongs to them as well as to the active girls, and that they are free to come at any time and stay as long as suits their convenience.

The management of the chapter house is usually either in the hands of a matron, who also acts in the capacity of a chaperone or in the hands of one or more of the girls. Beta has tried both methods and the latter has proved the more satisfactory. At present two girls have entire charge of the house—the house stewardess attending to heating, lighting and repairs, and the board stewardess planning the meal, hiring the servants and having charge of the general management of the house. The board stewardess receives her board in return for her services, and in several instances this has furnished greatly needed assistance to girls who would otherwise have been unable to remain in college.

The chapter house usually plans only to meet expenses. It is advisable that the board and room rent be as low as possible for many very desirable girls feel that they cannot afford to join a sorority. If, however, the board and room rent are lower than that of most rooming and boarding house, the difference will more than cover the usual sorority tax.

If at any time there be a deficit in the household account, the extra expense should be borne only by those girls living in the

house. Very often the entire chapter is called upon to contribute towards that deficit, but it does not seem fair that girls not living in the house should pay for that which they do not consume, especially when they themselves are paying a higher price for room and board than the house girls.

The government as well as the management of the chapter house generally rests entirely with the girls. The only rules deemed absolutely necessary are that callers shall leave at a reasonably early hour, and that there shall be fixed study hours.

When all the power is thus vested in the girls the position of the chaperone is necessarily purely honorary, and considerable tact must be exercised in order that she may not feel herself to be a mere figurehead.

It is courteous to ask her opinion on little questions of etiquette and on any other little matters that are not strictly sorority affairs. Above all she should never be neglected at any social event, even though her presence may not be absolutely necessary. She should be made to feel that her presence is a pleasure, not a necessary evil.

With such conditions prevailing it is especially desirous that freshmen move into the chapter house as soon as possible in order to avoid the influences of a rooming house. During her first year at college a girl is most susceptible to influence—her character is easily molded. If this year can be spent in the chapter house the freshman will come under the very best influences possible and avoid the many unpleasant and often pernicious features of life in a rooming house.

PAULA HENZE, Beta.



THE following letter and clipping bearing the sad news of the death of one of our much-beloved sisters explains itself. We would like to express our appreciation of the very kindly, even affectionate, feeling that existed between these two women of different sororities and the thoughtfulness of Miss Fitch in

sending this most appreciative letter to the editor of THE CRESCENT. After the shock of sadness there comes the gratification that such deep friendship exists between Greeks of different names. We thank the editor of The Trident for her thoughtfulness.

GALVA, ILL., March 14, 1908.

My Dear Miss Dimmick: I am enclosing an account of the death of a Gamma Phi whom I knew and admired very much. Her home since her marriage has been in Kewanee, eight miles from here, where I spend a great deal of time. Perhaps you will receive the account from others, but she has been out of school so long, the chapter may not keep track of her. She attended a little company I gave her in January for the fraternity women of Galva and Kewanee, to meet our chapter inspector. She was very greatly admired by her Kewanee friends, one of whom is a Kappa and a very dear friend of mine. She was a Gamma Phi at Northwestern. All who know her here loved her dearly. Her death occurred on March 13.

With good wishes to you. Very sincerely, R. LOUISE FITCH.

Stricken by an illness which rapidly became more serious and necessitated an operation Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. A. T. Kellogg passed away at 7:40 o'clock last night at St. Francis Hospital. Little expectation during the last two days that the outcome would be favorable, was possible, yet hundreds of friends hoped for word of improvement and were filled with sorrow when the tidings came of her passing.

Mrs. Kellogg's maiden name was Antoinette Shryock. She was born January 20, 1869, at Foreston, Ill., and there spent part of her early life. Mt. Morris, this state, claimed her as a resident, and in that city she taught in the schools for a time. After a year spent in teaching at Harvard this state, she went to Evanston, where she taught for a number of years, giving special attention to instruction in history. She was very successful as a teacher and is well remembered there as a popular instructor who gave to her work the sympathy and interest which characterize the best teaching.

At the home of her sister, Mrs. Rank, in Rockford, she was married June 28, 1905, to A. T. Kellogg of Kewanee. Coming to Kewanee as a bride, Mrs. Kellogg soon made friends whose favorable impressions deepened as the few short years have passed. Her manner was pleasant; her expression ever cheerful. She was willing in whatever came to her hand, be it in the home which she loved, in her church or in her club. In all her relationships she was one to be depended upon and her passing is that of one whose place will not be filled.—The Kewanee Daily Star-Courier.

In Brief

By Helen Carter, Inta, '07

The practise of writing a brief in "regularly tabulated outline form" is doubtless well known to all students of sophomore English.

I Introduction.

A song of love demands
 incline to me thy face,
 2 me intrust thy hands.
 But nay, I will not ask
 1 favor on thy part.
 Clear—shining truth make my appeal!
 if love shall bear her shining seal,
 ah love shall win the victory,
 but I shall win thy heart.

II The Discussion?

Aye. Know then I love thee, sweet!
 for
 in my soul was born the love of heaven's pure gifts:
 All light that from the great source sifts
 in golden grains
 beauty each fairy—train-ed sense to greet
 incense of fragrant blossoms—dreamy strains
 a windswept grove sets wandering.
 2 me thou came'st and in thyself did'st bring all these:
 a light in thy dear eyes to chase away all darkling thoughts,
 burdensome discontent and sorrow gray;
 beauty—ah how I loved thy face fair-shining in its sweet
 sincerity—thine eyes how pure and true, and the light
 grace of that dear head. Thou were to me a flower—for
 in that name did I confess, O sweetest flower, thy per-
 fect loveliness.
 Came music, dearest one, with thy advent—
 ineffable dream-music low and sweet, for, thrilling to
 love's power,
 (a)ll discontent and jarring discord felt unmeet in thy
 dear presence, passed away for aye.

The Conclusion, then? In truth I love thee, sweet!

And all my argument is but a song:

I love thee, sweetheart, and had loved thee long in all the lovely things of earth, ere yet I knew thy worth.

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A Plea for Expansion

MY theme is a plea for expansion. The position of Gamma Phi Beta is this: We are a national sorority, established in 1874. We consist of twelve active chapters and of eight alumnae chapters. When an inquiry is made as to the policy that Gamma Phi pursues, we proudly reply: "We're very conservative." When others are asked about our policy, the answer is: "They're too conservative," and now a rapidly-increasing number of Gamma Phis are realizing the truth of this statement and are confessing, "Yes, we're too conservative!" Too long have we rested complacently and indolently on our oars, always looking backward over the peaceful streams we have passed, never glancing ahead to see if calm or stormy waters await us. Let us pause and consider the situation. We must not be content with small achievements. We must not contentedly permit our rivals to surpass us in numbers and in influence. To be conservative is to be opposed to change, and therefore often to be opposed to progress. Does Gamma Phi wish to stand for opposition to advancement? Is this the broad, free cultural spirit which is regarded as the most important essential of Greek life? Can this narrow national feeling be uplifting and beneficial to our local life? Realizing the high and lofty aims that inspired the four founders of our order, appreciating what earnest women have accomplished in this cause, how can we help but feel that we must exert ourselves to continue well their excellent beginning and grow as broadly and freely as they can wish?

You who favor conservatism, consider the advantages of expansion. Our chapters, especially those in the West, are widely separated and only through THE CRESCENT and annual conven-

tions do they keep in touch with our national life. These are excellent means, but still the necessary intimate intercourse of neighboring chapters is missing. Personally, whenever I read in Beta's and Epsilon's letters of how they have interchanged visits for initiation, for games, for dances, and for house-parties, I always feel envious. We in New York have not so very much to complain of since we quite frequently have at our meetings girls from Syracuse, Boston and Baltimore who are passing through the city. We also have the opportunity of meeting in the New York alumnae members of many different chapters. But these advantages cannot be enjoyed by those girls who have not the aid of a chartered alumnae or of near active chapters. Some may say: "Gamma Phi wants nothing but the best!" True, but when good and bad are presented to us, surely we can with intelligent discrimination weed the bad from the good and add strong helpful chapters, of which we may be proud, to our sorority. Blind conservatism in not granting charters has led more than once to our losing excellent chapters that later went to do good work for rival sororities. All of us can recall with regret applications refused to local organizations; sometimes the refusal has been by only one chapter.

Another very important suggestion in favor of our development is the increase of the sorority currency that would result. The sorority taxes of a few more active chapters would materially swell our national treasury and the added subscriptions to THE CRESCENT would support a magazine second to none in sorority journalism. Have you, supporters of conservatism, ever considered that aspect? Think of it, because it merits your thoughtful consideration.

Let us once be roused to the importance of the matter and I am confident that all Gamma Phis will favor expansion. Growth and progress should be our watchwords. It is axiomatic that in all human effort progress and decline are the sole conditions; there is no middle course. When we cease to advance we cannot long remain stationary and inert; that state is but the prelude to

retrogression. Then let us set definitely to work and adopt some fixed and settled plan. Let us not delay. While we ponder and wait, other sororities are quietly following a well-tried and successful policy of growth. A committee could be appointed by the national board to make a thorough canvass of the collegiate world; to make a list of all the colleges—those with national sororities, those without any charters. Consider those colleges where Gamma Phi is not represented, but where other national sororities have already entered. Wherever there is a group of strong girls, there is room for Gamma Phi, because the right kind of girls can successfully lead a chapter, though late in entering, to the highest place. Then canvass the colleges that have no sorority chapters. Here is the best field for Gamma Phi. Select the strongest local chapter, charter, and Gamma Phi is first on the field, and thus acquire a relatively secure and unassassiable position. But while eager to secure accessions to our ranks, we need not abandon our treasured safeguards. Let not the pendulum swing us from blind conservatism to headlong expansion. Our applicants must always measure up to the Gamma Phi standard. We desire chapters, but we only desire the best. We want Gamma Phi to be the best in every sense, and we want no other sororities forging ahead of us in the attainment of good, sound chapters. If our present policy continues, soon our alumnae chapters will equal in number our active ones. Alumnae help, but a sorority is judged by its active life and for that active chapters are indispensable. More chapters, good chapters, are needed for the support and permanence of Gamma Phi. Her sturdy roots have shot down deep—she is able to support many strong, broad branches. Let us see to it that she has them.

ELLEN K. O'GORMAN, Iota, '08.

Thekla—A Drama
By Alice Cleveland Higgins

Boston: The Part Lure Company

THE work of Miss Higgins in dramatizing the legend of Saint Thekla is very cleverly done. The author displays artistic instinct and literary finish in a marked degree. The story of Thekla will always be one of interest to Christian people. She forsook wealth, a lover of social position and all to become a disciple of Christ through the influence of the preaching of Saint Paul. She suffers much for her faith and, though she was cast into the arena among wild beasts, she did not lose her courage, and never for a moment faltered under the most trying circumstances. The author pictures this highly dramatic scene in Thekla's life, when the beasts refused to touch her, and skulked away from sheer fear of the timid young saint, in a most delicate manner setting it forth with all the facts prominent, and yet not once allowing mere stage effect to influence her method. This is a bit of literary work which commends itself because of its sanity and strength. We will miss our guess greatly if the author is not heard from in the future, and if she does not find a conspicuous place in the literary world.



A Tempest in a Teapot

ON April 15, the United Press dispatch sent out over the country the following bit of news: "Wooster, Ohio. The faculty of the university has practically abolished sororities in the college. They have decreed that there are to be no more initiations into the secret organizations. This means that the chapters shall die a natural death after the present members shall leave college."

"Two national sororities are represented here—Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Forty of the two hundred and fifty co-eds are members.

"A joint meeting of the chapters has been called for Thursday night to plan resistance to the faculty order.

"Meantime the girls have induced the faculty to announce a special meeting for Friday night, when the pleas for the life of the sororities will be listened to. No order has been issued against fraternities of the men."

In order to get the correct status of the affair the editor of THE CRESCENT wrote a student who is in a position to know all facts. We asked a number of questions, to which we received most explicit answers. We give the substance of the communication:

"The newspaper reports are absolutely ridiculous. The statement that the young ladies were going to strike was false. For many years there have been a few members of the faculty who were opposed to sororities. Since there are no sorority houses and all the girls live in two buildings—Hoover Cottage and Holden Hall—some members of the faculty have mistaken the rivalry between the two halls for that between the sorority and non-sorority girls. So far as we can tell the trouble was brought about by one member of the faculty. All but one man of the faculty belong to fraternities. The president was not responsible for the action of the faculty.

"The grades of the sorority and non-sorority girls were averaged, the result being one-sixth of a tenth difference between them, in favor of the non-sorority girls, but as this was so slight it is hardly worth noticing.

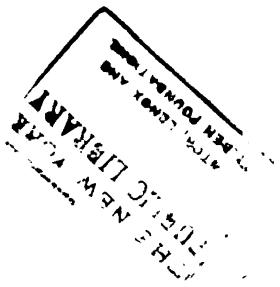
"The faculty did not take any action against the fraternities. The sororities here certainly do not lower the standard in the moral standing, as out of about thirty-four sorority girls, all belong to the Y. W. C. A. except two.

"About the only complaint was in the social line. No sorority girls live at Hoover Cottage, and the social life there is very low.



ZETA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

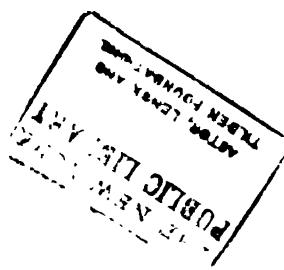
Top row, left to right.—Sara Turner, Kezia Manifold, Wilhelmina Trede, Marguerite Porter, Anna Blanton.
Second row.—Elizabeth Barnes, Ruth Porter, Caroline Kline, Mary McCurley, Jean Thoburn.
Bottom row.—Louise Tiedeman, Jessie Wilson, Flora Robinson, Mary Leahy, Margaret Handy.



THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Top row, left to right.—Bertha Webb, Marie Gallup, Ethel Tucker, Margaret Carman, Kathryn Allen, Mildred Hansen, Kittle Lee Bishop, Lucy Moore, Elizabeth Stephenson.
Bottom row.—Helen Hersey, Mar' Allen Green, Lisle Brownell, Doris Best, Ruth Wheeler, Ora Bowman, Mary Way, Eva Davis, Helen Carson, Allene Seaman.







IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Top row, left to right.—Helen Worrall, Helen Savitz, Helen Alguiler, Edna Stitt, Helen Gray, Helen Newhold.
Bottom row.—Elizabeth Zangler, Ellen O'Gorman, Linda Savitz, Elda Flink.



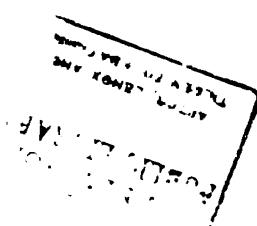


LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SEATTLE).

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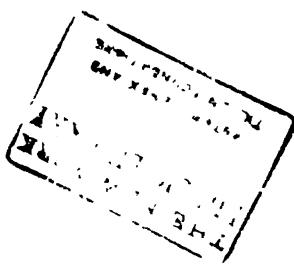
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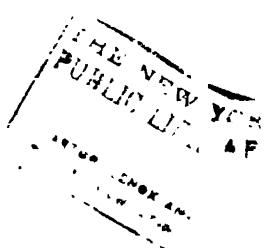
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Winnie Graves Florence Forbes Edna Earle Mabel Gray
Ethel Palmer Mildred Hayes Jennie Hearitt Winifred Higgins
Susan Davis





GLADYS WILTON
Delta, '08.



While at Holden it is not. One of the questions asked by the faculty was concerning any agreement between sororities and fraternities only to invite each other to their parties. This is utterly absurd, and we do not know where any such report could have been started, for at all the fraternity parties there are a number of non-sorority girls, and I know personally of my own sorority sisters going with non-fraternity men. I only say this to show in what a false light some one had presented the sorority question."

At a subsequent meeting of the faculty the former action was rescinded, and the Wooster sky for sororities is calm and serene again.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."



A College or Kindergarten

SOME of our colleges for women and particularly some of the co-educational institutions so conduct the discipline of the girls that one is forced to the conclusion that the governing powers mistake a college and young women for a kindergarten and little children. There have come marked advances on the part of many colleges that admit women in the method of discipline over the old-time "Female College" system which was not far removed from a nunnery. Too much law and too many rules with multiplied restrictions are not conducive to wholesome character development. The trend in recent years has been away from the severe and legal methods to the more reasonable and sane enforcement of laws in the treatment of wards and criminals. The law in the past demanded an eye for an eye from every violator of the law. Today the appeal is made not to the motive of fear of punishment, but to self restraint for the good to one's self. We are depending more and more upon self government than upon the power of law to restrain wrongdoing. In the past children were governed by the will of their parents which was law. Now children are appealed to to use their own wills

and powers of decision of right and wrong. The same appeal to the individual is used by those who have charge of the insane. These used to be kept in close confinement, apart from each other, and under the most rigid surveillance. Now these patients are allowed very considerable freedom, and mingle freely with each other. There is nothing like showing a spirit of confidence in those who are under our care. Children should be taught to realize the responsibility of deciding for themselves concerning questions of moral conduct. The more responsibility for right action is put upon the individual, the better moral conduct you will have. A certain state capital grounds had been fenced about for a century and more. Some of the people began to ask that the fence be removed, but at once there was strong protest made on the plea that it would invite vandalism, but the fence came down, and the grounds never were as beautiful as they have been since. The people have not taken undue advantage of the liberty. We are satisfied that the girls attending our colleges are as competent as are the boys to practice self government. They should not be treated as children. The multiplicity of rules that prevail in some institutions are an incitement to the girls to violate them. A large part of education should affect the will and should teach young people self control and self restraint. College students should be treated as ladies and gentlemen, and when they show that they do not belong to these classes they should be dealt with according to their offense. Less rules and more reliance upon the natural moral ideals of girls would produce more wholesome obedience to moral standards and develop stronger characters.

B. F. D.

The Next Annual Convention

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

November 10-13, 1908

All Beta girls, both active and alumnae, urge large delegations from every chapter to plan on coming to Convention.

Ann Arbor is so favorably situated geographically, Beta hopes the Eastern and Middle West Chapters may feel they can have many visitors aside from delegates, without incurring enormous expense.

The names of all visitors and delegates should be sent to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, before October 10.

MISS MARGARET LYDECKER,

1310 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Business sessions will be at the usual hours, and the banquet will be on the evening of Friday, November 13.

Definite hours and places of meeting can be announced in the next Crescent.

MABELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS,

Chairman of Convention Committee.

MRS. HENRY W. DOUGLAS,

1620 Israel Hall Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich.



THE CRESCENT most sincerely congratulates every graduate member of our fraternity of this year's class. The editor feels a personal interest in each one for the fact that she has been so intimately associated with them, through the issues of THE CRESCENT, during their four years of college life. We hope the new life upon which you are about to enter will have in store for you the largest possible opportunity for service, and the greatest measure of blessing that can come from duty well done.



The New Alumnae

DURING the month of June there will be a considerable number of Gamma Phi Betas who will change their relationship to the sorority from active to alumnae. It is a critical step and one which will determine the future of these girls as sorority girls. They will miss the meetings of their chapters, participation in the activities of the chapter and, most of all, the society of their sisters of the chapter. What can they do to compensate for these losses? These graduates can continue to keep in touch with their chapter through correspondence, and, best of all, they can continue their interest in the sorority at large by keeping themselves informed through THE CRESCENT as to the doings of the sorority. Any member who, after leaving college, neglects to show any interest in the chapter to which she:

belonged and fails to continue to subscribe for THE CRESCENT, and does not join an alumnae chapter if there is one convenient to her, should thereby forfeit her real membership in the sorority. If it was any real benefit to you during your college course, much more can it help you after graduation. Let every new graduate of the class of 1908 determine to be loyal to Gamma Phi Beta in the future as in the past.

The Next Convention

THE national conventions of Gamma Phi Beta are events of more than ordinary significance. They are the occasions when the work of the general sorority comes up for review. They are mounts of vision, for an outlook of the sorority future. They bring together large numbers of delegates from active chapters and numbers of the enthusiastic alumnae. One cannot help but have her own love and interest in the sorority stimulated by coming in contact with these warm-hearted Gamma Phis during the days of an annual convention. The social functions are always a feature of these gatherings, and are well worth the cost of going to the convention. Let our motto for the next convention, which will be held in Ann Arbor, be "The best convention in the history of our beloved sorority." Why not plan to make going to the convention your vacation outing?

Fraternities and the Social Life of our Colleges

ORIGINALY there was little attention given to the social side of the student's life by our colleges. The students were housed in large, unattractive dormitories, which were about as uninviting and barren as the ordinary military barracks. Such surroundings were not conducive to the development of the social side of student life. At the beginning of the last century most of the colleges that were founded made no provision for rooming or boarding the students; these lived in the homes of the towns

people where the college was located. Through the influence of fraternities the social life of the students was in a measure provided for. The college fraternities came into existence in response to a demand on the part of the social life of the student body. They have made large contributions to the social and intellectual life of college students.

The life and manners and customs of our people have greatly changed from the barren, rugged Puritan life of our fathers. The new social order of today is a part of the advantages conferred upon humanity by the advanced civilization of our times. Fraternities gave opportunity for kindred spirits to mingle together in the bonds of brotherhood, patterning after the family idea.

In recent years the colleges have felt the need of providing quarters for the students which should partake of the nature of homes rather than old barren dormitories. The fraternities were the first to answer to this demand, and fraternity houses sprang up in our colleges all over the land. No movement in recent years has done so much to develop the social life of the students as our fraternity houses. Many of our colleges have not been in a financial condition to supply these student homes, and the fraternities supplying them have come to the aid of the colleges and have made a contribution which is recognized by college authorities.

Dr. Henry Drinker, President of Lehigh University, expresses his judgment of the social value of fraternities in the following: "I speak for the trustees of the university when I say that Lehigh is very grateful to the fraternities for what they have done in the past in housing the students before we ever had a dormitory. The attitude of the university toward fraternities is simply one of impartial appreciation."

The University of Virginia encourages the fraternities to build houses. It has a loan fund, and will loan any fraternity two-thirds of the amount necessary to build, providing the chapter

furnishes one-third. The university further furnishes free of charge a site for building, retaining, of course, the title to the land.



ON May first, nine of the eighteen chapter letters due on that date were in the hands of the editor; four came to her on that day, and all of the nine happened to be from the active chapters. The other nine were evidently laboring under the impression that the first of May means any time from the first to the fifteenth, or perhaps not at all.

If at the close of this year the editor had the opportunity of preaching a little sermon to the various correspondents to THE CRESCENT and also to those who contribute from time to time or are in one way or another responsible for something in our quarterly, it would be a little sermon of two words repeated and repeated for emphasis, "Answer letters! Answer letters! Answer letters!" etc.

Then in perhaps almost as emphatic tones (you can fancy the firstly yelled at you every time you receive a letter marked 'THE CRESCENT'), she would call out her secondly, "When writing for publication write on one side of the paper only!" Then the refrain comes, "Answer letters!" If it's a shameful impossibility to you to be prompt, at least answer them somehow.

Perhaps there seems little connection between CRESCENT correspondence and the new song book, but to the editor it all comes under the same text, "Attention!"

You all know that the song book new and revised is brimming full of fine songs that each Gamma Phi, wherever two or three are gathered, should certainly have in her possession. What if you have an old one! Some of us have a copy of each edition and are proud of each one. You want all the news songs, and the clever ones of each chapter's choosing, so that your repertoire will be increased. Send in your name to Miss Emma Lowd, Chairman of the Song Book Committee,

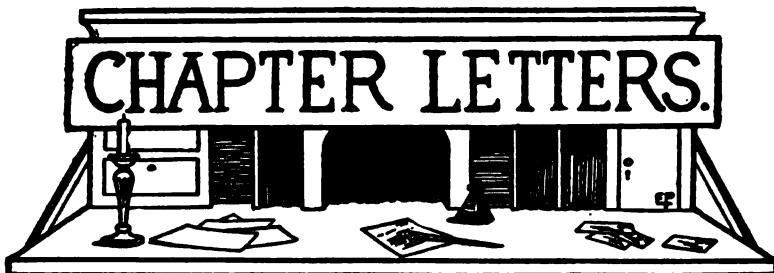
601 West 148th street, New York City, at once with money for the copy or copies. Get some other Gamma Phi interested, too. Miss Lowd and the committee have worked hard and long and deserve not only the bare gratitude of the sorority but their loyal support. Do not delay in this matter. Be prompt for once in your (sorority) lives and give it immediate attention!



We are proud to present to our readers in this issue pictures of all our active chapters with the exception of Eta and Kappa. Repeated requests for photographs of the chapter to each of these brought no reply whatever, so we are disappointed in being unable to show you the faces of all our actives. But we are none the less proud of those we see here, and are sorry that we will never again have the same faces in each group—we will miss the seniors.



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ALPHA

DEAR SISTERS: One of the events for Alpha during the past month was the party given for us by our ever close friends, the Alumnae. Mrs. Porter opened her spacious home on Orchard road, but, large as it was, we Gamma Phis nearly filled it. We had great fun opening our individual surprise boxes, which proved to contain rare but practical gifts, such as "tempins," "Gold Dust Twins" and many other fakes of like nature. After watching some unique charades, we were served a very fine supper. We of course closed with a rousing good sing, and everybody came away filled to the brim with "Gamma Phi cheer."

We are now anticipating our next reunion, which will be at the time of our annual "donation party." The entertainment for this occasion is always planned by the Sophomore class. This year a genuine minstrel show is to be given, and we have little doubt as to its success, as we believe there is a lot of talent stored away in our under-classmen.

Just before the Easter holidays we gave a little bridge party for some sub-Freshmen, but that is about the only entertaining we have indulged in. The girls have, however, kept busy with other things fully as important. One of our Seniors, "Rege" Waters, won distinction for some good playing in the annual Senior-Junior basketball game. Other of our girls have been prominent in helping to form "The Woman's League," an organization whose purpose is to promote student government among the women of the University. Marion Williams, our one Senior in the Fine Arts College, appeared on the program of the April "Public" and won much praise for her fine work. Jess Truman, '09, is pledged to the Senior society of Eta Pi Upsilon.

With only a few weeks more of college, Alpha is beginning to realize that she will soon lose one of the largest and strongest Senior classes she has ever had. It is unusual for a class to remain so intact throughout the

four years, there being only one out of the eleven who did not finish her course.

Alpha sends best wishes to each and every Gamma Phi.



BETA

SINCE the last CRESCENT letter lots of things have happened at Michigan. Junior hop, Sophomore prom and Freshman banquet are things of the past.

In February the men of the college gave a comic opera called "Michiganenda." It was a great success, and every one agreed that it was better than anything they had given before.

Schoolmasters' Club met here just before vacation. A goodly number of the old girls were back, and we certainly had a jolly household for a few days. We gave a tea at the house for the girls and their friends in town and had a good time generally.

Now we are getting ready to give a little play at the spring banquet. The date of the banquet has not been decided upon, but we hope that all the Alumnae who can will be here.

This year Beta is going to have the pleasure of entertaining all the girls at convention. We take this opportunity to urge all to come. We trust that a great many more than the regular delegates will find it possible to visit Beta chapter. All Gamma Phis will be more than welcome.



GAMMA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: During the Lenten season of this year we have done no entertaining, but now that Easter is past and spring is here we are busy planning for two of the most important social events of the year, our formal party on May 16 and our annual Alumnae banquet June 13, during Commencement week.

On Washington's Birthday Delta Gamma entertained us very pleasantly at their chapter house with a play given by their Freshmen.

A short time ago "Red Domino" gave a play in which Gertrude Wright, one of our Freshmen, took a leading part. She also took a minor part in "Twelfth Night," given by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club.

The Attic Angels, a charity society of Madison women, are giving an entertainment in which Edith McMillan, Allison More, Gertrude Wright and Bess Newell have solo parts and several others have parts in the chorus.

Interscholastic rushing has been set this year for the last week in May.

We expect to entertain about twenty rushees with driving, dancing, a luncheon given by Mrs. Barnes and a Glee Club concert. This is the rushing of the year which we try to make particularly successful, and all our efforts are directed toward making this year's result more successful than ever.

Gamma extends a hearty invitation to all her own Alumnæ and all Gamma Phis to be with her at the banquet in June.



DELTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: We had just as delightful a time as we anticipated at our valentine party at Olive Marshall's and at our other party at Sue Philbrook's. On St. Patrick's Day our Alumnæ entertained us with a delicious chafing dish spread at the sorority rooms.

April 3 Delta gave two little farces, the proceeds to go towards scenery for college dramatics. Miss Kimball, of Gamma, very kindly assisted us by reading. On the 15th we had a very informal tea at the rooms for a few friends, mostly college non-frat girls. On the 25th the annual spring luncheon was held at the English Tea Room. Junior week has passed, with the musicale, play and prom, and the Junior prom approaches. To crown our gayeties, we are meditating a little dance. Our year is nearly over, even examinations ending May 27. After the Senior week festivities we expect to have our house party, as usual, but have not yet made any definite plans.

If this letter has seemed rather abrupt and jerky thus far, it is because the writer has been frantically trying to save the best for the last. We have a new pledgling—initiated she will be by the time her sisters in other chapters see this—Maud Hodges. We're feeling pretty fine ourselves and send lots of love and best wishes to all Gamma Phis.



EPSILON

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Epsilon takes pleasure in introducing to you her new initiate, Janet Childs, of Evanston, who was pledged at the beginning of the second semester.

For some time we have been deeply interested in the discussion of the Pan-Hellenic Association as to whether we shall have a long or a short rushing season next year. Several members of the Intersorority Conference who have recently returned from their convention talked to us, and we were pleased to have Miss Lillian Thompson with us at that time.

For three years we have had pledge day within a month after school opened, but the system was not absolutely successful, more because the girls did not live up to the spirit of the rules than to the letter, and we are trying this year to get back to a starting place once more, so that we can begin on new ground.

Since our last letter we have had several visitors from Gamma and one from Kappa, and we were delighted to find that Winifred Wade, of Theta, had moved to Chicago and would be active in our chapter.

In the play given by the Junior class two of our girls—Helen Cowles and Edwina Pope—participated, doing credit to themselves and Gamma Phi.

We have had several parties in the last few months, more or less informal, and expect to give our annual formal party on May 13, when we hope to welcome many of our Alumnae who are living in and about Chicago.

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ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter, Senior Dramatics have come and gone, and to say that they were a success would be putting it very mildly.

Donnybrook Fair, our college year book, published each year by the juniors, has just come out and has been pronounced one of the best books ever published. Jean Thoburn, one of our juniors, was Art Editor of the book. The class of 1910 has just elected their Board of Editors for next year, and Mary McCurley, who is now president of the class, has been elected as its business manager.

Anna Blanton, '11, has been elected sophomore member of the Executive Board of Students' Organization for the coming year.

As the Misses Wilmot, with whom Zeta has had rooms for several years, have given up their house, the chapter is homeless. So we decided that upon getting new rooms, some new furnishings would be necessary. A shower was planned for the twenty-fifth of April and at the appointed time, the chapter girls gathered for the shower. To add a touch of realism there was a real sure-enough shower out of doors and the souvenir umbrellas were extremely appropriate. We found that our alumnae had responded most substantially to our plan, with the result that Zeta will be able to have a new room in more than one sense of the word.

Zeta finally wishes to extend a hearty welcome to any Zeta alumnae who are expecting to come back to the banquet in June. We are going to have our fifteenth reunion at Mt. Holly Inn on May 30, and we want to have a splendid time. If any of the alumnae are arranging to come back accom-

modations could be obtained for them if they would only write to the chapter secretary.

In closing, Zeta wishes a most successful commencement season and a happy summer to each and every Gamma Phi.



ETA
(No Letter)



THETA

THETA sends her greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters. We are more than busy with preparations for our play, "The Land of Heart's Content," by Lindsay Barbee, which we are to present at the Woman's Club Friday, May 18. Like all of Miss Barbee's productions, it savors strongly of college life, and we feel quite sure it will be a success.

As the spring advances we realize more and more the pangs of parting we all will experience when we bid our eight Seniors "Godspeed" on June 17. They are: Mary Way, Blossom Henry, Helen Carson, Mame Gallup, Eva Davis, Ona Bowman, Margaret Carman and Lucy Moore—nearly all of whom intend to teach next year in high schools about the state.

Already we are planning to introduce prospective Freshmen to our college and to Gamma Phi at a tea at "the Lodge" on May 8. This will be the first of a series of informal entertainments for the same purpose to be given before college closes in June.

One of our Sophomores, Lisle Brownell, has been critically ill with pneumonia, but, much to our relief, is now rapidly improving. Another one of our active chapter, Mildred Hansen, has been forced to leave school and accompany her mother to California in search of health.

Monday night, May 18, Theta will hold her annual reunion banquet at the Metropole Hotel. This is an event always pleasantly anticipated by both active and Alumnæ chapters, many of our Alumnæ coming from various points in the state to attend.

Recently a Pan-Hellenic Association for members of college sororities was organized in Denver for advancing social intercourse among sorority women "out of college." Gamma Phi Beta was voted the secretaryship of the Executive Board.

We are glad to have May Schiffer, formerly '07, in the active chapter again upon her entrance in college this term.

Theta took great pleasure in welcoming Fern Mitchell back after a year's sojourn in Seattle, where she took an active interest in all of

Lambda's affairs, and she delights us with glowing accounts of our Western sisters.

It is with regret that Theta bids adieu to her sister chapters for the summer, but she wishes them all a delightful summer vacation.



IOTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: For the last time this college year Iota sends greetings and congratulations on what she knows has been a most successful and enjoyable semester. We Barnard Seniors, owing to some new faculty plans, have our exams and commencement before the undergraduates. This arrangement frees us at about the middle of May, but keeps the other classes until June 8. So, since the only recent undergraduate activity has been the production of "The Taming of the Shrew," in which really excellent work was accomplished, we are eagerly looking forward to Senior week. During that time we have planned to hold our field day events, an undergraduate tea for our non-college friends, a Senior farewell party to the college, Tree day exercises, Senior dance, Class day, commencement and Senior banquet. Then, too, we are entertained by the Columbia Seniors at their Class day "over the way" and by the Barnard Alumnæ at a reception. So you can well understand that finals do not appear so gloomy when we can see behind them such a glorious week.

Sorority rushing affairs took the shape of informal teas during Lent, and right after Easter we had a most enjoyable heart party. Our spring banquet, for which the New York Alumnæ joins us, is planned for a Saturday in Senior week at the Hotel St. Andrew, and after our luncheon we intend to have the Freshmen meet our Alumnæ at a reception. Then we shall say "Au revoir" to our rushees until college reopens, since the Pan-Hellenic compact forbids rushing during vacation.

Pan-Hellenic was very glad to have the opportunity to become acquainted with Miss Powers, the visiting delegate of Delta Delta Delta, at a reception given in her honor by the local chapter. Miss Powers met us again informally, and we had a very helpful little talk about Pan-Hellenics and sororities in the different colleges.

Our four Seniors feel rather depressed at the speedy coming of graduation. It will be strange to greet our sisters next year from under the protecting shelter of the New York Alumnæ instead of as active Iota girls, but our interest in Gamma Phi will still be as keen as it now is.

KAPPA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: After a long rushing season pledge day has come and gone, and Kappa is proud to introduce to her sister chapters Anne Hull, '11; Louise Jenkins, '11, and Ethel Cosgrave, '09. A few weeks before, we had pledged Catherine Crocker, '10. Our second rushing party was held March 27 at the home of Helen Hendrix. Dinner was served at 6:30 on the tearoom order. Screens and suggestive decorations were used to form the Dutch room, Japanese and college rooms, etc. The menu was most delectable, and several of the girls in neat black and white were dainty waitresses. The evening's entertainment was amateur vaudeville, the "Gammaphorpheum," with many clever stunts.

The pledge day reception was held at the home of Mrs. Suddeth. By rule of Pan-Hellenic, all Freshmen who accepted bids were to appear at the certain address given by the sorority between the hours of 4 and 5. Kappa is especially gratified with her new girls, who will be initiated April 29 at the home of Helen Weld.

Helen Riheldaffer entertained for Sarah Shute, Epsilon, '07, Sara Preston, '07, and other Gamma Phis who were in the city during their spring vacation.

Rewey Belle Inglis, one of our most loyal sisters and one who has entered into many phases of college life with enthusiasm and effectiveness, was honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

The Dramatic Club will give a campus production of "As You Like It" at the close of the year. Mary Heritage is to take one of the leading parts.

Several of the girls are members of the Girls' Glee Club, which will give a Japanese operetta, "O Hanu San," in the University chapel May 6.

We expect to give our annual formal May 13 at Glen Morris, a beautiful place near Lake Minnetonka. With our banquet at the close of the year, Kappa's activities will practically be over until college opens in the fall.

We wish a happy summer to every sister in Gamma Phi.

**LAMBDA**

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: A bright and breezy spring-tide to you all.

During these balmy days our chapter house on University boulevard and its immediate surroundings stand out as a perfect gem in a gorgeous

green setting and remind us forcibly of the verses dedicated to our campus by Professor Meany:

"Flanked by snow crowned monarchs,"
A girdle of shimmering shores,
Towering trees in the forests,
With paths o'er mossy floors.

Ravines with steep sides sloping
Toward waters deep and blue,
Edged with tangled foliage
And wild birds darting through.

Shrubs toss blooms in billows
White as the ocean's foam.
Here our fond love lingers—
The campus we know as "home."

Our complex college life and its attendant responsibilities have been creditably participated in by our girls. The Sophomore class in English gave two Shakespearean plays recently, "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night." We were very proud of Helen Urquhart, who took the part of Viola in "Twelfth Night." The critic, formerly with E. H. Sothern, pronounced her interpretation and acting to be worthy of a professional.

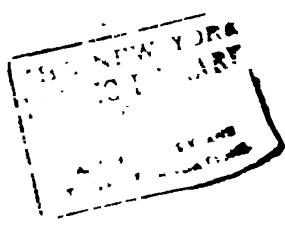
Our Juniors are not to be outdone and are busy preparing for the Junior farce. One of the girls, Violet Dungan, is chairman of the committee and is also to be leading lady. Another Junior, Edna Byrd, is taking an active part in the "County Fair," which is to be given this coming Saturday, April 28, for the benefit of the Women's League.

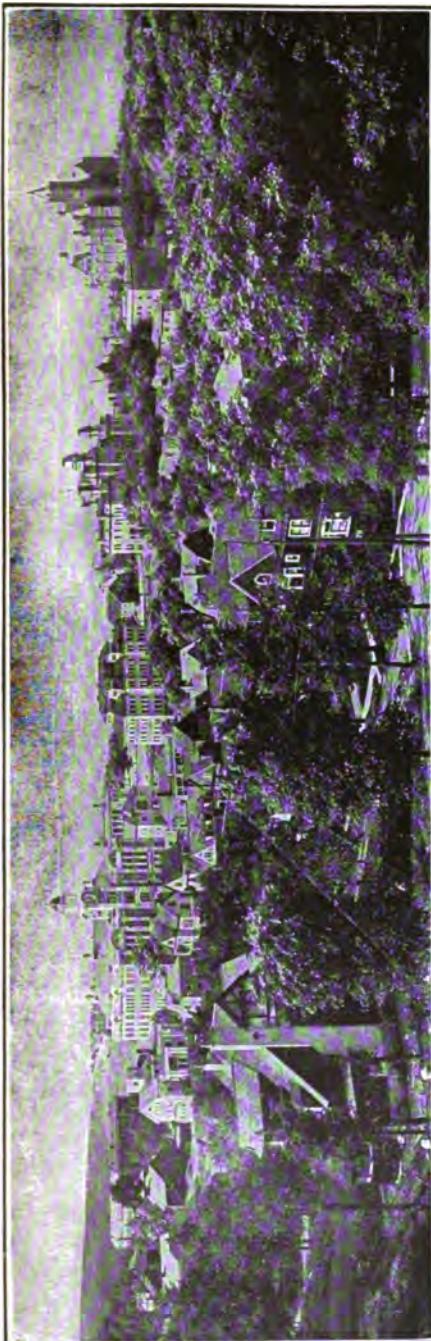
We are well represented in the University Glee Club this year. Zella Steele, a Sophomore, was appointed manager, and one of our little Freshmen, Therese Preston, was selected to give a song and dance specialty. Our girls have also been active in other student affairs, some being on committees for general merrymaking for the Woman's League, a flourishing society founded by one of our girls.

At the present time we are looking forward to a pretty cotillion we are to give on April 24. We gather together every afternoon to make chrysanthemums, sunbonnets, hand painted cardcases and the like to use for favors. We really enjoy the work, and every one is happy and congenial, which is characteristic of a "bunch" of Gamma Phis.

We do not want you to think our life out here is one round of social events. On the contrary, if you could only have seen us about a month ago preparing for "semi-finals"! My, how we studied! But we are glad

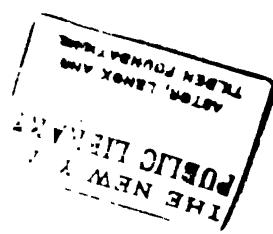
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THE CAMPUS WITH SOME OF THE BUILDINGS

These buildings occupy a part of the main Campus of 84 acres. Two of the principal buildings are hidden by the large building in front on the left hand side. They are Bowne Hall of Chemistry and the Power Plant which furnishes heat and light for all of the buildings and also the power for the engineering machinery. Across the street, to the right of the picture, is a campus of 14 acres and the buildings of the Teachers College. This campus is attractive with trees and shrubbery. The College of Medicine is nearer the center of the city, and the College of Law is within three minutes walk of the new million-dollar Court House. The building at the left and in background is our New Men's Dormitory, absolutely fireproof.

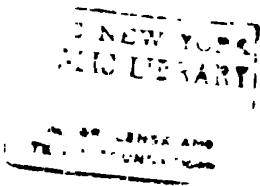




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we did, for we have come through with honors. Now we are facing another examination upon the constitution of Gamma Phi Beta, given by Mrs. Arthur Haggett, of Beta and wife of Dr. Haggett, one of our faculty. We keenly appreciate the fact that what is Beta's loss is our gain, for Mrs. Haggett fully exemplifies the words of the poet—

“A woman nobly planned
To warn, to comfort and command.”



MU

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Even as Mu is greeting the other chapters she is standing very near the final trial of the end—semester exams. They end May 13. College also practically ends then, as the Seniors have decided to dispense with Senior festivities this year. This action was taken as a token of sorrow over the loss of so many prominent Senior men in the recent misunderstanding between the faculty and the students.

This May marks the ending of our first year in our new house. As we look back to last August—the most strenuous year so far perhaps of our existence in college—we find that just this very strenuousness has drawn us closely together. With all our manifold duties of organizing everything on a smooth running basis this year, the girls have tried to keep closely in touch with college affairs and to devote a good share of their enthusiasm and energy to the demands of college life as well as to that within the sorority. The two things perhaps that I might be allowed to pick out as the results of good, hard work devoted to college interests are that Sadie Bundy has been elected captain of the girls' basketball team and Florence Forbes has made Cap and Gown. This last deserves a word of explanation. Cap and Gown is a society organized comparatively recently, composed of Senior women who have made good in some line of college work during their three years in college.

This spring a woman's dramatic society was organized. Winifred Higgins was made a charter member because of her excellent work in the Sophomore play this year.

Before going any further Mu would like to introduce a new sister to the readers of THE CRESCENT. She is Della Barnhart, of Coyote, Cal., and was initiated April 23. We had at the initiation banquet representatives from four other chapters—Mrs. Washburn, one of the founders of Beta; Miss Eunice Gray, of Gamma; Alice Hoyt, from Eta, and Rachel Beard, from Kappa, although she really belongs to us by adoption now.

Not so long ago, at the time of the intercollegiate track meet at Stanford, we had a house full of Berkeley Gamma Phis, and very fine it seemed to have them down. We only wish more had come.

Our Pan-Hellenic contract's in the process of making. However, the time as decided upon now is six weeks. A few weeks ago the Pan-Hellenic Association gave a picnic in the foothills to all its members. It really was very enjoyable and offered unlimited opportunities for making and renewing friendships outside of one's own sorority.

We are sorry to have to say that Winifred Higgins had to leave college soon after Easter vacation, but we all expect her back next fall.

As Fortune takes away in one direction she restores in another by the law of compensation, so we are favored this spring by a month's visit from Pauline Gartzmann. We are also eagerly waiting for tomorrow to bring us Jeannette Cole for the rest of the semester.

Mu wishes every one of you all the tan, sunburn and freckles that a jolly good time will give you this vacation.



CHICAGO

(No Letter.)



SYRACUSE

DEAR SISTERS: As this is our last chance for this year, we send so much greeting in our letter today that the envelope will not stay sealed, and Oh, what if the postman should read it!

We had an "Old Time Party" recently, but don't you just guess for one minute that Syracuse is in the afternoon of her career or even in the pluperfect tense. We are mortgaged to the glorious tomorrow, and are already planning how, through the hammocky days of July and August, and even in the prickliest of dog days, we can be looking up and lending a hand to help bring down that old millenium of which we read.

And now as I sit me down with a very beautiful bottle of ink, and a new spring style pen, have folded two of my hands, and am listening "for the low voices my soul hears," (so as to seem to you very wise indeed). I hear a tearful cry at the back door, "Want to buy any horseradish, mum?" Scarcely am I reseated and have begun to listen with my other ear, when at the front door a caller keeps me standing half an hour because she hasn't time to come in! From the only door that's left, loud and prolonged knocks from an agent. And presently I pause (the one occupation to which I lend myself with energy), and with a sweet smile, thunderstormy around the edges, I dispose of him. "Now," I think to myself, "I've done it!" For one brief minute I write—this first paragraph the

result—(it sounds fairly calm, doesn't it?) when I'm called upstairs to see "if this shade of paint is about right." It was, but, Oh, where am I at, and where are Browning's "low voices" my soul ought to hear? I'll turn over a new leaf and try once more.

On March 7 we assembled, sewed, chatted, ate delicious things and (there is another knock), had a fine time generally at Mrs. Fish's. Going home, wasn't the skating good on the sidewalks?

Later in the month, Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke entertained the active chapter in honor of Miss Beth Cobb, of Albany. Miss Cobb's father is the designer of the Gamma Phi pin. The girls all love Mrs. Cooke, and are unanimous that they had the nicest kind of a time.

March 20, our Mary Whitford gave a peanut party and olive spread at the chapter house in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of her initiation. The active girls and fourteen of the alumnae were to her as clover bees to a honey blossom, and she went home with a big bunch of carnations presented by them.

April 4, Miss Gowing pleasantly entertained the chapter. These meetings are usually well attended. This time we were glad to welcome two who for some time have not been able to come. Miss Florence Trowbridge and Miss Janet Kevand.

Monday evening, April 13, the alumnae chapter gave a party in honor of the active girls at Mrs. Belle Yates Porter's, in Orchard Road. These are the occasions which help to keep us young, and the girls now in college are a bright inspiration to the more married ones with homes and cares, and all the "and so forths."

Last Saturday evening many of the alumnae and friends of the girls attended the annual donation party at the chapter house, when "Miss Miranda Maryland" introduced her "Troupe of Colored Belles." The house was full, and the entertainment a great success.

Next Saturday, we meet at Miss Nellie Morgan's, and at tea-kettle time the active girls are to join us and spend a pleasant evening together.

So we keep busy and happy and gay—
Loyal to dear Gamma Phi alway.



BOSTON
(No Letter.)



NEW YORK

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Since we last wrote you we have held two meetings, both of which were well attended and most enjoyable.

In spite of the rainy weather, twelve of us succeeded in making our way to Brooklyn, on February 15, where we were most royally entertained at luncheon by Mrs. T. H. Dinsmore and Mrs. S. E. Whitaker, at the home of the former 387 Ocean avenue. As there was little business to transact, the afternoon was spent in visiting with each other in true Gamma Phi spirit.

On Saturday, March 28, Mrs. E. R. Smith opened her home to us at 160 Valley Road, Montclair. Miss Clara Whitmore entertained with her. Some surprises awaited us on our arrival. Mrs. W. L. Morgan and Mrs. E. W. Murray, of Alpha, had journeyed from Newark to visit us. We were so glad to have them with us. It was also a pleasure for us to welcome Miss Putnam, of Delta, who happened to be visiting one of our members in New York at that time.

We are now anticipating our spring banquet, which will take place on Saturday, May 23, at the Hotel St. Andrew. As is our custom, we unite with Iota in this annual feast. We are hoping that a large number of our girls will be able to attend.

A pleasant vacation and a safe return with renewed health and strength, is the wish of the New York Alumnae Chapter for every sister in the bands of Gamma Phi.



MILWAUKEE

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Once more we send greetings and good wishes to you all. And at this time the wintry snows have ceased and the cold spring rains are descending upon us.

In place of our regular meeting for April, we gave a luncheon at the Pfister Hotel. Several alumnae from out of town were able to come in for the occasion and as the country paper frequently expresses itself upon similar events, "a very enjoyable time was had." In spite of the fact that the rain before mentioned, threatened to destroy our spring millinery, we voted the affair a great success.

We have but two more meetings this spring and then our members scatter for the summer. But it is only to come together again at the end of vacation with new enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta.



SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO Alumnae Chapter sends greetings to all her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

During the last quarter the chapter has been rather quiet, our only meeting being at Lena Redington's. We met there with the distinct un-

derstanding that very little business was to be done, but that the babies were to amuse us. Needless to say, we enjoyed the afternoon of gossip and gurgles. Mrs. Hope Woodbury Gibson of Gamma Chapter, who is now living in Alameda, was with us, and, we are delighted to say, signified her intention of joining our chapter.

We have two new sons to our credit, one in Eureka, in the home of True Aiken Stern, and the other in the household of Della West Bassick.

Commencement at the University of California is drawing near, and we are already making preparation for our "Senior Luncheon" for the graduates from California and Stanford. The luncheon is always the last time we meet before our summer outings, and our adieux are mostly in the form, "Hope you have a fine trip," or "Be sure and get a good rest."

And this is the sort of thing we wish you *all* for the next few months.



DENVER

(No Letter.)



MINNESOTA

(No Letter.)



Personals

Alpha

Grace Zimmerlin, '06, of Lyons, and Lillian Tittsworth, '06, of Mon-trose, Pa., were guests at the chapter house during the week.

Beta

Elsie McClain, of Dawagiac, Mich., visited us before vacation.

Agnes Wells plans to spend this coming summer in England.

Maude Hicks Haidle will be in Ann Arbor for a part of the summer.

Vera Lay, of Kalamazoo, has just recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

Honta Smalley Bredin plans to go with her husband to Paris this summer.

Born, to Margaret Shearer Willard, a son. Mrs. Willard is living in Alaska.

Isadore Thompson Scott and her family return from Europe this coming October.

Margaret Cahill Bartholomew and her family will spend the summer in Ann Arbor.

Cornelia Staketee Hulst was toastmistress at the Michigan Women's banquet April 4.

Jessie Horton Koessler and Eleanor Oliver went for a week together in Paris at Easter time.

Lulu Liesimer, of Ann Arbor, sails for Europe in June. She will visit Northhampton before she starts.

Born, to Mrs. J. N. H. Campbell (nee Marion Moulton, Beta), of Hartford, Conn., a son, on February 21.

Helen Douglas Creelman and her husband spend the summer in Europe. At present she is visiting her mother in Ann Arbor.

Beta girls, active and alumnae, had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Anna Spencer Harrington (Gamma), of Lansing, a few weeks ago while she was in Ann Arbor.

Edwin F. Fay, now professor of economics at Harvard, has been appointed dean of the new Graduate School of Business Administration. He is the husband of Louise Randolph Fay.

Gamma

Elsa Castendyke is teaching in Peru.

Mrs. Brittingham has returned from her trip to South America.

Mrs. Nelle Eter Royce, of Superior, visited us a few weeks ago.

Daisy Stott, of Verona, visited in Madison during her spring vacation.

Clara Jenson, of Edgerton, spent a few days with Gamma chapter before Easter.

Loretta Carey, who is teaching in Sioux City, spent her spring vacation in Madison. Margery Durkee, of Lake Geneva, and Vena Brunk, of Chicago, visited us at the same time.

Zeta

Born, to Jane Smart Allen, '04, a daughter.

Letitia Simons, '00, sailed for Europe in April.

Bertha Benedict, Alpha, '06, spent Easter in Baltimore.

Mary Sawyers, ex-'07, expects to sail from Paris for America the middle of May.

Elsie Robbins, ex-'07, is to be married Thursday, May 14, to Dr. Solon Arthur Dodd.

Edith Powell, '03, was married Tuesday, April 28, to Dr. Francis D. Pringle, of Punxatawney, Pa.

Anne Williams, ex-'08, has announced her engagement to Mr. Axel Oswald Appelberg, of Göteborg, Sweden.

Margaret Wilson, ex-'07, stopped in Baltimore for a day on her way home from an extended trip through the South.

Lillian Horsey, '05, has announced her engagement to Dr. Norris, of Baltimore. She is to be married in June and will make her home in Baltimore.

Iota

Ellen O'Gorman, '08, sails for Europe on June 20 to spend the summer. Elda Fink, ex-'08, intends to re-enter college in the fall as a member of 1910.

Helen Darlington Worrall, '10, plans to spend the summer on the Long Island coast.

The Misses Ely, Beta, and Miss Marshall, Delta, visited Iota during the Easter holidays.

Helen Gray, '08, was a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Lafayette College.

Mrs. Miller, Denver Alumnae, was in New York for a few days and met some of the Iota girls.

The engagement of Lulu Jane Carpenter, Iota, '05, to Dr. Howard A. Bayles has been announced.

Helen Aiguier, '09, was absent from college for a month with an attack of mastoiditis, from which she has now entirely recovered.

Mrs. Arthur Whitwell (Florence Nye), '05, visited in town for a short time, and after a trip to Boston intends to return for commencement week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Winterburn announce the marriage of their daughter Una Adele to Mr. Otis Yale Harsen on Wednesday, April 22. Mrs. Harsen is an enthusiastic member of New York Alumnae chapter and is chairman of the committee that published the last directory of the sorority.

Kappa

Lorena McFarlane, '04, is teaching in Virginia, Minn.

Sarah Shute, Epsilon, '07, spent Easter vacation in Minneapolis.

Mary Ives, '06, of Mason City, was recently in Minneapolis for a week. Eleanor Eaton, of Mount Holyoke, spent Easter at her home in St. Paul.

Jessie Mosgrove, Lambda, '07, spent a few days in Minneapolis on her way east from Seattle.

The engagement is announced of Millicent Lees, ex-'09, and Mr. Arthur Hoffman, Phi Gamma Delta, of Minneapolis.

Katherine Taney Silverson, '06, who was married in January, is still in Europe on her wedding trip and will return during the summer.

Clara Taney, who is teaching in Jackson, Minn., spent her vacation at

home in St. Paul. Agnes Ives, '05, who is also teaching in Jackson, was her guest.

Lella Albrecht, who has been Y. W. C. A. secretary at Kirksville, Mo., has accepted a like position with the University of Minnesota Association for next year.

Lambda

Born, to Mrs. Frank S. Horsfall, a daughter.

The Alumnæ gave a card party at the chapter house during the spring vacation.

Mrs. Florence Baker Hays, of Gamma, spent a few hours at the chapter house recently.

On May 12 Ava E. Dodson, '02, and Mr. William Stevenson, Phi Delta Theta, are to be married at the bride's home in Bellingham. In the bridal party there will be three of her sorority sisters—Edith G. Prosch, as maid of honor, and Jeanette Perry and Charlotte Blodgett as bridesmaids. We are glad that Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are to make their home in Seattle.

III

Ruth and Winifred Gilbert start on an European trip May 5 with their mother.

Helen Thoburn is planning to go to Chicago this summer, where she may spend the next couple of years.

Mrs. (Marian Junkins) Skinner will take a trip east this summer with her husband, Professor Macy M. Skinner. They will attend the commencement exercises of Harvard and Radcliffe, where Mr. and Mrs. Skinner took their degree.s

Syracuse

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fuller, '85, are spending a few weeks in California.

Miss Lillie Lewis, '98, has just received her formal appointment to a position in the Syracuse high school.

Mrs. Cora Willard Frederick, '81, of Buffalo, has been staying at Old Point Comfort, and on her return visited her mother here and many old home friends.

Miss Mary Moss, the daughter of Mrs. Frances Haven Moss '77, (one of our four founders), is to be married June 4 to Professor Wiley, principal of the high school at Mattoon, Ill.

Miss Helen Gowing, '00, enjoyed her Easter vacation in New York, and Miss Florence Trowbridge, '94, passed her's in Washington, D. C., as the guest of Mrs. Corinne Lewis Robinson, '98.

Our deepest sympathy is with Miss Margaret Caldwell, '87, Bradford,

Pa., and with Mrs. Anna Loomis Humphrey, '92, Columbus, Ohio. Within a short time each of these ladies has lost her father.

Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe, '93, and son have just returned from Savannah, Ga., where they have been guests at the home of Miss Eleanor Pudor. The latter is now a sophomore in Syracuse University.

Mrs. Howard, '83, now of the Woman's Department of Brown University, is to be next year at the high school and will occupy her new residence in this city. Her sister, Mrs. Hodder, '95, of Wellesley, is to spend her summer on the Maine coast.

New York

Laura Mathews has been studying music with Josephy this year.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to Stella McIntyre, who is mourning the loss of her brother.

Laura Van Cise, Lulu Carpenter, Jeannette Siebert and Edna Stitt spent a few days in Washington at Easter time. They had the pleasure of shaking hands with President Roosevelt in his private study in the White House.

On Wednesday evening, April 22, at the bride's home, 105 Riverside Drive, Una Winterburn was married to Mr. Otis Yale Harsen. Upon the return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Harsen will make their home in South Yonkers.

Alma Groves Cookman, Zeta, is now residing in New York. Her husband has been appointed to the pastorate of Grace M. E. Church, in 104th Street West. She is to be present at our banquet and we are hoping to have her with us in the alumnae chapter next year.

Milwaukee

Mrs. Elliott Bright and daughter have returned from a trip to California.

Miss Morgan, of Appleton, Mrs. Howard Cady, of Green Bay, and Miss Duncan, of Cedarburg, attended the luncheon given by the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter on April 25.

Our Contemporaries in Black and White

WE acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges be sent to the following addresses:

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The Shield and Diamond.

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Sigma Kappa Triangle.

Phi Gamma Delta.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Adelphean of Alpha Delta Phi.

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The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

FOR APRIL:

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.
Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha.
Anchors of Delta Gamma.

FOR MAY:

The Journal of Omega Upsilon Phi.

The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,
The subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth
That we are in need of our dues.
So come a-runnin' ere we go gunnin',
We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin'
Gives us the everlastin' blues.

—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

The Woman's League of the University of Illinois has fitted up a room in the hospital for university girls and is collecting a loan fund for the benefit of girls making their way through college. The League at the University of Colorado and "The Girls' Club of Nebraska" already have such a fund.—*The Lyre.*

The University of Chicago has received another large gift from John D. Rockefeller. This time it is the magnificent sum of \$2,191,000. This brings the gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to this one institution to the wonderful sum of \$23,000,000, the largest sum ever given by one man to education in the history of the world. No wonder the name "Rockefeller" figures so largely in the yells of the students of Chicago University.—*The Shield and Diamond.*

In an address before the Association of Collegiate Alumni, at Boston, President Van Hise (Wisconsin University) presents the following interesting facts:

"In seven out of thirteen state universities the women outnumber the men; in the college of liberal arts, and in three institutions, they are nearly twice as numerous as the men. In thirteen state universities the women constitute 52.07 per cent. of the students in the college of liberal arts. The total number of women attending all educational colleges and technical schools in the United States in 1904, ac-

cording to the report of the United States commissioner of education, was 45,692, whereas the total number of women in women's colleges was only 27,233. It is therefore clear that if opportunities for higher education are to be open to women, co-education must be maintained, or, if abandoned, provision must be made for a large number of first-class women's colleges."

He further states that under existing conditions a large number of men fail to take certain courses they had planned for owing to the large number of women who also select them, and vice versa. President Van Hise therefore suggests a segregation of courses, in order to maintain co-education at its best and be of the greatest mutual benefit.

In connection with the above we quote from Kappa Alpha Theta:

"Out of thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, either universities or land grant colleges, six have none of these departments: Domestic science, art, music, elocution and physical culture. Five of those six are Northeastern states; the other is in the South. Two Southern state universities offer one of the courses each. There are two other institutions, one of them in the West, which, while offering several of the courses in question, have none of the domestic science subjects. Thus in thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, ten alone are not teaching any of the domestic science courses. Five of those ten are in the Northeast, four in the South and one in the West."

—*The Lyre.*

The whirligig of time has not often brought in a more exquisite revenge than in the proposed official recognition and adoption by a great university of its illegitimate offspring. The stone which the builders rejected is to become the head of the corner. The abolished secret societies of a generation ago, reappearing as social clubs, are to be the saviors of the college and the seeds of a new and more vigorous academic life. But we cannot permit the other American colleges to join us in our fun at Princeton's expense. The joke is on all of them—those who have tolerated and those who have suppressed the societies. For they have all alike been blind to the fact which now emerges with startling vividness into the light of common day, that, with all their imperfections, the secret societies in our colleges have been the real homes and centers of the college life, the chief antiseptics to the disintegrating influences of growth in numbers and freedom of election, the principal conservatives of the human, vital influences which the official body of the college has lost the power to

apply. * * * Here is experience combined with sympathy, and here is loyalty to the college fused by intimate association of teachers and students in a common life.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

The following utterance by President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, is timely:

"For the evils of college fraternities, I know of but one remedy—bring in better men. These organizations are good or bad according to the aggregate influence of the men in them. If a college has a large body of young men in training to be gentlemen of leisure, idlers, triflers or snobs, it will have fraternities composed of just these fellows. If a college is determined to educate only men worthy of the money expended on them, it will make no provision for the idler. The 'gentleman of leisure' at the best is only dead wood in our body politic. But even if he is to be encouraged, the best training for his youth, as well as for all other youths, is to make him work. The best preventive for youthful vices is to keep the boys busy. If a college will drop from its rolls all who cannot or will not do the work expected of them at the time when it is due, and by the man himself, not a hired coach, then decent men will be left—all that are worth educating. If decent and industrious men are gathered into fraternities, these again will be decent and industrious, as well as democratic. There is nothing which so promotes democracy in college as to hold every man alike up to his work, while the rest, rich or poor, are led quietly to the edge of the campus, to be dropped off into a less strenuous life."

—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

On November 27 Phi Delta Theta laid the cornerstone of its handsome memorial chapter house and library at Miami College. John W. Lindley, one of the founders of the fraternity at Miami in 1848, was present and took part in the ceremonies. Since then the fraternity has been saddened by the death of "Father" Lindley on December 16 after a short illness.

The Legislature of Ohio has passed a law abolishing high-school fraternities.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Eliza McMillan, Washington University, St. Louis, is now equipped with a girls' dormitory, accommodating about 125 students.—*Themis*.

Delta Tau Delta has rented a house at Washington and Lee. It is the only one of the fourteen fraternities there that occupies a house.

Although the most prominent sororities of the present time were founded in co-educational colleges where fraternities were already installed, it is interesting to note that the earliest secret societies among college girls were established at independent colleges for women—Wesleyan College of Georgia and Elmira of New York, Kappa Sigma at the latter being organized in 1856 under the guidance of the president, Augustus D. Cowles, D. D., Union, '41, and a member of what afterwards became a chapter of Delta Upsilon. The growth of the sororities between 1870 and 1880 was necessarily slow, for the higher education of women was scarcely an accomplished fact, but the quarter century since that period has seen the establishment of over two hundred chapters by more than a score of sororities. Profiting by the experience of their brothers' fraternities, college girls have been able to work out in a comparatively short time a splendid system of organization and have gone even a step farther in perfecting an Intersorority Conference, which, although still in its infancy, has much to its credit in the line of accomplishment and bids fair, unless all signs fail, to become a force of no mean moment in college and sorority life.—*D. K. E. Quarterly*.

Eleven hundred students have been enrolled at Indiana. A library building costing \$100,000 has just been completed.—*Exchange*.

The University of Illinois has fifteen hundred Freshmen. No room for reports of "scarcity of fraternity material" in that direction.—*Exchange*.

The Stevens chapter of Delta Tau Delta, after more than ten years of hard work, has secured a magnificent new three-story chapter house. The chapter at Stanford University has also completed a new home, which, "perched on the northerly end of one of the outlying spurs of the Coast Range," overlooks the valley and bay.

The general characteristics of the American college woman and the differences between her and the English college woman are so well and entertainingly given in an article on "The Woman's University Movement" in *The World's Work* (December) that we quote from it at some length:

"In America matters seem to arrange themselves better. It is a far more general thing there for girls in all positions of life to go to

college than it is with us. English women students suffer from the defects of their own virtues. They are over-conscious in their work; over-anxious to acquire a knowledge of facts; too desirous to stand high on the lists. They rarely seem to lose sight of the fact that their expensive education is merely a means to an end, and that they have gone to college to fit themselves to earn money. The American girl, on the other hand, far more frequently makes her college going an end in itself. She goes to have a good time (not necessarily a frivolous one), to mix with others, to get a broader view of life, to enjoy the college societies, and to obtain the prestige that a college course bestows. Incidentally, she manages to do most excellent and steady work, too, being helped by the system in vogue of giving her credit for good work done throughout her whole time, instead of making isolated examinations at long periods a test. Though a large number of women students do eventually set themselves to turn their education to pecuniary advantage, yet the fact that so many others who do not are part of the college society and that class distinctions are almost non-existent, tend to make general culture rather than the possession of pure knowledge more characteristic of the finished product. American graduates have, on the whole, more charm of manner, more easy self-possession than their English contemporaries."

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Convention

Do Not Forget Convention Dates November 10, 11, 12 and 13

BETA'S invitation is far-reaching and she eagerly awaits the letters which will bring news of many enthusiastic Gamma Phis coming to Ann Arbor.

October 10 is the date set for the names of the delegates and other visitors to be in the hands of the chairman of the entertainment committee, and Beta hopes the remembrance of that date will save the re-making of many plans.

It is not possible to publish the official program in this number of THE CRESCENT, as the magazine goes to press before the University opens, but a very embryonic idea may be of some interest, and it may call forth some very helpful suggestions.

On Tuesday evening there is to be a very informal buffet supper at the home of one of the alumnae, so all the girls may have an opportunity to come together before there are any business sessions.

All the business sessions are to be held in the hall of the Woman's Gymnasium. All delegates are interested in seeing the University, and as the campus is most central, it seemed a fitting place for the various college women to come together. The Dean of Women was most kind in granting the request made for the use of this hall, and it is to be hoped that the sorority may send enough representatives to make an impressive number.

During the three days of Convention, both luncheon and dinner will be served at the house for both delegates and visitors, the visitors as usual to pay a nominal sum. Breakfasts will be served by those who entertain the guests during the entire time. Ann Arbor does not boast a very excellent hotel, there are fewer local alumnae than in any other chapter, so Beta must needs ask many favors of her town friends, and that is an added reason for each one carefully observing the date of October 10.

The purely social side of Convention is not definitely planned. Beta has had very heavy obligations during the past four years, so can not be so generous a hostess as have been some of her predecessors, but she does hope you will each one feel that her doors are open wide, and her welcome most hearty.

Then too, as you all know and feel, college women are the ones to set coming standards—people are looking at them, and particularly at sorority women, to see if they are strong enough and wise enough to be among the pioneers in a movement for a simple and sane way of looking at things. Beta feels very strongly, that even if her purse were full, it would be unwise to make the social features of Convention conspicuous.

Beta wishes the four founders might be with her and give an added inspiration to the banquet.

Come one and all, with newer and better ideas, more far-reaching plans, and true Gamma Phi standards, and may this Convention mark a red-letter week in Beta's calendar of events!

An Old Church in Mexico

LOOKING toward the south from the upstairs window of our old boy's school in the dusty city of Aguascalientes, one's attention is fixed by a very old Catholic church which is on the summit of a low hill, against a ragged horizon of small adobe buildings.

After night-fall, when shadows have blotted out all but a few scattered street lights and the dark lonely profile of these towers, I wonder if almost every one does not, without knowing anything about the building, feel the fascination and at the same time the repulsion that I experienced.

The church is "La Iglesia de la Encina," but it is popularly changed to the masculine "El Encino," signifying "The Oak." The name is derived from a belief that under an oak-tree upon this spot, very long ago, a miraculous appearance of some divinity took place: one of the injunctions left by this advent was that a church should be erected at this place, and this was carried out some two or three centuries ago.

To reach El Encino from the central part of the city, one has to pick one's way for many long blocks, keeping close to the unbroken chain of adobe walls, through a dirty section of the city; then mounting a gradual slope till the back of the church comes in view, and the refreshing little "Jardin de la Paz" facing its front. This garden comes within about fifty feet of the front of the building; there is a handsomely carved stone arch directly before the church-door. Passing through the arch and across a paved court, one approaches the church entrance, the carving of which is plain, old, and marred. High overhead where, ordinarily, in churches of this size there is a stained-glass rose-window, there is an ugly empty place cut in the wall which is screened by coarse wire to keep out flocks of pigeons.

Upon entering, one sees in the distance the altar in gold and white. It is imposing, but is hopelessly marred by a black image

of Christ hanging upon the cross, horribly emaciated and with drooping head. There is a gilt crown on the image's head and clusters of artificial flowers in his hands.

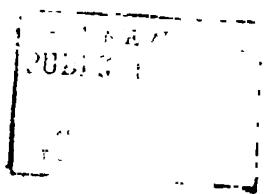
Adorning the walls of the church are fourteen immense paintings, all but one of which are beautiful in color and conception. They illustrate scenes in the life of our Lord, from His judgment to the entombment. Thirteen of these paintings are signed "Andreas Lopez, 1798 or '99, Mexico," and are in a splendid state of preservation. The thirteenth picture, the odd one, is most singular. Undoubtedly it is much older than the others. It is a "Descent from the Cross;" the tone is harsh black and white, the figures stiff and unnatural. At the foot of the cross there are characters written in script together with a very prominent skull and bones, while in the upper corners of the canvas are two full, ghostly moons. In each moon is a face, the left one is masculine, and that on the right, of the Virgin, perhaps. As it was within the altar-rail, we could not decipher the full inscription; a priest whom we questioned could give no information. The artist's name was unreadable, but the date seemed to be 1639.

As we were leaving we noticed by the entrance the most remarkable object in the church. It was a slender green cross, six or eight feet in height, on a four-foot pedestal which was also green and octagonal in shape. In the four right angles formed by the cross-beams and upright there had been constructed pointed objects which were gilded and supposed to represent a star. Near the top a red heart with a tiny cross protruding from its upper part had been fastened to the wood. On the cross-beam in Spanish were the four significant words: "Death, Judgment, Hell, Glory;" while down the upright was the warning, "Christian, hold in memory." The cross was trimmed with pink paper flowers, and an alms-box was nailed to the pedestal.

Fastened at the base of the cross was a soiled placard which we translated as follows:



Views of the University of California



"Five years of pardon for each day that anyone recites three paternosters in memory of the Passion.—Leo XII."

"One hundred days of pardon for reciting one prayer, whatever it may be, before this same cross.—Pius IX, Jan. 19, 1851."

As we turned to leave, an old woman approached and kissed the cross. These were the man-made promises that gave to her sinful soul comfort—oh, the pity of it!

Near by was the door into the room where the church caretaker keeps for sale a supply of branches of the most cruel, double-barbed thornbush which is common on the rocky hills of northern Mexico. It is to El Encino that people come to do penance for days at a time. They are supposed to fast; but a friend, telling about having visited El Encino early one morning, said that there were a number of penitents there whose breakfasts were being brought to them by friends. At any rate they recite prayers and scourge themselves with these thorns.

Such is La Iglesia de la Encina, or El Encino.

MAUD MC FIE BLOOM, Beta.



Toast Given at Theta Banquet

BY LINDSAY BARBEE

The Playwright

All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players—
They have their exits and their entrances
And one man in his time plays *many* parts.

THE play of Gamma Phi is the only one that never loses its interest for us, that never fails to inspire our hearts and to kindle our enthusiasm. It has a part for each of us—and it lies with us to make or to mar the part; we are the ones to determine whether the curtain-call is to be ours—whether our interpretation of the character is to fall short of the dreams of our playwright.

Gamma Phi Beta dreams her dreams and sees her visions, and even as she dreams she takes her pen and writes, and still she

writes; nor does she rest until she has inscribed the last line of the little college drama; a drama that has its comedy—perchance its tragedy—that sparkles with its sunshine even through the tear drops; that is a record of ambition gratified, ideals realized and hopes fulfilled. A drama that has its stars, its soubrettes, its ingenues, its scene shifters—but never its villain. A drama that holds love, happiness, pathos, trust, misgiving—but never defeat. A drama that is inspired by love, that is written for love, whose lines are read in love, whose influence in the years to come holds love, and only love.

The overture is finished, the curtain rises, there is a breathless silence, the first act is on and the Freshman maiden holds the stage! Youthful actor indeed, but the eyes are bright and the cheeks glow with a brilliancy that rouge can never give. No faltering lines here, for the Freshman's blood is up and she will do or die. She will be true to her part, true to her audience, true to those who have gone before her, true to herself, true to her colors, true to Gamma Phi Beta. There is a buoyancy in every word, a freshness that tells of the newness of it all; there is no hint of disappointment, no threat of sorrow, only the glorious gladness of her care-free comedy lines. The curtain goes down to the sound of music. Gay is the music, and still gayer it grows until it ends in trills of pure, rapturous joy.

Again, the rising of the curtain, and the Sophomore makes her bow. The soubrette lines of the Freshman have become more self-confident, more personal; they are tinged with a certain sentimentality, for against the background of the stage masculine figures are often seen to pass. The plot thickens. Two acts of the drama have been finished. The threads of the story have been knotted perhaps; it is now her turn to solve whatever problem needs her care. And still the music goes on. Staccatos of arrogance, full chords of pride, soft pianissimos of love, but a mighty crash for the finale!

Enter the Junior—steady, steadfast and sure. The past has left its Freshman and Sophomore troubles, perhaps; the pres-

ent rests in the Junior's hand, and she it is who must bring harmony from discord, peace from turmoil. Little comedy here; it is rather the fulfillment of a trust, the glory in an ideal—the struggle for its realization. And still the music goes on. The Freshman trills have almost ceased. The confident chords of the Sophomore have merged into a firmer, sweeter strain. Allegro-andante, and yet moderato.

For the last time the curtain rises, and it is the beginning of the end. The tangled threads are unknotted, the problem is solved; sorrow is changed into joy, and all's well. The Senior is crowned with the laurel of achievement; content is hers, she has been made to realize the beauty of knowledge and the inspiration of life. For the little drama is almost played, it has been a happy one and she has had her part in it. She may not have shone as a star; the lover may not have been for her; she may only have cheered the others by her comedy lines; she may have been only a patient scene-shifter; but the part was hers, and she alone could fill it, and now she must leave it all; another will take her place—it can never be just the same. Only the memory—the memory! "Memory's eyes are deep and tender and her heart is full of compassion, but the tears may start at her singing." It may be only the thought of the program of the Freshman; the faded rose of the Sophomore; the curtain call of the Junior; but the strain is plaintive, and so the music goes on, triumphant, sweet, majestic, glorious, yet with a sad and tender minor strain of farewell.

The curtain is rung down at last; the lights are out; the audience is gone; the music dies away. The curtain calls, the flowers, the hum of happy voices, even the actors themselves have taken their place in the procession of the past. Yet the drama of Gamma Phi is never ended. There may be interludes, but the play itself goes on and on forever; the inspiration, the enthusiasm and the endeavor is eternal.

And behind it all is the playwright. With the pen of love she is writing our parts, she is planning our exits and our en-

trances, she is keeping tender watch above her own. Shall we not pledge her tonight from our heart of hearts? Shall we not offer her the best that in us lies—our friend, our comforter—our inspiration—truest and best—dear Gamma Phi Beta?

¶ Washington Banquet

OUR annual banquet in June was a great success. It was held at the Lincoln Hotel in Seattle, where about sixty girls gathered from all over the state. The table was beautifully decorated with pink carnations and greens. The position of toastmistress was successfully filled by Edith Prosch.

The toasts were in the form of Mother Goose rhymes which brought in the different phases of college life during the year. There was a large hand-painted "Mother Goose" on each menu card.

Here is a list of the toasts:

EDITH PROSCH, TOASTMISTRESS.

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe"—Ava Stevenson.

"Mistress Mary, quite contrary"—Zella Steele.

"Simple Simon"—Therese Preston.

"Mother Goose Calendar"—Martina Henehan.

"There was a man in our town, and he was wondrous wise"—Beatrice Prosch.

"Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jump over the candle stick"—Edna Byrd.

¶ Alumnae Banquet at Evanston

EPSILON celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her founding by an alumnae banquet given at the Avenue House in Evanston, May the first. Covers were laid for fifty, and the active girls were delighted with the interest in the affair shown by the alumnae. We all sympathized with the naïve Freshman

who told one of '07's graduates that "she wished we had some of you grand old, old girls in the chapter now."

Anne White, '07, of Effingham, was toastmistress, and the following toasts were given:

- "The Stage Setting"—Grace Lasher, '06.
- "The Actors"—Harriet Durham Coffman, '03.
- "When the Curtain Rises"—Edna Luke, '11.
- "Comedy and Tragedy"—Edwina Pope, '09.
- "The Love Plot"—Ethel Works, '05.
- "Music and Dancing"—Agnes Bassett, '10.
- "Curtain Calls"—Florence Rhodes, '10.
- "The Spectator"—Helen Cowles, '09.
- "On the Road"—Sarah Shute, '07.
- "The Last Act"—Laura McCarty, '08.



Baltimore House Party

WE had talked about it all year and hoped against hope that at least most of our active members besides many of our alumnae would be able to go, for as it was to be our first house party for a number of years, we wished as many as possible to join in the good time. When college closed, however, all but three of the active girls found that they must go home immediately and miss that fun, but as six of our alumnae and the sister of a Gamma Phi, who is loyal to the core to our sorority, joined us, we started out to have the best kind of a time—and we had it.

We left Baltimore the day after college closed, and surely the weather was ordered just for us. The Chesapeake Bay is beautiful at all times, but it seemed especially so that day. It was not too hot nor too cold, too sunny nor too cloudy, but just exactly right, and we had a lovely trip. We were not the only ones starting off on a good time, for the Kappa Alpha Thetas and the Delta Gammas from the Woman's College were also on their way to the Eastern shore of Maryland for a week or so.

Strange to say, we had chosen the same locality for our house parties and were situated only a few miles from each other, so close, in fact, that hardly a day went by that we did not meet one crowd or the other.

As a couple of our alumnae were almost strangers to us active girls we determined to get acquainted on our trip to Claibornes, not a very difficult task indeed, for nicer or jollier alumnae than ours it would be hard to find. By the time we landed we were all ten as good friends as if we had known each other for years. A launch, just the right size for our party, met us at the landing and when we had said good-bye to our Pan-Hellenic friends, took us to our destination.

On our arrival we went straight to the supper table, for the trip across the bay had made us as hungry as bears. My, but that supper did taste good! I am afraid that the chickens did not get many scraps that night or, in fact, any time while we stayed.

After supper we, one and all, rushed down to the water for we wanted to get just as close to it as possible. There was a small pier on the place and this we took complete possession of. It became the regular thing to sit on it every evening watching the sun set across the water while we sang Gamma Phi songs.

Most of the time, however, we spent either in or on the water. Every day we took at least one sail and usually two, and our daily dip in the Chesapeake. In fact, we almost lived in our bathing suits, for as our sail boat was small and we might any time find ourselves overboard, we considered it safer to be prepared for all emergencies. Then, too, it was such fun to jump in the water when we returned from a sail and take a swim before donning our ordinary clothes.

Some of us, a little braver than the others, explored the neighborhood, but it was so hot that we found the sand down by the water much more inviting than that on the roads. But we all made trips to the country store which was also the post office, about a mile and a half away, and had lots of fun poking around

and seeing what queer things we could find. We bought large country hats, all just alike, but after we bent and trimmed them to suit our various tastes our country friends did not recognize them as the same kind they were wearing. These we wore everywhere, even over to see the steamer land, and I fear, quite shocked some of our friends by our appearance.

It was always after we had gone to the wharf that we had our most exciting times, for those left behind were sure to play tricks on the others, and as each one was anxious to get the better of every one else, it caused general confusion, and no one dared trust even her room-mate.

Our rooms were all communicating and so close together that we held lively conversations while dressing or at any other times we by chance happened to be in the house. At night when we finally tore ourselves away from the water, we gathered in one room, and as the bed was the only place to sit, there we all ten sat and had grand talks. Those beds were made for two and seriously objected to being sat upon by ten, objected so strenuously that they broke. However, we had five at our disposal and as soon as one went back on us we emigrated to the next and sojourned there until it too bade us move on.

Most of our stay we were manless, but on Saturday some of our friends came down from the city for the week-end. Of course they brought all sorts of good things which were especially welcome after our purchase at the local department store. While the men were with us we had a marshmallow roast on the beach, and who knows of anything nicer than a marshmallow roast with a driftwood fire in the moonlight? We took longer and more frequent sails, and vied with one another in making the men certain that they had never been on a more pleasant house party or with a jollier crowd.

One night we attended a regular country festival and indulged in country ice cream and cake. There were a number of country swains present, but we scorned them all and insisted on having only a hen party. We drove to and from the festival in a

farm wagon and before we reached home became quite expert in jumping at just the right moment to avoid the ruts in the road. One of the horses was balky and such a time as we did have before we finally arrived at the fete. On the way back though, we fairly held our breath, for that horse seemed to feel that he had a most urgent engagement to keep at his stable and must waste no time in getting there.

So ten days went by, each one full of fun and pleasure. We all got dreadfully sunburned and most of us fought shy of the scales for we knew that alas and alack, we would have to add extra weights. One of us though, who had never weighed a hundred and who got on the scales at every opportunity, was at last overjoyed to find that she could tip the scales at a hundred without jumping up and down the least little bit.

The last night we were all together we had our final sing, a good long one too. We had learned to know and love our songs better during our trip and we had a grand finale.

We are all now more enthusiastic than ever over Gamma Phi Beta and our own Zeta Chapter, and are resolved, no matter what happens, to have another house party next June. There we expect to have just as good a time as we did this year—not a better one, for that would be impossible.

MARY McCURLEY.



Class Day at the University of California

EACH college celebrates the various days and events in its history, after its own ideas and traditions. One day, however, seems common to all—the celebration of Class Day. It seems, in all cases, to be a day of fun and frolic. Possibly it is a means of covering up and forgetting that one's college days are almost over—covering the fact by one last "good time" and together before that end of all things—Commencement Day.

Class Day at the University of California has its full measure of enjoyment and in fitting tribute to the proverbial smiling skies



LAURA McCARTY, Epsilon '08
One of Our Phi Beta Kappa Girls

of the land of the Golden West, is spent in the open air. Bright and early Tuesday morning, in spite of the Senior ball the night before the Class of 1908 gathered at Senior Oak for its farewell pilgrimage to the loved haunts of the campus—haunts dear to every heart through the association of four happy years of work and play. Can you imagine a prettier sight than a procession of four hundred students all in white, save the red streamers which fluttered from the girls' parasols, winding its way among the beautiful oaks and the lawns blazing with yellow California poppies? The procession halted at the various buildings around the campus where farewell speeches were made by members of the class. This was the only sad part of the day, and yet, mingled with the sadness of parting, was the satisfaction that aims which had been sought during four years of faithful work, were at last realized.

Then in the afternoon every one, in gala attire, fared forth to join the throng at the brilliant fraternity reception. It was a case of "eat, drink, and be merry," for tomorrow is Commencement Day, the last of our college days. It was as though all the loose end of fraternity fun for the last year had been gathered into one big bundle for a final fling.

Before one realized it, it was time to scamper home to make ready for the triumph of all Senior week—the Senior Extravaganza. And surely it was extravagant—even to the size of the audience which filled to overflowing the great Greek theatre. The title: "The King and the Booster" may give you an idea of King Potayto, whose placid kingdom of Palenthia, is all upset by the curse of the evil genius. Or, it may enable you to picture the Booster, whose real name is Reginald Ruffneck Rah-rah, from California. He, in searching for the man who stole the Greek Theatre, happens upon the King in Palenthia and undertakes to free him from the curse. Reggie follows the evil one to Finisterre, the land at the end of the earth, and there discovers him to be the man for whom he is looking—Gene, the Graftor, who stole the Greek Theatre. And again, this sketch

may enable you to imagine with what gusto the choruses sang, "On to Finisterre" at the finale of the first act. Only actual presence, however, could reveal to you the gorgeousness of the court chorus, or the gay and brilliant Amazons, the green Nile maidens in their graceful dance, and then in true extravaganza spirit the modern Automobile and Teddy Bear choruses. And last, but by no means least, came the Twins in their Buster Brown suits and the college girls in their sweaters, tams, and tennis rackets. All caught the gay and festive spirit of the one last "mardi-gras" together. It was nearly midnight when the last farewells were said.

Then Commencement Day dawned, that day to which we had all looked forward so eagerly and now wished was way off in the dim and distant future. The gay and fantastic garb of the night before was exchanged for the dignified cap and gown. The coveted degrees were given out, and the new graduates received by President and Mrs. Wheeler. Then the Class of 1908 scattered to the four winds—with the fervent hope that we might all meet at the first class reunion three years hence.



Banquet in New York

ON Saturday, May 23, the New York Alumnae and Iota Chapter met at the Hotel St. Andrews to celebrate their annual spring banquet. The meeting was a very joyful one; friends who had been prevented from seeing one another during the winter seized the chance to make up for lost time. So many and such long greetings were insisted upon by everyone that the luncheon was considerably delayed. When we finally entered the palm-room, we found a feast for our eyes awaiting us. At each plate a charming carnation in water color served as place card, and the menu and toast list were attached to the back of the flower. Real flowers were everywhere. The decorations, both artificial and natural, we carried home as souvenirs, you may be sure. Our appetites, though they needed lit-

tle tempting by reason of the delay, were nevertheless very carefully catered to.

MENU

Grape	Fruit	Mareschino
	Chicken Okra	
Celery	Almonds	Olives
	Filet Flounder Jouville	
	Pommes Percie	
Tenderloin of Beef		Fresh Mushrooms
Pommes Croquette		String Beans
Lettuce		Tomato
Bisque	Tortoni	
Assorted Cakes		Café Noir

The toasts were an integral part of the lunch and should appear on the menu, between the courses as they occurred. The scheme used was quite original; each toast answered to a different punctuation mark: the colon, comma, interrogation point, et cetera. Mrs. Whitaker acted as toast-mistress providing each response with an appropriate and clever introductory.

Mrs. Edith Wilder Whitaker, toastmistress.

- : Olive Strayer Caughey.
- ¶ Laura Latimer.
- , Sara Rome.
- ? Florence Heermans.
- . Ellen O'Gorman.

At the close of the program Helen Aiguier read the history of Iota for the year and closed by announcing the engagement of Linda Savitz, to whose happiness and joy an extra toast was heartily drunk.

The table was hardly cleared before the freshmen, who had been invited to meet the members of the New York Alumnae, began to arrive. Mrs. Caughey, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Beakes, Miss Warr, Miss Stitt and Miss O'Gorman received; refreshments were served informally, and a good deal of miscellaneous conversation was indulged in. Very sorry indeed, we were that we could prolong the afternoon no further. It was our last meeting before the summer holiday, and gave us a very happy memory to take away with us.

THE CRESCENT.

The May Banquet

Ye who love the haunts of secrets,—
 Love the sound of Gamma Phi—
 Love the rushing of great spirits
 Thro' the balustrades of stairways,
 And the waiting in the hallways,
 Whose innumerable echoes
 Flap like eagles in their eyries.
 Listen to these wild traditions,
 To this song of Gamma Phi.
 Long behind her is her record
 Of bright girls and honors won.
 Bright before her is her future;
 Bright and shining is her light.

Up the subway to Saint Andrews,
 To the council of Gamma Phi,
 First came girls of dear old Alpha,
 Daughters of the Founders Four.
 If you listen to her counsels,
 You will ever be successful
 In the work of Gamma Phi,—
 For she urges strength of union,
 Large chapters, many girls,
 Who can win the painting prizes
 And other honors bold.

Next came girls of sober Delta
 Daughter of the classic Hub,
 Bringing from the stern New England
 Many a strong and hardy thought
 Of duty done, of service given,
 That make us proud we're Gamma Phis.

Then came girls of giddy Zeta,
 Daughter of the Baltimore world;
 Bringing from the sunny southland,
 Many a warm and hearty greeting
 To her sisters in Gamma Phi;
 Ever urging, ever chiding
 Lest we drop the Pan-Hellenic
 And all the joys of rushing .

Under strict and binding rules;
For you cannot kill the hardy,
You have put us to the trial,
Now you see and know our courage,
Quickly grant the prize of valor.

Next came girls of dear Iota,
Daughter of Columbia's shade;
With the prospect of rushing Freshmen,
Till they are Juniors ready made.
When next year has come to April,
As the dears come down the hallway,
Upon one knee uprising,
Gamma Phi will aim some notelets,
Scarce a book will move with motion,
Scarce a leaf will stir or rustle,
But the wary Juniors, startled,
Will stamp with all their heels together,
And, listening with heads uplifted,
Will leap as if to meet the notelets;
Ah! the singing joyful notelets,
Like the spring they'll cheer and catch them,
And the hearts of little Juniors
Will throb and shout and ever glory
As they bear the crescent homeward,
And the hearts of older members
Will hail their coming with applauses.
For the rivals come no longer,
And upon the field lies nothing
But the spoils of Victory.

Lastly, came New York Alumnae,
Daughters of the crescent moon,
Star members from all the chapters,
Joining in this rush at noon.
Ever active, ever loyal
To the call of Gamma Phi;
True and constant friendship giving
To the girls of every clime.
Making plain to every sister,
The strength of the brown, both dark and light.
Today, the last of our meetings,

Brings its sadness with its joys;
 For soon we'll all be scattered
 Far and near o'er all the states.
 Joyful be vacation pleasures,
 Joyful all our days apart,
 But when we join once more in Autumn
 May our strong band not be broken,
 May our hearts be still more loyal
 To the bonds of Gamma Phi.

LAURA M. LATTNER,
 New York Alumnae.



Book Review

THE attention of the Greek world is herewith called to an interesting brochure brought out by the author of *The Sorority Handbook* and intended as a supplement to the edition of September, 1907, which is thereby brought up to date in all essential particulars. A most attractive feature of this unique issue is the introduction of a number of new plates which include practically all badges that were not found in the *Handbook* itself. The Supplement is to be included gratis in all *Handbook* orders received during the present college year. When ordered separately the price is 10 cents.



We are glad to note the two recent books by our Alpha Gamma Phi, Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond. *ROUND THE CORNER IN GAY STREET* is already published and on sale. It is a delightful account in the author's irresistible, bright style of the happenings of a gay young family in a little brown house in Gay street and how their influence helped to brighten and lighten the lives of the heavy family circle in Worthington Square, "around the corner." It is a charming young people's book.

The other new volume is not yet off the press. It is called *CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING* and promises to be one of those exquisite little gift books that are a delight both to the giver and the recipient. It will be beautifully illustrated by C. M. Relyea, but the story itself is the thing, as it is one of those simple tales that touch the heart of the reader and will undoubtedly become one of those little classics that every one, old and young, reads and re-reads.

Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. *Round the Corner in Gay Street*, \$1.50; *Christmas Day in the Morning*, \$0.75.

Chapter House Life*

The College House Life as a Means for Securing a Right Moral Atmosphere for Students

THE activities of the college proper may be roughly divided into four coördinate classes—(a) finances, (b) pedagogy, (c) administration and (d) the student life.

(a) The finances are smoothly run by experts who are not pedagogues, and are out of sight and therefore out of mind, except in the treasurer's annual report.

(b) So, too, experts manage the pedagogical branch, and usually in a satisfactory manner, considering the constant evolution in what is taught and our failure to differentiate between pure pedagogy and the other functions of the college.

(c) The administration is still crude and unsatisfactory, chiefly because its true nature and functions are not understood. Like the finances, it should be nearly distinct from the pedagogic department and be dominated by administrative experts. As we get farther away from President Garfield's ideal of a university—himself at one end of a log and Mark Hopkins at the other—and number our students and instructors by the thousands, we face ordinary administrative problems, which must trouble us until we recognize that they are merely the questions which arise in factories and business and wherever else the clashing individual interests of thousands of men, engaged in a common pursuit, demand rigid system and organization. We cannot solve, by seventeenth century pedagogical methods, the twentieth century administrative problems growing out of the assembling of thousands of students and of scores of courses.

(d) The fourth factor is the student life, or that portion (about 90 per cent.) of the undergraduates' time not spent in recitations, lectures or other personal contact with their instructors. The shortcomings charged to pedagogy come frequently from our failure to differentiate and coördinate the administrative and student life factors in our college course. Let us then study briefly the student life and its dominant effects upon the higher scholastic, moral and religious growth of the individual undergraduate.

Christ devotes over 95 per cent. of his parable of the sower and the seed not to either the sower or the seed, but to the soil into which the seed fell and the relative failure of the harvest. He took for granted the goodness of the seed and the human frailty of the sower, but treated the ground as

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the variable yet remediable factor in the parable problem. In our colleges, pedagogy represents the seed—little else nowadays; the administration, the sower; while the student life largely determines whether the soil shall be that by the wayside, or stony, or thorny, or be good ground. We, too, may safely assume the goodness of the seed and the earnestness and devotion—but not the infallibility—of the sowers; and also that the average results of the harvest are relatively very poor, chiefly because we forget the lesson of the parable and give most of our time and thought to the seed, and a little to the sowers, but neglect to properly prepare the hearts and minds of our students by influence which act upon them when they are not in the presence of their instructors. It is with the mental, moral and religious preparation of the ground that we are concerned this time.

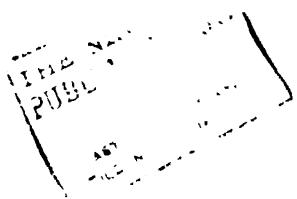
A moment's thought will make us realize that a college student must have some kind of home life during the four years which intervene between his parents' home and that in which he will be the breadwinner. Many things in college, which we loosely think of as social, are in fact elements of a home life. We must be careful lest we confuse the social and home factors in any instance. The college home life may be dwarfed, hidden, almost unrecognizable, but it will be there. It may be spent in luxury or penury, in a dormitory, in a village or city boarding place or in a fraternity house; it may be harmful, helpful or neutral—but it will be there, and essentially like any other home life in its nature and effects, and in the manner in which it can be affected and molded for better or worse.

The 90 per cent. of his time outside of recitations comprises that portion of the student's life in which he must do his studying and get his food, rest, recreation and exercise, and is spent partly in the larger college atmosphere and activities which environ all within the institution and partly in his closer association with his chosen comrades in his college home. Many feel that this 90 per cent. is the really important part of a college education; that it is not his scholastic attainments, but his contact with his fellow students in college and social activities which will make him a power in future years. No doubt this 90 per cent. contributes much of that indefinite something which makes an all around man of the college graduate, and surely we should make every effort to lift it to the highest possible plane. Most of the impurities and vices of college come from the student life rather than from personal contact with the instructors. Hence, if we would put down these evils, and improve mental, moral and religious conditions, we must do so chiefly in that student life where these evils have their source and strength.

But still let us further contract our field of discussion and consider that portion of this 90 per cent. which is spent, not on the campus or in athletics, or in touch with the main student body, but in the companionship of the



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student's intimates or the comparative seclusion of his college home, and which we shall call his college family life. In influence and effect this closely resembles his boyhood home, for it largely determines, possibly throughout life, the purity or impurity of his thoughts, habits and language; his power over his fellow-men, or, in student language, his ability as a "mixer"; his intellectual and moral attainments, and his readiness to receive and assimilate religious impressions.

There is strictly family life for every college student which largely determines the character of the soil into which the good seed shall fall—especially when the seed is moral or religious in character—and it is the place where the earlier good influences of the parents' home are most frequently undone and destroyed. It will often depend upon his college family life whether the student is open to higher religious class-room or lecture, but which must come, if they come at all, through other agencies.

Unfortunately we still think of "college life" as a comparatively simple and homogeneous affair like that of our small boarding house colleges of the ecclesiastical period, where every effort was used to make the boys professing Christians, and if possible ministers of the gospel. Often nothing could now be further from the truth. The life of the average well-to-do or wealthy student is not one of laziness or idleness, but rather a round of outside activities and temptations, of distractions away from higher intellectual, moral or religious things, and often of lapses into evil ways. An awful idea of college morals is sometimes given when students will in confidence lift the curtain of their college home and disclose a view of college life which does not at all correspond with the view of the college authorities, but is far nearer the appalling truth.

The college family life must be affirmatively ennobling and uplifting or it will be quite contrary. It must be constantly affected by strong and usually older characters, whose influence must be exerted, silently but surely, within itself. It must have a power for good, inherent in itself, and must not expect to find any true substitute for this in some mystic influences that the college, or Y. M. C. A., or any extrinsic agency, institutional in its nature, can exercise from without. As no institution can or should usurp our place as parents in our own home, so neither the college as an institution, nor the faculty as a body, especially in the large universities, should be expected to control the college family lives of the students, for they can never take the place of an inherent and osmotic force working from within, and without which there can be no home.

But this force must be permanent—not shifting from year to year. It must have real authority—even if it uses only moral suasion. It must rule by the consent of the governed and because they appreciate

that it works for their best good. It must have power away from the home as well as within its walls—and follow the student, even to the strange city, and everywhere nerve him against the terrible temptations which constantly beset him. Whether it be good, bad or indifferent, there is a moral force at work in every college home. Except as this force is ennobled we cannot hope for much permanent religious improvement among our students.

The forefathers were right in believing that this goodness of the ground could be secured only through the direct and intimate touch of the older man upon the younger. But how, in our large institutions and under modern conditions, are we to bring about a close touch between the students and older men, which shall constantly uplift the younger men in their family college lives? Is there any agency through which this is being or can be done? Or anything to indicate that up to the present time only one such agency has been developed in a large way? If, under modern conditions, there has been any distinct and widespread development of the college family home, we should study it most carefully, and with an open mind, and, if possible, seek by it to improve the soil in which we are fruitlessly sowing so much good seed.

At first the Greek-letter fraternities were merely college secret societies. In their second stage they became social bodies, with a secret lodge-room and lodge night, but with few other cohesive factors within the chapter itself or between the various chapters. In their present and third period they have developed into home-building agencies, wherein many rich and influential alumni and earnest and energetic undergraduates are laboring together to erect college homes and thereby solve to a limited extent the modern problems in the college family life arising out of increasing numbers and changed dormitory and social conditions. Formerly the college homes of the strong upper-classmen were in the dormitories and the under-classmen roomed outside. Now the dormitories house the freshmen, while the fraternity buildings are the college homes of the influential upper-classmen, and thus the center of student sentiment.

We continue to give undue significance to the secret grip, password and lodge-room, failing to realize that these things, which appeal strongly to the adolescent mind, have become relatively unimportant matters in the thousands of college homes which are the successors of the dormitory homes of the ecclesiastical period; and further, that it is chiefly through improving the atmosphere of these homes—not because they are fraternity houses, but because they are the homes of four years of many of our most influential students—that we can hope for better moral and religious results among our undergraduates.

It needs no prophetic eye to see that the fraternities will soon fully enter their fourth or endowment period in which—their home-building

substantially finished—the wealth and energies of each college home, or series of homes, will be turned to establishing endowments for improving and conserving the higher home-making and educational functions of the fraternity. Already this movement is under way. Each home built and paid for is in the nature of an endowment. The properties of the eleven fraternities at Amherst are worth more than twenty times the amount of Yale's available funds in 1830; and the properties of ten fraternities at Columbia equal in value the total productive funds of all the colleges at the beginning of the last century.

One old and influential fraternity is annually spending thousands of dollars to secure the wise direction and constant personal touch in its lodges and among its alumni of a permanent and uniquely equipped field secretary, who seeks to insure that only the best fitted freshmen are admitted, and that throughout their course these students shall be in constant and close touch in their college family lives with strong and earnest alumni who are personally and intimately acquainted with each undergraduate, and who, through a long series of years, come to exert an uplifting educational and moral power from within the lodge which must greatly increase the likelihood that the good seed will fall into good ground. This feeling of direct responsibility for the college family lives of their undergraduate brothers is increasingly abroad in all the fraternities and will soon work out great results, and most fraternities have already partially endowed some portions of their work. The earlier colleges were largely schools of manners with distinct home-making functions, as shown by the freshmen servitude and other college rules governing personal conduct. Our fraternities are still absorbed with their home-building, but will soon assume and wisely exercise the home-making functions that have now fallen from Alma Mater's hands.

No patent is claimed for the conception that strong, clean alumni, acting within their fraternity home, work powerfully for a better life therein. This has always been so—and would be in any home. But there is in sight an advance movement to further organize, develop and endow the fraternity as a home-making force, and such a movement, with our most influential alumni behind it, will be sure of success. A thoughtful student of modern undergraduate conditions must realize that our fraternities furnish the only—I repeat it, the sole and only—broad and effective means so far developed for permanently reaching the college family lives of any considerable number of students in any considerable number of institutions. I challenge you to name any other home-building force now at work among our American colleges in a large way, and along well-defined and philosophically correct lines. Consider also the non-fraternity colleges, and show me any agency therein whereby you can systematically put the alumni in touch with the family lives of the undergraduates. It is not a

question of the fraternity or non-fraternity home, as we superficially think. It is ever and always the question of the college family life for every undergraduate, whether a fraternity member or not. It is the question of whether we have failed to give due thought to one of the great departments of our college.

The fraternities, in their present shape, have grown out of the need for a new form of college family life; they have in part supplied such need and thereby have directed attention to it; but they have not created the need, and because they are homes they are largely limited, in supplying that need, to the good they can do within their own doors and to the example which they can set to those without. It is unfortunate, at this time, when we need to think clearly on the true meaning of the college home, that the question should be complicated by the high school fraternities, which are merely one of the pseudo-growths that accompany all important social or religious movements, and which bear about the same relation to the college fraternities that Mormonism does to Christianity.

The college family life, like that of any other home, is concealed from the public view and fully known only to members of the family. Otherwise it is not a true family life. But this very secrecy bands its members together to hide the shortcomings of their fellows, and makes it difficult to reform it from without. Its seclusiveness is now rather that of a well-bred home than that of a secret society, and shows that any reforms that may be needed must come from within the home itself. College sentiment has always delighted to thwart the efforts of the faculty to interfere in the students' family life. This was so in our own days and will always be so.

To be ideal and to give it permanence the college home should embrace the upper and lower class men, the graduate and the undergraduate, for all these can be educated and developed therein. Our children educate us almost as much as we educate them. The older brother is trained and developed through the responsibility of setting an example to and protecting the younger children, who look up to him as the "big brother." An only child is likely to be spoiled because he lives only to himself. Hence there are true educative conditions in the fraternity home where members of all classes are intimately gathered together.

President Wilson, in his memorandum concerning the proposed residential quads at Princeton, our chief non-fraternity college, voices this thought in the following significant words:

"It is clear to every one that the life of the university can be best regulated and developed only when the underclassmen are in constant association with upperclassmen, upon such terms as to be formed and guided by them." He states one of the objects of the Quads to be "to give to the university the kind of common consciousness which apparently comes from closer sorts of social contact to be had only outside the classroom,

and most easily to be got about a common table and in the contacts of a common life."

But Mr. Wilson is mistaken in thinking that this can be done in groups of one hundred or more students arbitrarily gathered together. His Princeton clubs might have taught him that. A college home, to be successful and permanent, must be small and congenial, because it selects and trains its own members.

But the fraternities have their own great problems to solve. They must thoroughly realize that they are no longer college secret societies, but important home-making agencies about to enter upon their endowment period and must brush away their earlier foolishness and frailties and rise to the height of the responsibilities which they have now assumed and to their place in one of the great departments of the college.

In many institutions the moral tendency of the student life as a whole is distinctly downward, and any fraternity chapter will encounter great difficulties which attempts consistently to raise its own moral or religious life contrary to the drift of the college itself, which is merely the resultant of the home life of generations of students. If you will show me the inner family life of the fraternity homes in a college I will infallibly construct therefrom the dominant moral influences that rule the 90 per cent. of student life in that institution, and thereby determine the true educational results of the other departments of the institution.

I am not here to plead the cause of the Greek-letter fraternities or to excuse their shortcomings, which, from careful study in many colleges and with the best inside opportunities, I know as well as any of you. But these faults and failures are partly inherent in any college education, and in any home with many members, and always have been, and are largely chargeable to the college authorities and alumni, who have regarded chiefly the financial, pedagogical and administrative departments and have neglected and misunderstood the college home life.

I urge you most earnestly to give attention to the student life, and especially to that portion of it which we have called the college family life, whether fraternity or non-fraternity, and to look upon the fraternities as logical growths—not as inherent evils, but as the line of least resistance and of the most immediate promise. But whether or not you agree with me as to the fraternities, I beg you to give immediate heed to the family life of our students. We shall be nearest the truth when we realize that at present the college family life is more nearly related to the parents' home than it is to the pedagogy of the college, and should be studied and treated accordingly. We must come to appreciate that the 90 per cent. of the student life, with all its activities and interests, may be greater, educationally as well as mathematically, than the 10 per cent. of pedagogy, and quite as well worthy of earnest and intelligent thought and action, and that the heart of that 90 per cent. for any individual is his college family life, whatever form that family life may take.

Report on Social Service Work

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER SORORITY CONFERENCE.

In February a letter accompanying a list of questions was sent to as many visiting delegates as had sorority representatives in the I. S. C. Besides these a few other letters were written to persons who were identified with colleges in such ways as to render a statement from them valuable.

The questions were these:

1. In places where Pan-Hellenics existed were compacts honored? If not, can you give definite reasons for neglect?
2. Where you found other organizations, as Leagues or Young Woman's Christian Associations, were relations friendly?
3. Attitude toward non-fraternity students.
4. Did you find any general and earnest desire to correct certain evils of rushing—for instance, the large expense account?

The responses from representative institutions throughout the country tell their own story and those which seem to cover common ground will be quoted.

1. Concerning Pan-Hellenics—

Most colleges now have a Pan-Hellenic. In some places the idea is new; it has never been thought of as a means of solving difficulties, of inspiring better methods, and of opening larger opportunities to the Greek world. In other places a conception of the possibilities exists and some effort has been made to use it as a living force in the greater college life.

Where Pan-Hellenic compacts have been agreed upon and then dishonored, thereby defeating their purpose, in every case, without exception the trouble has centered in a small selfishness that has justly brought criticism on the entire sorority body. In other words, individual chapters have adopted a watchword which reads "What good will it do us." There has been no care for "the greatest good to the largest number" and apparently no realization that principle should stand before individual preference. A rather surprising note comes from a great University of the Pacific coast saying,—"Our chapters are expected to see that their members do their share in the college life, but also that they are to do it as college women and not as fraternity girls. In other words, the fraternity is a thing for them and not a means of running the college." This may account for the extremely deplorable spirit reported found in this institution.

On the other hand where an earnest attempt has been made to follow a Pan-Hellenic agreement some things have been accomplished that augur

a new and better era for the sorority world. Among these may be noted:

a. Snobbishness to a large extent dying out, as a consequence of a more intelligent understanding of each others motives and standards.

b. An acknowledgment of certain evils. For instance, the large expense account connected with "rushing" and afterwards continued in order to keep up appearances regardless of good sense and good taste.

c. "A strong current setting in the direction of Alma Mater first, fraternity, if necessary, second."

2. Concerning Relations Towards Other Organizations—

The Women's Leagues and Young Woman's Christian Associations are now generally recognized as factors of great influence among college women. "The sorority girl finds her social needs very adequately met in her own group and in the social attention which comes to her as one of her group—consequently she does not readily see the need of identifying herself with these larger movements. If she comes from a Christian home, where she has been sheltered all her life, she is not always conscious of what made the atmosphere of that home, so she transfers any personal obligation to the Y. W. C. A. to a sorority sister who may be elected to represent her in the Christian Association and quiets any conscience questions by occasionally helping in some "benefit" entertainment in which "all sorority girls" take part. Recognition by sororities of their own mistakes is the most promising sign of the times. In some colleges this awakening is being felt. "Noblesse oblige: noble birth implies responsibility." We believe the sorority was born rightly and to recognize her own powers is the present responsibility.

To further the democratic spirit a certain New England school fosters an "All-Around Club." This club has three general committees, the chairmen of which are selected in the spring when all officers of the club are chosen. The committees are: Student Government Committee, Social Committee, Athletic Committee.

The Student Government Committee coöperates with an advisory board consisting of five of the professors' wives to make and enforce such rules as will benefit all the girls.

The Social Committee plans the social work for the entire year. A luncheon is given each year, in Boston, to which alumni as well as active students are invited. The entertainments consist of lectures, readings, class plays, the colonial dance.

The Athletic Committee endeavors to interest every college girl in athletics. It keeps in condition golf links and tennis courts.

This seems a suggestive program for our smaller colleges and there is a point or two that would certainly be helpful if practiced by our universities.

3. Concerning Attitude Toward Non-Fraternity Students—

There is a rapidly growing sentiment of kindness toward the independent.

4. Concerning Desire To Correct Evils of Rushing—

In the reports from about 85 institutions there are a few Edens where the "simple life" obtains. From the great majority there is an earnest expression against over-elaborateness of entertainment, neglect of regular college work, and unwarranted expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend—

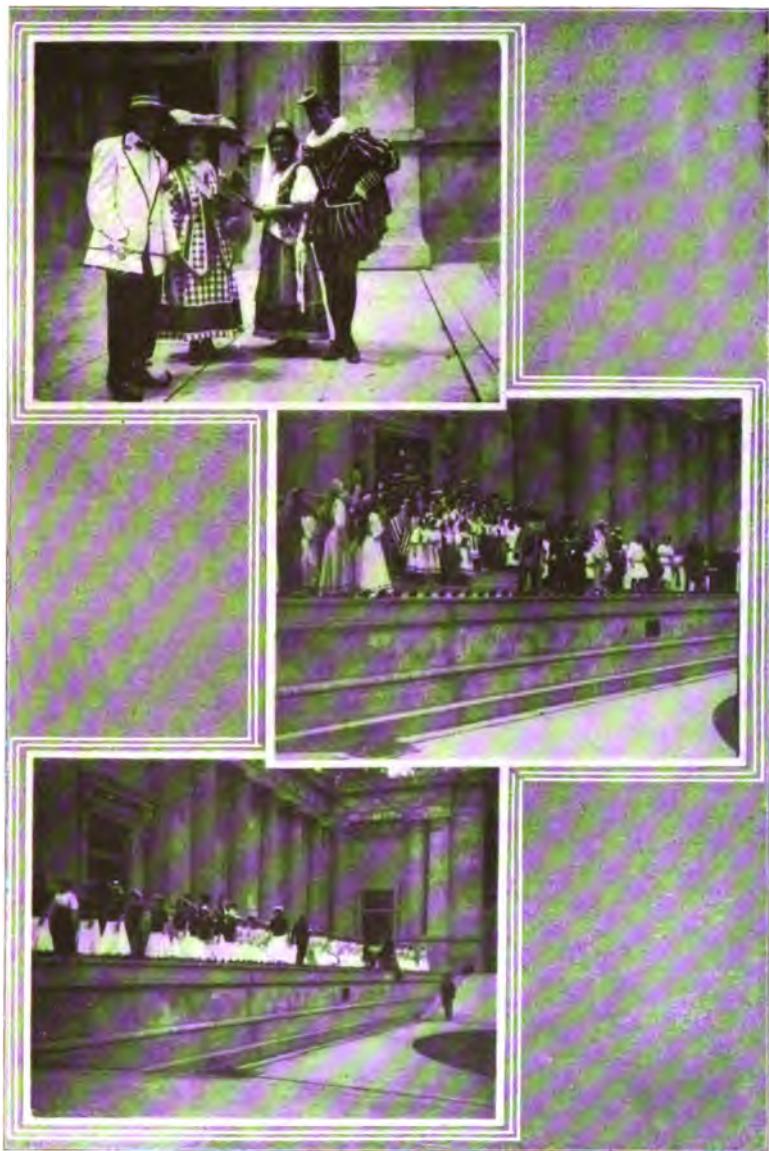
1. That Pan-Hellenics adopt a simple, business-like constitution.
2. That Pan-Hellenics have meetings twice a month.
3. That Pan-Hellenics have a conference with Deans of Women and other faculty members at least once a semester.
4. That Pan-Hellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.
5. That heads of chapter houses confer twice a month with Deans of Women or faculty members concerning the management of houses, and at all times keep in close touch with alumnae.
6. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnae that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

In concluding this report, we believe, with the Adviser of Women in the University of Wisconsin, that when the great group of cultivated women comprising the sorority alumnae are informed of the situation they will be aroused to the opportunities of the relation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman of Committee.



Senior Extravaganza, University of California



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Alpha is very happy to return to college after a most enjoyable summer and to most cordially greet you all again.

Even during our summer vacation Gamma Phi did not dispense with her much envied social good times. Some of us were so fortunate as to be at and near Chautauqua, which seemed a fitting rendezvous for Gamma Phi. One evening we held a genuine Gamma Phi chapter meeting at which there were three Alpha, two Zeta and two Theta girls.

Lulu Shearman, ex '06, of Jamestown, delightfully entertained the Gamma Phis who were stopping on Chautauqua Lake, at a very handsomely appointed luncheon. "Lu" is the same cordial, genial girl that we have always heard her termed.

In the latter part of July Mrs. Bessie Cowles Gibson, one of our Syracuse alumnae, gave a very delightful Gamma Phi luncheon in honor of two Alpha alumnae. There were present four Syracuse alumnae, two Zeta and one of our own active girls. The afternoon was happily spent in talking over college days of '95 and our present chapter.

Pledge day opened this year with matriculation day, as it did last year. Rushing now is the all-absorbing task. Although we have been here scarcely two weeks, yet we have met with the greatest success. Our rushing has not been very strenuous or tedious, but we look upon our Freshmen with pride and know that we have the cream of the hill. This only goes to show that Gamma Phi does not have to lavish outwardly, but she is known by her sterling true worth. How happy we all should be to rank as one of her numbers, and each and every one ought to take it upon herself ever to uphold Gamma Phi's banner.

Our list of Freshmen is not complete, but we take pleasure in introducing to you our present list: Ella Brooks, Syracuse; Rachel Bully, Syracuse; Stephanie Clark, Potsdam; Beatrice Dunlap, Holland Patent; Ruth King, Ilion; Margaret Lighthall, Syracuse; Edith McLennan, Syra-

cuse; Anna Morrison, Red Hook; Doris Oakley, Newburg; Irene Schattel, Solvay; Mae Webster, Ilion.

At the first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. here the attendance was 230. This shows a rapid development along this phase of our college life, which, without a doubt, is an essential factor in the making of all-around college women. Gamma Phi is well represented in the Women's League, having two members on the executive board.

Syracuse is proud of its new and well-equipped gymnasium, which will be open to classes about the first day of November.

Alpha wishes all her sisters a successful rushing season and a most prosperous year.

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GAMMA

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DELTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Just before we left college for the summer vacation came Senior week with all its festivities, the Faculty Reception to the Seniors at Hotel Vendome, the Senior Banquet, the Baccalaureate Sermon by President Huntington in Jacob Sleeper Hall in the college. We are more than glad to say that four of our girls, Sue Philbrook, Leona Chandler, Gladys Wilton and Mary Poor, received Phi Beta Kappa and were duly initiated. The Senior play, "Esmeralda," was next in order, then Class Day with Gladys Wilton's poem and ode. The alumnae banquet followed and Commencement exercises in Tremont Temple, convocation and Senior picnic at Blue Hills. During the week Gamma Phi gave a farewell spread to our Seniors at the rooms.

We are proud of our girls this year. Marion West, who was Junior Proctor last year is Senior Proctor, and Olive Marshall has the Proctorship of the Junior class. Belle Dalton, '11, has become a member of the Historical Club and Mary Poor was made graduate secretary and treasurer of the class of 1908.

Before we finally parted for the summer we spent such a happy week together at Plum Island, near Newburyport. We had a very pretty cottage, which was well filled with fourteen of us, but more would gladly have slept on the floor if it had been necessary. It was very warm so we lived out of doors, roaming over the sands, watching the ever-changing ocean, rowing

and bathing. Some of us were in the boat every moment while the tide was in, not on the ocean, but in the basin, a small body of water where there is no surf. Every evening one class provided the entertainment. There were some marvelous feats performed, interesting, amusing and instructive. Then when we did finally go to bed we did not go to sleep immediately, but midnight revels took place, games of buzz, smothered laughter and whisperings. One afternoon we were entertained by Olive Marshall's uncle, Professor McWaters, at the new summer home he has been erecting on the Merrimac river. We did our own work, taking turns, and some of the meals were surprises indeed, as when the girls ordered pork roast and brought home pot roast. Such sings as we had out on the piazza and how well we learned "Boston University, Our Hearts Beat for You," not to mention several others.

The summer has flown and we are back in college again ready for work and rushing, though I'm inclined to think it may be rushing and work for a few weeks. We begin rushing the twenty-eighth. There's a very large entering class this year, many nice looking girls. As one girl said, "Seem's though there might be enough to go round." The Gamma Phis are all back except Anne Goosell, who returns in October, and we are glad to have Florence Barbour, '09, with us again this year. We miss the Seniors. Our new room is on Huntington avenue, No. 84, conveniently near college.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a social the other afternoon, to which all girls, especially Freshmen, were invited. Every one had to wear her name pinned in a conspicuous place. In that way we know many names and faces. We are all anticipating a happy year and wish the same most heartily for each and every Gamma Phi.



EPSILON

THE University will not open until September 28th, so this letter must be of the past rather than of the present.

Commencement was a great success at Northwestern this year. The examinations for undergraduates were postponed until the festivities were over, and as a result all the students were in Evanston to participate. The graduating class numbered over six hundred, so at the many events caps and gowns were numerous. On Saturday, May 30th, we had the interscholastic field meet, with an old fashioned barbecue in the evening. Sunday we listened to the baccalaureate sermon. Monday was class day, and the Dramatic Club presented "Comus" in the evening, under the direction of Mr. Donald Robertson. Tuesday was carnival day with a field meet in the afternoon, and a brilliant torchlight parade in the evening. Wednesday was alumni day, and a luncheon was served at noon in a huge tent that had been erected on the campus. President Harris entertained at his

annual levee at Orrington Lunt library that evening. Thursday morning the seniors received their degrees at the Auditorium, in Chicago.

In spite of these numerous University affairs, Gamma Phi had several of her own during the week. Our annual formal party was given at the Evanston Country Club on Saturday evening, May 30th. The dancing room was decorated to represent a garden, and a pretty feature was the Gamma Phi Beta promenade, when favors were given to the dancers. We gave our alumnae banquet on Monday evening, June 1st, and Tuesday the alumnae and active girls enjoyed a picnic on the lawn of Grace Lasher's home. Wednesday afternoon Janet Childs gave a reception in honor of Laura McCarty, our one graduate.

Pan Hellenic was unable to agree upon a contract for this year's rushing, since in past years the rules have been flagrantly broken by a few sororities. For this reason matriculation day will be our pledge day.

A dramatic club was organized in June. Helen Cowles and Edwina Pope, both '09, and Laura McCarty, '08, were charter members. Mrs. Edith Patterson King, Epsilon, '06, Ethel Works, '05, and Laura McCarty, '08, were elected as the three women members of the governing board, which is made up of three alumni, two faculty members and two active members. Only juniors and seniors were eligible for charter membership in the organization.

We expect the chapter to start with fourteen active girls this year, and doubtless we shall be able to introduce some pledges in our next letter. A faculty ruling has deferred initiation until the second semester, by decreeing that no girl may become a member of the sorority until she has ten hours of credit.

We hope that each chapter may have an exceedingly successful year.



ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Just an even dozen of us are back, which means that only one of our number, Louise Tiedeman, 1911, did not return. We have all had a most enjoyable summer and are ready once more for college work and to do our best for Gamma Phi Beta. As college has just opened, it is too soon to say anything about rushing, but as nineteen twelve seems to be a very fine class we are most hopeful.

Pledge day is to be the seventh of November, which gives us six weeks for rushing and the rules are practically the same as last year's—two functions, teas every other week, two dinner engagements with each freshman and calling only in specified hours.

In June we held our fifteenth reunion and enjoyed so much having our alumnae and sisters from other chapters with us. Among the latter was Mrs. S. A. Savage, whom we were especially glad to meet. As she is living in Washington we hope that she may come over often to see us.

At the alumnae meeting held during commencement week Marie Connor Hayes, 1900, was elected one of the trustees of the college. We are doubly glad of this because, besides the honor which it brings to Gamma Phi Beta, it will give us the opportunity to know her better for she will come to Baltimore often to attend the meetings.

After the reunion we held a house party and had a most delightful time. So delightful, that we hope to have another next year with twice the number of girls along.

Flora Robinson, one of our last year's seniors, is now a secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement. She is working in the north, west and northwest, and we hope will meet many Gamma Phis at the colleges she visits.

In closing we wish each and every Gamma Phi a most happy and prosperous year and trust that for each chapter it may prove as successful as we feel sure it will be for us.



ETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Eta sends heartiest greetings to one and all of you. We are now fairly started on our regular college work for we have been back some two weeks and are settled again. These first weeks have been busy ones for, of course, we have had plenty of rushing to do besides our college duties. But we have been well repaid for our efforts, for we shall initiate a splendid freshman class on Friday, September 4th. We have pledged nine girls—Josephine Le Conte, Mildred Le Conte, Pra Muir, Loraine Andrews, Carmelita Werner, Ellen Ord, Elizabeth Bridge, Eleanor French and Ina Hailes. Our rushing season has been a very pleasant one this year for the Pan-Hellenic rules have been very satisfactory and we are not all worn out with a long and hard season before pledge day.

We have had many pleasant Gamma Phi gatherings this summer. At a tea at the home of Sarah Morgan there were girls from five different chapters of the sorority and we were all busy comparing notes.

We are fortunate in having nearly all the old girls back this year and two of last year's seniors have returned. Two have left us, one to be married and the other to travel in Europe. Another one of our girls, Florence Hincks, who would have been a junior here this year, is going to leave us to go east to study.

And now we send our best wishes to each and every chapter for a prosperous year.

THETA

THETA has had a quiet and rather uneventful summer. The meetings were held but once every two weeks instead of weekly, as heretofore, and the attendance was often very poor as many of the girls had gone to the mountains to escape the hot weather. However, our spring affairs were delightful.

The chapter presented the annual play at the Women's Club, May 15th, and it was even more favorably received than ever before, besides paying over one hundred dollars of the one thousand dollar pledge we gave the University Building Fund a year ago.

May 18th we held our annual "spring" banquet and bade a formal farewell to our seniors. The toasts were all based on theatrical lines, the application being strictly Gamma Phi.

The social whirl of commencement week soon followed, then our seniors reversed the usual order of things and gave the chapter a farewell dance at Miss Hersey's, to which were bidden several of the prospective freshmen.

We all rested until the latter part of July and then gave our first rushing stunt, "A Flower Party," at the home of Miss Gallup, and met for the first time several girls from this year's large freshman class.

Theta regretted so much that Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, was too ill to attend the luncheon given in her honor by the chapter at the Tea Cup Inn, August 22d. Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Richmond at all during her visit in Colorado. At the luncheon, however, we did have the pleasure of entertaining Miss Dame, of Delta, Miss Wells, of Beta, and Mrs. Jones, of Kappa.

The Pan-Hellenic at the Denver University lasts until October 1st, so we are in the midst of a strenuous rushing season, with many fine freshmen to choose from. Each sorority is permitted to have two formal affairs, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening; further than that we are not allowed to have any stunt where more than two persons and a rusher are present; this we have found rather disagreeable, for it has been our practice to rush with the whole chapter.

We gave our dance Friday evening, September 18th, at the Woman's Club. Miss Seaman and Miss Webb each entertained rushees and their escorts at dinner before the dance. Thursday afternoon, September 24th, we have invited the rushees and their mothers to a "Musical" at Miss Bishop's, and this will conclude our rushing parties.

Naturally, we regret we cannot name our new pledges in this letter and you can all imagine our state of anxiety with pledge day only a little over a week off. However, we can wish all our sister chapters a most successful season and congratulate most heartily those who have already pledged themselves to wear our "Crescent."

IOTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Iota sends cordial greetings and hopes all Gamma Phis are as plump and brown and happy as she is. It seems a long way to look back from October to June to recount all the doings of senior week and what happened at the spring banquet. Iota, as usual, joined the New York Alumnae in the banquet. After a most enjoyable luncheon, a reception was held for "our" freshmen in order to have them meet the alumnae. Both the lunch and the reception were great successes. The banquet formed one of the gaieties of senior week for the active girls, coming, as it did, right in the middle of that week. The first event, a dance, was held in Earl Hall on Wednesday, the 20th of May, where our chapter was particularly well represented—but one member was unable to attend. Barnard's annual interclass athletic meet occurred Thursday afternoon and was followed by a formal tea for the friends of the whole undergraduate body at Brooks Hall. As this was the first opportunity for the non-resident girls to show their friends the dormitory it was very well attended. On Friday the seniors planted the classtree in Milbank Quadrangle with many attendant ceremonies and later gave a reception for the college where the active girls had the pleasure of talking with a Gamma Phi from the Minnesota Alumnae chapter. The seniors listened to the Baccalaureate sermon on the twenty-fourth. Monday morning the college and a crowd of friends assembled in the large Columbia gymnasium for Class day. Ellen O'Gorman, the Senior president, delivered the address of welcome. Wednesday saw commencement, the Alumnae reception, and the class supper, with which the week closed. A very busy week it was, with no time for cramming for the undergraduates, whose finals began on Thursday. But we weathered the storm and separated on the eighth of June for our long vacation.

As summer rushing was forbidden by Pan Hellenic nothing could be done, except in letter writing through vacation—but we kept in touch with the freshmen and hope for a successful rushing season this year. Matters will be somewhat complicated, however, by having both Sophomores and Freshmen to rush.

The college year opened on Wednesday, the twenty-third of September. There is one new rule and a very stringent one—there is to be no unlimited cutting for Juniors and Seniors and all cuts are to be recorded at once with sustaining reasons. We are still Dean-less, Mr. Brewster of the English department will continue for another year in the position of acting dean. The college work has begun with startling promptness; we carried home a list of books with

lessons therein the first day, and now, after three more days, feel quite in the swing of work again.

Iota wishes for her sister chapters all success in college and sorority enterprises during the new year.



KAPPA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Greetings from Kappa and best wishes for the happiest and most successful of college years. We are all so glad to be back at work—all of us together—but such a good time as we did have all summer! Our annual house party was at Lake Minnetonka during the second week of June. The Delta Gamma Chapter had a cottage near ours, and we entertained each other with various serenades and moonlight marshmallow roasts. And then there were the happy times when, just with each other, out on the water, around our camp fire, or in our cozy little cottage, we sang our grand old Gamma Phi songs or "did stunts!"

Ethel Cosgrove had a two day's house party at her home for about twenty-two of the girls.

We had the usual number of picnics and informal parties besides weekly, social get-togethers during the latter part of the summer.

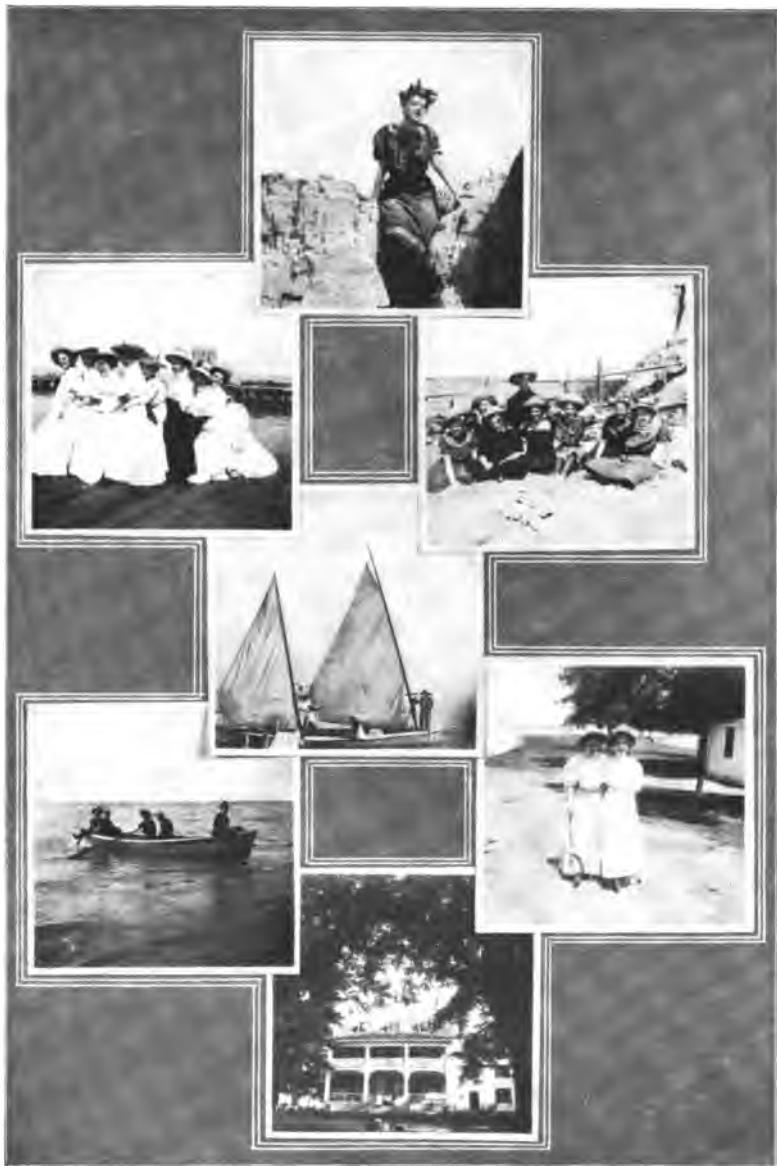
Life is calmer and quieter than ever at "Minnesota" this year, even more so than under last year's Pan-Hellenic regulations, as under our new "compact" agreement, there is to be "no rushing," with the exception of one big party. Each sorority is to interpret "no rushing" according to the individual conscience of its members, as there are no specific by-laws this year. The college world as well as town people generally are eagerly watching for the developments which are sure to come.

Pledge day will be as it was last year, on the second Saturday of April. Kappa Alpha Theta, alone, of our Minnesota sororities, did not enter the late pledge day compact. She will pledge at the end of the second week, this date being set by Pan Hellenic.

A leaflet explaining the situation and containing advice about sororities, was handed to the freshman by the Dean of Women, during registration.

We have two pledges over whom we are all joyful—Helena Fitzsimmons, whom according to compact rules as to sisters and daughters, we were allowed to pledge during the first two weeks, and Agnes Maloy, a Sophomore.

We send you all very much love and our very best wishes that you are all as happy as we are.



Bits of Zeta's House Party

LAMBDA

EAR Gamma Phis: Lambda sends greetings from out the midst of a very strenuous season, namely, "rushing" season. There are endless teas, spreads and dances intermingled with studies and home duties. However, this year Washington has matriculation bidding and we hope in a few weeks to be pursuing the "even tenor of our way." We have pledged four freshmen already, namely Wilhelmina Schumacher, Mary White, Carrie Gillespy and Alice Courteny—the fact that they were "rushed" madly by the other sororities proves that Gamma Phi is in the lead here at Washington. There are others we are still rushing, for whom we gave a large formal dance in our spacious home Wednesday evening. The color scheme for the dance was pink and green and our house certainly looked like a "fairy bower" with Oregon grape strung around the room intertwined with pink blossoms—then the soft mellow glow from the pink shaded lights together with the beautiful gowns of the girls and the sombre dress of the men, as contrast certainly made an exquisite picture long to be remembered. Then followed a Japanese dinner the next evening. The dining room was strung all over with Japanese lanterns and parasols, and four of our girls served, dressed in beautiful satin kimonas. The place cards and menu cards were of Japanese hand-work and were sent us from Japan by one of our "alums," Zoe Kincaid, who is teaching English in the University of Tokyo. The end of this week is devoted to a house party at Mrs. Haggat's pretty summer home across Puget Sound.

We are very fortunate in having Doris Best, of Theta, who enters as a senior here. It is needless to say she has already won our hearts.

We are very sorry to lose Alice Payne, one of our juniors. Alice has gone to the Orient for a year.

We were all overjoyed in the nomination of Samuel G. Cosgrove for governor of Washington. He is the father of one of our girls, Mrs. Kinnear, formerly Myrn Cosgrove, of the class of '07. Mr. Cosgrove has all the chances of being elected, as he was nominated on the Republican ticket and Washington is decidedly Republican. Everything for the Fair of 1909 is about completed and we girls of Lambda will be delighted and pleased to see any Gamma Phis who come to Seattle during that time.

Best wishes for a successful rushing season.



MU

C OLLEGE has swung into its conventional routine again, and after a glorious summer of varied good times, thirteen girls find themselves once more in the sway of the chapter life. From there they send greet-

ings and best wishes to all the other chapters, with the hope that this summer has been as truly happy to all of them as to each member of Mu.

Yet they are all glad to be back, perhaps gladder than ever before, because each of the thirteen knows that this year is going to be more really worth while than any one before, and every one of them hopes to do her share to make it so.

Just now rushing is the all-absorbing interest, and for three weeks more we have this strenuous season to occupy our time. The Pan-Hellenic contract for this year has lengthened the period quite considerably beyond the customary time here, and having "bidding day" in the middle of October is an altogether new departure. However, it is proving quite a successful venture to all concerned and we hope by the next letter, to be able to introduce some new little pledglings.

Perhaps one of the greatest disappointments to Mu this year came in not having Winifred Higgins and Susan Davis back. Both of them, however, we hope to have with us again after Christmas, but until then they leave a vacancy which no one else can quite fill. It is hard, too, to give up Caroline Benson, who was graduated in May, and we are not going to give her up, either, but just insist that she come back "home" for a good long visit this year.

The semester, though well under way now, is still very young, and college affairs are, as yet, only at the mere beginnings. One of our juniors, Norine Graves, however, has been honored with the appointment to the "Quad Board," the staff of the college annual which the third year class publishes in the spring.

Mu regrets that so few of the interests of this campus world have reached the stage where they bear chronicling, but she can at least send the wish that to every individual Gamma Phi this year may prove as happy and successful as it must to each particular chapter.



SYRACUSE

EAR Sisters: From a cosy spot besides the prettiest lake in New York this letter comes to you today. It will just enjoy its ten mile ride in the little steamer before it reaches the protection of Uncle Sam's mail bag, and the tiny craft is puffing its best, that our dearly beloved editor may not be reduced to despair because we are late.

Sometimes we fear you might call our letter a "wireless"—so many words over nothing, you know. We have to record this time, no big event where we all stood about in the regalia of full dress and a carnation, but we have individually had good times and rested a bit. We just had to, for the equator has been in sight of our house all summer. We've

tried to draw the effacing sponge of forgiveness over it, but that only made it act the worse.

On May eleventh, a little daughter—Deborah—came to live with Mrs. Hattie Budd Wadleigh, '91. Another little maid came later to Mrs. Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt's, '99, home, but her name (at this writing) has not yet arrived.

One of our "Founders," Mrs. Frances Haven Moss, '77, of Urbana, Illinois, had a wedding in her family on June 4, when her daughter, Mary, was married to Professor John Frederick Wiley, the recently elected principal of the Urbana schools. The ceremony took place under a wedding bell of white peonies, and the rooms were elaborately decorated with palms and ferns. The bride and maid of honor were in white; the bridesmaids and ribbon girls in white with blue trimmings. The presents were very elegant and valuable.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. E. O. Haven, was present at the wedding, and at eighty-three years was so fresh and fair as to almost rival the bride in attractiveness.

The Commencement exercises passed off as usual. Among the girls who were back then and later, were Mrs. Alice Oliver Gere, '97; Miss Ethelwyn Osborn, '96; Mrs. Jessie Hurlburt Hodge, '95; Mrs. Clara Bingham Collins, '99; Mrs. Louise Blaine White, '86; Mrs. Florence Farnham Osgood, '88, and Miss Ella Bohr, '04.

Mrs. Osgood came to her twentieth class reunion. It is some time since Mrs. White had been back to her Alma Mater. She has a daughter entering Syracuse this fall, coming here from the Baltimore Woman's College.

During their stay here, Mrs. Hodge and Miss Osborn visited Mrs. Bessie Cowles Gibson at Clyde, and also Mrs. Clara Bingham Collins at Cortland, N. Y.

The annual Gamma Phi luncheon at Skaneateles during Commencement week was, as always, a success. Over fifty took the pretty trolley ride and enjoyed the feast, which with Mrs. Krebs as caterer, was the best ever.

Mrs. Ella Boomer Howard, '83, has had a year's leave of absence, and to the satisfaction of her friends, is now back in our high school. She has a pretty house here, and we are glad to say "Welcome Home."

During July Miss Deborah Coe had a genuine Gamma Phi house party of the second generation. Her guests were: Mrs. Gertrude Leete's two daughters, Mrs. Mary Fearon's daughter, Gladys; Mrs. Anna Terry Whitford's daughter, Marion, and Ruth Rodgers. These young girls enjoyed it hugely, and reflected credit upon their Gamma Phi mothers.

During the vacation Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, '83, of New York, visited her father at Onondaga Valley, and there she entertained several of her Gamma Phi friends.

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86, also entertained for Mrs. Dinsmore. These gatherings are always delightfully informal and cosy, olive and peanutty, too.

Professor and Mrs. Flick, who personally conducted a party of thirty-seven to Europe this summer, have just returned. The Misses Nettie and Nellie Wilmot, '89, from the Latin School, Baltimore, were with the party. All speak pleasantly of the trip, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the company as they railroaded and navigated the globe. It is with the Misses Wilmot that the Zeta Chapter met for several years.

Several Gamma Phi's summered or spent some time at the Thousand Islands. Among them, Mrs. Leete, '89; Mrs. Fearon, '86; Mrs. Whitford, '89; Miss Mary Whitford, '81; Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, '98; Mrs. Jessie Groot Richardson, '97; Mrs. Corinne Robinson, '98; Mrs. Jessie Wheeler Lewis, '96. Mrs. Fearon and Mrs. Whitford have very pretty summer homes there.

Since our last letter Mrs. Nellie Morgan's father passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Page, long a resident of Syracuse, and who had been ill many months, died very recently. She was the mother of Mrs. Laura Flick, '98, and Miss Jessie Page, '08.

On September second was held the funeral of Mr. F. L. Wilcox, M. A. In 1876 he married Miss Clara Worden, '76, Gamma Phi's first initiate, and their home has been for many years in Syracuse. Mr. Wilcox graduated from the University in 1876, and was a member of Zeta Psi. He was a successful lawyer, and had much to do with shaping the "Good Roads" laws, serving also abroad, as special commissioner of the National Good Roads Association. He was identified with many public organizations.

May we offer to each of our sisters in their bereavement the deep sympathy of Syracuse Alumnae Chapter, and assure them that their sorrow touches the heart of Gamma Phi.

And now a shrill whistle clears the air, and rouses us from our inky meditations.

The steamer puffs around the corner and here comes a King Charles Spaniel leading a gilt edged lady toward the boat.

The large crop of Catawba grapes on her Merry Widow appears to be ripening fast, and we suspect she is hurrying home to can them for winter. It makes us think of our own (which, however, are growing on a vine) and if you will excuse us, we will go and gather ours too.

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CHICAGO
(No Letter.)

BOSTON

WE believe with our esteemed President, Mr. Roosevelt, that two terms of office are enough for any man—or woman. To be sure, we have not had the same precedent established for us, but if Boston Chapter had not re-elected the present incumbent a year ago, THE CRESCENT might have received a letter from the chapter for the June number. But that oversight will not occur again, we promise you, because Boston Chapter will have a new corresponding secretary elected at her next meeting—we will see to it ourselves.

Our chapter has not met together since May, for our first meeting of the season of 1908-'09 occurs after this letter goes to press, so we cannot chronicle any "live news" for our reader's edification. Suggestions for enlarging the scope of alumnae chapters were asked for in one of our letters, but failing any response, we have kept along in the same established rut of meeting, greeting and parting, with lots of chatter thrown in.

However, that serves the end of keeping alive the fraternity spirit most successfully and what better end can there be? Delta has asked us to give a rushing party for them this month and their request was clothed in such flattering terms that we at once agreed and we are sure when we line up before the select few of the invited freshmen that they will succumb at once—that is, if Delta wasn't giving us "blarney."

During the great convention of women's clubs held in Boston last June, rumors came to our ears of Gamma Phi delegates among the thousands of visitors and it seemed such a pity that all did not make themselves known to the Boston girls, who would have enjoyed adding a special welcome to that of the club women. Sarah Shute renewed her friendship with Delta freinds at this time and it was the privilege of a few to extend sisterly sympathy to her at the time of her sad bereavement.

A brief glance in response to a stranger's question, a second glance on recognizing the crescent pin, a warm handclasp, and that was the whole story of a Delta girl's meeting with Marie Godman, Beta Chapter, during the convention.

When Gamma Phis come to Boston do look up your eastern sisters who will always welcome you.



NEW YORK

NEW York Alumnae Chapter sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters, and starts the year with the wish that all may be prospered more than ever.

Since the banquet in May, which we enjoyed with the Iota girls, we have seen little of each other, as we have been widely scattered, but are

looking forward to a most pleasant reunion in October, when we will make plans for the winter.

The scribe for the chapter went to Chautauqua this summer and thought it quite the proper thing to sign her name in the Pan-Hellenic register, but discovered 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 Phi's wrote their names in it before it was put in the registry room. The names were as follows: Florence Seeley, Alpha; Florence Taylor, Alpha; Jean Thoburn, Zeta; Nellie Talley, Zeta; Louise Iliff, Theta; Winnifred Chase, Theta; Laura Latimer, Alpha.

There was a large number of Kappa Kappa Gammas, Pi Beta Phis and other societies, so the Pan-Hellenic register for women was voted a decided success.

Jean Thoburn, who has a cottage at Chautauqua, announced that we were to consider her home headquarters for Gamma Phi's, whenever they happen to be on the assembly ground. She invited us all over for a meeting one evening, and we carried it on in the most approved style, following all the rules and regulations of Gamma Phi Beta. We had a most interesting visit concerning methods of rushing, and carrying on affairs in our respective chapters, and were even more enthusiastic than we had been before we met.

We of the alumnae chapter feel very grateful for the opportunity we have of seeing each other during the year, and wish to extend the heartiest invitation to all Gamma Phi's who are in New York even for a short visit. We will be most delighted to greet you, for we feel that Gamma Phi means a great deal more to us than it did when we were in college, and it meant a great deal then.

Remember that our latch-string is always out for the sisters in Pi Kappa Epsilon.

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SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR Sister in Gamma Phi Beta: The San Francisco Alumnae Chapter are individually very brown as to complexion and very reminiscent as to the joys of the summer vacation. Collectively they are filled with an effervescent enthusiasm that seeks its expression in what is technically known as "a good time"—i. e., something to eat, a few good stories, and a lot of girls to talk to and about.

An opportunity for the exchange of gossip and news on Pan-Hellenic was provided early in August, when Bertha Knox invited us all to spend the day at her country house on the skirts of Mt. Tamalpais. We took

an early boat and arrived in Mill Valley about eleven, when we hastily counted the lunch boxes and babies and found a pleasing number of both. The trail up the mountain proved long enough to stimulate the powers of the athletic, and short enough to keep the weaker sister from utter discouragement and despair. Inez Whipple Davis quietly hired what is known as a vehicle and arrived with her small son, Cyrus, a good half hour before the rest straggled in.

The Match Box is about a third of the way up Tamalpais, just below the famous double bow-knot. From the front porch there is an eagle's view beyond the marsh that stretches to Sausalito far out across the bay to the cities on the further side. Behind the house rises the great, dark mountain, with its ever changing shadows. Every one took sides at once on the question of view and the merits of the hill view and the bay view were discussed at some length. But there was no possibility of settling the discussion as it was soon discovered that every girl changed her opinion whenever she took another sandwich. For not even the view could delay the preparations for luncheon.

There may have been more ceremonious feasts, but surely there was never one with a greater variety of cake, and on the crispness of the salad, the reputation of the sorority could have been staked with impunity. The tea flowed like water.

Afterwards there was a business meeting and I know I would have remembered what was done if Elizabeth Fryer had not told me so many funny stories. But I am sure there was a business meeting and no doubt it was largely concerned with the question of wedding presents.

Such a lot of us were present at this meeting, and we have talked so much about it ever since that the few unfortunates who remained at home are making anxious inquiries as to when our president will graciously invite us again.



MINNESOTA

DEAR Sisters All: That dreadful "Minnesota, No Letter," of the June CRESCENT has hung over us like a pall, but let me explain that the person who was delegated to write the letter was so busy getting married that somehow, amidst laces and pretty gowns, it was lost. We really can't blame her. It was such a pretty wedding, that of Edna Elmer to Edward Salter Smith, the twenty-third of June, and I'm sure she wishes that all the Gamma Phis could look in upon her when she has her first "at home" next week.

We brought our year to a happy close with the banquet and the days of the last week of May arranged themselves so fortunately as to allow us

to celebrate our birthday (and I see by THE CRESCENT that Iota and New York Alumnae banqueted on the same day).

The committee had arranged for letters from all the absent charter members and those who were present gave little responses. It seemed very nice to me, at least, one of that number, to hear from all the "original ten." It was a lovely family party and we had greetings from our relations brought us by Edna Hilton, of Delta, whom we all love. Rewey Belle Inglis, one of the older children, who was about to start out into the world to seek her fortune, gave some parting advice to those who were left, and Anne Hull, who, with the other freshmen had hardly been in the chapter long enough to say Gamma Phi "Agoo," surprised us by telling all the family secrets. (Oh, these precocious children!) Then Edna Elmer, with true big sisterly concern, besought all those who were keeping secrets from us to open their hearts and one bright diamond was fished out from a sleeve and slipped on a finger for our inspection. At the head of the table sat our chapter mother, Louise J. Crooker, and the family circle was nearly complete.

The summer has slipped past so fast and so many of our girls have been away that those who were left of both active and alumnae chapters had their good times together. One of these was a day at Minnetonka, which we spent with Ethel and Bernice Works and Thekla Rompel, of Evanston, who were in town for a few days.

The opening of school activities has brought some of us back but seen more depart. Among the former, we are so glad to have Lella Albrecht, who has been at Oberlin all summer and has now taken up her duties as Y. W. C. A. secretary at the University.

I might divulge some engagements, but I have been sworn to secrecy. I should like to take each Kappa alumna aside, however, and tell her to begin to save her pennies, for there will be seven or eight pairs of candlesticks to be purchased in the near future.

We are all looking forward to our first full year as an Alumnae Chapter and after our first meeting we can tell you more of our plans and doings.

A busy, happy and prosperous year to you all, whether you are teaching school or rocking babies and don't forget to look for our delegate when you go to convention.



DENVER

WHEN the June number of THE CRESCENT was issued and the humiliated editor of Denver Alumnae beheld "No Letter" under the name of her chapter, she was overwhelmed with contrition. Examination papers, together with the manuscript of the Gamma Phi Beta play had

proved her undoing, and she was so addled that her contribution came too late. And thereby hangs the tale. Will the Gamma Phi Beta sisters be lenient and let her tell it all over again in this September letter?

Back to February is a long jump, but we must mention our valentine party for the active girls, which was our first opportunity of becoming well acquainted with the new freshmen—all of whom we immediately and enthusiastically declared "true Gamma Phis." The March meeting was held with Mabel Walker Edwards and we had with us Edna Myers Allan and Marian Van Dyne. The discussion of the organization of a Woman's Pan-Hellenic was our chief matter of business, and Grace Evans Shannon reported upon the several meetings with representatives from other sororities. In April we were the guests of Theo. Price Hough, our Alpha member, and at this meeting we elected Inez Ridgway as delegate to the Pan-Hellenic conference in regard to rushing, and Grace Evans Shannon as our representative upon the board of the Women's Pan-Hellenic Club of Denver.

Are we confusing you by our numerous Pan-Hellenic affairs? It will perhaps simplify matters if we tell you of our luncheon on April 11, at the Brown Palace Hotel. One hundred and thirty sorority women met together and after an informal time in the reception room, sat down at a table gay with spring daffodils. After the luncheon election of officers was held and the organization completed. Mabel Walker Edwards acted as chairman, Grace Evans Shannon was chosen secretary and Isabelle White was made one of the committee upon constitution, so Gamma Phi was well represented. At the May meeting which was held with Grace Evans Shannon, the constitution was discussed and accepted. This provides for an informal meeting in the fall, at which the sorority holding the presidency acts as hostess. Then a more formal affair in the spring. There has been great enthusiasm over the movement and we all anticipate much pleasure and profit from this association with other sorority women.

The spring banquet which was held May 18 at the Metropole Hotel, brought many active and alumnae Gamma Phis together, and we had a most inspiring time. At our June meeting with Mabel Johnson McCreery, of Epsilon, we welcomed as new members of our alumnae chapter the seniors—Lucy Moore, Margaret Carman, Ora Bowman, Mary Way, Mamie Gallup, Eva Davis, Blossom Henry and Helen Carson.

In July were held the national conventions of Phi Kappa Psi, and Kappa Sigma—both in this city and at the same time—and Gamma Phi Beta was well represented in the attendant social functions. Our July meeting was held with Margaret McNeil, but this was the week of the great Democratic convention in Denver and our attendance was small.

In August we met with Lindsay Barbee, and planned for a luncheon in honor of Grace Smith Richmond, of Alpha. This luncheon was held at the Tea Cup Inn, and would have been a great success had not our guest of honor been prevented from attending on account of a sudden and serious illness.

At the September meeting with Fern Mitchell we elected new officers and devised various ways of aiding the active girls in their three weeks of all-absorbing and nerve-racking rushing.

So vacation is ended and Denver is sending a greeting to her sister chapters with the hope that September will usher in the brightest, happiest and most prosperous of years for Gamma Phi Beta.



Personals

Alpha

Born, to Harriet Budd Wadleigh, a daughter, Deborah.

Born, to Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, a daughter, Barbara Ann.

Bessie Bowe, '08, is abroad visiting friends in England and France.

Jennie Oliva Lewis, '02, has just arrived from Southern Africa, where she has been for the past four years.

The engagement of Mary I. Nellis, ex-'10, to Robert Fraser, Psi Upsilon, of Hamilton College, has been announced.

The engagement of Deidre F. Mace, '08, to Howard Gowing, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Syracuse, has been announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Christine Reed, ex-'09, to William Townsend, Delta Upsilon, Syracuse.

The marriage of Clara H. DeYoe to Fred Barrett took place at Paterson, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett will make their home at Poultney, Vermont.

Birgitta Moran, '06, who having won the Hiram Gee scholarship, studied in France a year, is now filling a very responsible position in our college of Fine Arts.

Katherine Parkhurst, ex-'09, was married to Frederick Wilbur, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Syracuse, at Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur are at home in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Delta

Elsie E. Hatch is teaching chemistry and English in Clifftondale, Mass.

Florence Beiler, '07, returns to Porto Rico, September 19 to resume teaching.

Sue Philbrook, '08, will teach English, French, Latin and History at Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Bertha Perley, ex-'09, was graduated last June from Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten School.

Mary M. Poor, '08, has accepted a position as teacher of French and German in Merrimac, Mass.

Mary Beiler, Mary Taylor and Maud Hodges attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay in June.

Elizabeth Merrill, ex-'08, and Mildred Fisher, ex-'09, were graduated in June from Salem Normal School.

Edith L. Riggs, '07, returns this month to East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island, where she has a position as teacher of mathematics and Bible.

Epsilon

Edwina Pope, '09, will spend the winter in a mining camp in Montana.

Matilda Gage, ex-'09, will teach near her home in Aberdeen this winter.

Ethel and Bernice Works, '05, spent a part of the summer in Minneapolis.

Jeannette Timberlake, ex-'09, will resume her studies at the art institute this year.

Elizabeth Davidson, '11, has spent the summer at Little Point Sable, Michigan.

Epsilon is so unfortunate as to lose Magdalena Carpenter, '09, to Gamma this year.

Helen Cowles, '09, has been spending the summer in the Catskills with her brother.

Thekla Rompel, '05, will teach German in the Lakeview high school of Chicago this year.

Florence Wallace, '07, will again fill the position of preceptress at Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga.

Florence Rhodes, '10, and Ethel Cowles, '09, spent several weeks with Ruth Palmer, '10, in Algona, Iowa, this summer.

Marguerite Bierer, '11, will not return to the University until the second semester, as her sister, Mary, ex-'07, is in very poor health.

Sarah Shute, '07, who had the sad misfortune of losing her mother this summer, will spend the winter in Des Moines with her sister.

Carolyn McCarty, who went to the hospital with scarlet fever at the beginning of the second semester last year, will return to the University this fall.

Sidney Hall, '05, has removed with her family from Danville, Ky., to Prairie du Chien, Wis. This year she will again teach in the high school at Quincy, Ill.

Persis Rollins, '09, visited in Boston and other places in Massachusetts and Maine this summer, stopping on her way home for a few days in Detroit with Kathryn Crawford, ex-'09.

Kathyne Crawford, ex-'09, of Detroit, announced at the alumnae banquet her engagement to Clifford Gustine, Phi Delta Theta. The wedding will take place November 16th, at the bride's home. They will live in Canton, Illinois.

Laura McCarty, '08, will sail for Europe, October 7th. She expects to spend a year in Europe and on the continent with the Thompson-Baldasseroni School of Travel. Laura McCarty, Epsilon's only graduate this year, was honored by election to the Phi Beta Kappa society.

Zeta

Winifred Chase, Theta, expects to spend the winter in Baltimore. Ethel Shriner visited Caroline Smith for the month of September. Caroline Smith is visiting Ethel Shriner for a few days in Baltimore. Bell Baker, '05, spent six weeks touring the British Isles this summer. Bess Brown and Nell Watts visited Ethel Carr in Durham, N. C., during June.

Aida Burchfield, of Canton, Ohio, was married June 24, to Robert Dannemiller.

Frances Connor and Nellie Powell visited Helen Murray at her home in Clearfield, Pa., in July.

Adaline Webb Sibley, Long Beach, Cal., visited her parents in Bell Buckle, Tenn., during the summer.

All the decorations were in white carnations and white hydrangeas, making the house a perfect bower of beauty.

May Christie, ex-'09, visited friends in Washington and Baltimore during May. Later she spent part of the summer in Massachusetts.

Zeta extends the deepest sympathy to Anna and Alice Dimmick and Helen Brown, in the loss of their fathers during the past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Laban MacDonald (Lucile Reilley) and baby, of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few days in Baltimore during July with Ethel Shriner.

A number of Zeta girls were present at this unusually pretty wedding ceremony to offer their cordial congratulations to the bride and groom. They are now making their home in Baltimore.

Jean Thoburn, '09, attended the Student Conference at Silver Bay and had the pleasure of meeting a number of Gamma Phis. She later went to her summer home at Chautauqua, N. Y., where she met eight others.

Josephine Stone, '07, who has been studying in Berlin for the past year, has returned to her home in Battle Creek, Mich. While abroad she had the pleasure of meeting a number of Gamma Phis, among them Misses Nellie and Jeannette Wilmot, Alpha.

Blanche Connor, '04, Bell Baker, '05, Myra Maniford, '05, Cornelia Webb, '05, Helen Armor, '07, Ethel Shriner, '07, Mary McCurley, '10, Anna Blanton, 11, Minnie Treide, '11, and Louise Treide were the members of Zeta's house party at Kemp's, near Clariborne, Md., during June.

Lillian Horsey, Zeta, was married to Dr. R. R. Norris, Theta Delta Chi, on June 24, 1908, at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. Atkinson (Comptroller of Maryland) in Cresfield, Maryland. The bride wore a messaline gown trimmed with duchess and old point lace and carried a huge shower bouquet of lillies of the valley. After a beautifully appointed wedding breakfast, Dr. and Mrs. Norris left for Old Point Comfort and Virginia.

Eta

Ione Garnett, ex-'08, spent the opening weeks of college with us.

Marguerite Daniels, '08, has announced her engagement to Mr. Hal Hall.

Sue Ross, '06, and Julia Dixon, '06, paid us a short visit at the beginning of college.

The engagement of Esto Dunbar, '08, to Mr. Ernest Linscott has been announced.

We are fortunate in having among us this year Alma Eastin, '08, as a post graduate.

Edna Gearhart, '01, stopped in Berkeley for a week on her way home from her summer vacation in the Sierras.

Marguerite and Lucile Daniels have left for Europe, where they expect to spend two or three years studying and traveling.

The Eta girls and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of Marin Waterhouse, ex-'06, at a house party at Bolinas during the summer.

Florence Hincks, '10, is now with her sister in New York, where she will remain for a year, attending Pratt's School of Architecture.

During the summer the Gamma Phis around Berkley had the pleasure of meeting Nell Miller, of Wisconsin, and Elizabeth Church Grant of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis announce the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Pearl, to Mr. Carlton Edgar Durrell, on June 2, 1908. Mr. Durrell is head

master at St. Mathew's Military School in Burlingame, where they will make their home after a trip in the Sierras and the Mt. Shasta region.

The Collegiate Alumnæ held their annual convention in San Francisco this year and among those who were here were Ruth Guppy, of Wisconsin Chapter, and Jeanette Perry, of Lambda.

Theta

Miss Dame, of Delta, paid us a short visit in August.

Mary Way expects to spend the winter in Salt Lake.

Helen Wells, Beta, '12, will spend the winter in Denver.

Miss Mosgrave, Lambda, visited with us one day last May on her way to Seattle.

Winnie Waid, formerly '12, has entered Smith College this fall as a sophomore.

Helen Carson, '08, was recently appointed principal of the high school at Bedford, Iowa.

Lisle Brownell has given up her college course to devote her time to the study of music.

Mrs. Jones, formerly of Kappa, is now making her home in Denver at 1426 Milwaukee street.

Helen Hersey, formerly '10, will spend the winter in New York, pursuing her study in vocal culture.

Doris Best, '10, has moved to Seattle, Washington, and will enter the University of Washington this fall.

Ora Bowman and Carolyne Wolfe, both of '08, are teachers of kindergarten work in the Denver city schools.

Mildred Hansen and May Schiffer have both re-entered the university and will complete their college course in June.

Helen Barbee, who finished her sophomore year at Ann Arbor last year, is taking a college course at the University of Denver.

Iota

Helen Newbold spent August at Peak's Island on the Maine coast.

The Savitz sisters were in the Pocono mountains through the whole summer.

Ellen O'Gorman has returned from Lucerne and is teaching English in the Normal College in New York.

Helen Aiguier passed the vacation at Asbury park, and visited Edna Stitt at her summer home in Sound Beach during September.

Helen Carter, whose position last year was at Huntington, Long Island, expects to teach in New York and the chapter hopes to see more of her this year.

Miss Turner, of Baltimore, attended summer school at Columbia, and

we hoped very much to have her with us this fall, but she has returned to Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter announce the marriage of their daughter, Lulu Jane, to Dr. Howard A. Bayles, on Tuesday, September 15, at Port Chester, New York.

At the Seniors' field day exercises Iota had an opportunity to meet a member of the Minnesota alumnae chapter, and to send congratulations to the chapter on the receipt of their new charter.

The engagement of Linda Belle Savitz to Mr. Robert Craig Thompson was announced on May 23 at the spring banquet. Miss Savitz expects to teach this winter in one of the New Jersey high schools.

Kappa

Ruth Fagundus visited in Iowa.

Juila Bell will visit in California.

Helen Riheldaffer attended the Lake Geneva Y. W. C. A. Conference with Lella Albrecht.

May Clark will teach in Eastport, Idaho, this winter; Rewey Belle Inglis in New Ulm, Minn.

Mary Heritage visited relatives in London and Wales during the summer, and traveled on the continent.

Rewey Belle Inglis camped at Lake Sarah, Ethel Cosgrove at Taylor's Falls, Frances Young was at Green Lake, Anne Hull at Smith Lake.

Mary Haupt spent the summer at Camp Corliss, on Battle Lake; Ruth Tallant and Katharine Crocker at their summer homes on Lake Minnetonka.

Lambda

Arlene Hassen is teaching in Valdez, Alaska.

Beatrice Prosch has gone to Tappanish, Wash., to teach.

Florence Beech, of Iota, spent a few days with us last month.

Jeanette and Charlotte Perry have gone to California for the winter.

Alice Payne, 1910, sailed from Seattle on the Minnesota for the Orient, August 30.

Katherine Kerr sailed for Europe last June and expects to be in Seattle by December.

Imogene Carragher left last Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where she will enter Trinity College.

Bess Kaufmann, of Marshfield, Oregon, who finished in the class of 1907, enters Simmons College, Boston, this fall.

Mu

Emma Charlebois, '06, is teaching this year in Pool, Arizona.

Susan Davis is not in college this semester, but is near us in San Jose, California.

Winifred Higgins, '10, who is not in college this year, is at home in Astoria, Oregon.

Ruth and Winifred Gilbert, both '06, with their mother, are spending the winter in Germany.

Ethel Palmer, '10, spent a very enjoyable summer with her mother in the South Seas, visiting Tahiti and New Zealand.

Helen Thoburn, '07, has taken the position of business secretary with the Y. W. C. A. Training School for General Secretaries, in New York.

Syracuse

Miss Sarah Avery visited Bennington in August.

Miss Millicent Hinckley was also at Star Lake with friends.

Mrs. Mabel Jacoby Johnson spent July at Henderson Harbor.

Miss Janet Kevand has gone to Ridgewood, New Jersey, to teach.

Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh was at the Thousand Islands in August.

Miss Edith Hamlin spent the summer here with her sister, Mrs. Foster.

Mrs. Merriam Ernhout Barnes has moved from Utica back to Syracuse.

Mrs. Luella Palmer Ford visited this summer at her old home here in the city.

Mrs. Genevieve Porter spent the summer at her camp on Fourth Lake, in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Florence Worster Allen enjoyed a delightful automobile trip through New England.

Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe summered at Skaneateles, and had a fine trip on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Belle Yates Porter, Mrs. Lucy Yates Manning and Miss Helen Gowing were at their cottages at Star Lake.

Miss Florence Trobridge and her mother spent the vacation with her sister, Mrs. Molly Trobridge Watkins, at Otsego Lake.

Miss Mary Whitford, '81, spent part of August with her brother's family at the Thousand Islands, also some time at Fourth Lake and in Saratoga county, New York.

Mrs. Florence Bailey Crouse, with her husband and daughter, has taken many automobile trips this summer, visiting Providence, Boston, Springfield and the Berkshires. Later she went to New York and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke took a long automobile trip through Chenango and Otsego counties; spent a week at the farm of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hamilton at Owasco, and another week with Mrs. Genevieve Porter at Fourth Lake.

Rev. Gideon F. Draper, of Japan, is spending a few months in this country for his health and is with his family on Westcott street, Syracuse. Mrs. Draper is a daughter of the late Bishop E. O. Haven, and an early member of Gamma Phi. Their daughter is now in college and of our active chapter.

Miss Jane Lewis, '02, who has been teaching in Africa, has returned for a year's furlough. Her sister, Mrs. Corinne Lewis Robinson, '98, also visited her parents in this city during the summer, and both Miss Lewis and Mrs. Robinson spent a few days with Mrs. W. W. Porter at Fourth Lake, also Thousand Islands and Greenwich, Connecticut.

Boston

Rachel Bessom has accepted a position in the Needham High School. Marion D. Dean, ex-'04, is teaching in Miss McClintock's school, a private school for girls in Boston.

The engagement is announced of Helen Burgess Flanders, '06, to Mr. Francis Post Allen, '05, Harvard.

The engagement is announced of Annie Rachel Bessom, '06, to Mr. Thorndike Ladd. Mr. Ladd is a brother of Emily Ladd Butler, '03.

Mary E. Shepherd, '05, is teaching in the Lynn English High School. There are now six Gamma Phi's teaching in the Lynn High Schools.

Denver

Marion Moore is now located in Cincinnati.

Isabelle White spent her vacation in Los Angeles.

May Schiffer is registered at the University for the year.

Ruth Wallace will teach in Ossining, New York, the coming year.

Carolyn Wolfe is assistant kindergarten teacher in the Clayton School.

Inez Ridgway attended the reunion of her class at Vassar College in June.

Eleanor Leonard, Delta, visited her brother in Denver during the summer.

A little son, Thomas Edgar, was born to Mary Crary Moore on May 11, 1908.

Grace Twombly Miller and Beulah Steele Jenness were in Denver during the summer.

Grace Smith Richmond, of Alpha, spent several weeks in Denver and in Eldorado Springs.

Lindsey Barbee spent the month of June in Ann Arbor as the guest of Mabelle Leonard Douglas.

The Denver Gamma Phis had the pleasure of meeting Helen M. Dame, of Delta, on her Western trip.

Mary Crary Moore, Grace Evans Shannon, Mabel Walker Edwards and Lucia Patterson Young spent the summer at various mountain resorts.

Louise Iliff and Marion Moore attended the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in May at Baltimore. Miss Iliff also spent a delightful season at the Chautauqua, and is now at her summer home in Santa Cruz, California.

The Gamma Phis of 1908 have begun their new work. Lucy Moore will be an instructor in the Preparatory School of the University; Blossom Henry has a position in the Wheatridge High School; Ora Bowman will teach in Denver, and Eva Davis in Lafayette, Colorado; Helen Carson has gone to her home in Iowa; Mamie Gallup will study music in Chicago, and Margaret Carmen will have the English department in the Telluride High School.

San Francisco

Grace Wilson is living in St. Helena.

Florence Ewing is not teaching this year.

Tallulah LeConte is traveling in the East.

Alice Rorer is building a house in Claremont.

Edna Gearhart was in Berkeley during August.

Wanda Muir Hanna came down for Eta's initiation.

Mabel Pierce is the secretary of the Collegiate Alumnae.

Bess Patton and Carmel Riley are teaching in Berkeley.

Rachel Colby is our delegate to the meetings of Pan-Hellenic.

Cecil Harold is teaching in Miss Ransom's school in Piedmont.

Vida Redington Volkhardt has recovered from a serious operation.

Elizabeth Rothermel will move in October to her new home in Berkeley.

Louise Kellogg has just returned from a three months' visit to Alaska.

Mary Randall was the custodian of the LeConte Lodge in the Yosemite this summer.

Florence Stone remained in the South this summer. She visited the Grand Canon.

Della West Bassett spent the summer in Mill Valley with her young son, Frederick.

Elizabeth Sanderson Fryer came out from Montreal to spend the summer in San Francisco.

Lena Redington is the president of the board of directors of the Gamma Phi Beta Hall Association, Incorporated.

Charlotte Hoffman was married to Mr. Kellogg of the faculty of Stanford University. The wedding took place in Rome.

Minnesota

Cora Taney has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., to make an extended visit.

Ruth Hall spent a few days in July in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Van Sant.

Lora Gooding was graduated from Wellesley College in June and will be at home this year.

Katharine Taney Silverson motors up from New Ulm, Minn., frequently to see her old friends.

Ruth Spear Newkirk came home for the banquet and spent most of the summer with her mother.

Pearl Weston went East in the early summer to attend her cousin's wedding and Wellesley College commencement.

Mrs. H. S. Nachtrieb and daughter, Margaret, and Marie Moreland of St. Paul, took the lake trip to Buffalo in August.

Hazel Lovell, Florence Snook, Margaret Marshall and Grace Moreland were at Lake Sara a good part of the summer.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman and family were out of town all summer, spending their time in Sioux City and in northern Minnesota.

Ethel and Bernice Works and Thekla Rompel spent a few days in Minneapolis on their way home to Evanston from Winona.

Helen Griffith, ex '04, spent most of the summer in the East after attending the Bryn Mawr Commencement and her class reunion.

Ellen Brooks, who has attended Smith College the past two years, will be at home in Minneapolis this winter taking kindergarten training.

The engagement is announced of Florence Millspaugh to Mr. John Bortle of Spokane, Washington. The wedding will take place this fall.

Edna Elmer, '07, was married on the twenty-third of June to Mr. Edward Salter Smith. They are at home at 2401 Lake Place, Minneapolis.

Edith Todd Jones and her two little daughters were very welcome guests in the city this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are living at Mora, Minn.

Lella Hunter Albrecht is home from Oberlin, Ohio, where she attended summer school. She is secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University of Minnesota for this year.

Minnesota has quite a list of teachers this year. Margaret Bell is at Mankato, Minn.; Eleanor Eaton, who was graduated from Mt. Holyoke last year, is in Miss Backus' School; Sara Preston is in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Eleanor Sheldon visited relatives in Canada for six weeks, returning just in time to take up her work in the English department of the University. Mary Gray Peck is another traveler who has come back to her teaching in the English department after a pleasant summer at her home in Seneca Castle, New York.

Professor and Mrs. Carl Schlenker had a delightful trip to New Mexico this summer. Dean and Mrs. Downey traveled north for their vacation, spending some time 'on Lake Superior. Some of our other travelers were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Batson, who joined a large family party and took the Yellowstone trip.



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

WE acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges be sent to the following addresses:

Miss Amy Louise Phelan, The St. Francis, Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. T. L. Berry, 1019 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, 283 N. Washington St., Delaware, Ohio.

For April—

Kappa Alpha Journal, Tau Kappa Pi Quarterly, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Phi Gamma Delta, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Trident, Beta Theta Pi.

For May—

The Phi Gamma Delta, The Delta Chi Quarterly, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, The Triangle, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Kappa Alpha Theta.

For June—

The Sroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Shield and Diamond, Sigma Kappa Triangle, The Trident, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, The Adelphean, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Anchors of Delta Gamma, The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

For August—

Alpha Xi Delta, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.



Delta Gamma announces the installation of Omicron Chapter at Adelphi College on Thursday, May 7, 1908.

The Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Xi Chapter at Kentucky State University, September 11, 1908, Lexington, Kentucky.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, Thursday, May 14, 1908.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Delta Alpha Chapter at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, June 8, 1908.

The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces the

installation of the Gamma Mu at The University of Washington on Wednesday, June 17, 1908.

The Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta announces the establishment of Alpha Lambda Chapter at Washington State University, Seattle, Washington, on Thursday, May 21, 1908.

The Admissim of Women into Phi Beta Kappa

In this respect Phi Beta Kappa is absolutely unique among Greek letter fraternities. It was not of set purpose that the society thus broadened its ideas respecting membership. It is true that the original charters contained the bold statement that "it is repugnant to the liberal principles of societies that they should be confined to any place, men, or description of men, and as the same should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree and every country;"—but it is scarcely possible that the founders imagined that women would some time be included among the "wise and virtuous" to whom membership should be extended. However, as scholarship came to be the chief requisite, and as the privilege of pursuing full collegiate courses was granted to women, it was only a matter of time when their eligibility should be recognized, and they be admitted as a matter of right, not of concession. The problem was first faced by the *Alpha* chapter of Vermont at the University when, in 1875, two women attained the honor grade. As at the first appearance of woman it required a deep sleep on the part of man to prepare him to receive his helpmeet, so the Vermont chapter slept over the proposition, and the next day accorded the women the welcome to which they were rightfully entitled. The issue once decided, other chapters had less difficulty in adapting their practice to the changed conditions. In the Cornell chapter, which was organized in 1883, no restrictions as to sex have ever prevailed. As co-education has become established in some Eastern and practically all Western institutions, a large proportion of the chapters now admit women. Chapters also exist in five colleges for women, Vassar being the first of the class to win the coveted honor. Her charter was granted in 1898. The Columbia and Western Reserve chapters have each established a separate section for the students in the women's college affiliated with the respective universities. At the recent Council, President Mary E. Woolley, of Mt. Holyoke, was chosen a member of the Senate. Thus Phi Beta Kappa has eliminated all fortuitous distinctions, such as race, color, creed and sex, and selects its members primarily on the basis of scholarship. It is essentially democratic, while constantly recognizing the aristocracy of intellectual requirements. It thus enjoys the proud distinction of being, among American educational institutions, the chief "conserver and rewarder of scholastic attainment."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Here is a suggestion for alumnae chapters' consideration:

All applications for Pi Beta Phi scholarships in Barnard College and Columbia University for 1908-1908 should be in the hands of the Grand Council by May 15, 1908. The value of the graduate scholarship is \$350. The value of each of the undergraduate scholarships is \$325. Each applicant should state what work she has already done and give her standings in that work; she should also state what work it is her intention to pursue should she receive a scholarship. Each applicant should send a photograph of herself and letters from her professors testifying to her scholarship, personality and character. In granting these scholarships the Grand Council will take into consideration scholarship, personality and fraternity enthusiasm. **MAY LANSFIELD KELLER**, Grand President.—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*.

The following editorial confession from *Beta Theta Pi* carries with it strong conviction that present conditions of an institution should not militate too strongly against consideration of a petitioning body which may have all other factors in its favor.

Some of us who were present at the St. Louis convention remember the rejection of the petition of the Beta Phi Society at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, for a charter. This rejection was largely due to the criticisms of one Beta alumnus who preached eloquently upon the text that the college had no adequate endowment. He admitted the fine quality of the students, the ample supply of material, the adequate equipment and competent teaching force but argued successfully that the college was doomed to failure because of lack of endowment. It will interest our readers to know that an endowment of about one million dollars has now been secured. Sigma Chi offered a charter to Beta Phi. It was accepted and we lost a fine chapter and Sigma Chi secured one with little effort. This was one of our mistakes.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The Journal of Kappa Alpha nearing the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment urges many improvements and the one need that is the cry of our own editor.

What the Journal most needs, as we see it, in order to fully achieve the objects of its publication, is the hearty support of every loyal Kappa Alpha in furnishing contributions and personals and in securing alumni subscriptions. The importance of increasing the alumni subscription list cannot be overestimated. With an increased income from this source the Journal could be greatly improved in a mechanical way. We could use the best of paper, and would not be forced to restrict each issue to the present bounds. Cuts, which are so expensive, could be more freely used, and we could publish a magazine which, mechanically, would be without a superior. In college we aim

to be first. Why not be first in everything laudable? If we had more alumni subscribers to our magazine than any other fraternity, it would necessarily raise us in the estimation of other fraternities, and it would be the strongest sort of testimonial to the loyalty of our alumni. And conversely, an increase in alumni subscriptions would necessarily increase the interest of the alumni in the Order's affairs. With a sufficient increase, the Journal could be made self-sustaining from alumni subscriptions and advertisements, the active chapters would receive their magazines without cost to the Order, and the sum now expended by the Order on the magazine could be contributed to the chapter-house fund and the Memorial Hall.

All this can be accomplished by a united effort, and with the opening of the new year, let us all resolve to do our part.



The Selection of Men

If I were asked to tell Delta Upsilon what it should do, I would say very briefly this: Never let any snobbery enter your chapter-house. Never think of taking a man in your chapter because of his father, or his family, or his wealth, or his good looks, or his clothes, or anything which is external. You can soon dissipate all your power and be reduced to the low level attained by those who fill our clubs and amount to nothing in making the world go round, if you lose the true spirit of Delta Upsilon, which takes the boy as he comes to college for what he reveals of himself in mental power, in moral purpose, in earnestness, in the desire to make the most of his college work. Fill your chapters full of these men and they will grow up to the other standards to which your expectations rise.

CHARLES E. HUGHES, Brown, '81.

(Governor of New York.)

—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*



A matter about which many Gamma Phi Betas feel strongly we find is not disregarded in other fraternities.

We need not consider the withdrawals from active membership where the man has no choice in the matter—such as financial considerations or faculty request. But we do believe that each year our chapters suffer a loss in members, other than by graduation, that is entirely unnecessary. Unless there are some exceptional reasons, the man who drops out of college before completing his course is shortsighted in sizing up his own interests and he is not giving his fraternity full value for his privileges of membership.—*Delta Tau Delta.*

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