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College Life in Denver University

"At the base of the foothills nestled,
On the sands of a long lost sea;
Where Tritons and Titans wrestled
For the old time's mastery:—
There reigneth our queenly mother—
The proudest of subjects are we—
On all the round globe not another
Hath half so much beauty as she."

—UNIVERSITY ODE.

TO the fortunate students of University Park, "a mile above the sea," who have the magnificent view, for two hundred miles, of snowy mountains, with valleys and foothills between, who may look at any time upon the glories of Pike's Peak and of Mt. Evans, who draw long breaths of the fresh, wholesome air from the plains, mere animal existence is a blessing. Sunrises that defy the painter's reproduction, sunsets that beggar description, skies that are as blue as those of Italy, and all around the "mountain glory," with its marvelous play of light and shade—no wonder that the beauty and majesty of the scenery is the wonder and delight of every Easterner who visits the park.

In University Park, which is six miles from Denver, are found the College of Liberal Arts, the Iliff School of Theology, the Chamberlin Observatory and Wycliffe Cottage, the girls' dormitory; in the city are situated the College

of Medicine, the Law School, the College of Dentistry and the Conservatory of Music. This separation of the buildings, for many reasons, is unfortunate, for only on special occasions are the students of the different departments brought together under a common standard. The University of Denver is young — very young; if this is a fault, it is a fault which will decrease with every day. The campus consists of many acres; but, alas! there is no wealth of forest trees, for this is a new country, and trees must grow. The buildings themselves are indicative of youth; they look new, substantial and wide-awake, as if they must help make history, as indeed they are doing. Time has not yet laid his hand upon them: there is nothing venerable in their appearance; they are only handsomely modern, and must look to the future for the prestige and glory that will surely come. For already the University of Denver is a growing power in this Western country.

College spirit is doubtless very much alike in every institution; but certain it is that the Western youth with his overflow of spirits and his boundless enthusiasm, is nowhere outdone, either in noisy demonstration or in loyalty and devotion to his colors. The young woman of Denver University also plays her part, and plays it well: for the knowledge that at twenty-one she may drop her vote in the ballot-box spurs her onward to compete in oratory and in debate with her brother students. To football and baseball games she always goes, decked in yards of red and gold, and carrying canes, horns and bells with which to demonstrate loyalty. In the annual struggles for the intercollegiate football and baseball pennants — great events in Colorado college circles — the girls are always present, always inspiring, and always prepared to join wildly and audibly in the yells and songs of their college. These Denver University maidens are themselves athletic: they people the tennis courts when the weather allows; they are devoted to the golf links, and

this year the first basket-ball team has made its bow to the public.

The new student soon discovers that the University curriculum claims much of him; that his eighteen recitations a week must be thoroughly prepared, that his work must be promptly and conscientiously done. He is also soon introduced to the social side of the institution, for fraternity rushing, mountain excursions and college receptions, as well as football practice and Freshman-Sophomore skirmishes, fill the first weeks of the college year. On the day that the Freshmen first don their colors the Sophomores attack, and class spirit runs riot until the cane-rush decides the supremacy of the one or the other. After Christmas the Seniors first appear in their caps and gowns, and this is the time for the Juniors to take the stage. Happy is the Senior who can keep faithful guard over his somber trappings, and thrice happy the class who can outwit the designing Juniors. Early in the year the Freshmen entertain their allies, the Juniors; later on the Sophomores are guests of the Seniors, and in May comes the Junior "Prom," inaugurated by '02, which, in addition to the social side, consists of a "roast" on the Seniors, written and acted by the Juniors. To the Juniors also belongs the duty of editing the college annual "Kynewisbok." Each Arbor Day is set aside for the Seniors, and on that day the class plants either a vine or a tree, and with appropriate exercises presents the spade to the president of the Junior Class. The members of one class, on this occasion, buried with the roots of their tree the textbooks they most despised; another chose midnight as the time for the exercises and conducted the solemn rites by the aid of torches. From Arbor Day to Commencement night the Seniors reign supreme. Dinners by the faculty, receptions by the college, entertainments by the fraternities to which they belong,—all is a pleasant whirl of excitement, and not until the last dinner, at the chancellor's residence, do they

realize that the end is near. Class Day finds the college chapel crowded, and notwithstanding the aggressive and exasperating Juniors, the clever program always brings well-deserved laurels to the amateur actors. Commencement exercises are held in Trinity Church, and here the candidates for degrees, with white bands and tassels on their caps, receive in addition to their diplomas, the crimson and gold hoods which pronounce them Bachelors.

There are four fraternities in the College of Liberal Arts : Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta — mentioned in the order of their founding. Omega Upsilon Phi is represented in the College of Medicine. Beta Theta Pi has chapter rooms, and Gamma Phi Beta has its own chapter house, the first sorority house in Colorado. The most friendly relation exists in the Greek-letter world, and one society is often the guest of another. The nonfraternity element is very bitter, and the fraternities realize that it is their attitude toward this very element which determines their influence for good or evil in the college world. There are two debating societies in the college, — one for the young women and one for the young men.

Three times a year do the members of the different departments of the University join forces : at the State Oratorical Contest, on Charter Day and at the Alumni Banquet. The State Oratorical Contest occurs in February, and for days before, the students of the three Colorado institutions — the State University at Boulder, Colorado College at Colorado Springs, and Denver University — diligently practice their songs and yells. On the eventful evening the students assemble for a half-hour before the programme, and then indeed does pandemonium reign. Suffice it to say, that long after the successful candidate has been carried away on the shoulders of his enthusiastic fellow-students, the streets are filled with college men wildly shouting and singing.

The charter of the University was signed by Governor

Evans, March 5, 1864, and on that date an annual celebration is held. In the morning, the faculty and students of each department, the trustees, and the general public assemble at University Hall, where appropriate exercises are held. Buffet lunches at the professors' homes are served, and in the afternoon the young lawyers, doctors and dentists keep open house. In the evening comes the annual address by some noted speaker, and the day closes with the singing of University songs. And as a fitting end to the year's work and play, comes the Alumni Banquet at the Brown Palace Hotel, where dull care is laid aside, while graduates of every department, old and young, meet on a common plane of sympathy.

So each year's graduates come to the end of the journey, and ere they pass on to the world beyond they look back over the path they have traveled, with its sunshine and its shadow, its roses and its thorns. In after years when they revisit the dear old halls, the same love and loyalty is dominant, and they say, as did Lowell of his own Harvard: "Dear old mother, how charming you are in your plain cap and drab silk. You were constantly forced to remind us that you could not afford to give us this and that which some other boys had, but your discipline and diet were wholesome, and you sent us forth into the world with the sound constitutions and healthy appetites that are bred of simple fare."

THETA.

The Twenty-seventh Convention

DOWN in the South-land lies a city, and they who know say that the chief things wherein this city surpasseth all others are three: hospitality, good things to eat, and pretty women. But because it passeth all power of pen to describe the succulency of terrapin (cooked by a Maryland cook), the ethereal delicacy of beaten biscuit (whopped by that same) and many other culinary triumphs, merely to mention which casts a glamour of appetizing odors over the dull printed page: because this cannot be, the grateful partaker will confine herself to the first item, remarking in passing that at a large reception she was able to see only one uncomely woman — and she came originally from somewhere else.

Of course we all understand that the important part of convention is the business meetings; the social events over which the entertaining chapter plans, plots and waxes thin, are merely incidental. But as regards the former

“The walls will never tell
The secrets of that dungeon-cell”

(only it wasn't a dungeon, but a very pleasant room in the Girls' Latin School, and the walls told so much to the neighboring classes that we were requested to subdue our vocal enthusiasm); and the latter remains in evidence.

The informal gathering, to give the delegates a chance to learn each others' names and the hostesses to locate mentally the delegates, was as usual very pleasant. Business began on Wednesday morning, and in the afternoon occurred a most charming concert, given in honor of Gamma Phi Beta by the six other sororities — Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Tau Kappa Pi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta. It seemed to us at the time a very pretty thing to do, and one perhaps the more appreciated by those of us who had, at other conventions, been obliged to choose between inclination, duty and physical possibility in attending five or six separate

"teas" crowded into the scanty convention limits. In the evening came the banquet—another innovation to be most heartily approved. Some of us long to deliver toasts: we would rather speak than eat. Others, on the contrary, are quite unable to eat or generally enjoy life until the dreaded toast is off the mind; and to such, a three-days' convention, with the banquet and its toast-accompaniments placed at the extreme end, is one prolonged purgatory. The long table where vases of crimson carnations alternated with crimson-shaded candelabra, was a very pretty sight; so was the procession of bright-faced girls that circled round it as a grand wind-up, each armed with a fluffy-haired white chrysanthemum, and chanting Gamma Phi songs till the appealing eyes of the impatient waiters grouped at the door warned us it was time to go.

Thursday afternoon was spent by most of us in trips to Washington; "pokes" about the great markets where Baltimore's grande dames think it no shame to do their own marketing, attended sometimes by a towering black mammy, bearing a market basket laden with the fundamentals for most excellent dinners; and generally in going to and fro upon the earth. A trustees' reception followed in the evening; and "this was the second day."

The last festivities of convention were a tea given by Tau Kappa Pi in the afternoon and the sorority reception in the beautiful hall of the college. The present writer on the latter occasion was impressed with the number of curious names there are in the world, and also with the rapidity of which the human tongue is capable; for being honored with a place "in line," she discovered to her horror that as each guest came up she was greeted by Dr. Goucher, who introduced her to his neighbor in line, who in her turn passed her along with an appropriate label to the next. You may imagine that when arrivals came thick and fast it got to be rather like a game of gossip, and she who started at one end as Mrs.

Brown was quite likely to emerge at the other as Miss Borio-boola-gah.

And then, alas ! came the good-byes, where, as we waited for our various carriages, each felt

“ like one
Who treads alone
Some banquet-hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but she departed.”

The farewells were very sincere ones, for we all felt that henceforth a particularly warm corner of our hearts would be reserved for Zeta of Baltimore.

ONE OF THE DELEGATES.

In Memoriam

It is the sad duty of Boston Alumnæ Chapter to report the third break in her circle—the death of our dear sister, Helen Andrews, on Oct. 7, 1901.

The winter and spring of last year were spent in a warmer climate, as at first the illness was not felt to be very serious. The hoped-for strength, however, did not come, and she returned home to die. To all who knew her, the sweet and gentle nature is a very real loss, and we feel that a noble life has been taken from us. *In requiem æternam.*

Lucy Lowe Traylor died at her home in Pasadena, Cal., last December. Although her death was not unexpected, the shock was by no means lessened. She took her degree at Leland Stanford, and came in 1898 for graduate work at Northwestern. A year after leaving Evanston she contracted a serious case of typhoid fever, down South. She never fully rallied, and gradually grew weaker.

Her beautiful and noble character and sweet disposition endeared her to all, and the Gamma Phis who knew and loved her during her very short stay of but one year, feel the loss deeply.

The death of Vassa Willard Bayley in August—the first break in Theta's circle—saddened the entire chapter. A loyal Alpha Iota, a charter member of Theta, possessed of a spiritual and impressive personality, the memory of her beautiful life will be ever with us, and we feel the better and richer for having known and loved her.

Editorials

THE CRESCENT is once more ready for your perusal. Its late appearance was unavoidable. The new financial arrangement which puts the enterprise on a substantial basis necessitated this delay. We shall give you the three numbers of this second volume, and they will come to you in April, June and September. Had the response been as prompt from all chapters as from Syracuse Alumnæ, the magazine would have been yours before the end of 1901. I quote from a letter dated Dec. 9, 1901: "Yesterday the delegates formally reported the action taken at Baltimore, so I send on the matter from our chapter as per instructions."

The king is dead — long live the king! Only Theta, far from being moribund, is about the liveliest of all our chapters. But now she has laid down her sceptre — no longer "round her the purple shadow lies of babyhood's regal dignities." Right royally she has laid it down, and we wish her all joy in her womanhood.

Her mantle has fallen on a worthy successor, and we welcome most cordially Iota of Barnard to the dignity of baby chapter and all the joys thereto appertaining. Theta, on another page, gives her older sisters a fairly good character as guides, instructors and friends, and we can wish no better things for the new baby than that she may inherit the love and loyalty, the sweet dignity and the enthusiasm, that we have learned to associate with her predecessor.

Welcome, little stranger! May you all live long and prosper!

We commend the association formed of the alumnæ in Colorado. Such associations form a nucleus out of which may develop alumnæ chapters of Gamma Phi Beta. For the time being they serve the purpose of keeping the alumnæ in close touch with each other and with sorority matters.

Another instance of the well-known fact that minds some-

times run in the same channels was brought forward on the arrival of the suggestion from Zeta, printed at the head of the "Removals" column. For to one of the editors had come the illuminating idea that, inasmuch as many girls who emigrate from their own chapter to the vicinity of another do not seem to care to make a bid for invitations by announcing their whereabouts, it might be well to keep a neutral and unbiassed column in THE CRESCENT for just such items; and we hereby implore any girl who knows of the removal of one of her friends to the neighborhood of another chapter, to send us word thereof. We promise not to publish duplicates.

I say, mademoiselles of California, do you ever read your CRESCENT? or were you of the unfortunates who "never received a copy"? If the latter is your plea, we reprint for your benefit this laudable evidence of a thirst for information from Zeta, adjuring you, as you ever hope to know the distance of the Woman's College from the learned halls of Johns Hopkins, to insert your answer in the next CRESCENT.

Several times I have been asked how far from San Francisco the University of California is. Can some of the Eta girls let me know?

EDITH M. POWELL, Zeta.

And yet again they ask: *Is there to be a literary department in THE CRESCENT?* Verily we also would joyfully correct large piles of manuscript for such a department, confiding, for our only reward, in the certainty that we should at some time be the keen-eyed discoverers of nascent genius, and buoyed up by the knowledge that in years to come we should proudly point to the greatest American authoress, and say mildly but firmly, "I brought her out." But behind the editors moves the will of the sorority, and a shadowy arm snatches away those tempting piles of manuscript with one irrevocable swoop. For a year, then, no poet can sing her lays, no dialectician lightly twist her mother-tongue, and no philosopher unfold her views on the universe in THE CRESCENT. They

may be heard from at convention — let them keep their manuscripts.

“ Material for the next issue must be in the hands of the editors by May 1,” — it is for the associate editors that this notice is printed on the first page. To them do we look for material. On their shoulders is the responsibility for the quantity and quality of what appears from their several chapters, and to them alone is due any delay in going to press. Please write on one side of paper only, and present material to your chapter before forwarding to *THE CRESCENT*.

Also please write names very distinctly, remembering that many of them are new to the editors.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha

ALPHA sends greeting to her sisters, one and all, and trusts that they have enjoyed the same measure of prosperity that has befallen her within the past year.

An innovation in our system of rushing has been introduced this year and has proved very successful. The evils resulting from the hasty rushing of the opening week of college became so evident that reform was deemed advisable. The most effective plan was considered to be the deferring of pledging until the second semester of the Freshman year, by which time ample opportunity would have been given to become thoroughly acquainted with the Freshmen. In this, Gamma Phi took the initiative and stood alone. The girls were rushed informally through the fall, and a week ago nine very desirable girls were pledged, who will be received into Gamma Phi in the near future.

Two Seniors, Miss Clara Morgan and Miss Jane Lewis, and one Junior, Miss Ella Bohr, attended convention and brought back glowing accounts of Beta's hospitality. It was our pleasure to entertain Miss Kate Ballantine of Beta, who stopped off here on her way to Baltimore.

Alpha has not entertained to any great extent this winter, with the exception of an "At Home" at which the girls in the chapter-house entertained some of the college men on Halloween eve. Of more recent date was our annual donation party, which proved to be the most successful, financially and socially, which has been held in several years. By way of entertainment a mock wedding was given, the ridiculous side of which was carried out to the last detail.

We cannot refrain from saying a word of praise for our chaperon, Mrs. Kester, who is simply ideal for the place.

Our three Seniors of last year have all obtained respon-

sible positions as teachers, which they are filling in a very creditable manner.

This year, as ever, Gamma Phi is well represented in all phases of college life. Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, '03, represents us on the board of editors of the *Onondagan*, our college annual; Miss Elizabeth Mason, '02, is president of the Young Women's Christian Association; Miss Myrtle Stone, '03, Miss Arte Meade, and Miss Julia Babcock, '04, have been honored with places in the cast of the "Taming of the Shrew," which will be presented this spring by the English Club of the University.

Alpha sends best wishes for the continued success of all her sister chapters.

Beta

BETA sends greetings to all her sister chapters in Gamma Phi Beta, and to Iota, her best wishes for a long life and prosperity.

This year has been a particularly happy one for Beta, although the rushing was done under rather unfavorable circumstances. In the fall, when the girls came back, the carpenters were just leaving the new house, which had to be settled in order to greet the new girls. Few Beta girls will forget the memorable Sunday morning when the chapter turned itself into a force of laborers and the Sabbath into a workday, for the guests who were expected for dinner.

Notwithstanding all these trials Beta boasts five fine Freshmen and three pledged girls: Marion Dickinson of Three Rivers, Mich.; Florence Brownell of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Eleanor Oliver, Westfield, N. J.; Zaidee Vosper, Ionia, Mich.; Marcia Wilkin, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Alma Payne, London, Ont.; Annie Den Blyker, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Marion Brownell, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Initiation banquet was as great a success as usual, and

several of the old girls were back—Emma Hinchman, Crossley Lewis, Besse Rider, Zayde Spencer Molitor, Margaret Bartholomew, Caroline Colver, Mary Symons and Mary Putnam.

One of our greatest pleasures in our new house is that we have room to entertain the old girls when they come back to visit. We wish that they would come oftener, to share with us the house which by their aid we have been able to make so attractive.

Soon after initiation we gave a card party and dance for the Freshmen, which proved a pleasant house-warming. Other than this our entertainments have not been more formal than an occasional afternoon tea, but we are planning a large reception in May.

If we have not entertained extensively outside, we have not lacked in Gamma Phi parties. Our annual fancy-dress party on the 22d of February was voted by all the most successful one we have ever had. To complete its success our Gamma Phi mothers invited us to a spread, where we feasted on all sorts of good things in a dining-room made festive with flags and other patriotic decorations.

Beta hopes that the coming year may prove as happy and successful to all of the chapters as the past year has to her.

CLARA M. HOSIE.

Gamma

GAMMA has a prosperous year to report. The chapter gained seven new girls in the fall, making twenty-two members in all. As usual, Gamma Phi Beta is well represented in college affairs. Bonnie Burton is on the art staff of *The Sphinx*, and is to take a leading part in "The Private Secretary," which is to be presented Feb. 21, by the Haresfoot Dramatic Club. In the fall Gamma issued cards for a series of at homes which are held the first Saturday of each month. All the sororities and fraternities, the majority of the faculty,

town people, and many of the independent students were invited. The receptions have been well attended and seem successful. Gamma has been very fortunate in having Honta Smalley Bredin in the city this winter. In fact, much of the success of this year is due to the interest that the alumnae have shown and the help they have given.

Delta

AS I sit at the window of the room on this beautiful spring morning, looking out at the State House, as it stands proud in the mid-March sunshine, it is a little difficult to carry my thoughts back to the 23d of last September, when we stood at the threshold of another college year and also of another rushing season.

The threshold of the rushing season lay considerably in advance of that of the college year, for we crossed it several days before the twenty-third, at a picnic at Nantasket Beach. Then rushing party followed rushing party in swift succession, until at the end of this strain to rushers and rushed, six Freshmen, one Sophomore and two Juniors proudly wore the tiny crescent pledge pin.

These nine were warmly welcomed to the chapter on the 5th of November, at the house of Mrs. Richardson of Beta Chapter, who kindly put her beautiful home at our disposal for the initiation.

On the day before Thanksgiving the initiates distinguished themselves by giving a spread to the upper class girls, and aside from the fact that the entertained were politely requested to wait in the hall until the hostess was "ready," and that the goodies wouldn't go around twice, the affair was a great success.

At Christmas time the Alumni gave us a splendid reception at the home of Mrs. Haywood of Lynn, where they presented us with a Christmas tree, whose decoration consisted

of greenbacks. Our appreciation was greater than we could express, and the increased attractiveness of our room proves that we made good use of those same greenbacks.

On the 18th of January Gamma Phi Beta gave a reception to about fifty of its friends, entertaining them with music, games and plenty of merry chat.

Three weeks ago we entertained the Alumni at that sunny room "just around the corner" from the college, which is the scene of so many merry revels.

So much for our good times; but Gamma Phi does not fail to maintain itself in the college life and work. At the beginning of the college year we were proud to count within our number two class presidents, two class secretaries, the president of the Philomathian Society, and the Junior Proctor. Two of our girls are elected members of the Historical Club at the college, and one of our Juniors has recently been elected editor-in-chief of the college paper.

Epsilon

EPSILON is glad once more to greet her sisters through the pages of **THE CRESCENT**, and to assure them of the enjoyment she anticipates in hearing of the life of her sister chapters.

Epsilon sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

Late in September, when college opened, the active chapter found that it had diminished in number, owing to unforeseen plans which had developed during the summer months. This fact, however, proved to be a stimulus of the very best kind, and with undiminished fervor in its work, the chapter added six new sisters, all of whom are worthy of the crescent. We take great pleasure in introducing our Freshmen to the Gamma Phi world: Ruth Work, Katherine Ammon, Sidney Hall, Susan Sweeney, Jessica Macfarlan, Mary Ickus.

This year has been quiet as far as society is concerned. An informal dance given for our Freshmen, luncheons and a number of matinée parties have been on our society programme.

Before *THE CRESCENT* goes to print we will have given our annual party, and of course now we are deep in the preparation for it. There are about two hundred invitations issued, and as it is the one formal party we can give during the year, we hope it will be a great success.

It is a pleasure to report that Gamma Phi is increasing in favor with the faculty, and gaining a reputation for producing students, while in no wise forfeiting prestige along other lines. Our chapter has been well represented in every phase of college life during the year. There have been Gamma Phis in debating clubs, German societies, plays, etc.; and we boast of having the manager of the Woman's Glee Club, as well as a sub-editor on the *Syllabus* board. Owing to the earnest work on the part of each member, our chapter hopes to keep up its progressive spirit. Northwestern has entered into a most prosperous era. Numerous donations have buoyed the students' hopes for a new gymnasium. Whether these hopes and dreams will be realized remains to be seen. A large and beautiful dormitory for women — Chapin Hall — the gift of D. K. Pearson, was dedicated early in the fall.

The board of trustees has chosen for president of the University a man eminently fitted for his position: Edmund James, a professor at the University of Chicago. He takes the chair which Henry Wade Rogers, now on the Columbia Law faculty, vacated June, 1900.

With sincerest wishes for the welfare of all Gamma Phis, and bespeaking a lasting success for *THE CRESCENT*, Epsilon closes her chapter letter.

LOIS MILES.

Zeta

AS the delegates have probably told and retold all that was of interest, Zeta seems to have nothing to tell of the convention. However, we cannot say enough concerning our pleasures and benefits. We were very much downcast after all our visitors had departed, but soon bestirred ourselves to put into practice some of the new ideas we had received which have made our meetings better and more enjoyable.

From convention time until Christmas we were very quiet, but since then have been having our weekly teas for city and college friends. We have greatly missed from these teas and our other meetings several besides our last year's Seniors.

Bess McCain entirely deserted us, and is now an enthusiastic Vassar girl. Mary Maxim was with us just a short time at the beginning of the year, and then felt it best for her to return home. Of Ruth Brockway I have spoken elsewhere. Then we have missed visits from Ethelyn Phipps, who has been visiting all winter, first in New York and New Jersey and now in Indianapolis. From there she will go to Chicago.

Since Christmas we have had two special pleasures : one of them was meeting at one of our college receptions Mrs. White of Syracuse Alumnæ. We were delighted that she could spend one evening at the college, but would have been doubly glad could she have attended one of our meetings.

The other pleasure was welcoming back to college Margaret Lee, who has taken up her work where she dropped it last year.

With this addition Zeta now numbers twenty-three, who send as many best wishes and greetings to all their Gamma Phi sisters.

Eta

GREETINGS to our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta from the girls in the far West! We are all delighted because convention meets with us in the fall. College opens in the middle of August, and by the first of September we shall have our rushing well in hand, and can devote all our time to our Gamma Phi guests. Come everybody who possibly can, and we promise you won't be sorry. California is a glorious State to see, we are a hospitable people and shall welcome you all gladly.

The past year has been a happy one for us. Our girls have done well in college work. Tallulah Le Conte, one of our Sophomores, is secretary of the Associated Women Students of the University, and many of us have worked hard on class committees. We entertained quite extensively last term: we were at home to the college men we know, the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Each time several college girls and our outside friends helped us receive. It was a successful way of entertaining a number of people at one time, but we shall not continue it this term. We had early in the season several small card parties and the informal fudge parties. It is an easy way to get acquainted with Freshmen to ask them to an informal fudge party at the house, for just the girls, and they soon learn to know us. Our initiation was held in October, when we took in four Freshmen, Wanda Muir, Florence Senger, Greta Augustine and Alice Benson.

For the past two years we have had a Thanksgiving dinner at the house on the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving. Many of the alumnae come, and altogether we have a delightful time singing our songs, and all glad to be there. Several poetic geniuses have developed among the Sophomores, and they amuse themselves and the rest of us by making up and singing "rimes and joshes" about all the girls. They end up with their own Sophomore song to

the tune of our college song — "The Jolly Sophomore." Our Thanksgiving dinner has become an established custom. Another new custom is that instituted by the alumnæ. They entertain the Seniors at a luncheon over in town early in the spring term.

We opened this term by having our annual Christmas tree on Registration Day. This year we fared exceptionally well, and our house is now ornamented by several new pieces of mahogany, a new rug, bric-a-brac and pictures. In January we had a large dancing party in Town and Gown Hall. Much to our amusement, it was announced that invitations were being eagerly sought. It was a very pretty party, and was enjoyed immensely by everyone there. Our usual large tea took place two weeks ago. We realize that teas are often a bore, yet it is the only way to entertain four or five hundred people at once.

Last term we purchased a guest-book, — a large register in which all our guests sign their names and write where we may find them. It makes a very interesting book to have.

It has been a pleasure to us to entertain several of our Eastern sisters this year. Eta is so far from the other chapters that it always does us much good to come nearer the other girls, as we do when they come to visit us.

We are glad that we have a chapter at Barnard. We shall be very glad to welcome the delegates from Iota at convention. We want to see Gamma Phi increase and grow strong.

The mother of one of our girls is our chaperon, and we are a very happy family here together. There are not so many of us this year because several of the girls have been ill and out of college, yet we have had a happy and prosperous year.

We wish THE CRESCENT all success. A sorority magazine is just the thing to keep us all in touch. Again we urge you to come to convention, as many of you as possible, for we really want you.

Theta

BEING the baby chapter is in most respects an unmitigated joy ; for the elder sisters look benignly upon you, encourage your every effort, applaud your least triumph, sympathize with you in each disappointment, and even overlook your mistakes, saying to each other apologetically : " She is the baby ; therefore we must be to her faults a little blind, be to her virtues very kind." No chapter has had a happier infancy than Theta ; but she is growing up, and realizes as she puts away her A B C book that greater responsibilities are upon her ; that the time to yield her place to another has at last come. So she lovingly clasps the hand of her baby sister, and begins her chapter report with an earnest " Here's to Iota — may happiness and prosperity be hers, during 1902 ! "

Just before the close of college the Alumnæ Association was formed — consisting of ten members, two being from other chapters. This year two more names have been added to the roll, and the Colorado Alumnæ Association of Gamma Phi Beta — as we call ourselves — is in a most flourishing condition. Lucia Pattison, '96, is president ; Louise Iliff vice-president ; and Lindsey Barbee, '99, secretary and treasurer. The first Tuesday of each month is set aside for the date of meeting. After the business is transacted a short story or selection is read, and the rest of the afternoon is spent in a social way. The alumnæ are enthusiastic over the movement, and invite all visiting Gamma Phis to be with them on such occasions, assuring them that a most cordial welcome is always in store for any wearer of the crescent.

Commencement night of last June brought Theta much joy, for with pardonable pride and unrestrained enthusiasm we watched our two Seniors carry off all the honors. Grace Satir received the prize for the highest record in Greek, while Florence Frenler's essay upon " Monopolies " proved worthy of first place. The exultation of that occasion was with the

girls during the summer months, and when they met again in September — sixteen in all — they felt that another auspicious year was upon them. Mabelle Leonard (Beta) helped them initiate Grace Twombly, a pledge from last year ; and with two other pledges, Margaret McNeil and Mabel Short, the chapter was wonderfully strengthened. Owing to the compact between Gamma Phi Beta and Pi Beta Phi, that no girl should be bidden to either sorority until three months after her entrance into college, rushing has been limited. The agreement allowed but one large entertainment by each sorority, and very few smaller affairs ; so the Alumnæ helped the active girls by giving them a beautiful afternoon party at the home of Mrs. Harold W. Moore, to which the eligibles were invited. So it happened that as yet we cannot ask the few upon whom we have decided, but must still wait two weeks before knowing our fate. Gamma Phi has kept loyally to every clause of the compact, but it has not proved entirely satisfactory, and doubtless the same plan will not be continued next year.

The meetings of the chapter are now held Thursday afternoons at the house, except the first week of the month, when Saturday evening brings together alumnæ, as well as active girls, to enjoy a social time. The first Saturday meeting of January was called a Christmas donation party, and many were the pretty gifts to the house from the girls. A spread, a dance and a " sing " were the attractions of the evening, and the custom promises to become permanent. The Halloween fancy-dress dance proved a great success, and the costumes, needless to say, were marvelous in every detail. Theta has been entertained by both Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon during the term, and is now planning to give a large evening party to the former fraternity.

Hardly had the excitement of hoisting a gorgeous new flag over the chapter-house subsided, when the goat arrived. A Gamma Phi brother sent it, and immediately the girls fell

down and adored. With a great stretch of imagination, and both eyes closed, one might describe the small animal as dark and light brown ; but without doubt the colors on its collar were just right, and, mastered by the enthusiasm of the moment, the doting subjects christened the new arrival "Theta." The goat—the goat—how many tales could she tell, had the gift of speech been given her! Residents of University Park soon became accustomed to daily visions of agitated figures flitting over the cactus in pursuit of a small, frisky object ; fair maidens in their eager striving for the unattainable, fell prostrate, and bore the pain without a murmur ; professors frowned when Theta, unasked and unguided, in emulation of Mary's little lamb, visited college ; while the ever-patient matron of the chapter-house grew weary with life when she beheld day after day the smeared window of the dining-room : sure proof that Theta, thirsting for adoration, had looked in upon her subjects. Truly, over the chapter-house door it might be written : "Theta and Theta — one and inseparable — now and forever."

So with our goat for a mascot, with all kinds of good resolutions to urge us onward, with hope in the future, we close our history for this term of college life, wishing THE CRESCENT all success, and trusting that our sister chapters may receive an abundance of blessings and prosperity during 1902.

L. B.

Iota

LAST summer, after the Northfield conference for college girls, one of the Barnard delegation remained to attend the general conference, little thinking that she would come into close contact with Miss Florence Marshall, a Gamma Phi from Delta. This friendship was the means of bringing Iota into existence, after we had met a number of the New York Alumnae Chapter. This was in November, the sixteenth day of which we were initiated. The initiation was

at Sherry's, and was followed by a banquet, to which twenty-three Gamma Phis sat down with the ten new members of Iota. We simply cannot describe to you the royal welcome we received. There were present delegates en route to the convention at Baltimore, a fact which made it pleasant for our delegate, Miss Dutcher.

There are chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Omicron Pi here, but none in our opinion stands for as much as Gamma Phi Beta does in other colleges, and as much as we want to have her stand for in Iota at Barnard. There are about three hundred regular undergraduates enrolled in Barnard, — enough to make it possible for the formation of another sorority. The names of our members are: E. Olive Dutcher, Laura K. Van Cise, Jeannette R. Seibert, V. Louise Kimball, Grace M. Peters, Clara C. Cook, Sadie A. Holt, Augustine Ellean, A. Marion Waugh, Alice C. Carpenter.

Miss Dutcher is our Hebrew scholar; it is through her that we can record Iota's first contribution to the sorority. She is preparing to teach Biblical literature and history.

Miss Seibert is a scholarship girl, entering college as second highest in passing the entrance examinations. She is corresponding secretary of Senior class.

Miss Peters at her entrance to Barnard passed highest of any candidate at Columbia or Barnard, and received two scholarships. In her Junior year she received honors in mathematics. She is now president of the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Waugh has considerable artistic talent. Miss Van Cise is our musician, and Miss Kimball our athlete. The University of Denver may be interested in knowing that Miss Cook is to live in Denver next year.

Miss Ellean and Miss Holt are our literary representatives, and Miss Carpenter is especially interested in Social Settlement work.

There is a great deal that we might tell you about our

privileges in connection with the New York Alumnae Chapter.

In fact, we have much to be thankful for, even after realizing that great blessing of being Gamma Phis. We appreciate the interest of our older sisters, and extend a cordial invitation to any and all who may visit our city, to come to Barnard.

IOTA.

Boston Alumnae Chapter

"IT is only the particular and personal that is interesting," was the answer of one of our sages as I inquired for "general" items for *THE CRESCENT*. There were five Gamma Phis gathered in the wide, beautiful living-room under Richardson's tower, in the Ames Free Library of North Easton. In that beautiful stone building Mary Lamprey holds continual sway over fifteen thousand books, while the other four of us were spending Washington's Birthday and Sunday with her. The afternoon of blinding storm was passed in hemming and embroidering napkins for one of the girls interested in such things. We also talked. Towards night I heard the following: "Now, girls, if there is any subject in the universe that we have not already touched upon, we will take it up this evening." Sunday brought church, followed by a careful study of two memorial windows by John La Farge, and a priceless pulpit and choir screen carved by Vaughan in English oak. An inspection of the Ames collection of orchids, and an evening in the library with rare Japanese prints were other attractions of a charming visit. But it was of news for *THE CRESCENT* that I started to write, and as "they" told me to make it "personal," you will find most of our gossip in the Personal Column of this magazine. The unfortunate part of thus obeying instructions is that my letter is made so much the shorter, and I shall receive so much less credit for hard labor from the editor. The reader will probably not mind. There

remains, then, for this place only an account of our delightful comings-together since last report.

In September and October came two social meetings, one with the Putnams in Lynn, and another with one of our professors' wives, Nettie Brown Durkee, at Tufts College. Christmas vacation brings with it our annual reception to Delta. This year it was held in Lynn with Mrs. Anne Moulton Haywood, who was assisted in receiving by her sister, Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike. The last mentioned, from Columbia College, — another professor's wife—is an ex-member of Delta and Boston chapters, and now appears as a representative of our New York Alumnae Chapter. Our Boston chapter had collected a sum of money to assist the Delta girls in furnishing their new room, and the presentation of this was a feature of the Christmas festival. Since then the Delta room has been the scene of several of our business meetings and chafing-dish lunches. In this way, through our enjoyment of the beautiful new dining-table and other comforts of Delta, we feel that, like the Indian giver, we have all the advantages of our own gift.

Our membership is growing, but not so rapidly as we should like. A most cordial welcome to Boston chapter awaits any Gamma Phi who is near enough to enjoy our good times. Recent graduates from Delta are especially urged to join with us in keeping close and real the bonds of dear old Gamma Phi.

New York Alumnae Chapter

A MISTAKEN impression seems to have gone forth that the New York Alumnae chapter signalized its first year by establishing the Iota Chapter at Barnard. This matter had by convention been intrusted to a committee, only one of whom is a member of our charge, and she was unable to act, so we must disclaim any honor for such an achievement.

Therefore it is from an outsider's standpoint alone that I have anything to offer, and shall attempt to speak of the matter only in so far as we were concerned, which you will see was purely in a social way.

On Friday, Nov. 9, Miss Simons notified the Gamma Phis she thought near enough to come, that Miss Dutcher, a Senior at Barnard, was much in favor of Gamma Phi Beta, and had interested several other students to the same degree, who would be in her room to receive us. Other Barnard girls were also invited in, and the charm of the hostess and her assistants was a sufficient guarantee to all present that a chapter established with so substantial a foundation as these girls, would be no mistake.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer was at once interested, and put her home at 103 West 86th Street at the disposal of the forthcoming chapter for the following day. This the committee gladly accepted, as offering a most favorable place to fully discuss their plans and make all matters clear to those concerned.

The day was not pleasant, and many were prevented from coming in consequence, but seven Barnard girls presented themselves bearing an eloquent petition to become Gamma Phis, and pledged to do their utmost in behalf of the sorority. As the charter had already been granted by convention, the committee took charge of the necessary preliminaries, and in order to hasten matters before the approaching convention at Baltimore, announced the initiation for the following Saturday, Nov. 16, at Sherry's. This proved as fortunate a date as could have been selected, for several delegates on their way to Baltimore were thus enabled to be with us and help welcome the new sisters. In the meantime three initiates were added, so that the new charge numbered ten. Word was sent to all members of the New York Alumnæ Chapter, and though not all were present, at the luncheon following the initiation there were thirty-three covers. Mrs. E. J. Palmer, in behalf of the Alumnæ, extended a formal

welcome, and representatives from other chapters present seconded her in brief addresses, which were responded to by Miss Dutcher for the Iota chapter. Telegrams were received from Alpha and the Syracuse Alumnæ, which further assured the new charge of its cordial reception into the sorority.

All this confirms, I think, what I said at the first : that we were mere onlookers who came in for the pleasure and the interest we have in all things pertaining to Gamma Phi. I would gladly give you some separate account of each girl, which would convince you of the wisdom of those who chose, but space will not permit, and I can only hope you may soon all see for yourselves.

So far the co-operation of the active and alumnæ chapters of this New York district has afforded mutual benefit, and it is not possible to see it otherwise in the future.

Of course as a college society the greater interest must always be with the college chapter and the undergraduate members, but since you so kindly ask for some mention of our doings, I may further trespass on the columns.

We have not a large delegation in New York proper, but New Jersey and adjacent towns have helped us to a membership of twenty-one enrolled, with several others whom we count as regular attendants. We regret that hopeful as we are of becoming the cosmopolitan chapter, at present only Alpha and Delta are represented. Iota promises us additions for the next year, and we look for others.

We hold only four regular meetings a year, and these are mostly of a social nature. Our last was with Mrs. H. P. Marvin, 340 Riverside, and there the Barnard girls were also invited. Mrs. Marvin kindly opened her whole house, even to the fifth floor, where the elevator brought us to the cosy Turkish room for our business meeting, and later we enjoyed social tea in the dining-room, with music in the music-room adjoining.

Our next meeting occurs the last Saturday in May, and will probably be held in Newark, N. J.

A MEMBER OF THE N. Y. ALUMNÆ.

Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter

THE editor of the Syracuse Alumnæ understands from the delegates just returned from convention, that in the discussion of our magazine the principal fault found was the lack of news. More news and personals were demanded, and the writer joins most heartily in the cry.

But how many people have stopped to think of the best form in which to put personals? Each chapter is supposed to send to THE CRESCENT a chapter letter and a column of news items, but by the time the editor has collected, let us say, a column of newsy personals, there is no material left for the orthodox chapter letter. For instance, the Syracuse Alumnæ, as most of you know through previous letters, meet once a month at the homes of the various members for a social afternoon. They are pleasant afternoons, and jolly. Some of us are always busy working like beavers with fancy trifles or knitting needle, while others, like the writer, whose eyes are poor, go from one little group to another and hinder all we can.

And we talk and talk and talk!

And then in the twilight we have a cup of coffee, sometimes two, we indulge in a last final friendly gossip about other people who are not so fortunate, and reluctantly go home. All this brings a very sweet picture to my mind, because I have been there many times, but I wonder how many of you can see it as I do, and want to read about it.

The task at present is to put half the news in the news column and the other half in the letter. Would it not be better to put all the news and personals in a column by themselves — I mean *all* of it: what we do, where we go, whether

it is a pink tea or a yellow one, whether it is a boy or girl, and whether we are engaged or married, or neither. Let this column be the principal thing, and let the other article be the outlet of the chapter's feelings, not its doings.

What say the rest of you?

GRACE WEBB EDGCOMB.

PERSONALS

Alpha

Mrs. W. T. Frederick has left Syracuse, to make her home in Buffalo.

Mrs. A. L. Flick is rejoicing over the birth of a son.

Mrs. Lucy Yates Manning has a little daughter.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Ostrander, '03, of Syracuse, to Burnett Smith of Thaneattes has been announced.

The engagement of Miss Avery E. Benson, '02, of Waverly, to Wallace Hanson of New York, was announced in the fall.

Beta

Bertha Wetherbee, '01, is spending the winter in Pasadena, Cal.

Lucy Davis, '99, has returned from Germany, and is now teaching French and German at the Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing.

Winifred Sunderlin, '98, is spending the winter at Seattle, Wash.

The engagement of Elizabeth Rider, '03, to Mr. J. Shirley Symons of Saginaw, Mich., is announced.

Harriette Davis has left college on account of ill health, and is now at her home in Saginaw, Mich.

Gertrude Miller, who left college last year on account of ill health, has returned from California, and is much improved.

Louise Holden, '02, has announced her engagement to Mr. Norman Anderson of Chicago, Ill.

Shortly after the publication of the last CRESCENT the engagement of Mabelle Leonard, '01, to Mr. Harry Douglas of Ann Arbor, was announced.

Ada Gilbert Close is spending the winter in Florida.

Mary Young, who has been spending several months abroad, is expected at Ann Arbor in March.

The engagement of Gertrude Burdsal, '99, to Mr. Duane Arnold of Three Rivers, is announced.

Luella Wooster Stone, who has been in Gloversville, N. Y., during the past winter, is expected in Ann Arbor the 1st of May.

Gamma

Lorena Freeborn was married in July to Mr. Roy Sanborn, '01, Phi Gamma Delta.

Laura Case was married in January to Mr. Sherry, who is a graduate of the University and a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Mamie Laflin is teaching in Milwaukee.

Edith Gibson, with her mother, is spending the winter in Rome, where she is studying music.

In October occurred the wedding of Earle Steede Anderson and Ethel Dow. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of the Law School, and a Phi Delta Theta.

Mary Clark Brittingham and two children are quarantined with scarlet fever.

Delta

Delta announces the engagement of Miss Florence Brown, '04, to Mr. Marston Bacon of Middletown, Conn.; of Miss Edith Everett, '01, to Mr. Arthur P. Pratt of Boston; and of Miss Elsie Davis, '01, to Mr. Francis Smith of Salem, Mass.

Epsilon

The wedding of Miss Louise White, '98, and Mr. Frank Hastings Haller, '98, was celebrated at Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 14. Miss Bertha White, '02, was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Haller live in Ironwood, Mich.

The marriage of May Peterson, ex-'99, and Mr. Barry Gilbert took place last October. Miss Mary Palmer, '99, was the bride's attendant. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert make Cedar Rapids their home.

Bertha White and Mabel Johnson, both '02, are attending the University of Nebraska.

Miss Vicci Gazolla, who was graduated last spring, is with us again, taking work toward her master's degree.

Epsilon received an invitation to take luncheon with the Chicago Alumnae Chapter at their monthly meeting in March.

We were happily surprised by the visit of Miss Daisy Soule, '96, who came back for a farewell visit to her Alma Mater before she goes to make her home in the East. Miss Peterson, our matron, entertained all the Gamma Phis in Willard Hall in honor of Miss Soule, and we had a most delightful time.

In the Ladies' Glee Club recently organized at Northwestern University there are four Gamma Phis: Jessie MacFarland is the soloist and Grace Gilbert the reader. The

Glee Club has been enthusiastically received, and promises to be a permanent organization.

The board of editors for the Woman's Edition of our college magazine, the *Northwestern*, has been elected, and Harriet Durham is local editor.

Ruth Wark is a member of the '04 editorial staff for our University Annual, the *Syllabus*.

Lilian White, '04, is at National Park, Wash., this year.

On the evening of Oct. 22, Dora Swan, ex-'02, and Mr. William E. Huber were married at Duluth, Minn. They reside in Chicago.

Zeta

Zeta invites all interested in her past, present or future, to look over with her her memory book and there search out the alumnæ notes. Not to plunge too quickly into the past, let us begin at the last used page and see what that contains. For 1902 just one note is there, but that large and suggestive. Yes, a wedding announcement, proving those wrong who say college girls do not marry, for the last Zeta bride was with us only last year. On Jan. 1, 1902, Ruth Hoag Brockway was married to Mr. Frederick E. Bullard of Toledo, Ohio. She may now be addressed at "The Perry," Toledo.

On the last leaf for 1901 is a letter of interest, so let us look inside. It is from Eleanor Ogier Street, and tells of the birth of George Gower Street, Jr., on Dec. 7, 1901.

Passing by convention programs and banquet menus, we find another wedding invitation, this one from the last of our '97 girls to be married. And if we read the accounts of the wedding we find that amid especially beautiful surroundings, Elizabeth Sill was married on Oct. 31, 1901, to Mr. William H. Barnard of Asbury Park.

Among letters of about this time is some news of interest. One letter mentions the birth of a child to Adelia Bawden McMurtrie, who is now living in Freehold, N. J. From the same sources we hear of our three '01 girls. All are at home, but continuing their studies. Letitia Simons goes every day into New York, and is following a complete course in domestic science at the Teachers' College connected with Columbia. Beulah Hayes is doing some work at Bucknell University at her home in Lewisburg, and Adeline Webb goes into Nashville for advanced work in Greek at Vanderbilt University.

Not stopping to note the rumors of sundry doings, for positive information of which we are waiting, by turning a few pages backward we find two more announcement cards. The dainty little card reads thus: "Elizabeth Elser Chase, Sept. 20, 1901. 11 Rockledge Road, Newton Highlands, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Brown Chase, Jr." Mrs. Chase was Fielding Turner, '99. The other card is from Blanche L. McNeal, who was married on July 31, to Dr. Harvey Smith. They are now living on N. Third Street, Harrisburg.

Here we will stop, as former CRESCENTS tell of other memory-book records. Of the present this letter speaks, and the future will be brought to light in the next magazine.

Eta

Rachel Vrooman, '95, is spending the year in Europe.

Evelyn Glenn Johnson and daughter, Glenn, are visiting in Fresno.

Helen Smith Case, Gamma, '89, who lived with us last year, is now living in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Louise Kellogg, '01, has been in Connecticut since September.

Ethel Hartson, '03, is visiting in Virginia and New York.

Amy Phelan, '98, is now assistant librarian in the University library.

Bess Graham, '01, is teaching in San Jacinta, Southern California. Florence Stone, '99, is also teaching in the South.

Frances Gearhart is teaching in Merced High School.

Grace Wilson, '95, is traveling in Europe.

Mabelle Leonard, Beta, '01, was our guest several times last term, and Ruth Guppy, Beta, '87, spent several days with us the beginning of the term.

Lillian Parker Allen has a small daughter, born last September.

Harriet Haraszthy and George Hunt were married in January, and have gone to Mexico to live.

Theta

Beulah Steele Jenness, who has for several years resided in South America, has now made her home in Palo Alto, Cal.,

where Mr. Jenness has charge of the Methodist Church. She will take her degree with '02 at Stanford.

Grace Sater, '01, is assistant principal of the High School at Tillwride, Col. Florence Frenler, '01, is taking a post-graduate course at the University.

Lela Stingley, '03, has recently gone to Salt Lake City; she will return next September, and will graduate with her class.

Emma Stover, '99, is at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is taking a post-graduate course.

Edna Mason, '04, has returned to her home in Holyoke, Col., where she will remain until the spring term.

Hattie Burnett Morse, Epsilon, whose home is in Mancos, Col., on her way East paid a flying visit to the Chapter House girls.

Boston Alumnae

Emma Vella, ex-'97, was married in July to Mr. Leland T. Shaw. After visiting California on her wedding trip she returned to us in New England, and her new home is in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mabelle Moses spent the summer in England, Scotland and France, returning with most enthusiastic accounts and plans to "go again" next summer.

We are pleased to chronicle the birth, in September, of a daughter, Isabelle, to the former editor-in-chief of THE CRESCENT, Nina Rogers Sweetser.

Harriet Stone Townsend also has a little girl. More recruits for Gamma Phi! Delta take notice.

Clare Bodge Damon of Leominster has a little one of about the same age, besides one of two and a half years. She would like to hear oftener from members of the sisterhood.

Clara Whitmore has returned after fourteen months of residence and study in England. She expects to take the degree of A.M. in June. Next to her degree, her highest ambition is to change the course of our hurried American life by giving a personal example of the leisurely mode of English existence.

Boston Chapter announces the engagement of Edith Harriet Wilder to Mr. Samuel Edgar Whitaker, B. U., '90, and Tech, '92.

Louise Putnam has sent out a most attractive itinerary

of a summer tour to England, Belgium, the Rhine and Switzerland. A small party is now being made up, and this mere suggestion is enough to bring joy to the heart of any Gamma Phi who is planning to travel abroad next summer.

Chicago Alumnæ

Miss Honta Smalley was married in July to Mr. Elias Arnold Bredin, and is living in Madison, Wis.

Miss Eva Hill and Mr. Herbert P. Lewis were married Dec. 5, and are making their home in Mexico City.

A daughter, Marcia, was born to Mrs. Alice Hosmer Preble, Nov. 29.

On the 16th of December was born Rosalind Parker, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Bundy Parker.

Syracuse Alumnæ

Nearly every one went to Buffalo in the summer or autumn. Among those who met in Alt Nuremburg were Harriet Miller, who later spent some time on the Massachusetts coast; Florence Trowbridge, Corinne Lewis, Florence Palmer Baker, Cora Willard Frederick, Genevieve Ostrander Porter, Grace Webb Edgcomb and Milicent A. Hinckley.

Corinne Lewis, after a week at Buffalo, spent the rest of the summer with relatives in California. She is now back in Syracuse, and, we regret to add, not in the best of health.

Ella I. French is spending a profitable and delightful year in Europe with her mother and niece. At present she is in Berlin, practising four hours a day on the piano. The other eight hours she devotes faithfully to sightseeing in the old, crooked streets, to promenades in the Thier garden, with excursions to the excellent galleries, and the long evenings to the glorious opera.

Blanche Stevens Damon has charge of Miss French's work in the University.

Among the recent marriages are those of Mabel Van Winckle to Dr. Gordon Hoyt; Florence E. Bailey to Mr. Huntington Crouse, and Harriet Luther to Mr. Chas. L. Davis of Olean.

Many of the alumnæ have resumed their duties as teachers. Mabel Fuller, '97, begins her second year at the Binghamton High School. Edith Wilson has a position in the Lyons High School, while Grace DeKay continues her work in the

Scranton Correspondence School at an advanced salary. An-toinette Brown has accepted a position as supervisor of drawing in New York. Gertrude Gaggin teaches in the Erie High School. Nettie Sadler is in charge of the sciences in Talmar High School. Our last June graduates are also in the field. Jennie Henderson is in New Jersey teaching, Janet Kavand at her home in Weedsport, Miriam Ern-hont has gone to Connecticut and Carol Hammond is at Saugerties. The position Miss Hammond holds has been for the past five years filled by our own girls.

Ida Saxton Wilcox, '93, now of Rochester, is the mother of a fine boy. We congratulate her, and we congratulate the boy for picking her out for his mother.

Maude Sanford Sutherland, '93, of Foo Chow, China, also sends us news of the arrival of a son, born about a month ago. Send us his picture, Maude, and accept our love and best wishes.

Ina Mercer Rice, '92, of Brookline, Mass., will spend the holidays in Syracuse with her father.

A Suggestion

Do you not think it would be of use to alumnae who are away from all chapters, if changes of address were given in *THE CRESCENT*? I have given a few in the personals, but we are constantly learning of other changes of residence. Some magazines such as *THE CRESCENT* have a special column for such notes.

Removals

Laura Hutchins, '03, has transferred from Epsilon to Zeta.

Polly Bunting, '04, of Gamma, has left college, to enter Johns Hopkins' training school for nurses.

Mary Symons, Beta, '03, is taking a course in domestic science at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Crossley Lewis, '04, has moved to San Francisco, Cal.

Mary Weidemann, Beta, '02, is in Chicago this winter.

Fielding Turner, Zeta, '99 (Mrs. Josiah Brown Chase, Jr.), is living at 11 Rockledge Road, Newton Highlands.

Emma Loud, an invaluable member of Boston Chapter, has gone to New York to teach in the Girls' High School. We shall miss her much at our meetings, but the New York Chapter will gain a delightful associate.