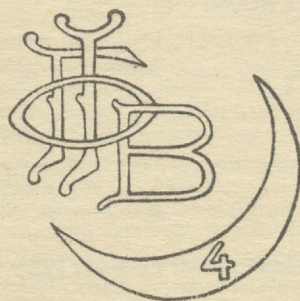


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NOT WHOLLY LOST.

NOT wholly lost are the days that have vanished,
Muffled, albeit, by tumult and din
We hear not their voice, and their presence is banished
Out of the heart, when the world enters in.

Wait! till, the cares that engross us excluding,
Barred are the doors to the soul's baffled cry;
When in the silence and solitude brooding
Yearneth the spirit o'er seasons gone by.

Then from the thought-world comes over us stealing,
Softly a potent and luminous spell,
Treasures unknown with its magic revealing,
Scenes that unblinden, in memory dwell.

Note of the wild bird, when dawn is awaking;
Play of the shadows on hills far away;
Rhythm of waves on the headlands breaking;
Gold of the orient, heralding day;

Balm of the twilight, where west wind is blowing;
Breath of the prairie on bloom-scented breeze;
Cloudland illumined, where sunset is glowing;
Song of the night-wind astir in the trees;

Voices of dear ones, and words long since spoken;
Echoes of music, a song's sweet refrain;
Pressure of hands, and the eye's silent token;
Greetings of gladness, and partings of pain.

Out of the garner of memory thronging,
Life of our life, while our being shall last,
Quest of our fancy, and goal of our longing,
Not wholly lost are the days of the past.

SARAH SATTERTHWAITE LESLIE (Beta, '86.)

Chicago Chapter.



THE COMING OF EL TREMBLOR.

IT was a dull, gray day. The air was heavy and sultry; life moved listlessly, at ebb tide. Out under the live-oak, lounged old Manuel Gonzales, courting a little siesta. Surely if ever a man deserved one he did, for his troubles were as the mosquitoes in the tule—they stung on every side. If the blessed San Lorenzo had had such a daughter as Manuel's, he would have counted his gridiron among his lesser worries!

What had Manuel not done for that child? To begin with he had her christened Teresa Jesuscita Santa Maria—most pious names, every one and all belonging to the Blessed Folk in Heaven. Then, as soon as she was old enough, he had sent her to the Sisters in San Francisco; and if there were any flaws in her education—why the blame fell to Our Lady who had the school in her care. Few fathers would have spent so much. Yet what was the result? She was a stiff-necked rebel who set up her own will against his—her father's! San Pablo, but things were come to a pretty pass if a man might not decide whom his own daughter should marry! And that was all he wanted—just that she marry James Sutter. True, he was a mere Gringo; but then, somebody had to marry Americans, and they were not so bad, after all.

Of course it was hard—especially since she believed Pedro Lorcás. Pedro, who was just home from the mines said that last fall Sutter shot José. Now José had been Manuel's only son and his death cried for avengement. But Pedro always had a long tongue; Manuel did not believe him. Besides—we all know the sort of a man José had become. Well, he was dead and gone now. Better so, perhaps, there was a mad streak in him that boded ill for the future. No—there was no proof that Sutter shot the boy; and, if he had, there had been provocation—trust José for that.

But let the matter rest now—at least till the deeds were clear again. Oh those deeds! If only Manuel had not quarrelled with Pio Pico in the last year of that worthy's governorship, when the country was still Mexican and the land grants were shaky. Good Saints, but a hot word had cost dear! For the Governor, finding himself worsted in the contest, had gotten even by having the Gonzales' grant revoked.

Then came the Americans and Manuel flattered himself that they would never be the wiser if his title was void. But one black day here comes a ferret-eyed Gringo with papers that he says give all these fat acres to whom, think you?—that poor good soul Manuel Gonzales? San Juan Capistrano, No! They give his land—his, that he has held these fifteen years—to James Sutter, a Gringo! What use to talk! These Americans are shrewd and their arms are long; El Diablo himself cannot ever reach them. Soon Sutter himself appeared. But little he cared what Manuel said, once he had caught a glimpse of Teresa. Well, well,—was it not natural he should love her?—and that Manuel should hunger for ownership of what was rightly his? So when Sutter said he was willing to square the deal for Teresa, Manuel consented. So did Teresa, though Manuel kindly refrained from mentioning the land side of the matter; and she was not only complaisant but happy. True her lover was not religious; but then, he was only an American, and we all know that San Pedro lets no American pass. But Teresa did not worry. She just said each prayer twice—once for herself and

once for the Senor. Then came Pedro with his cursed story of José's death; and Teresa would hear no more of Sutter. Marry him?—No, not she! Threats and caresses were all one. She sat there under the rose-vines and said never a word, but her look scorched!

Sutter did not understand. He thought Manuel was trying to keep both Teresa and the ranch. He was coming again that day.

How oppressive the air—how still! Not a breath stirring! And Manuel groaned, but far more from mental than physical discomfort. Meantime, the little Teresa Jesuscita Santa Maria sat among her roses, a graven image of despair. Dear Heavens—how happy she had been—till Pedro came. Ah, it had been only a fool's paradise,—yet never was there a lover like Senor Sutter! He had the deepest, clearest eyes and there were the dearest little yellow curls upon his temples—if the blessed saints had hair like his, they would have no need of halos. But José; as far back as Teresa could remember, every pleasant thing, every caressing word had come to her from José. People told stories about him, she knew; but they were false. José had been tenderness itself to the little sister—his Rose of Mexico.

And now when Senor Sutter came near, and she lifted her face to his, a sudden shadow fell between—the dark shadow of the dead José. Did they think—even if she would so wrong José—that she could endure it to walk all her life beside the Senor with that presence forever between them?

Some one is galloping in. How low the dust hangs among the orange trees—how still the birds are! Senor Sutter is coming for a final word. Oh think of it—never to look in those dear eyes again! But those hands—José's blood is on them. Dear Mother of God—life is too hard. Help, oh help, ye strong Shining Ones in Heaven, help—the flesh is so weak!

Hark! What is that sound, like the sea against the cliffs of Capistrano,—but louder, louder, deeper? She sprang to her feet and started to run, but the ground rocked beneath her. "Teresa," shrieked Manuel, "Teresa, come out into the open!" "Teresa!" cried Sutter breathlessly, "Sweetheart, come to me!"

But Teresa stood still. She had called upon the Blessed Ones for help, and they had sent El Tremblor; he would do their will. And suddenly even while Sutter's voice rang in her ears, El Tremblor spoke again, and lo, the swaying ground opened—a long black chasm that now shut close and now yawned wide—that now passed the oak and now, oh pitying Mother of our Lord! it opened to the roses where Teresa stood—Teresa—Teresa! But the little Rose of Mexico was gone. The swaying subsided, and the chasm closed. El Tremblor had come, and had done his work, and gone.

FRANCES HAMMEL GEARHART, (Eta, 1900).

FRATERNITY LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

FRATERNITY life is one of the most essential features of the university life at Ann Arbor; with the possible exception of Cornell there is no university in the country where it is such an important factor. Although but about one-fourth of the students are members of fraternities, still the influence of this particular phase of life may be estimated when remembering that this means over one thousand students, belonging in all to thirty-three (33) fraternities. Of these, fourteen are literary and nine are professional fraternities, and ten are sororities of which one is medical and one musical. The fraternity life is the more conspicuous owing to the fact that every fraternity lives in a chapter house. This to a great extent makes up for the absence of a dormitory system in the university; an effect, and possibly to some extent, a cause of the same, and is the more possible owing to the fact that there are practically no rules in the university governing one's living, and each fraternity can control its own action in this respect according to its own policy and ability. The houses are for the most part in the same locality in the town, fifteen living within a distance of two blocks from one another, five of which are situated around one corner, almost directly opposite the campus.

Ten of the fraternity houses, varying in value from \$5,000 to \$25,000, are owned by the chapters, having been built by the alumni. The remainder, including all the sorority houses, are rented by the various chapters. The fraternity and sorority houses are conducted on much the same principles, although with the girls it is the usage to engage some woman to oversee matters who can at the same time provide the necessary amount of chaperonage, which however is generally slight, aside from house chaperonage, for as in other college matters, the students are themselves responsible for their own actions and are judged accordingly. Everyone will admit that life in a chapter house has the advantage without the disadvantage of a dormitory; personal liberty is attained, and one's daily companions are one's chosen friends, one of the features of Michigan fraternity life which tends to promote strong fraternity and sorority spirit, and to form enduring friendships.

It has taken a number of years for fraternity life to become such an accepted institution at Michigan, and it has not been without struggles. In 1845 the first fraternity entered the university, and five years were needed to convince the faculty that they were to become an established feature. In 1864 seven of the ten Eastern fraternities had chapters here, which is an indication of the position Michigan held among American colleges. Within the last twenty years sororities have become as much a factor of the life of the women, as are the fraternities with the men, and the first one, Kappa Alpha Theta, was not established without

a struggle, and some ridicule. This was in 1879, when there were but about eight women in the University, and nine years after women had been admitted. Sigma Phi Beta was established three years later, in 1882, and soon after Kappa Alpha Theta gave up its charter, later forming the local new secret society of Sorosis, so that Sigma Phi Beta is now the oldest existing sorority in the University. (A second charter was granted Kappa Alpha Theta in 1893.) Since the establishment of sororities here, up to the year '98-'99, there have been 568 members of sororities in the literary department, of which about 300 have graduated, 85 from Sigma Phi Beta. At the present time of about 500 women enrolled in the university, 170 are sorority members. The fact of one's belonging to a fraternity has probably more meaning here for a woman than for a man; for, while a person's social or college standing by no means rests on the fact of their being a member of a fraternity, in fact the name "independent" does not carry as much meaning here as at most institutions, still the life here is such that there are undoubtedly far less opportunities for a non-sorority girl than for a non-fraternity man. Unfortunately there are always more opportunities for men to advance on their own merits. The obvious advantage of a sorority to a girl is based on this fact of her limited independence, and the absence of a dormitory life makes it impossible for an "independent" to make friends easily. Undoubtedly the sororities in themselves are more clannish than are the fraternities, still the circumstances of the life make it impossible for them to mingle to any great extent. It is becoming the custom however for them to entertain each other more in social ways.

The relation of the men and women in a coeducational institution is a much discussed subject, usually ignorantly discussed, and Michigan as the largest coeducational university in the country has not been exempt from gross misinterpretations in this respect. All of the women are invariably treated with respect and courtesy. This is a large institution and includes various conditions of society, the better class of men and women are of the same social standing and are treated as such. There is always considerable "society" for those who care for it, which are not a few, and the girls are entertained by the men in various pleasant ways. It is undoubtedly true that girls go to concerts and foot ball games alone frequently, but this is a college which fosters independence in all, and because girls care to enjoy each other's society in public places and occasionally dispense with masculine protection, is no indication to the world that there are not other opportunities for amusement and pleasant intercourse between the two branches of the coeducational family.

Although each fraternity aims to have the same ideas prevalent throughout its chapters, and all fraternities have a great many similar characteristics, still each college or university has its own typical frater-

nity life and customs adapted to its own circumstances and governments. At Michigan there is undoubtedly considerable conservatism in this respect; fraternity matters are generally kept exceedingly private; "rushing" is of a private nature, initiations are in general of a dignified order, transfers of allegiance and expulsion are exceedingly rare, and there is very little "fagging" among fraternities of the better class. Although upper classmen exercise some control over the under classmen of their fraternity, sufficient to keep them in the "straight and narrow way" which their seniors have invariably followed, still no undue advantage is taken. The influence of all good fraternities on their own members is generally conceded to be a benefit as well as a pleasure. When we realize to what an extent this influence is found at Michigan, we can see how fraternity life has become one of the centers of existence of the student body of the University.

BETA.



THE THETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

WHAT was a dream has become a reality, and Gamma Phi Beta's beautiful flag of double brown floats from one of the prettiest houses in University Park. Many a stranger pauses before the door attempting to decipher the mystic Greek letters upon the bonny brown banner, and then, as the strains of "Peanuts and Olives," and "She is the Star, Girls" float upon the air, sighs perchance for a glimpse into the classic regions of these classic Greeks. Only those who wear the crescent can realize what this sorority house means to Theta of Gamma Phi Beta, and the six girls, who, with the kindest matron in the world, keep this "Bachelor maid's hall" are prone to believe that their lot in life is most enviable, and that they, above all others, enjoy this "substance of things hoped for."

The first sorority house in Colorado, Theta thrills with pardonable pride, and wonders how she has ever existed without this dear meeting-place where active members and alumnae grasp hands enthusiastically, and rejoice that they are indeed "Monarchs of all they survey." Would that Theta might welcome all her sisters from Alpha to Eta within her walls, but since that is impossible can we not, by the poorer medium of pen and paper, give you a word picture of this Western chapter house?

A pretty yard, plenty of trees, (small perhaps but promising to grow), a square brick house, whose central hall, many windows, and large porch seem to send forth a certain hospitality—this is the first impression a stranger receives. From the broad hall, which runs the length of the house, one enters on the left a reception room. Over the mantel hangs a large picture of Boston chapter with its pennant of red

and white; under another banner is the Zeta group, and near it, that of the Baltimore College Glee Club, where not a few crescents are seen upon the black-robed maidens. Syracuse, Northwestern, and our own University are represented by their respective pennants, and a beautiful Gamma Phi girl, painted in the double brown, and presented by a sister of one of our Freshmen, hangs in a prominent place. Several water colors, the Theta group, our brides' photographs in their wedding gowns, our graduates in cap and gown, make the walls pretty and homelike, while a number of chairs, (the prettiest of which was presented by the Professor of Hebrew in the Theological School), a table, a large palm, and many little ornaments help to form what we are pleased to call our "den."

Opposite the reception room, and running the entire length of the house, is the dining-hall. This is so large a room that it also serves the purpose of library. At one end is the dining-table, the sideboard, and a dainty little tea table bearing tea cups, chafing dish etc. At the other end of the room is the piano, a lounge loaded with pillows, a big sleepy hollow chair, and two bookcases. This room like the reception room and hall, has the daintiest of window draperies, the gift of several alumnae girls.

A large kitchen is the remaining room on this lower floor, and upstairs the six girls have their pretty rooms decorated in true college style. A square hall fitted up as a sitting room opens on a little porch, and from here, the mountain view is magnificent,—two hundred miles of snowy mountain peaks with valleys and foot hills between, and glimpses of glorious old Pike's Peak, and hoary Mount Evans.

Had John Ruskin, before he retired to his beloved Brantwood, ventured to Colorado, had he beheld our grand old Rockies in all their magnificence and majesty, perhaps he would have been inspired to give us another volume of his marvelous word pictures. Surely, had he viewed from the Gamma Phi Beta Chapter House the hundreds of snow-clad summits, we would have had a second "Mountain Glory" even more beautiful than its predecessor.

Thus do the "everlasting hills" guard us all around—silent, grand and majestic—standing where they have stood for thousands of years, hoarding the secrets of centuries, and, by their inspiration, bidding us "ever look upward" to better and higher things—to be in our sorority life all that is helpful and inspiring. And now in the dear house, which means so much to us, we are drawn closer to each other, we realize more fully the beautiful meaning of our sisterhood, and "heart to heart and hand to hand" we resolve anew that in joy and in sorrow, and in youth and in age, in life and in death, now and forever we will be true to that bond which is sweetest, closest and most lasting—dear Gamma Phi Beta.

M. L. B. THETA '99.

EDITORIAL.

NEW leaves, opening buds, the songs of birds and the unfolding of fresh hopes!

In the springtime, the season of beginnings, we salute you, sisters in the Gamma Phi Beta.

We come forward not boldly, but gladly, the joy of spring in our faces, but her shyness and hesitation in our hearts.

We are conscious that this, our first sorority magazine, is not an elaborate or finished production, but we are no less proudly conscious that it *is* a magazine—we are in print at last! It is an experiment and it remains for you to say whether this experiment shall become an established custom.

The authority given us by the Convention was of course very limited. We had no subscription list to rely upon and only a small fund to draw from. It has therefore been necessary to issue a small number of printed pages, allowing less room than was desirable for the excellent contributions received from all sides. A sufficient number of subscriptions will insure a later and more pretentious issue, for we hope to greet you in September, December, March and June.

Our first edition must naturally contain something of the origin and history of the society, but future issues will afford us more room for elaboration and variety.

May the CRESCENT be an inspiration to the growth of our love and loyalty!

Your hand, dear sisters! Long live Gamma Phi!

OWING to lack of room, many excellent articles have of necessity been omitted from this issue. All material has been reserved for future use, unless this should prove to be the only issue of the magazine; in which case, the articles will be returned to the chapters sending them. This same lack of space has obliged us to discriminate between *important* and *interesting* matter, giving the preference to the former, and publishing as much of the latter as possible:

CHAPTER letters should deal with sorority matters exclusively. It is the plan of the committee to include, in each number of the magazine, an article describing the life in some college where a chapter is located. The first of these articles appears in this issue. It has been suggested that full descriptions of entertainments of any sort, given by chapters, be included in the letters, as these may be not only interesting in themselves but helpful in giving new ideas to other chapters. Some revision of chapter letters has been necessary. The committee would suggest that letters be revised by the chapter, as a whole, in the chapter meeting, and sent in ready for the printer.

IN ORDER that subsequent issues of the magazine may be presented in an attractive form, it is hoped that an appropriate cover may be adopted. The committee, in order to have the benefit of as many suggestions as possible, calls for a *cover competition*. Members of the sorority are requested to send in designs for a cover. Drawings should be sent, *before July 15*, to Mrs. S. Irving Richardson, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

WE BEG to call your attention to the subscription blank included in this number. It is important that subscriptions be in by June 15, in order that the committee may know whether further numbers are desired. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. If it should be found that there are not enough subscribers to warrant further publication of the magazine, the money that has been sent in will be refunded.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

Alpha—Syracuse University.

ALPHA sends greetings, and wishes for all of her sisters as bright a prospect for the remainder of the year as she anticipates. In the line of entertainment we are to give soon after Easter an afternoon tea for our alumnae chapter and their small children. The Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon hold their annual convention at Syracuse this May and we expect to entertain the delegates at an afternoon reception. During the first part of the year our freshmen entertained the men of 1903. All of the guests expressed themselves as having had a most delightful time. Then came our large reception to college and city friends. Nearly eight hundred invitations were sent out. The old Standard Club House, where we gave our reception, was elaborately decorated. The prevailing colors were red and white; there were also beautiful floral decorations.

The most noticeable part of the decorations was the electrical display which hung over the stage. A special part of that display was a representation of our sorority pin, with the monogram in red, green and blue lights surrounded by the crescent in white light. This year we have ten seniors to graduate; three in the philosophical course, one scientific, one classical, one in the painting course and four musical. Of the four musical, three have already passed their final examinations in music; and the other one, who has been very ill, will take her examinations soon. Our one scientific graduate is secretary of the senior class. The members of the chapter regret exceedingly that they are so soon to lose so large a senior delegation. At two of our chapter meetings recently Antoinette Brown, who graduates in painting this year, gave us excellent papers on Art.

In the junior class Miss Janet Kevand has been made chairman of the grind committee of the "Onondagan," our college annual.

We are all delighted with the prospect of Gamma Phi Beta magazine and promise all we can to insure its success.

GRACE G. NOBLE.



Beta—University of Michigan.

THE year '98-'99 was an unusually happy one for Beta, with more than the usual number of pleasures to look back upon; while the fact that the chapter was smaller than usual only made us feel more keenly our dependence upon each other. Our three freshmen and one pledged girl were all we could wish, and they adjusted themselves so quickly to the Gamma Phi circle that we soon felt as though we had never been without them and their fresh enthusiasm. A Sunday night lunch, given by them early in the year, is one of the most pleasant memories with which their names are associated.

Reunion banquet, for which a number of the active chapter remained, was beautiful, and we were very happy in being able to see again a large number of the old girls.

Gertrude Burdsal, our Epsilon transfer who graduated last year, to our delight returned for post-graduate work, and the second semester saw our chapter strengthened by the addition of Kate Ballentine.

The result of the fall rushing was the initiation of eight fine freshmen. Initiation banquet was a great success. A large number of the old girls were back; in fact, it was the largest initiation banquet Beta has ever boasted. We have had short but delightful visits this fall from Fannie Goodman, Sadie Satterthwaite Leslie, Bessie Larrabee, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. MacKay.

We were very much grieved at losing Mabelle Randolph from our active girls. She found that her health required her to give up college work for a while.

Our meetings are held every Saturday evening, the first semester, and every Monday evening, the second semester. The singing of Gamma Phi songs is one of the features of the social hour which brings us closer to one another in true Gamma Phi spirit. We are glad to have among us four town girls as active members this semester.

The house is another subject upon which we like to expatiate, and I feel sure the old girls, could they see it, would think it had never been so attractive. We congratulate ourselves especially upon having Mrs. Colver in the house as matron, and we are happy to say she is to be with us next year. There are eight girls in the house this year.

Beta has entertained, in an informal way, more than ever this year. A Gamma Phi—Alpha Delta whist club, which meets every week, is one of the most pleasant social features. Another enjoyable

function was the initiation of five new brothers. Gamma Phi has not entertained elaborately since convention, but it is to have a large dancing party at Granger's the fourth of May.

Convention, to which Beta sent one delegate, Jessie Horton, was an inspiration to us all; and we were very fortunate in being able to entertain, for two days, Mabelle Johnson, delegate from Epilson, who gave us more of a taste of convention than we should otherwise have had.



Gamma—University of Wisconsin.

IT IS with great delight that Gamma greets her sisters through the first number of our magazine. We have long waited for the day when we should have a publication of this sort, and now that the time has come we feel that one of our fondest hopes has been realized.

We report an exceedingly prosperous and happy year. It is our first year in our new chapter house, and the first time in the history of our chapter that we have been so fortunate as to be able to take our meals in the house. Out of a chapter of nineteen members there are eleven living in the house.

During the year Gamma has entertained in various ways. Late in the fall we gave a house-warming to open our new house to our friends; then soon after that another informal at the chapter house; and in February, on the afternoon after the junior promenade, a matinee dance at Kehl's Hall, which proved to be a great success, not only because it was a novelty in Madison but because everyone, and particularly the out-of-town guests who were here for that week's festivities, had a very enjoyable time, if we are to believe all we hear. The last entertaining we did was about a month ago when Gamma was "at home" to some sixty of her gentlemen friends at an afternoon tea. Although gossip has it that teas are women's hobbies, yet on that one occasion, at least, the tables were turned.

This year we have started a custom which is somewhat of an innovation with us. Once a month, on Monday evening, our regular meeting night, instead of our formal business meeting, we have what we call a social meeting when we all come together to enjoy a good time. There is no lack of merriment, and the walls ring and echo with Gamma Phi songs as they are lustily sung by everyone present. Then sometimes we have some dramatic readings by different members of our chapter, and the evening closes with a feast of good things, including "peanuts and olives, too."

This year, as always, Gamma Phi is represented in almost every department of college life. Sarah Seeber, '02, represents us on the "Sphinx" board, a bi-monthly publication of college life, and Georgina Grandy, '01, on the "Badger" board, the college annual. One of our

freshmen, Henrietta Pyre, won first place in the freshman declamatory contest.

It is with the brightest prospects that Gamma looks forward to next year. We expect to occupy the same house that we now have. We have already pledged four girls who will come into the active chapter next year; and, as we have no seniors this year, we shall lose but a few of the girls who now make up the active chapter.

DOROTHEA HUGHES CURTIS,
ADAH GEORGINA GRANDY.



Delta—Boston University.

SINCE convention, we have done little but say to each other: "What a good time we did have—wish we could have convention every year." In the winter term, the only event of importance was the Philomathean afternoon, under our auspices. We gave "The Garroters," a drama in three acts, by William Dean Howells, and the college people are kind enough to say that it was the best afternoon's entertainment the Philomathean has had this year. When the year is over, each of the seven Greek letter societies here at Boston University will have given one Philomathean, and, naturally, much rivalry has sprung up with this system.

During the winter term, also, the freshmen entertained informally at the rooms, and we held a private initiation for Agnes Johnson, a freshman, and Grace Bigelow, a junior.

The fact that we have done so little is due partly, perhaps, to the great amount of illness we have had, not only among the girls themselves, but also in their families.

We gave our annual Mothers' Tea, April 20, and, if the mothers enjoyed meeting the different girls as much as the girls enjoyed meeting the different mothers, our tea was a success. May 12, we held our spring banquet at the Hotel Westminster, where our convention banquet was held.

Hoping that our new magazine may be most successful, Delta sends best wishes to all her sisters.

GERTRUDE CURTIS.



Epsilon—Northwestern University.

EPSILON is glad to report a happy and successful year. Our sorority life has meant much to each one of us and we feel that we can never forget the inspiration of our fellowship with each other.

But our life has not been altogether within our own circle. Several of our girls have taken active parts in the general college enterprises. Bertha White and Mabelle Johnson became, for one evening, two little

country girls in "The District School," an entertainment given by the sophomore class. Bertha White has also been elected a member of the editing board of the "Syllabus," our college annual. Vicci Gazzolo took a prominent part in the junior play, "My Friend from India." We all are justly proud of her histrionic ability.

It was a very pleasant surprise to us, not long ago, to learn that one of Epsilon's charter members had come to live in Evanston. Of course it would be almost impossible for us to meet a Gamma Phi who did not win our affection, and Mrs. Olive Foster Corlet has been no exception to the rule. Just now we are also rejoicing over a new "pledgeling." She is attending the Northwestern Academy and will enter the college in the fall.

Our sorority hall has been improved considerably this year. We have had several additions in the way of furniture, but we enjoy most of all the copies of masterpieces in painting which hang on our walls. We always feel that we have been lifted a little higher when we catch sight of the face of the Sistine Madonna, or when we seem to feel the stillness as we look at Millet's Angelus. But human beings are seldom satisfied, and we feel that we never can be until some good fortune shall send us a piano. That would make our hall very nearly complete.

Occasionally we enliven our meeting by having light refreshments at the close of the exercises, and thus having a little social time before going to our studies.

Epsilon wishes the greatest success to our new magazine. May it be the means of binding our chapters even more closely together!



Zeta—Baltimore Woman's College.

PERHAPS, since Zeta is the only chapter of Gamma Phi in a college strictly for women, and as no doubt our life differs somewhat from the fraternity life in a coeducational college, it may interest you to hear something of the way in which we live.

I must tell you first how we are governed. In this the faculty takes a hand, for we have no chapter houses and so are subject to all of the rules and regulations of the dormitories. We are permitted to devote one evening a week to our fraternities, and each Saturday evening sees bands of girls filing out from the halls to the various fraternity rooms. Formerly these rooms were in one of the buildings, but last year the faculty deemed it wise to turn us out, and we now rent rooms in the vicinity of the college and furnish them to suit our own taste.

Another form of government which we have here is the Pan-Hellenic Council, which consists of two members from each fraternity. This Council determines the length of the rushing season by fixing the

pledging day, making the laws in regard to new girls, and striving to prevent, as far as possible, excesses and extremes in rushing.

The spirit between the fraternities in Baltimore is very friendly. There is of course sharp rivalry when college opens in the fall, but it does not take the form of hatred, and there are many warm friendships between girls of different sororities; warmer ones, perhaps, than where the girls live in separate houses. Of course we try to concentrate our forces as much as possible by living in the same hall and on the same floor. For instance, in Fensal Hall we have three fraternities. Alpha Phi on the first floor, Kappa Alpha Theta on the second, and Gamma Phi on the third. We also have our own tables in the dining-room.

Since we never take visitors to our fraternity rooms, it is impossible for us to entertain as you do in the chapter houses. One of the fraternities each year tries to entertain all of the others, but we depend usually upon the college for our large social functions. Our cozy corners are however a great source of comfort to us. There is one at the end of the hall on each floor, which serves as a gathering place for its particular clan during the busy working days. One cozy corner, "The Den," is fitted up in Japanese style and here many a cup of tea is brewed in honor of Gamma Phi. It is here, too, that we receive our city friends and others on our afternoons "at home," and it is here that we are eager to welcome any of our Gamma Phi sisters who will stop off to see us for a little while on their way through the city. We are only about seven minutes' ride from the Union Station and know that many of you must go through Baltimore to Washington. We are so anxious to meet and know you. Won't you come and see for yourselves "how we live?"



Eta—University of California.

OUR college term is drawing to a close, and in a few short weeks the work for the year will be ended for some of us. College labor will be over and we will look back upon four years, which we may hope have been profitably spent and will prove of benefit to us in our life work.

As members of this University of California, we may justly feel an interest, more than ordinary, in the fact that we have been part of the student body of an institution whose future promises fair to be a brilliant one.

Through the generosity of our benefactress, Mrs. Phœbe Hearst, very fine buildings will soon adorn the Berkeley hills that will be befitting in every way the stately grandeur of the site of this university. In the last four months her personality has exerted a great influence over the student body, and her presence among them has been most

truly felt. At the beginning of the last semester, Mrs. Hearst, wishing to come in close contact with the students, especially the young women, took up her residence in Berkeley. It was her object to entertain the students, so that she might come to know better the young people for whom she is doing so much. Also she wished to create a social spirit among the college students, which indeed is sadly lacking. She had erected, next to her residence, a large hall. The lower floor is an immense dining-hall; the one above a reception room, which has served many purposes in her numerous modes of entertaining the students. Every Saturday receptions are held, to which the various classes are invited in order. Three times a week women students are entertained at dinner by this Lady Bountiful. The great reception hall is fitted up as beautifully as unlimited wealth and an exquisite taste can accomplish. Rare tapestries adorn the walls, pictures by noted artists hang beside them; the floors, highly polished, are covered with rugs of priceless value. At night innumerable electric lights twinkling through colored globes make the whole a place of glowing beauty. Every Sunday a concert is rendered under the direction of Henry Holmes, the famous musician. And so one can get an idea of what is being done for the students by this veritable fairy god-mother. The greatest benefit derived has been the coming in contact with the lovely lady, whose gracious kindness toward all is a lesson for many. Justly is she well beloved.

And then our loyalty to our new president, Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler; the confidence we have in him, as a man and as a scholar, augurs well for the future of our college. A man of remarkable personality, of a scholarship widely known, with the deep sympathy of a teacher in the best sense, he has already won the love and admiration of the young men and women under his jurisdiction.

It seems that such a favorable outlook for the university has infused new spirit into the life of the college. Much interest is taken in student affairs. The desire seems to be growing on the part of all for a more universal friendliness. We look forward, not only to a high scholarship among our students, but to a true friendship that shall exist among them and so give to college life the full value and enjoyment that only such friendship can give.



Theta—Denver University.

THETA sends loving greetings to every sister, active or alumnae, of every chapter from Alpha to Eta. And oh! how heartily do we join with you in rejoicing at the rise of this new star in Gamma Phi's horizon, our sorority magazine. May its light shine on, undimmed, growing brighter and brighter each time we look upon it!

Surely there is nothing that will bind us closer together, both for pleasure and for profit.

The new chapter house has absorbed a goodly part of our energy of late, and well has it repaid us. Our alumnæ sisters have been more than generous in helping us fit it up. We have already held our first initiation there, and a most successful christening it was. The goat is much pleased with his new quarters. Friday evenings the girls keep open house, unless there is some college function that night.

Four of Theta's "married girls"—May Wheeler Shattuck, Mabel Walker Edwards, Edna Iliff Briggs, '92, Grace Evans Shannon—have homes in the city, and each of these pretty homes is often the scene of Gamma Phi revels. During the fall and winter months, the sorority met every week with May Shattuck, and very grateful were the girls for this "chapter house." The fall initiation was held at the home of Mabel Edwards. In January, Edna Briggs delightfully entertained all sorority members, alumnæ and active, and Grace Shannon is always ready to give substantial aid to any Gamma Phi festivity. These alumnæ surely keep the loyalty and enthusiasm of their college days.

As a chapter, we have done very little formal entertaining this last term—a thimble party, a small theatre party, and one formal evening affair—but there have been, of course, several chafing-dish and fudge parties for a chosen few, when dear old Gamma Phi songs have been the feature of the evening.

In college, Theta is very strong this term with fifteen active and one pledged girl. One of our charter members, Florence Slocumb, has re-entered college this term, much to our joy. With the new term have come new honors, also. Our two juniors are on the staff of the 1901 Annual, and one of our sophomores is associate editor of the College Weekly.

As we have no seniors this year, our chapter is looking forward with pleasure to next year, when, with ranks unbroken, we can carry our shining crescents ever onward.

Each Theta girl is bending every energy to keep Gamma Phi "still ahead" in college life, in social lines and in scholarship, but above all, in true fraternal spirit. We have to combat against a very bitter non-fraternity element here, and we feel that it is our attitude towards this very element that will show to the world what an influence for good, or evil, our sorority life has been to us.

With best wishes for continual success and joy to all.

JESSIE CHRISTIAN KUNKELY.

Syracuse Alumnae Chapter.

THE Syracuse Alumnae Chapter wishes for the Gamma Phi Beta magazine the greatest success. We have now reached the point where we need such a periodical to keep in touch with the other chapters, and also with some of our most distant alumnae; and so we hope that this first issue may meet with such approval that its publication may be assured.

The Syracuse Alumnae Association still continues to increase both in numbers and in interest. Our meetings from month to month are looked forward to with the greatest pleasure. We have a membership of about fifty.

We very much regret that we must lose one of our most loyal members, Florence Wooster Allen, '91, who moves to Lorraine, Ohio. On April 13, we gave her a "farewell" at the home of Mrs. Cooke. Among those who were with us was Anna Loomis Humphrey, who was visiting in town. Her home is now in Canandaigua, N. Y.

This spring we expect to entertain the Gamma Phi seniors, and on Friday, April 20, the active chapter will entertain the alumnae and the Gamma Phi babies at the chapter house.

We feel grateful to those who have undertaken the publication of our quarterly, and shall watch eagerly for its appearance.



Chicago Alumnae Chapter.

THE Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was formed in 1892. For three years the meetings were held about once in three months, but in the fall of '95 they were made to be monthly. It was found that the more frequent meetings promoted greater interest and enthusiasm, and secured a better attendance.

The membership started with twelve girls, and today the enrollment is twenty, though the active members number only about twelve. During the eight years of the existence of the chapter, there has been about the same attendance of from six to ten. It is difficult in Chicago to secure a full attendance, owing to the long distances the girls live from each other, and their various occupations which make their time not their own. Most of the married ones have young children, who are responsible for the uncertain presence of their mothers.

Only once has the chapter missed being represented at convention, and that was last fall. The girls regretted most keenly their inability to send a delegate, and hope there will never again be reason for it.

The meetings are held the last Saturday afternoon of each month. After the business session, it is entirely social closing with a light luncheon.

The girls from Beta chapter predominate, though there has always

been one or two from Gamma, and also from Epsilon; and two or three times there has been a member of Alpha enrolled.

The Chicago Alumnæ are in touch with no active chapter, as are the Boston and Syracuse Alumnæ, yet the girls' love for each other and for Gamma Phi, keeps their interest most loyal and strong.



Boston Alumnæ Chapter.

WHEN a demand for a chapter report reaches the secretary, her first thought is the natural one, "What have we been doing?"

The present secretary, under these circumstances, has found that Boston chapter, since June, has done positively nothing but appoint committees for convention, unite with Delta in holding convention, and afterwards talk over convention doings. During the summer, committees and sub-committees were, even as the little busy bee, "improving each shining hour" that they might have somewhat to report at the fall meetings. Our aim was a modest one; delegates from all over the United States were to be made happy if possible, comfortable at all costs, for three days, and as much longer as they would stay, during which time they were to see all the historic sights and some of the social gaiety of the "Hub of the Universe." Incidentally, they were to accomplish the business that had brought them together. How to do this, without killing our guests or ourselves, was the problem with which all holders of conventions are familiar. In the results, we cannot of course speak for our guests; but we—Boston and Delta chapters—emerged unscathed, thankful to have escaped shipwreck and ready to echo the remark of one enthusiast at the banquet: "Oh dear! I wish it were just beginning over again."

So far as we know, the only *contre-temps* during that busy week occurred at the convention banquet, when the chairs—too hospitably inclined—refused, except under pressure, to give up their occupants.

After the last guest had torn herself away,—literally, at the banquet; figuratively, we trust, the next morning,—Boston chapter settled down into her normal placid existence. We have a membership of about forty,—mostly recruited from Delta, but some from other chapters,—whom matrimony or other exigencies have called Hub-wards. The meetings occur every month, and are about equally divided between business and social good times. We try every year to have two meetings, which are open to all Gamma Phi Beta alumnæ,—the "Christmas spread" and a spring meeting, generally in the form of a lecture tea,—to which Gamma Phis and their friends are invited.

In concluding this report of progress, Boston chapter can do no better than to amend Rip Van Winkle's famous toast: "Here's to all who wear the crescent,—may you all live long and prosper!"

KATHARINE ALDRICH WHITING.

PERSONALS.

Alpha.

Mrs. Hugh Sutherland, nee Maud Sanford, sailed March 29th from California, where she has been spending the winter, for her home in Foo Chow, China.

The engagement of Lucy Yates, '94, to Mr. W. S. Manley, Jr., has been announced; also that of Grace Hobart, '97, to Mr. Clark of Cornell Law School.

Letters from Sarah Veeder, '96, who is at the head of the Art Department of Ohio Wesleyan University, tell how happy she is there. She took the position last fall.

During the current year Alpha has had three weddings. Upon January first, Martha Schultz, '91, became the wife of Dr. George Chandler, her home being in New York City. The wedding took place in the Church of the Saviour, in this city, the ceremony being performed by an uncle of the groom. A sister-in-law and another uncle acted, respectively, as matron of honor and usher.

Grace Featherly, '95, was married April fourth to Mr. William Marot, and will live in Syracuse. The ceremony occurred at noon at the Central Baptist church, the bride being attended by her sister as maid of honor.

On January 31, 1900, in the Presbyterian church at Oneida, N. Y., Grace Klock, '93, was married to Alfred Schaffler of Kansas City. She was attended by six bridesmaids and her sister as maid of honor. They make their home at Chihuahua, Mexico.

Mrs. B. R. Hatmaker, nee Kate Cushing, Alpha, is rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, Benita Robinson, March 13.

Beta.

Among the Beta women abroad are Jennie B. Sherger, A. B. '93, who has been studying in Berlin this winter, working toward her doctor's degree; and Mary Harned who expected to be with her for the winter. Mary Harned has made some translations from the German which are noteworthy. Louise Randolph-Gay, who has been absent nearly eight years, now lives in London where Mr. Gay is studying. Esther Braley, '98, is at present in Stuttgart, and Lucy Davis, 1900, at Gottingen. Eloise Walker, A. B. '93, M. D. '96, responded to a call for nurses to care for the typhoid patients at Jacksonville, Fla.; was transferred to Columbus, O., and then to New Mexico. She is at present located at Newark, N. Y., as resident physician of the N. Y. State Custodial Asylum for feeble-minded women, a position gained through competitive examination.

Three years ago, Mount Holyoke College created the chair of Political Economy, to which Annah May Soule, B. L. '94, M. L. '95, was called. She finds her work and the life there delightful. Violet D. Jayne, A. B. '87, A. M. '95, now holds for the third year the position of Dean of Women and Associate Professor of English Literature in the University of Illinois.

The embryo of an alumnae chapter has been carefully nurtured this year by the Detroit and Ann Arbor girls and those in the vicinity. Meetings have been held once a month all this year and it is hoped that there may be an organization next year.

Beta has had three weddings to record this year. Maud Hicks, '94, to Dr. A. W. Haidle of Negaunee, Mich.; Mary E. Sanborn to Mr. S. I. Richardson, of Wellesley Hills, Mass.; and Isabelle Hosie to Mr. John D. MacKay, of Detroit, Mich.

Delta.

Two of our alumnae members, Louise and Elizabeth Putnam, are at present wandering over Europe, accompanied by a Gamma Phi calendar to remind them of Boston chapter.

September 15, 1899, a daughter, Elizabeth Louise, was born to Mrs. Florence Clifford Savage, Delta '94.

Robert Brown Durkee, son of Mrs. F. W. Durkee, nee Nettle Brown, and a little son of Mrs. Minnie Cass Reynolds are to be added to the list of Delta babies.

Zeta.

May L. Palmer, one of Zeta's charter members, spent the month of March visiting her brother, Dr. Louis Palmer, of Baltimore. The afternoon of March 30, she gave a tea to the active Zeta girls and a few other friends.

On Monday, March 26, Mary Churchill, Zeta, '97, and Mr. Frederick Swan Mellen, were united in marriage. They are at home to their friends at 31 East Chase street, Pensacola, Florida.

Eta.

Vida Redington, B. S. 1895, University of California, M. D. 1899—in 1899 and 1900 at Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, will study, during the summer of 1900, at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Cora Mott, Eta '96, was married in 1900, to Guy Chick.

Helen Milton Anderson, Eta '96, was married in 1896 to Dr. Louis Theodore Hengstler, A. M. Ph. D., University of California, assistant professor of mathematics and assistant professor of law, University of California.

Agnes Inez Helen, Eta '97, was married in '98 to Montgomery Thomas, D. D. S., University of California.

Anna Maria Landstrom, Eta '98, was married in 1899 to Winthrop J. V. Oostehout, instructor in botany, University of California.

Lillian Maria Parker, Eta '98, was married in 1899 to Albert H. Allen.

Lillian Jassamin Elston, Eta '99, was married in 1899 to Alfred C. Wyckoff.

Bessie Saskill, of Eta, has a daughter, Marjorie Waldron; and Agnes Helen, of Eta, a son, Montgomery Thomas.

Lida Baldwin, Eta, '95, was married in 1899 to Dr. G. C. Thompson, principal of College City high school.

Theta.

Vassa Willard Bayley, on account of ill health, was obliged to return to Denver from Chicago, where Mr. Bayley is a senior in the Theological school. Mr. Bayley has accepted a call from the Congregational church in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Louise Iliff returned from her South American and European trip in June, and throughout the college year has been an enthusiastic member of the active chapter, going as Theta's delegate to the convention at Boston.

Jennie G. Sweet, Theta's first initiate, will soon return to her home in Pueblo, after spending the fall and winter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Lucia E. Pattison, '96, our first delegate, still counts herself an active member of Theta, and her hospitable home is ever open to the sorority.

Mary Wheeler Shattuck claims the only Theta baby.

Beulah Wood Steele, Theta, last year a sophomore, sailed for Europe in July of '99. After a winter of study in Berlin, she was married on January 22, to Rev. James Freeman Jenness, the ceremony being performed in Rome, Italy. The young couple have made their home in Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentine Republic, where Mr. Jenness has charge of the Methodist church.

In Memoriam.

MRS. FRANCES REILLY BECK, Beta '95, died October 12, 1899, of pulmonary embolism.

It is usual nowadays for men and women who have been successful to ascribe a measure of that success to the influences that kept them near their ideals. When the Beta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta allows itself time for introspection and retrospection, the same obligation rests on her to acknowledge the power of a certain vital, impressive personality, whose influence is deathless, but whose days date backward into memory.

I have been reading Mr. Browning's play, "Pippa Passes." It is an exquisite study of an unconscious girl, whose limited innocent life touched so many others at critical points, swayed passions of which she knew nothing, and exercised a lasting influence on all with whom she came in contact. The impression of the little silk-winder of Asola has shaped itself into the image of Fee Reilly Beck, whose unconscious strength and sweetness of nature have left such an influence in Gamma Phi Beta. This influence lives in an example of extraordinary fidelity and love for the Society. From the time she first came among us— young, impulsive, girlish—with that indescribable charm of voice, of face, of manner, through the developing years in college, during the years of her connection with the alumnae chapter in Chicago, on her wedding day, and on the sad day of her burial, Gamma Phi was always honored by her; cherished and loved as a fond devotee loves a chosen order.

The alumnae chapter who knew her in her womanhood, in the first loneliness succeeding her absence from them, felt that they could never have another meeting. They were right in believing they could never fill her place. No one will ever be what Fee Reilly was. She was unique in grace and power. But pure and good above the ashes of their loss will rise an everlasting influence, vivifying and promoting their usefulness.

MARGARET CAHILL BARTHOLOMEW.

MRS. HATMAKER, Alpha, mourns the loss of her only son, Cushing, who died March 31, 1900, at the age of a year and a half.
