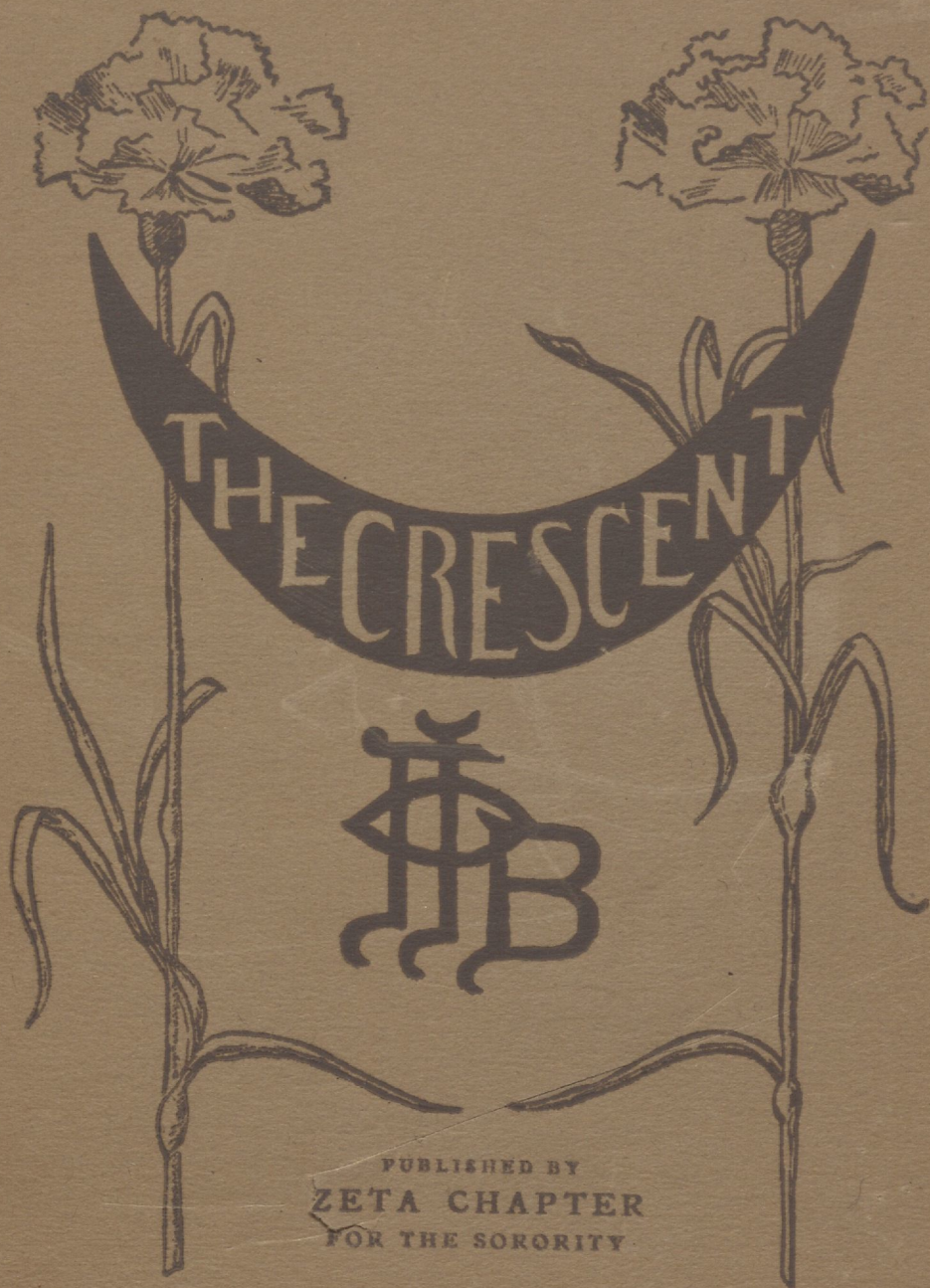


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A Gamma Phi House Party.

BY HELEN BROWN, ZETA.

Oh! how would you like to be I,
Member of dear old Gamma Phi?
I can tell you girls
There's no frat. up to her.
She's the only thing college boasts,
So raise your glasses and give her a toast—
Here's to dear old Gamma Phi;
She's the real, real thing.

ONLY the real, real thing could have made such a successful exit from the scene of toiling and flunking. (Excuse me, Gamma Phis never flunk, of course.) Those who know what it is to be interested in particular Freshmen, can imagine with what a will we sang this song as we drove away in the tally-ho, leaving some of the particular Freshmen to clamber in from the fire escapes where they had risked life and limb in order to bid a more individual farewell than would otherwise be possible from the all ready crowded windows; leaving others to restore the dinner bell to its accustomed place since its loud music could no longer appeal to the desired ears.

After a ride of fifteen miles or so, we came to the country house which was to be our home for three days, just in time to help unload the extra provisions which has required another vehicle, and to prepare the informal feast for which we were all ready. Strange to say, we retired early that night, for our minds were so full of schemes for the morrow that we wanted all our energy to carry them out. But, whoever has slept with six in a room, knows that it is impossible to drop off to sleep as the head touches the pillow, or to sleep many consecutive hours, and on the other hand, that it is rather foolish to indulge in confidences with your nearest neighbor, for one may be surprised at

the end of your most confident confidence by a smothered giggle from some supposed-to-be-asleep listener. At one o'clock several restless ghosts were flitting about the halls and when they returned to seek their resting places, neither that nor their shrouds were to be found. In other words, the first night was, and always is, a restless one.

Nevertheless, no one seemed to lack energy and spirits when Saturday dawned, for bright and early, out came sweaters, tams and kodaks and the owners explored the country round—scrambling over fences, running down the lanes like children out of school—as indeed, we felt, for it seemed a long time since we had left study and routine behind us and all together spent a holiday out in the country. The country looked more beautiful than ever, too, for the leaves had turned to red and yellow and brown. We had planned for the day a long tally-ho ride to the bay. It was just the sort of a day to hunt chestnuts, eat our luncheon in the open field and take pictures along the shore. This we did, and had such a good time that we sang all the way home, and loudest of all were the Gamma Phi songs. The farmers, children and old colored folk that stopped to stare at us as we went by, didn't know what Gamma Phi meant, and the old farmer announced at his festive board that night: "Wal, I wish I knowed what that there 'Jammy fy' they wuz a singin' about. It made 'em all look so happy and they wuz enjoyin' it so much, mebbe I could afford to git it for the children."

That night we had our fraternity meeting and each girl felt, I think, that among the greatest pleasures of our house party, was to be numbered the fact that we were all together and all Gamma Phis—away from everything and everyone that might worry—away, too, from the particular Freshmen, for even they worry one sometimes.

Next day, an uncle to one of our girls, arrived, a regular fairy godfather, for although we had taken care to bring a tempting lot of provisions, we were not loth to sit down to a hot turkey dinner "with all the fixins'." And I think we might be pardoned

for having cut church that day, to stroll through the woods taking a picture at every picturesque spot, resting in each hay stack that we came across, and when we chanced upon a little pavilion with a real elevated platform, or having a trial of the culprits who were supposed to have stolen and eaten a valuable cake. The judge did not prove relentless, nor were the culprits completely overcome by their sentence. We all felt that we must make the most of every minute of our last night, so we did not imitate our first evening and retire early. That it, we, with the exception of one girl who, while escaping pursuit with a stolen quilt mistook the opening of the cellar stairs for a safe hiding place, and consequently determined rather suddenly not to join us that evening. Sitting around the open fire in warm kimonas, we popped corn, pulled taffy and set the chafing dish going while we talked of the fun we had been having.

We drove back to work next morning still singing our song and the prospect of work again did not seem so hard with the memory of the good times we had had at our Gamma Phi house party.



California's Colors.

GRETA D. AUGUSTINE, ETA.

BLUE and gold are everywhere conspiring. Here along the road side wild violets group themselves with wee star flowers; from out this fern hedge a tuft of California golden-rod raises a shaggy head, and so close that the yellow pollen lies on its satin petals a purple iris has opened wide. The marsh-carpet below carries the colors across the valley, where the low hills mark their curves in yellow buttercups and the copper-gold of poppies, and where soft purple-blues of lupin and brodiaea temper the gaudy show. Even the afternoon sky takes up the harmonious theme, for dusted across its luminous richly shaded blue float sheerest ribbons of gold.

Impressions from Convention.

A DELEGATE, ZETA.

THE time for the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was yet twenty-four hours distant when the eager delegates began to arrive at the Union Station in Denver, ready to enjoy every minute of their stay among our loyal Western Gamma Phis. However, our hostesses were not in the least disconcerted by these early arrivals but began at once to plan for the pleasure and comfort of their guests. The time that intervened between our arrival and the beginning of the attractive program that had been prepared for us, was most pleasantly and profitably spent in calling on Denver friends, becoming acquainted with the city, with the Theta girls, and with each other.

Tuesday evening we all met together for the first time at the Beta Theta Pi house, where the first "event," the initiation of one more girl into Theta's ranks, was to take place. This part of the program must, of course, be passed over in these pages, but each of my Gamma Phi sisters can picture the evening to herself and can appreciate the feeling that bound us close together at this, the very beginning of convention week.

Wednesday morning we met at the Adams Hotel, the convention headquarters, for our first business session. The Denver weather, of which we had all heard so much, at first seemed inclined to sulk at the presence of so many expectant visitors, but by noon it was wheedled into fairly good behavior, perhaps by the anxious faces of the Theta girls and by rumors of a coaching party for that afternoon.

Shortly after one o'clock we adjourned to a private dining room, where we were served a most delicious luncheon. One of the girls remarked that "she was as hungry as if she had been going to classes all forenoon," and the rest of us echoed her sentiment in actions if not in words.

After we left the dining room we found that the coach was ready, and it was unanimously agreed that the short business session which was to have preceded the coaching party be omitted. Our ride gave us the best possible opportunity of seeing Denver, and we had a jolly time, too, singing songs and giving yells, and talking as if we had always known each other. Just as we were all beginning to feel a little cold and subdued the coach stopped before the pleasant home of Mrs. Young, and we were all ushered into the warm rooms, where hot chocolate was served and every trace of chilliness was soon banished. It was dark when we were left at our stopping places, and we had just time enough to eat our dinners and dress for the reception and dance which the Theta girls gave for us that evening.

Thursday morning the business session was held at the Beta Theta Pi house which had been gallantly vacated for the week. At noon some of Theta's freshmen and pledges served a very delightful buffet luncheon, which was followed by another business session. You can imagine how interesting this session must have been, for in spite of the "sing" which had been planned for four o'clock at the Gamma Phi Beta Club House, we didn't adjourn until after five. Nevertheless we took time to go over and visit the little club house, and it must have been much gratified by the amount of sincere praise it received. It certainly is a dear place, beautifully furnished, with a pleasant, homelike air that suggests the Gamma Phi fellowship to which it is accustomed. The spacious tennis courts and croquet grounds that surround the "lodge" make it seem smaller than it really is and remind us of the open-air life that our Western sisters live.

Thursday evening we realized how fortunate it was for us that Theta had such loyal friends, for the dance which the Kappa Sigma fraternity gave at the Montclair Country Club was delightful in every respect.

Friday afternoon a reception was given at the Adams Hotel to college women and other Gamma Phi friends, and it was indeed a very pretty affair.

At seven o'clock we again met at the hotel for our banquet, the last social event of the week, and I think we were all glad that an extra business session had been called for Saturday morning and that this was not to be our farewell meeting. The banquet was a success from the minute we sat down and exclaimed with delight at the dainty toast programs, until the last toast had been given and the last song sung.

Saturday need not be mentioned here. It was simply one big "good-bye" and "promise to write" as we parted from our newly but firmly-made friends and started on our different ways, some for a short stay at Colorado Springs and others, less fortunate, back to the college halls they had left a week before, each with a heart full of gratitude to Theta and a sense of new strength and union in our national Gamma Phi.



Another Day.

BY ALICE AILEEN HIGGINS, EPSILON.

The mist with shadow fingers gray,
Lifts ghost-like at the glow of dawn.
Over the moorlands, echoes stay
The wakened voices, faint with dreams—
Threads through the forest's darkened screen,
A shifting gleam of growing light;
Close-wrapped in sheath of pale leaf-green
The flower-petals hide their flame.

The grasses low are slowly fanned
In motion by insistent winds.
The limpid dew in silver strand,
Beads for the morn a rosary.
Shrived, through his tears the watcher sees
His votive taken for the night.
Burn out—and lifts his head to greet
The promise of the morning light.

The Ideal Gamma Phi Beta.

BY ALICE AILEEN HIGGINS, EPSILON.

THE ideal Gamma Phi Beta gets a strong hold of specific ideas, and works them out in her life. She does not drift. She *creates*. She stands for something definite. She allows one bit of philosophy to dominate her life, "the only ideal spectator of conduct is the ideal self." She cares more about standing unashamed before her ideal self than before the world. She would rather be at peace with herself, and know she is right, than *seem* to be what she is not and stand in a favorable light in the eyes of other people. She does not bow to the god of her neighbor's opinion. She has well-defined ideas of her own, and quietly stands for them in her life.

She has a thoroughly cosmopolitan air. She is at home anywhere and everywhere. She begins to acquire this in college by becoming in touch with other circles than that of her own sorority.

She has a refined gentleness, which is evident in her every movement. She is exquisitely careful of her person. She recognizes the fitness of things in dress, manner and conversation.

She finds the special gift with which nature has endowed her and cultivates that gift. She realizes the obligation of giving, which is placed upon each member of a social group—and her presence is at once a delight and a benefit.

In her attitude toward men she shows she will not cheapen her sweet womanliness by intimate association with those of mediocre type. The so-called popularity gained by clever scheming so prevalent in college circles, she passes over as not worth her while.

She is sensible of her own weaknesses and conquers them by constant effort. She "walks amidst the universe its friend,—at home with life, acquaint with death, facing her stretch of day, her night, her end,—learning new wonder with each rising breath."

Is it not worth our while to grow nearer her image?

Song.

(To the tune of Isabelle.)

BY MARTHA SCHULTZE CHANDLER, ALPHA.

Songs are sung
 In every tongue
 About societies old and young;
 Some declare,
 And that's not fair,
 Their's is far beyond compare;
 But all concede,
 And we're agreed,
 There's only one that takes the lead;
 Shout it high,
 The joyful cry,
 Hurrah for Gamma Phi!

The girls of Gamma Phi are always in for fun,
 The glories added to her name are only just begun;
 In every college honor she can take her part,
 And Gamma Phi has captured every heart.

CHORUS.

Then give three cheers, sound her praises to the sky;
 Oh! Gamma Phi, for thee we'd die;
 And when at last to the better land we fly,
 We hope to meet you and greet you on high, Gamma Phi!

Great success
 Our path doth bless,
 Makes us rather proud, I guess;
 Hear us say,
 Every day,
 Things are coming right our way;
 Freshmen bright,
 Out of sight,
 Pledge at once in great delight;
 So we cry,
 With spirits high,
 Hurrah for Gamma Phi!

The girls of Gamma Phi are always glad to eat.
 A peanut and an olive spread will make our joy complete;
 And when the boys come 'round a serenade to bring,
 Then underneath our windows hear them sing.

Toast to Kappa Chapter.

(To the tune of Bullard's Stein Song.)

WORDS BY EDITH C. TODD, '01.

Come ye Kappas, daughters loyal,
Praise the bonds you hold most dear;
Sing the life that's more than royal,
Wish our chapter health and cheer.

CHORUS—Here's long life to our chapter,
May joy and content be round her,
May peace live within her,
May discord ne'er come nigh,
May wisdom shine before her,
May truth ever hold sway o'er her.
Long life to our chapter!

Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Minnesota's bands are many,
But the proudest pin we wear,
Moonlight shines o'er all the campus,
But for us most bright and fair.

CHORUS—Here's success to our chapter,
May college with laurel crown her,
May never wane her strong endeavor,
Never fail her purpose high.
May the years coming after
Brim with friendship and work and laughter.
Success to our chapter!

Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Days are passing, years go by us,
Like our river swift and fair.
We'll be day long, life long thankful
For the vows which now we share.

CHORUS—Then here's to our chapter,
May joy and content be round her,
May peace live within her,
May discord ne'er come nigh,
May our love leave her never,
May we some time grow old together,
One chapter forever!

Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Editorials.

THIS issue marks the beginning of a new volume in the life of our sorority and its magazine, THE CRESCENT. While in one way it may be said that THE CRESCENT is in new hands, in another it is just as it formerly was. For is it not truly the instrument of the sorority at large, and to what small degree would it succeed if it fell to the editor alone to provide for it? Our first number, coming at this season, carries with it many resolutions and ambitions to serve dear Gamma Phi in the most efficient way possible.

We greatly appreciate the work that has been done by the former editors in laying so substantial a foundation, and feel that our task would have been Herculean but for the preceding volumes.

To all, as for THE CRESCENT, we wish a prosperous and happy new year, and may we find ourselves as 1904 rolls out more firmly rooted in Gamma Phi Beta and all that it means to us.



THE NEW YEAR.

THE Editor of THE CRESCENT is glad to send this first number at the season of the year when resolutions are in vogue. A new year's greeting, full of joy and best wishes is proffered by us, with the earnest hope that we may serve you throughout the year in a manner worthy of Gamma Phi. While we have tried to make this, our first number, indicative of our

tone and the mission we aim to fill, still it is our first, and like all other beginnings, will bear improvement, and of this no one is more conscious than the editor. However, we gladly accept any criticisms, knowing that they come bearing the Pi Kappa Epsilon of a Gamma Phi. While we extend our good will, which we hope to continue through the year, will our readers not reciprocate in proportion to our efforts to put in this readable form a true reflection of the accomplishments, endeavors, aims and ideals of our sorority? We aspire to broaden our circle of readers, giving them the confidence of growth and increased worth. Though we have sought the reader's good will, still our spirit of felicity is toward all, carrying a joyful new year.



AGORA.

THE CRESCENT should not be the result of the efforts of any single Gamma Phi, or even of the editors. If this were the condition, all our readers would suffer, while the editor was practicing upon them, and the profit cost dearly. We solicit from every one who shares in the spirit of our Sorority an expression of their interest. And how can all contribute and what will they contribute? Surely some have ideals for our fraternity life which they have not seen attained; some look back to their college days as the time of active fraternity life and regret that more was not accomplished along certain lines; some will speak with a kindly criticism; some will present subjects which convention will consider later, while some, with suggestions, will lead us on to a more nearly ideal sorority.

Such a feature of our magazine, will be the "Agora," and we trust a not altogether uninteresting and unprofitable one. But

to live it must receive the support of all, and that inspiration may come to many, is the earnest desire of the editors.



“‘T IS Gamma Phi that bids us strive” to have all our Alumnæ subscribe for THE CRESCENT. Amid the many duties which engross our time, is it not a pleasure for each and all of us to stop when THE CRESCENT, with its memories of our college life, entwined within its pages, comes, and put ourselves again within those halls of learning, where what we learned through Gamma Phi was no small part of our lasting and abiding knowledge. If we do thus banish the present, those of us who are managing THE CRESCENT will be grateful for the subscription, and we hope it will not be long before this quarterly will be a necessity, and that its coming will be looked forward to with real delight. We have made great effort to reach all our alumnæ, and if we have missed any we will be more than glad to send to any who will notify us.



W ITH this first number of Volume IV, we appear in a new cover, designed by Alice Sloane Dimmick, Zeta, to whom we are grateful for the design. Her efforts to combine as many of our symbols as possible, we feel, are not without merit. For her contribution in our endeavor to manage THE CRESCENT, Zeta extends her thanks.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA.

ALPHA sends greetings to her sister chapters. Since the last CRESCENT letter we have been together for nearly half the college year. We miss our last year's Seniors, but their place is well filled by the 1904 girls, of whom there are five. We have six Juniors and six Sophomores. Our Freshmen we do not pledge and initiate until the beginning of the second semester. The four leading sororities and one fraternity here at Syracuse are this year following this same plan, which Gamma Phi Beta inaugurated two years ago.

Alpha suffered a deep loss at the beginning of the year in the death of Carrie Elizabeth Smalley, 1903, daughter of Dean Smalley, of the Liberal Arts College. She graduated last June, with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and was one of our dearest and best loved members. In her memory our pins were draped for sixty days.

Since our first rushing affair in October, a dinner, we have given only a few parties. The real work of rushing will come after Christmas.

On Hallowe'en we gave our annual party, with the usual mystic rites.

Fall banquet was held on the fifth of December in the Chapter House and the fifty-one Gamma Phis present agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable banquets they had ever attended. We usually give it at a hotel, but in the Chapter House we were free to indulge in full our Gamma Phi Beta spirit.

Our toastmistress, Mrs. Martha Schultze Chandler, was ideal, and all the toasts were interesting and clever.

We heard from our convention delegate, Julia Babcock, about those of our sisters whom she had met at Denver, and we seemed to be closer to you by hearing about you from one who had seen your representatives.

Alpha wishes for you the same prosperous year that she desires for herself, and we all join in wishing success to the new management of THE CRESCENT.

BETA.

BETA sends greetings to all her sister chapters and hopes they have had as prosperous a rushing season as she has had.

The rushing this year was done in a very simple and unpretentious manner, but with just as good results as ever before. We gave a progressive dinner and a few informal parties with teas at the homes of the different girls who live in town, and at the end of the rushing we pledged seven fine Freshmen: Marion Brownell, Eugenie Bray, Elizabeth Dodds, Vera Say, Frances Brown, Helen Hoover and Caroline Parker.

Many of the old girls were back for initiation and the banquet was delightful of course. We were so glad to have with us at that time Lucy Babcock, of Alpha.

Our one special function was the annual dance at which we introduced our Freshmen into Ann Arbor society. It was a great usccess—at least according to our way of thinking. Beta did not send a delegate from the active chapter to convention, but Marie Goodman, one of our alumnae, went and enjoyed it immensely, as she wrote.

GAMMA.

GAMMA Chapter extends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that each of them had the good fortune to start out the new year with as bright prospects as she had despite the loss of her six Seniors and of two Sophomores who left the University to attend Eastern colleges.

The opening of the fall session found thirteen of the old girls back in the chapter and two pledglings. After a few days of rather hard rushing we secured five more, making seven in all, and of course Gamma thinks that they are the very pick of the Freshman class. Our initiations took place on Friday, October 28, and Monday, November 13. So it is with greatest pleasure that we introduce to the sorority at large our new sisters: Lorretta Carey, of Sioux City, Iowa; Inez Etter, Monroe, Wis.; Alice Smalley, Chicago, Ill.; Mae Rowe, Plymouth, Wis.; Mae Douglas, Winona, Minn. The other two girls, Jeanette Scott, of Hudson, Wis., and Katherine Swint, of Madison, Wis., will not be initiated until next semester, owing to some previous promise made to their parents.

The girls all wish to thank their alumnæ once more, especially Mrs. Mary Brittingham, for their kind assistance given to us last year during that financial embarrassment which we endured, caused by so many empty rooms in our too large house. In one way this trouble was beneficial, for it certainly brought us closer together with our alumnæ, many of whom we had not heard from for years.

On Saturday, December 12, we gave a formal party to introduce the Freshmen and incidentally to do rushing. We pledged two fine girls, Edith Bower, of Brodhead, Wis., and Lydia Jensen, of Edgerton, Wis.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the first sorority established at Madison, has called a meeting of the Pan Hellenic Association for directly after Christmas. This is so entirely foreign to the former methods of rushing at Wisconsin that it will probably cause much discussion and confusion.

Gamma again expresses the hope that this may be a most successful year for each Gamma Phi.

DELTA.

SINCE Delta last heard from her sister chapters she has been very busy. First came our initiation and banquet which, as usual, was the occasion of a happy reunion among our alumnæ. Perhaps you will find our toast list interesting: *Fecetix; Memorabilia; Aut us aut nullus; Dei Penates; Vox infantium; A chagne sainte sa chandelle; Ad capram pertinens* (given impromptu by an unsuspecting Freshman), and the whole presided over by a charming curator ludorum.

The day before Thanksgiving the initiates followed the good old custom of giving a spread for the chapter. With the true Thanksgiving spirit in the air and an abundance of dainties, even to our beloved olives and peanuts, on the table, it goes without saying that the afternoon was a most delightful one.

Delta has given parties to each of the men's fraternities in college this year. The first was to Beta Theta Pi. Our guests came in a body and after some preliminary introductions we all played Pit. Well, my dears, if you are ever going to give a party which you fear will have a hushed and funeral air, by all means play Pit, provided you have good strong ears and nerves not the kind to be easily disturbed. After every one had made corners enough for one evening, and other games had been tried and refreshments served, we drew our chairs around the piano. After several complimentary songs from our guests we felt in duty bound to sing about the maiden who once went to college, which seemed to meet with high approval, and with much laughter and well wishes our Beta friends left us.

Our next party was to Theta Delta Chi. It was like our former, very informal, but none the less pleasurable on that account. To close the evening we sat around the open grate fire and popped corn. With plenty of laughter and chatter and the crisp, white corn you can judge that the evening passed pleasantly.

Although I have taken up so much of my letter in telling of our festivities this year please don't think Delta frivolous. On

the contrary she is quite studious ; you should see how well represented she is in college, in the Philosophical, Historical and Literary clubs, and how very industrious she can be.

I have saved the very best thing that Delta has done this year to tell you last. The Wednesday before Christmas we had a Christmas tree for sixteen little children of the "other half" who would have had no share in the happy season. We trimmed the tree as we would for our own home, with all the pretty tinsel and candles and stars and popcorn strings, and hung it with gifts for our small guests, and in the joy of giving and the joy of receiving a merrier crowd of children or a happier circle of Gamma Phi girls you could not find.

In closing Delta sends her kind wishes to all her sisters for the best and happiest of new years.

EPSILON.

WITH heavy snow and zero weather, it seems a long time since the warm, ideal autumn weeks of rushing this semester. By this time our five Freshmen, Mary Bierer, Sara Shute, Florence Wallace, Josephine Russell and Maud Martin are well into the spirit of active sorority life. Proud as we were when we won them for Gamma Phi Beta, we have a greater pride now, since the sorority badge has taken the place of the pledge pin and they have proved that they are all true Gamma Phi Beta girls in every respect. We gave a "coming-out" for the Freshmen at the Golf Club house December 5, and many were the congratulations heaped upon us both about the attractive quintet and the social success of the evening. Several other informal affairs recently have served to make Freshmen in closer touch with both college and Evanston friends of Gamma Phi Beta. Among the most pleasant was a birthday feast and dance given for the three whose birthday came on December 7. This was given at the home of Bernice and Ethel Works, where we always enjoy the most royal hospitality.

Epsilon enjoyed a short visit from Julia Babcock and Helen Gowing, both of Alpha, who stopped at Northwestern on their return from convention. Our three delegates to convention, Sidney Hall, Ivy Berry and Bertha White, came back with glowing accounts of their stay in Denver. Making up their lost work in college was not in the least irksome, because of the delightful recompense they had had for it.

The pleasure and benefit of having Miss Lilian Thompson so near us in Chicago is very great indeed. She was present at our last party and remained over night with us.

Epsilon is very enthusiastic over plans for "Frat. Christmas." We expect the rooms to be much more attractive after this event.

Our new piano is a constant joy to us and we shall be grateful forever to our alumnæ who have so generously helped us pay for it.

Next week we all scatter for the holidays and we go with something very dear and sweet added to our Christmas cheer—the love of Gamma Phi Beta.

ZETA.

TO ALL the sister chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, and especially to Lambda, Zeta sends her heartiest greetings.

The Zeta girls have all come back to college this year filled with enthusiasm and optimism. Every one has gotten busy and kept busy, for the Pan-Hellenic Association has decided to have Easter pledging this year. Very stringent laws have been passed in order to restrict rushing as much as possible. Each sorority can have but one function with all its members present and invitations by sorority cards. At other times, there can be but four members present. Consequently there have been many small but very delightful rushing parties given.

Several weeks ago the Freshmen we are rushing were asked up to a little affair given in the den. The four girls (as prescribed) had decorated it with autumn leaves and pumpkin lights.

One yellow, laughing face peeped in the window, another, perched on a table, wore a college cap and gown and a huge "Green Bow." The Freshmen were most enthusiastic about the good time they had, and all seemed duly impressed. This is just one example of the kind of rushing we are doing this year. Drives, walks, luncheons, trips to the club and especially the weekly teas are all ways and means for us to make the Freshmen feel the proper respect for right kind of upper classmen.

Just before Thanksgiving, Margaret Lee invited the sorority out to her country home for a house party over Sunday. Everybody went and just had the best and jolliest time imaginable. The house fairly resounded with our old and new Gamma songs. Zeta girls are never so happy as when they are all together. We were loathe to go back to work when the tally-ho again drew up before the door.

Other fraternity girls could not understand why we would want to lose that time rushing, but our will-be-freshmen asked us to take them along next time.

Zeta is trying to keep up the conservative and high standard of Gamma Phi by rushing only the best Freshmen. Fraternities are working hard against each other, but we are confident of success, and raising our glasses still say:

"Here's to our neighbors!
May their anchors always hold,
Their ivy ever cling,
Their kites ever fly,
Their sphinx ever grin,
Their arrows ever shoot,
Their tridents ever try,

While above them all floats serenely our Crescent Gamma Phi."

ETA.

ETA sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We have led very uneventful lives since rushing season ended. In October we initiated six Freshmen, remarkable for their enthusiasm and willingness to work. Shortly after their initiation the

Freshmen were introduced at a party in the Chapter house and we have not entertained since except at one or two informal dinners. One of our girls bought the Chapter house in which we have lived for nearly four years, and it seems so much more like our very own now.

On the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving all the girls, active and alumnæ, were invited to the house to a Thanksgiving dinner. All the alumnæ near enough came, and after dinner were presented with our Christmas list, which included all the things we need and want for the house. Then on the evening of registration day in January everybody is invited to come and see all the Christmas gifts for the house. We have a tree, candles, snow and all, and Santa Claus is always there. The night is always a memorable one for its happy fellowship and good cheer.

The girls who went to Denver came home full of enthusiasm over convention, and especially pleased with the girls they had met there.

At the beginning of the term when all the other sororites were announcing engagements we threatened to fine each senior who did not announce her engagement by the end of the term, for next year is leap year, but apparently it has done no good. The Seniors are still non-committal.

We are very glad that THE CRESCENT is to be published again and wish that it may be very successful.

The following are the initiates of this year: Rebecca Mac-Nair, Cecil Harrold, Zoe Riley, Carmel Riley, Marietta Edwards, Lula Minor.

THETA.

THETA has been having a very studious time since she bid her delegates good-bye on November 14, and, though she is trying to bear in mind the decision made in convention about personal letters, our personalities must be very prosaic—they can be told in a single sentence: Theta has studied.

We are to have one little social event during the holidays, an at-home on New Year's, with Jessie Kunkely, and we have determined to have a harpist playing from a green bower on the stair landing. It will probably be as hard to keep from dancing there as it was at a certain other time we have not forgotten—and the faculty won't be there! How lovely it would be if the delegates could be with us again. Theta misses them all, and has spent not a little time in going over "old times." The enthusiasm which came when we felt the national bond and the strong "united we stand" feeling has stayed with us and will probably remain after all thought of the meeting which inspired it has gone.

We wish a most successful new year to all our sister chapters and a warm renewal of our Pi Kappa Epsilon.

IOTA.

IOTA sends heartiest greetings to each and every sister of Gamma Phi Beta.

We look back with pride and pleasure upon the past weeks and although the fruits of our labors cannot be realized until "hold-off" day arrives, about two months later, we begin to feel that we have not spent time, energy and money in vain. We can think and talk of nothing but rushing now, and the comparative merits of Freshmen, so I might as well tell you about it right away and get that off my mind.

Our first festivity took the form of a theatre party. Since then we have had teas of all degrees of informality, a candy pull, a Hallowe'en party, a tramp through the woods, winding up with a spread at the summer home of one of our girls, and all sorts of private and personal enterprises for the entertainment and luring of Freshmen. One of the features of the season has been a dance which was given in the Barnard College theatre the week before Thanksgiving. We were rather proud of that affair; there were eight patronesses—including the dean—and enough men to go

around. The next week we had a theatre party. The Freshmen enjoyed that play; it was a stirring melodrama which made little chills run all up and down your spine and brought tears to the eyes of the most susceptible. Well, this week we have come back to earth and an informal tea. To be brief, some of our friends are beginning to think that we have perused Thackeray and learned "how to live well on nothing a year."

One of our receptions this fall was a reception to welcome Alpha Phi and Tri Delta. Mrs. E. J. Palmer, one of the alumnæ, kindly opened her home to us on this occasion. Just here you must know how much our alumnæ are helping us by their encouragement, their presence at our affairs, the opening of their homes to us, and substantial aid of all sorts.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having pledged two new girls, Anna Rae, 1906, and Olive MacDowell, special. By the time this letter is published they will have become full-fledged Gamma Phis, as they are to be initiated on the 19th at the home of Mrs. Dawson.

This year we are the proud possessors of a cozy little chapter room—of course you all know what "cozy" means in New York. We have moved our Lares and Penates—in other words the chafing dish and olive bottle—thither and have settled down to that state of complaisance noticeable in all those who have a fixed abiding place.

As you see about the actual outcome of our work, nothing very definite can be said and we will have to gather up the loose ends of this discourse in our next letter. Meanwhile you may think of us as giving teas, taking Freshmen to theatres, concerts and the opera and haunting their footsteps day and night with a dogged persistency born of past mistakes and a burning desire that 1907 shall yield its best to Gamma Phi.

But deep in our hearts and forming one of the motives for our work lies our love for our sister chapters. We wish to assure you of this affection for you all and to wish you a happy and prosperous year.

KAPPA.

NEW YEAR greetings to all our sister chapters. The first semester of our college year is almost finished, and it is interesting to look back over the months since registration week and note the events that have taken place in our sorority life during that time.

Perhaps the most important of these was the addition of nine new names to our chapter roll: Mrs. Henry F. Nachtrieb, Marie Moreland, Harriet Young, Florence Millspaugh, Helen Lovell, Rewey Belle Inglis, Grace Kingsley, Sara Marshall and Cora Taney. Soon after their initiation we introduced our Freshmen to the college world at a reception given at the home of Mrs. E. W. Backus.

On the evening of the Friday before the holidays we gave our first informal—a kind of jubilee celebrating the temporary close of school—enjoyed, accordingly, with an abandon of high spirits that nothing can arouse but a vacation.

We have had, moreover, a number of merry-makings, just among ourselves. The first, and one of the best of these, was a house party lasting over Sunday, at Marie Moreland's summer home on White Bear Lake, and there—Oh! "What larks!" as Joe Gorgery would say.

Marion Jones opened her home for our Christmas party, the day after Christmas, when all Minnesota Gamma Phis, past and present, were assembled in happy conclave. A gorgeous Christmas tree, bearing dainty parcels of various shapes and sizes, was the great feature of the afternoon. While, for additional entertainment, an amusing pantomime was cleverly presented by a number of the girls. Such delightful gatherings as these are important to the sorority, in strengthening those ties upon which its life and vigor rest. Surely we can't have too many of these good times together, so long as they are the wholesome kind of good times and do not crowd out those less agreeable but apparently essential features of life, known as *duties*.

We were all extremely interested in hearing everything possible about the last convention, from our delegate, Eleanor Sheldon. She was not allowed a moment's peace for weeks after she returned from Denver, but was obliged to spend most of her time outside of recitations, in answering questions and giving detailed descriptions of everything she did and saw in the week that she was away. Convention enthusiasm is very infectious and we all caught a great deal of it from her. We look forward most eagerly to the time when Kappa Chapter may be hostess, and may entertain as many visitors as possible from all the other chapters.

LAMBDA.

IT was the messenger boy who did it all. The girls were waiting in the halls and on stairways for the dinner gong to sound, when one of them espied the blue-jacket and the crowd made toward him.

There was no noise. Every girl felt her heart tighten and her throat swell, until it was read: "Charter granted. Initiation must be at once."

That was the end of the beginning; a beginning of torturous waiting, of lengthy trial.

And now we are Gamma Phi Betas. "'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished."

May 17, 1903, this body sprang to birth with a cry of exultation and joy at living. It has lived on, rejoicing daily in greater measure, finding new jewels in its treasure with the passing struggles.

Very shortly after the initiation, college closed and we girls were scattered far and wide, but some sorority work was accomplished, notwithstanding. There were a few rushing stunts for high school girls, several pins ordered and communications carried on with other chapters.

The last of September found us back at college with two Seniors, two Juniors and four Sophomores active Gamma Phi

Betas. There were several alumnae girls in Seattle to help us and, within a few weeks, we had eleven Freshmen girls, best fitted of the novices to wear the Gamma Phi Beta pledge pin.

In the meantime we were getting a house. We were busy. The house is of three stories, new, conveniently arranged and cosily fitted up with our pennants and college decorations. It is the first and only sorority house at the University of Washington.

When we initiated our Freshman girls we found ourselves twenty-three strong, including four alumnae girls that have become active.

The usual sorority business has been transacted and entertaining on a small scale has been done. The sixteenth of December we received the ladies of the faculty in the chapter house. January 16, 1904, we will give our annual party.

During the summer Helen Russell McCurdy was married to Mr. Fred Marvin, so that now we have two youthful matrons in our band.

We have plans for a bigger home next year and an increasing growth in every way, a strengthening of the bonds and precepts of Gamma Phi Beta.

BOSTON.

GREETINGS to all the sisters and especially to that faithful band to whom our hearts go out in friendly sympathy—the editors. May they and THE CRESCENT live long and prosper, unperturbed by the trials attendant on our mortal state in general, and on the editorial nerves in particular. Success to THE CRESCENT and three cheers for Zeta!

Since October, Boston Chapter has the pleasure of recording two delightful monthly meetings held at the sorority rooms, and enlivened by talk and luncheons in the preparation of which the services of all were enlisted, the final result being a practical and toothsome illustration of Herbert Spencer's famous definition of

the creation of the universe—"the evolution from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity into a definite, coherent heterogeneity." One article of the bill of fare at the November meeting is worthy of being here recorded. We own a member who owns a husband who owns one of the great hotels here in Boston—the Somerset. That lady, with her own hands, tugged into the meeting a cake—which might be written in large capitals. It was the size of a large cart-wheel; it stood about eight inches tall; it was frosted like unto a wedding cake for thickness; the contents were ambrosial and nutty; but the real work of art was the top. Within a frescoed border, carved in bas relief, rose the well-known letters Gamma Phi Beta; under them was a harp and around them was a laurel wreath. We looked; we tasted. Lo! it was good. There were twelve of us, and we finished it to the last crumb, but the wondrous top we carved off with reverent hands and left it for the admiration of the college girls.

Just before this letter was written occurred one of *the* three events of the year to an *alumnæ*—the Christmas spread; held this year at the home of Mabel Langford Priest in Newton. Over fifty, college and *alumnæ*, were present, and the only entertainment was the music of chattering tongues, as the girls moved from group to group, inspecting the large white tags each girl wore, which bore her name, class, and any items she might have furnished of general interest. We are quite sure that the general sum of knowledge has been greatly increased thereby, and that when some of the girls were finally allowed to inspect their own tags, they realized what the smiles of those who had previously examined them had been provoked by. The sister of the hostess, who is a graduate of Radcliffe, when asked if Radcliffe girls made so much noise at reunions, said emphatically, "No, they don't—but I don't think they have so good a time, either." Which perhaps is true.

A happy new year to all the dear sisters, prosperity to THE CRESCENT, and growth in all honor to Gamma Phi Beta.

CHICAGO.

No letter.

MILWAUKEE.

THE Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter has had several successful meetings this fall which, as usual, were principally social. We have lost one of our members, which we regret very much, but were glad at our last meeting to welcome Mrs. C. C. Dibble, who was a member of Beta Chapter, and who will make her home in Milwaukee. Mrs. Madden and Pauline Richardson are both abroad for the year and we learn that Miss Richardson is studying art and French. Also that she prefers art to French and that she is considering seriously returning to America in January, thereby cutting her year in half. We will be glad to have her back as we miss her and Mrs. Madden very much, but we hope that our meetings on their return will be regaled with many interesting incidents.

Miss Mary Laffin and Mrs. Laura Case Sherry have both made visits to Gamma Chapter this fall and found them in their usual flourishing condition.

Mrs. Ethel Virgin O'Neil has returned to Milwaukee after a long visit at her mother's home, and we rejoiced to welcome her again at our last meeting.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year to chapters.

NEW YORK.

THE New York Alumnæ Association rejoices in the fact that another letter is called for, signifying that another number of THE CRESCENT is about to appear. We are not at all abashed that we have little to report, as our object has been purely selfish to keep ourselves informed about Gamma Phi, not to keep her informed about us. Animated by this desire, from fifteen to twenty members are present at each meeting, the representation being divided between New York and New Jersey.

Th first regular meeting of the year was held with Abbie Benson Slawson (Alpha), those present being from Alpha and Delta, but the second meeting saw added to our numbers Mary

Connor Hayes, Beulah Hayes and Frances Connor from Zeta. Emma Lowd, the former president of the sorority at large, has also identified herself with us.

We have held two special meetings with Blanche Shore Palmer, and by this means we have endeavored to free our regular meetings from the amount of business which prevented the social enjoyment those coming from a distance, as well as those at hand, particularly enjoyed.

At our second meeting, when we were entertained by Anna L. Cole and Stella MacIntyre at the home of the former, Gertrude Hulse and Lida French, both of Alpha, were guests. Anne Boordman and Clara Whitmore, of Delta, united themselves with us at that time, as being now within short distances from New York.

Our relations with Iota are very close and during the last year we have been able to keep in touch with her by availing ourselves of the active chapter's invitation to hold a membership in her circle. In this Florence Heermans consented to represent us and now gives us delightful reports from this chapter, in which we are so deeply interested. For them also Mrs. Palmer kindly opened her home for a reception given by Iota to welcome the two sororities recently admitted to Barnard. Lu Smith Dawson likewise placed her home at their disposal for the initiation of two upper classmen.

At our autumn meeting two announcements were made of special interest to Alpha. The marriage of Clara Bingham to Mr. Mudge Collins, and of Antoinette Brown to Mr. Francis Strickland, who is a minister in Flushing, L. I.

May Reed Murray, of Newark, sent at that time as her excuse for not leaving her home for a Gamma Phi meeting, the arrival of a son, Eugene Murray, Jr., born in July.

At a fair held in November at the Waldorf for the benefit of the "Crippled Children's Home," Mella Tackerbury Marvin presented that organization with a costly mutoscope, one of Mr.

Marvin's well-known inventions. Mrs. Marvin took a prominent part in this as well as in other social and charitable functions.

We hold our next meeting January 30 and shall be very glad at that time to welcome any Gamma Phis who may be visiting in or near New York.

With best wishes for all Gamma Phis, active and alumnæ, at home and abroad, the New York Alumnæ Chapter bids you all a happy new year.

SAN FRANCISCO.

WE now feel thoroughly at home in our new Alumnæ Chapter since we have sent a delegate to convention, laboring long over our instructions to her. On the return of Amy Phelan from Denver with the three delegates from Berkeley, we enjoyed very much hearing about the delightful time that their hostesses of Theta gave them. The amount of work accomplished, too, was very satisfactory.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Sorority house as guests of Eta we flocked to again this fall.

On the third Thursday in November Dr. Vida and Lena Redington gave a jolly tea at their home in honor of Edith Byxbee, whose engagement to Charles Palmer Nott, was announced to her college friends that afternoon. They were married on the ninth of this month at the Byxbee home in Fruitvale.

This sums up the more important of the social gatherings of the older girls this autumn, but we are looking forward to the house party and jinks that we hold during the Christmas holidays when the Eta girls give up the sorority house to us for a brief space.

Few Gamma Phis have visited San Francisco this year, but we enjoy welcoming them when they do come. So let us know the date of your arrival.

With best wishes for a happy new year to the sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

SYRACUSE.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THIS letter follows so closely upon our convention letter that we have little more to offer.

Our delegate to Denver, Helen Gowing, has not yet returned to Syracuse, as she has been visiting friends in Michigan. However, we have heard about it all through Julia Babcock, Alpha's delegate. She is very enthusiastic over having seen so many "other Gamma Phis," as she speaks of you.

Theta certainly entertained well and we want her to know that we appreciate it, and we thank her. Still she must have felt rewarded by the pleasure she had in convention. We who have enjoyed the convention at home almost envy those who have had that privilege, and we know how much we profit by it for long afterwards. What true loyalty Eta must have felt when she sent her three delegates away from Berkeley!

Now, since some of you will not hear the chapter letter of convention, the repetition of a few personals will be pardoned.

Some of our chapter are teaching in the West: Janet Kevand in Muncie, Ind.; Lucy Babcock in Kalamazoo, and Lillian Lewis in Elgin, Ill. Mrs. Grace Featherly Morot leaves us soon to make her home in Cleveland.

Some new names have been added to our list this fall—among them are Gertrude Fuller Teete and Martha Shultze Chandler, both of whom have moved to our city. We also anticipate welcoming Amelia Morgan soon after the holidays, as her wedding takes place at that time to Carl Dorr, of Syracuse.

On the 26th E. Addie Curtiss is to entertain all active and alumnae members at an informal social gathering. Many of the girls will be home and we wish you all might join them and us in making the day a memorable one.

Personal.

ALPHA.

We have several new Gamma Phi Beta babies.

Mrs. Florence Reed Munro, of Camillus, has a daughter.

Laura Mathews, '05, is with the Iota Chapter at Barnard.

Mary Bingham, '05, is teaching school near Owego, N. Y.

Mrs. Florence Farnham Osgood, of Bellows Falls, Vt., has a son.

Alpha has lost four undergraduates from active membership this year.

Mrs. Laura Page Flick, whose husband is professor of History in the University, has a son.

Rosita Munro, '05, has been abroad for some months, and is now at her home in Camillus, N. Y.

Four of the 1903 girls were able to come back to banquet: Leola Jermy, Irma Schoepflin, Irma Hard and Louise Hill.

Ella Bohr, '04, and Julia Babcock, '04, have been elected to membership in Eta Pi Epsilon, the Senior honorary sorority.

Lulu Shearman, '07, was called to her home in Jamestown, N. Y., early in the year by the illness of her mother. She expects to return to college soon.

BETA.

Florence Brownell is teaching in Owosso.

Agnes Wells, '03, is principal at Crystal Falls, Mich.

Eleanor Oliver, '02, is teaching in Springfield, Mass.

Jean Mitchell, '02, has returned from her trip abroad.

Carrie Hosie, '02, is taking a few courses in the University this year.

Winifred Morse, '03, is back in College, taking a course in Medicine.

Margaret McGregory, '03, has a good position in the Kalamazoo High school.

December 21, Abigail Hubbard was married to Dr. Thomas Cooley, and they will make their home in Ann Arbor.

GAMMA.

Miss Nelle Galusha, '02, is studying music in Chicago.

Mrs. Ina Hanks and daughter Julia spent the summer in New York City.

The wedding of Miss Florence Baker to Mr. James A. Hays took place in November.

Miss Laura Sparks, of Beloit, Wis., and Mr. Percy C. Brooks, of Beloit, were married last October.

The wedding of Dorothea Curtis, of Madison, to Mr. Wallace Chickering, of Beloit, occurred on December 3.

Miss Ann McLenegan, class of '97, returned to college this fall to take her Master's Degree and is staying with us at the house.

Since the last issue of THE CRESCENT a daughter has been born to Eleanor Bliss Clawson, and also a daughter to Ethel Virgin O'Neil.

Clara Barkhausen, '03, is teaching at Florence, Wis.; Mollie Pritchard, '03, at Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Alice Jean Beavers, '03, at Savanna, Ill., and Miss Mildred Pyre at Oconomowoc, Wis.

Those of our alumnæ who have visited us during the year were Josephine Ross, of Sioux City, Iowa; Edith Mitchell, Racine, Wis.; Sara Seeber, Waterloo, Wis.; Nelle Galusha and Hattie Ludlow, Monroe, Wis.; Mable Walker, Racine, Wis.; Louise Shearer, Janesville, Wis.; Mrs. Baldwin and Lora Case

Sherry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Blanch Shearer and Grace Gibson, Chicago, Ill., and Helene Richardson, of Dodgeville, Wis.

The engagements of Miss Bernice Burton to Mr. Edward Dennison, of Lake Geneva, Wis.; Miss Bessie Pyre to Mr. Francis Roetz, of Whitewater, Wis., and Miss Augusta Billings to Mr. Mark Newman, of Madison, Wis., have recently been announced.

ZETA.

Margaret Lee expects to enter the University of Chicago in January.

Miss Smart, sister of Jane Smart, '04, spent several days in Baltimore just before the Christmas holidays.

During December Zeta saw several of her girls back again: Imogene Dobbins, of Montclair N. J.; Letitia Simons, '00, who is now teaching a course in Teachers' College; Mrs. Fielding Turner Chase, and Edith M. Powell, '03, all paid us short visits.

Edith Conant Fisher, who was very ill with appendicitis for several weeks in the fall, returned to college after the Thanksgiving holidays. Zeta was especially sorry to be without one of her Seniors, and is very glad indeed to have her join her once more.

Three of Zeta's Seniors took part in their class dramatics in December, Blanche Conner, Jane Smart and Myrtle Hutchins. The play given was "Twelfth Night," and was a great success, considered by many as surpassing the dramatics of former years. Blanche Conner took the part of "Malvolio," and Jane Smart appeared as "Sir Andrew Aguecheek."

THETA.

Grace Twombly will be with us again after New Year's.

Edith Boughton has left college temporarily on account of her eyes.

Inez Ridgeway spent her vacation at her home in Denver, and will return to Vassar on the first of January.

IOTA.

Laura Van Cise, '03, is studying music at home in Summit, N. J.

Marion Waugh, '02, is studying at Oxford University, England.

Louise Kimball, '02, is teaching a public grammar school in the city.

Sadie Holt, '03 is studying at Girton College, Cambridge, England.

Mary Colt, '03, is teaching first year English in the Buffalo High school.

Vina Peters, '02, is teaching mathematics in the High school at Newton, N. J.

Olive Dutcher, '02, is teaching in the Idaho Industrial Institute, Weiser, Idaho.

Mabelle Gray was married to Mr. Freeman, of Brooklyn, on the 22d of December.

Jeannette Seibert, '02, is assisting Dr. Thorndike in Psychology Department at Teachers' College.

KAPPA.

Ethel and Bernice Works, of Epsilon (formerly of Kappa), spent a few days in Minneapolis during the holidays.

The engagement is announced of Ruth M. Spear, '03, to Dr. Harris Newkirk, '03. The wedding will take place in the spring or early summer.

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