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University of Minnesota.

Greetings from the Maroon and Gold.

AS a stranger approaches Minneapolis, coming up the Mississippi river, he sees on the one side the flour mills, on the other a group of buildings, whose roofs rise above the trees that grow on the edge of the bluff, known as the State University of Minnesota: the two possessions of which Minneapolitans are most proud, and justly so. The one represents the commercial wealth of the city, the other the educational wealth of the state.

In the comparatively short space of forty years, with characteristic western activity the University of Minnesota has grown from nothing to its present rank of third in the United States in the number of its students, being outnumbered only by Harvard and the University of Michigan. It includes seven colleges: those of Science, Literature and the Arts; Engineering; Metallurgy and Mechanic Arts; Agriculture; Law; Medicine; Dentistry and Pharmacy, which have all together an enrollment of over thirty-eight hundred.

The Campus is situated on the Mississippi river-bank, and the main entrance, which is marked by a large stone gateway, is at the northwest corner on University Avenue,

along which is a high iron fence shutting us off from the rest of the world on the north side. Entering this gate, one finds himself on the campus street which is in the shape of a bow, and upon which all the main buildings are situated, turning their fronts to a large park-like enclosure, the Campus proper, where in pleasant weather the cadets have drill or dress-parade every Saturday afternoon.

Walking up this street one passes first the Y. M. C. A. and Law Buildings, then "old Main," the birthplace of the University. Next is the Library Building, modelled on the Parthenon and most-complete, inside and out. It is the Executive Building and in it are the offices of the President, Registrar, Accountant and Superintendent of Buildings, and the Chapel where all the students assemble at half-past ten each day for religious services.

Directly opposite the Library Building is the memorial statue of John S. Pillsbury, "father of the University." Further on along the street are the Engineers' Building, Chemistry Building, Pillsbury Hall, the gift of Governor Pillsbury, which contains the museum and departments of Botany and Zoology, and last of all directly across the long stretch of Campus from the Y. M. C. A. Building, the Armory head-quarters for Athletics and the scene of all the large social functions of the University. Adjoining the Armory is Northrup Field where the foot-ball games are played. The Athletic Board of Control has recently purchased a large tract of land back of this building, and Northrup Field is to be greatly enlarged and surrounded by a stone wall.

Facing on streets which form right angles with the campus street are the other buildings—those of the Medical, Mining, Engineering, and Astronomical departments. Back of the law building are the tennis-courts, and beyond and back of all this is the river bank—department of lovelorn maids and youths and of fraternity initiations.

This brings us from a glance at the anatomy of our Uni-

versity to the more interesting and vital part, the student life. First of all it must be remembered that the Campus is situated between two large cities and is hemmed in on both sides by electric car lines running between them. This makes it possible for many of the students to live at home and deprives the University of much of that spirit that pervades a strictly college town.

Yet in spite of this, the social life of the University is by no means undeveloped. For the students in general are the affairs given by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, the Women's League and the class affairs such as the Junior Ball, the Senior Promenade and the Circus, etc. The rest of the social life is centred around the fraternities and sororities. Sixteen fraternities are represented here and six sororities, including: Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma Kappa, Alpha Theta, and Delta Delta Delta. Chi Psi, the oldest fraternity, was established in 1874, and Kappa, the first sorority to appear in the field, in 1880. The fraternities all have houses and the sororities have chapter rooms. Beta Theta Pi has the largest house at present. It is situated on University Avenue just off the Campus. About a block west of the Beta house the Chi Psis are building what promises to be the finest house, a large brick structure.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Upsilon, all have very pleasant houses near the Campus, while the rest are farther away. All the houses are large enough to make informal dances very enjoyable, and many affairs of the sort are held during the year. Although as yet none of the sororities have houses, Alpha Phi has purchased a lot, and Kappa is making arrangements to do so, and both are planning to build some time in the future.

A much kindlier spirit than has existed heretofore is beginning to be shown among the sororities this year, which

if it continues to grow, as from present indications it promises to do, will make relations much pleasanter and do away with the hard feelings that are aroused so often at rushing season.

This season with the fraternities lasts the entire year, but with the sororities does not begin until the new students are registered the first week in September. The Freshmen who are fortunate enough to be rushed, (and most of them come from the High Schools of the Twin Cities) are swept along in a mad confusion of teas, dinners, dances, house-parties and drives swiftly enough to bewilder much older and wiser heads: but they all manage to live and thrive in spite of it and after the lull that falls between pledging and initiation, they are less swiftly but more sanely treated to parties again introducing them into the fraternity world.

The chapters here are not very large, averaging about twenty in number. They are seldom smaller than fifteen or larger than twenty-three or four.

One other subject of interest must be mentioned in connection with our University, and that is its publications. We have a paper, the *Minnesota Daily*, issued every morning, and a monthly, the *Minnesota Magazine*, published under the direction of members of the Senior class. The Junior class gets out the annual, the *Gopher*, a large bound volume containing a summary of the social, athletic and literary events of the year and photographs of the societies.

Minnesota is a growing College and a typical western one—an Institution of rapid development and intense life, held in firm but gentle control by the hand of its much-honored president, Cymus Northrup, who rules by the deep and inspiring influence of his noble life. The University atmosphere is wholesome and fresh and whereas Eastern Colleges live in their past we live in the future and are still building the foundations for glory yet to come.

I have tried to give some idea of how our Campus looks,

and of the student life that takes place within its gates. But if you wish really to understand and appreciate its spirit, come as a visitor upon the Campus the day before one of the big foot-ball games. Make your way in the midst of the mass of students into the Library Building at chapel time, heeding not the maroon and gold streamers that flap in your eyes, and having found a seat, sit still in it if you can when fifteen hundred voices make the very foundations tremble with the steady throb of the thrice-repeated,

Rah ! Rah ! Rah !
Ski — U — Mah !
Hoorah ! Hoorah !
Varsity ! Varsity !
Minne — so — ta !

In Memoriam.

Whereas, Our beloved sister, Jennie Sweet, has been called to her heavenly home,

Be it Resolved, that we, the Colorado Alumnae Association of Theta of Gamma Phi Beta do hereby extend to her bereaved parents and sister our sincere sympathy. May God's promise of the life everlasting be a solace to them in these sad hours.

“ There are sisters gone before us
To the land of peace and rest,
And our chain is linked with heaven
And is glorified and blessed.

May those sisters e'er watch o'er us
As we strive along the way,
Till at last we reach the harbor
Far away.”

MARY W. SHATTUCK,
LOUISE ILIFF.

Editorials.

The Crescent's Compliments

BRIDES white-veiled, radiant girl graduates, worried Class-Day officials, and the second issue of THE CRESCENT for 1903—all drift in on the June breeze together. The better the month, the better the deed, one thinks, so may THE CRESCENT, at least, not disgrace the fair month in which it shines, and, in the hurry and bustle of graduation, may its readers still find time to glance over its record of what, all over the continent, our girls have been doing while the year has been bringing in the Spring. To all who wear the crescent, its namesake wishes a happy summer full of re-creating rest.

Alumnæ Again

IN the last issue it was announced that opportunity would be given the Alumnæ, in the pages of this paper, for a discussion of the advisability of continuing the present status of Alumnæ Chapters in the sorority organization. Questions were sent to each Alumnæ Chapter in the attempt to elicit some expression of the chapter sentiment in that direction, hoping by this to prepare the way for a more general interest in the matter at convention. In this place we wish to acknowledge the courtesy of those chapters which have already sent in their answers. In deference, however, to the feeling in some of the chapters that matters in any way referring to the Constitution should not be discussed in THE CRESCENT, we have abandoned the original plan, and propose now to provide in some way, not open to this objection,

for a circulation of the answers among the alumnæ chapters, previous to convention. Will those Alumnæ chapters who have not yet answered, therefore, please do so at their earliest convenience, that we may have the material together?

Erratum

PRINTERS' ways be past finding out, but it still, after years of experience, is somewhat disconcerting to find ourselves gravely welcoming into the sorority a new chapter of seventy-six members, instead of the comparatively modest *twenty-six* which was intended. We are all, however, fond of the baby-chapter, of whose University we are glad to hear in this number, so perhaps a Kappa of seventy-six would not seem too many on the principle that we cannot have too much of a good thing.

Wise Camen Ave

IN the midst of all the delightful bustle, the pretty deference that attends a senior's graduation, she is apt to have, now and then, *mauvais quarts d'heure*, when she realizes in one throat-clutching moment that this is after all farewell; when she has a mournful sense that others are eagerly waiting to step into the place that has been for four long years her own; and she has an uncomfortable, homeless feeling that she is being, however gently, crowded out of the familiar niche, and no other in the whole world is as yet really hers. We have, many of us, been through this time of storm and stress and, remembering it in ourselves, we send just a word of comfort through this paper — the visible reminder of the niche from which one is not pushed away, in which one's place is always one's own. There is a circle whose hands, whether seen or unseen, felt or unfelt, will not relax unless you wish it so, and never, whether you will or not will let you go utterly. Whether, dear Senior, your lot is to be within hail of a Greek-letter or Alumnae chapter of

your sorority, or whether you must form a little chapter of one, there is something to which you cannot bid farewell. "And come what may, there's joy in this: We're Gamma Phis forever."

So Vale, Senior, with a cheerful heart and Ave, Alumna!

Chapter Letters

Alpha—Syracuse, N. Y.

ALPHA sends greeting to her sister Chapters. After a very pleasant Easter vacation, the Alpha girls have returned to their work for the remainder of the year with renewed energy. How swiftly the time will go! Already the final examinations are looming up before us, which, though unpleasant at all times, are especially so to the seniors; for in reality it is their farewell to the institution, about which so many tender associations have been formed.

We are all looking forward to "moving up" day, when the seniors for the first time put on their caps and gowns. This day is perhaps peculiar to Syracuse University. Every year, near the first of May, each class is supposed to "move up" to the one above it, and this is indicated, for instance by the freshmen moving into the Sophomore seats at chapel, and so on up to the senior who with caps and gowns occupy the freshmen's seats.

The day is set apart as a holiday, and especially for the purpose of honoring the seniors and of allowing the freshmen to exult over their rise in college life.

One chapter loses a large delegation of seniors this year—eight in all; nevertheless we have no fears for Alpha's future, for we are leaving a strong chapter of most capable girls with whom the success of Alpha is assured.

We are very proud of our freshmen whom we have recently initiated. In order that you may know them better I am going to give you their names: Elizabeth Wildman, Perry, N. Y.; Martha Gowing, Syracuse, N. Y.; Ethel

Wells, Ashley, Pa. ; Grace Zimmerlen, Lyons, N.Y. ; Lulu Shearman, Jamestown, N.Y. ; Bertha Benedict, Oswego, N.Y. ; Lillian Titsworth, Montrose, Pa. In regard to entertaining, the Alpha girls have given four informal parties at the Chapter House to four of the fraternities. They have all proved successful, and most enjoyable. We have also given a few rushing parties this spring for some of the city girls who think of entering college in the fall. The chapter girls entertained their intimate friends and relatives by giving a vaudeville at the home of Elizabeth Brooks, '05. The sophomore delegation were the chief performers of the evening. They certainly gave a very clever imitation of the genuine article, and provoked merriment which will long be remembered.

Alpha hopes all the chapters have had as prosperous a year as she has enjoyed, and that we may all have many more of them.

Beta — Ann Arbor, Mich.

EVERY spring in Ann Arbor is one more bond of union between Beta girls. It creeps into you,—all over you, with a mysterious fascination which you cannot shake off if you would, and which you would not if you could. Athletics, long walks, canoeing, serenades, and best of all, soft, dreamy evenings when some Gamma Phi song seems made for the occasion—these are no new things, yet every year they come with fresh force.

Rather an unusual amount of illness has kept us from entertaining much this winter. Early in February several old girls were here for the initiation of a recent pledgling, Margaret Shearer.

Our annual fancy-dress party was held on February 23, and was a great success. The Gamma Phi mothers served dainty refreshments and decorated the rooms in the national colors. On May 2, we gave a handkerchief shower for Elizabeth Rider, '03, who is to be married in June.

Great preparations are going on for "An elaborate wedding," to be given by the girls on May 9. The Gamma Phi mothers and a few intimate friends among the faculty ladies are to be asked. During May Festival, May 14-16, we shall probably give our usual large reception. Several guests are expected then and during the remainder of the spring, so we shall have a somewhat gay time, to make up for the quiet winter.

We were interested in the editorial in the last CRESCENT, concerning increasing the number of Alumnæ chapters. Though expression from the Alumnæ chapters themselves, was asked for, we venture to say something on this subject. It seems to us, with what thought we have given the question, that the Alumnæ chapters should be restricted in some way, in number, and that their rates should never outweigh those of the active chapters. Though the Alumnæ are our most indispensable and valued friends and advisors, always, yet we feel that the actual chapters should not become a subordinate factor in the general organization.

We are all looking forward to reunion banquet in June. Many old girls have already sent word that they will be here. Prospects for new girls next year are unusually good. We have another new pledgling, Jean Bray; making three—all of whom we expect next year.

Gamma—Madison, Wis.

GREETINGS to every Gamma Phi from Gamma chapter. We have the same old story to tell you this time of work, work, work, but by way of a surprise we have another chapter to add. During the lenten season we were very quiet, but returning from our easter vacations we made up for all lost time before settling down for the final struggle of the last semester.

One April afternoon the active chapter met the Madison Alumnæ Club at Mrs. Nielson's, on the beautiful lake Men-

dota, and together we passed two hours most pleasantly. Another afternoon, Jessie and Agnes Westlake, two of our pledged girls, entertained the chapter at their home on lake Monona. We sang Gamma Phi songs and we were served with true Gamma Phi refreshments in the double brown.

You sister chapters will be interested to hear of Gamma's formal party given April twenty-fourth. The party in itself was a great success, but more fun than the formal was the house party connected with it. We drove, we went to a ball game, we danced and sang, and finally we pledged five splendid girls who give proof already of the enthusiastic and loyal Gamma Phi's we are going to make of them.

There have been various university functions at which Gamma Phi is always well represented, such as military hops, a naval ball, inter-fraternity parties, and now come the fraternity formals through April and May. In May the national convention of Delta Gamma meets with the Madison chapter, and Gamma hopes at that time to entertain at an afternoon tea. Delta Gamma has invited us to meet the delegates on the afternoon of May thirteenth at Library hall.

Early in April, Florence Shaw, Wilhelmina Case and Adah Grandy, all '02 girls, came back to visit us. In fraternity meeting one evening they said: "Girls, Gamma Phi is certainly booming." And so it is. But what better can an old girl say to cheer up the younger ones into whose hands the sacred keeping of the sorority has been entrusted? Yes, Gamma is flourishing proudly and her only wish is that all the chapters are as happy.

Delta—Boston, Mass.

WITH Delta, the days of this last semester have passed swifter than a weaver's shuttle. We have been very busy with many things,—principally the class-day election. Atossa Thomas was elected to the class-day committee and to Alice Richardson was given the valedictorian honor. There

was great rivalry between the fraternities and we felt that we were very fortunate in having two representatives.

Beta Theta Pi gave us a party at their rooms soon after the beginning of the semester. Although the rain poured in torrents, we had a very delightful time. Mrs. Grabow (Florine Courtwright) chaperoned us.

Mrs. Grabow gave us a lovely little afternoon party at the Lenox; only the chapter girls were present and we had a charming time. We competed in writing odes to Boston University men and Eleanor Leonard won the prize.

We have given teas to both the fraternities—Theta Delta Chi and Beta Theta Pi, and also our annual tea to the Gamma Phi mothers. Immediately after the mothers' tea, we gave our play. It was Howell's "A Likely Story," and was very well received. Martha Hersom, Bessie Gordon, Rachel Bessom, and Bessie Drew took the women's parts and Mr. Darcey the roles of the men. Before the play Eleanor Leonard sang, Mr. William Sander played the violin and Helen Flanders and Mr. Carl Staples gave a mandolin duet. After the performance we had a little rushing party at the rooms for four girls who intend to enter next fall.

May fifteenth Delta gives her annual spring banquet at the Lenox. The toast mistress is to be Mrs. S. Edgar Whitaker (Edith Wilder) and the following toast list is to be given: "The Men," Atossa Thomas; "The Faculty," Helen Flanders; "The Way of a Man With a Maid," Edna Dunning; "The Little Foxes that Spoil the Vines," Martha Hersom; "The Gifts of Gamma Phi," Bessie Gordon; "Duxbury," Mary Shepherd; "Myself when young did eagerly frequent Doctor and Sage, and heard great argument," Katharine Aldrich Whiting, and the year's History, Esther Willard Bates. No guests are to be invited to the following reception, and we know it will be as delightful as Gamma Phi spring banquets always are.

Epsilon — Evanston, Ill.

IN this, her record contribution to THE CRESCENT, Epsilon wishes to thank her sister chapters for the pleasure which she received from reading their interesting letters. We enjoyed every one and felt especially happy and pleased after reading the one from Kappa. Aside from giving us a great deal of pleasure, THE CRESCENT also brought us true satisfaction. When we read what Gamma Phi has done and is doing, we feel that our ever-increasing pride in our sorority is indeed justifiable.

Epsilon has given but one social function since March, and that was our annual formal dancing party which we gave at the Evanston Boat Club on the 18th of April, and which we all feel was no insignificant event in northwestern life. We Seniors spent a great deal of *thought* and the Freshmen spent a great deal of *time* upon the decorations, and we were quite satisfied with the results. As this party is the one event of the year when the sororities attempt to entertain on a large scale, we exerted all our powers to make it a brilliant success. Jessie MacFarlane, one of our girls, composed a Gamma Phi Beta waltz for the occasion, and this unusual feature, together with the return of many of our dear "old girls," made us consider this year's party a great success.

In searching the past few months for facts for my letter, I noted with pride that Epsilon has had her share of college honors. We feel that we have a "true" journalist in our chapter; for Harriet Durham, one of our Seniors, has held two very desirable and pleasantly conspicuous positions in the literary life of the university. One, the local editorship of *The Northwestern*, the college weekly, and the other—the coveted position of editor-in-chief of the annual *Woman's Edition* of that same magazine.

Epsilon sends her affectionate greetings to all her sisters and eagerly awaits THE CRESCENT.

Zeta — Baltimore, Md.

THERE are few things of importance to report from Zeta, as the last two months have been filled with hard work, and then too rushing and pledging are all over with us in the fall.

The most exciting event of the winter was a tea at the home of Belle Baker, a city girl, to which only men were invited. It was the first affair of that kind since our convention reception last year. Notwithstanding the fact that it was given in the afternoon and the house was just outside town, the men seemed to think the pleasure worth the trouble to get there. The tea was in every way a great success, and Zeta has decided that a little more time should be given to outside social affairs. A number of the girls who lived too far away to go home for Easter, decided to stay together in town, but this plan was soon changed to one to go to Asbury Park, N. J. About ten girls went and this second one of Zeta's house-parties did not fall short of the reputation established by the first. The girls stayed at a new hotel, and the unsophisticated manager gave up the management for ten days to a crowd of girls who had decided to do nothing but sleep, and who did everything but that. In fact, to be brief it would be wiser to tell the things they did not do instead of the ones they did.

A crowd of Yale men joined the party toward the end of the week, and judging from the smiling masculine countenances on some of the Kodak pictures, they did not enjoy it any less than the girls.

Soon after the crowd returned to Baltimore, a loving cup arrived, inscribed: "To Gamma Phi Beta from Yale." Several side trips were taken to others of the delightful places along the coast, including tally-ho rides to Lakewood and Long Branch.

College closes the last of May and then comes our trip down on the "Eastern shore" for a week before we separate for the summer.

We always hope that in our summer travels over the country we may meet some one wearing the crescent, and though we are not often so fortunate, a few of us who will be north this summer, are still living in hopes of doing that.

Zeta wishes to every Gamma Phi the jolliest kind of a vacation, and hopes that each one may return in the fall more firm than ever in the conviction that the best thing of all is to be a "Gamma Phi forever!"

Eta — Berkeley, Cal.

GREETINGS from Eta. We are all glad to have THE CRESCENT again as a means of telling you what we have been doing recently. This is the time of year when we are all very busy with our college work. No one entertains during Lent, except for very small affairs. We have done no entertaining at all since the first month of college.

Tallulah LeConte has again distinguished herself in college dramatics. She took the leading role in a comedy given under the direction of the Senior class. The honors of the day went to her, and Gamma Phi Beta shone in the reflected light. At the recent election of officers for the Associated Women Students, Miss LeConte was unanimously chosen first vice-president for the coming year. She will have supervision over all the athletics among the college girls. Two of our sophomores are on the editorial staff of the 1905 *Blue and Gold*, the college annual.

The nicest thing that has happened to us this year is the establishing of our Alumnæ chapter. The alumnæ organization is a great power behind the active chapter. It is very much worth while to have an enthusiastic Alumnæ chapter to advise us when we are in doubt and to support us always.

The most exciting event in the college world for this term will be the coming of President Roosevelt to deliver the commencement address in May.

Once in our college annual it was said that Γ. Φ. Β. meant Grieving For Boys. We are beginning to fear that it may be true, for we have no marriages nor engagements to announce for this year.

We celebrate our anniversary this week by our usual luncheon in San Francisco, where we come together again to rejoice in Gamma Phi.

The best of good wishes to you all.

Theta — Denver, Colo.

WHY is it that the spring term is always more strenuous than the other two? Everyone takes more work then, though it is just the time when he imagines himself least able to do it. The annual is hurried out, the boys worry over base ball and track meets, the Seniors fuss up an Arbor Day programme and fall back on Shakespeare for Class Day, and Theta, at any rate, postpones her entertaining until after Easter.

Just at the beginning of the spring term two of our alumnae, Mrs. Moore of Zeta, and Lindsey Barbee, '99, entertained the chapter, active and alumnae, at the home of Mrs. Moore, where we had one of the jolliest times of the season. It might be mentioned in passing that Theta is particularly happy in her alumnae, who can be counted upon to stand by the active chapter under all circumstances.

The only social function that Theta has given as yet this term was an evening reception to Kappa Sigma. We call affairs of this kind "parties," and have a good time at them, even if dancing is not allowed. We have two more to give before commencement, one to Beta Theta Pi, the other to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Since our last letter to THE CRESCENT was written we have added two more names to the roll call of Theta. Emma Laubman, '05, became a Gamma Phi some weeks ago, and we initiated Blossom Henry, '06, on April twenty-fifth.

As this is the last chapter letter of the year, it might be as well to give a short summary of our work. The chapter has been small, but singularly united. Of the sixteen in last year's active chapter only six remained when college opened in September. We now number ten and have three pledges to help us along for next year. We haven't known the word "flunk." Our members have occupied positions of trust and importance in the school. And now, hoping we haven't said too boastful a say, we bid good bye to our sisters until we have the pleasure of welcoming them at convention next September.

Iota — New York, N. Y.

FROM her college on the hilltop above Hudson's waters, the girls of Iota send their spring messages of greeting to the dear sisters far and near.

Since the last issue of THE CRESCENT we have held our regular initiation, and we take the greatest pleasure in letting our three lively Freshmen, Hazel Plate, Edna Stitt and Ethel Knox, make their first bow before our little Greek world. We had our initiation ceremonies and banquet at the St. Andrew's Hotel, and spent a very delightful afternoon. We had the pleasure of entertaining at this time Mrs. Holt, (Mabel Brown, Theta, 1902) who was on her wedding trip in the East. The presence of several of the New York Alumnæ chapter also helped to make the festive occasion more enjoyable.

As to the merits of our little Freshmen sisters they are numerous. Hazel Plate and Ethel Knox both took part in the Freshman play, while Edna Stitt was one of the first Freshman members of the Undergraduate Tea Committee. Hazel Plate is also the historian of her class. On the whole, we have no fear for Gamma Phi's representation in 1906, for our beloved order will have no more loyal supporters than these three.

Iota has been most fortunate in having added to the list of active members Florence Heermans, Alpha ; in addition we have had several visitors at our chapter meetings. Mrs. Dinsmore, Syracuse Alumnæ was with us one afternoon a short time ago, and Mary E. M. Liscom and Florence Marshall, Delta, attended our monthly evening meeting in April. We do enjoy these visits so much, and wish that more of the sisters would come our way.

We are looking forward to holding our spring banquet in the near future. It will probably be in the nature of a picnic in the woods across the Hudson. After the finals are over, we intend to celebrate with a small and early dance in the college theatre. This will be the last social gathering of the year.

While 1903 will take from us four of our girls, one at least, Harriet Daniells intends to remain in the city and we hope to see her very often. When the vacation months have passed, late September will see all our undergraduate girls back ready to begin the rushing season in good earnest.

Now with best wishes for a happy restful summer, at seashore, in the mountains or wherever they may be, to each and every Gamma Phi.

Kappa—Minneapolis, Minn.

KAPPA of Gamma Phi Beta to all the sister chapters—
Greeting :

It is needless to say that we were overjoyed at the arrival of the first number of *THE CRESCENT*. We have seen the other sorority girls buried deep in the pages of their quarterlies with much envy, and we here extend to the board of editors our most hearty thanks that our own publication has appeared again.

Its contents were very interesting, especially the convention account, and the chapter letters were full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

Kappa is very happy to report this time four new sisters. Ethel Hall '03, Eleanor Grace Eaton '06, Katharine Malinda Taney '06, all of St. Paul, and Alice Williams Redfield '04 of Minneapolis. They were initiated April 4th at the home of Ruth Spear.

On Saturday, April 18th, our five Freshmen entertained us at a very nice lunch in the chapter room. It was a great success and we all had a fine time.

Exchange of entertainment among the sororities is becoming quite common in our college of late. The Kappa Kappa Gammas gave a lunch in their rooms, to which representatives of all the other sororities were invited, and on April 20th the Kappa Alpha Theta Freshmen entertained the other Freshmen Greeks at an afternoon party. We are very glad to see this spirit of friendliness developing here, for it has been sadly lacking.

Our college year is drawing to a close and our thoughts are reaching out to next year's beginning. We are planning to do some hard rushing, and we are going in to win. Rushing is practically over in our college by the middle of October and sometimes by the first of that month.

As many of our girls spend the summer in the cities or at the lakes close by, we expect to get together from time to time during vacation.

This year we intend to bring to a close with a jolly house party at Lake Minnetonka, where we will make the shores ring with Gamma Phi songs, feast on peanuts and olives to our hearts' content, and try to forget for a little while, at least, that we are losing four dear Seniors, three of whom were charter members, all of whom are most faithful members and workers for Gamma Phi.

We look back over this, our first year as Greeks, with much satisfaction on the whole. Of course there have been many disappointments, many new and trying experiences, but we have kept together and stood by each other through

everything, learning thereby the true spirit of our sisterhood and the blessings it brings.

Wishing you all a happy summer and the best of success for the beginning of next year, we will say good bye till we all come together again in the next number of **THE CRES-
CENT.**

Boston

BOSTON Alumnæ Chapter sends greeting to her sister chapters for the second time in this year of our Lord nineteen-hundred-and-three.

As usual, the veracious chronicler of small beer finds the beer so small as to require a microscope to make its component parts at all visible. By dint of applying her eye to the opening, however, and gazing fixedly within, she is enabled to perceive two dark spots, one large and the other small. Still closer scrutiny reveals the fact that these two spots are not solid masses, as at first appeared, but are composed of numerous girlkins in a state of considerable effervescence; indeed from the larger mass rises a confused but quite audible chatter, while the smaller body also emits a faint murmur. A stronger glass would show the members of the smaller spot gathered about two centres. From the rosy light proceeding from one we may assume it to be an open fire-place, around which several female forms are grouped, while the savory odor ascending from the other informs the smeller that here in a chafing-dish are concocting delicious but deadly "dream cakes" (recipe furnished by their perpetrator, Miss Clapp—whose father, be it whispered low, is a doctor!) and other delights of that ilk. The other spot is in rather more violent motion, for here two chafing-dishes are in full blast and attendant sprites fly hither and yon at the beck of the Priestesses of the Tripod; also to furnish pabulum to the group in the other room, who are too busy talking to evince a lively interest in the neighboring culinary concoctions.

Which being interpreted, states the fact that since the last issue of THE CRESCENT, Boston Chapter has had two delightful luncheon meetings, one at the ever-hospitable Gamma Phi quarters on Ashburton Place, and the other at the home of Mrs. Frank Wren (May Ingraham) at Tufts College. No dreaded business shadowed either festivity, and Gamma Phi friendship and jollity furnished the only entertainment. We were especially glad to welcome in our circle at May Wren's, two or three of the girls who, for the last few years, have not been able to foregather with us. We are now looking forward with eagerness to our next good time — the spring banquet on May 15th at the Lenox, where, foregoing our custom of the last few years, we are to forswear a formal reception after the dinner, and, forsaking all others, to cleave utterly unto each other. Won't some of you sisters join us there? You will find the true Gamma Phi spirit of love and welcoming hospitality and — we are sure — not grudge us for this once the egotism of our toast song,

“Jolly daughters of Gamma Phi,
Gathered from far and near,
Lift your lemonade glass on high,
And drink to her long career.
Delta's *the* chapter, we all say,
Dear old Hub is the town,
So drink a glass to her birthday —
Drink it down—down—down!”

because, you see, we vary the last two lines, etc.

“Jolliest girls in all B. U.
Wear fawn and brown!”

and we know you'll agree with us there.

Wishing the sisters all possible good things, including summer rest and gladness, we are

Loyally,

BOSTON CHAPTER.

Chicago

GREETINGS to all!

As letters of importance often reach the Chicago Chapter just after a meeting, and must thereby wait a whole month before submission to the chapter, I wish to state now, in the hope that it will catch the eye of those interested, that our meetings are regularly held the second Saturday of every month.

The questions concerning Alumnæ Chapters called forth animated discussion in today's meeting. We think that in Gamma Phi there *should* not be any clash between the Greek Letter chapters and the alumnæ. Thus far the attitude of the alumnæ has been a retired one, submitting to the college chapters the decision of questions affecting them personally, such as the continuation of the magazine, rushing regulations, dates of convention, etc. As to a more satisfactory adjustment of power, we have not considered the subject sufficiently to have any suggestion to make at present.

The girls are glad that THE CRESCENT has taken up this interesting and important subject, the discussion of which will be of good to all. We look with interest to the next issue.

Milwaukee

THE Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter sends greeting. We have been getting along very nicely since you last heard from us, although we have nothing especially interesting to tell. We have added but one new member to our number, Miss Mabel Walker of Racine, a member of Gamma, but our charter members are very loyal and have attended the monthly meetings regularly.

We have been interested in hearing about the Denver Convention, and also in seeing the application from Washington. We are pleased to know that Gamma has recently pledged some Milwaukee girls, whom we hope soon to entertain and learn to know.

The best of good wishes for all the chapters.

New York

IN College to the Sorority girl, her sorority is the centre of her social life. There are the teas and receptions, rushing victories and college honors. All of which make interesting a chapter letter.

But when we have left the college world, most of us find ourselves in a world even busier. Our chapter must be one of many social interests—though one dearer than most.

In New York we are too far away from each other and too busy to meet often. So when we do meet, we have so much to say to each other, that we need no device of entertainment. We enjoy ourselves best "just visiting."

On March seventh, Mrs. W. E. Palmer, (Alice Hoyt) opened her home in Fairmount Ave., Newark, for our meeting. About twenty were present. Mrs. Gweth (Austiana Taylor) brought with her her youngest daughter Miss Gertrude. Mrs. Palmer is a delightful hostess and all left with pleasant memoirs and pretty souvenirs of the afternoon in New Jersey.

Several of the chapter attended the Iota initiation and banquet at St. Andrew's Hotel, Seventy-second Street, and Broadway. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Our last meeting for this year will be on May second, with Mrs. Dawson.

Would it not be better for the Alumnæ Chapters at least to send but one letter each year? All the news should then be sent for the personals. The space thus gained could then be given to a poem or an article that would be of interest to college women. This is not a chapter suggestion, but one made by several of the girls, and in hope that it may meet with favor.

San Francisco

THE San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter is pleased to make its first bow to all the Alumnæ and Greek Letter chapters.

While new in name, it is old in years, for since May, 1898, there has been an organization known as the Alumnæ of Eta Chapter, to which we invited all the Gamma Phis we knew whenever we had a meeting, and these were not few and far between either. We have had teas and social meetings and luncheon to the Seniors, and all who live about the bay have enjoyed immensely the invitation to the Christmas tree, when Santa Claus opened all sorts of bundles, which were found to contain anything from silverware to rugs and chairs from the various classes for the sorority house. At convention time we gave a reception and dance to the delegates at Hearst Hall.

But now so many of the girls from other chapters are coming to make San Francisco their homes, that it was decided best to become more than local, and here we are, a new chapter. Our list of members includes E. Crossley Lewis of Beta, Eunice Gray of Gamma, Edna Iliff Briggs and Florence Freuler of Theta, to say nothing of the many Eta girls. Our first meeting was well attended, though we expect to have the largest attendance at Christmas time, when we are planning to have a house party at the sorority house. One held last year was such a success that the few that were there have made us decide to make our annual meeting one of unusual merriment.

As yet we do not know how we will spend our vacation, though we wish that we might have the jolly time we had last summer. About a dozen of the alumnæ and active chapter joined the Sierra Club and went on the outing to the King's River Canon. Many of the girls were among the number who climbed Mt. Brewer, a peak 13,800 feet high.

Greetings to all the Gamma Phis from San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter.

Syracuse

SYRACUSE Alumnae sends greetings to all. Since the last issue of THE CRESCENT we have had two of our monthly gatherings. The first, on March seventh, with Genevieve Ostrander Porter and the second on April eleventh, with Mary Whitford. Before this reaches you we shall meet on May second with Lucy Yates Manning. Two of our old girls have been back to visit in the city: Martha Schultze Chandler came from New York a few weeks ago, and this week Mary Whitford entertained Alice Bannister Race whose home is now in Tennessee. In June we shall hope to see many from out of town at our spring reunion. This year we are planning to have an old-fashioned picnic just out of the city, instead of the usual Alumnae luncheon in town. The place of meeting is the old homestead belonging to the mother of Cora Willard Frederick, which has been the scene of many Gamma Phi affairs both active and alumnae. If all goes well, June sixth will see us there once more—the Alumnae chapters and the seniors who are to join us. We should be only too glad to have girls with us from other chapters, and hope that some of you may plan to be with us if you are coming our way. We send you all the best of wishes for a pleasant summer, and hope for much good news for THE CRESCENT in the fall.

Personals

Alpha

Miss Rosita Munro, '05, sails for Vienna on June 17, and expects to study music there for a year.

Miss Genevieve Wilson, ex. '04, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health, and is spending a year at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Verne Weston, ex. '04, to Dr. Daniel Wilton Driver of New York City.

Miss Louise Knapp, '05, was elected as delegate to the annual convention at Wilkesbarre, Pa., by the Y. W. C. A. of Syracuse University.

Miss Leola Jermy, '03, and Miss Elizabeth Smalley have been elected to membership in Eta Pi Upsilon, an honorary Senior society.

Beta

Caroline Johnstone, pledged, from Alpha will spend May festival week, and probably part of June with us.

Professor Anna May Soule, '96, head of the Constitutional History department in Mt. Holyoke College, will speak at the May festival of the New England and Mass. Woman's Suffrage Association in Faneuil Hall, Boston, May 28. She will also speak before the New York State Alumnae Association of Mt. Holyoke, which is to meet soon in New York.

Anne den Blycker, pledged, from Kalamazoo, expects to visit us during May festival.

Margaret MacGregory, '03, will sail shortly after Commencement, with her mother, to spend the summer abroad.

Jean Mitchell, '02, who has been spending the winter in France and England, is now in Vienna, and expects to return to America some time next fall.

Carrie Hosie, '02, and Elizabeth Rider, '03, have made us flying visits during the year.

Katharine F. Ballantine, who completed her college work in February, will return in June and attend reunion banquet.

Gamma

Maud Hyser, of Kappa of Gamma Phi Beta, came down from Minneapolis for the Formal Party, April twenty-fourth.

Other guests during March and April were Helen Louise Alban ('93) of Epsilon, Mrs. Walter Drew (Georgie Virgin) '96 of our own chapter, and Mrs. Earl Anderson (Ethel Dow) '98 now of Stoughton, Wis.

Mrs. Winton and Mrs. Kreutzer, both charter members of Gamma chapter are spending the winter with their children, at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dorothea Curtis is visiting Mrs. Joseph Jackson, a Gamma Phi pledgling, at Ranch 777 Williston, North Dakota

Delta

Claribel Moulton, ex-'90, who has been, for the past five years, in the Woburn High School, is now in charge of the French Department in the Springfield High School.

We are glad to welcome to the vicinity of the Hub Besie Louise Nichols, '98, who is teaching in the Hyde Park High School.

A new recruit to the future ranks of Gamma Phi Beta has appeared in the person of Elizabeth, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Edward L. Thorndike (Elizabeth J. Moulton, '00) of Columbia.

Delta has four engagements to announce :

Bertha Louise Junkins, A.B. '98, A.M. '99 to Mr. Frank E. Kneeland of New York City.

Agnes M. Morse, ex-'98, to Mr. Warren C. Jackson.

Minerva Louise Mills, ex-'93, to Mr. Bemis of Fall River.

Viola Brett Russel, '00, to Mr. Ernest Robinson.

On May 7th Louise Huntley Barbour, ex-'02, was married to Rev. Randall Capen of Madison, Wis.

January 20th, Ethel Louise Windle was married to Leslie Reid Skinner. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are now living in Valparaiso, Ind.

Mabel Johnson, '03, and Earl McCrury of Lincoln, Neb. are to be married in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berry (Grace Lasher) are now living in Evanston, much to the delight of Epsilon.

Ruth E. Work, '04, expects to spend the summer in Cambridge, Mass., attending summer school.

Ethel Work of Kappa, has entered Northwestern. Epsilon welcomes her.

Beta

Mary G. Webb, '04, has won the Scholarship for a table in the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Hole, Mass., for this summer.

The engagement is announced of Ruth Truax '01, Chicago, to Mr. George Nagle of St Louis, one of the architects of the St. Louis Exposition. The wedding will take place in June.

Marie Conner, '00, Frances Conner, '02, and Blanche Conner, '05, have moved from Harrisburg, Pa., to Altoona, Pa.,

and Myra Manifold, '05, expects to leave York, Pa., and come to Baltimore to live shortly.

Eta

Two of Eta's girls have been married recently. Rachel Vrooman, '95, became Mrs. Wm. E. Colby, and Mary Bowers is now Mrs. Wm. Bray, and she is living in Nevada City.

Marguerite Campbell, '03, is at home in Joliet, Illinois.

Nellie E. Mott, '95, is traveling abroad, and Charlotte Hoffman, '99, is going to Zurich in May. Florence Senger, '05, is absent from college this year and traveling in Germany.

Grace Wilson, '95, who has been ill, had to give up her school at Pacific Grove, but hopes to return next August.

Edna Faith Wyckoff, '02, is teaching Latin in the Paso Robles High School in Southern California.

Theta

Mrs. Mabel Brown Holt of Silverton, is ill with typhoid fever, in New York.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ella Jamison to Mr. Sanderson, a mining engineer of Denver.

Beatrice Brown, '05, is not in school this term.

Rappa

Mary and Agnes Ives have returned from St. Paul to Minneapolis, in the near neighborhood of the University.

Mrs. E. H. Crooker, (Louise L. Jones) has returned from an extended rest in New York.

Mrs. J. F. Downey (Margaret E. Downey) spent part of the winter in Missouri.

Agnes Shirwin Ives has been elected to the University Dramatic Club.

Chicago

Eva Hill Lewis of Mexico City, is visiting her old home in Chicago, to be there until the middle of June.

Harriet Taylor Summers has a little son, born February 7th.

New York

Mrs. Hope Woodbury Gibson is spending some months abroad.

Mrs. John Lyon Caughey, with her daughter Margaret Elizabeth, has been visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Strayer, in Morsemere Park, N. J. Mrs. Strayer very pleasantly entertained a few of Olive's college friends at a luncheon in her house.

Miss Winterburn of New York, is to spend the summer traveling in Europe.