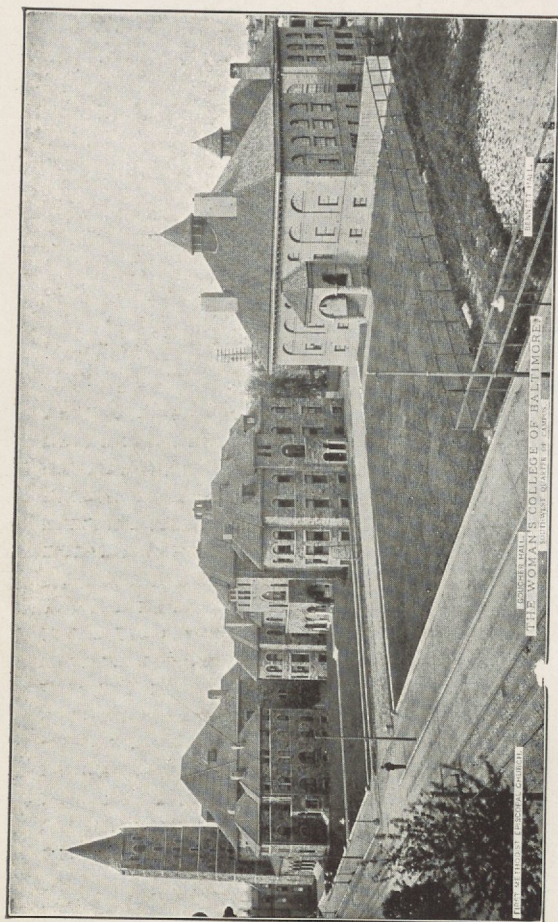


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The Woman's College of Baltimore

BY MYRA MANIFOLD, ZETA.

IN the north central section of the city, amidst private residences, lie the buildings of the Woman's College of Baltimore, Zeta's home.

The principal building is the much loved Goucher Hall, celebrated in college verse and song alike—a three and a half story structure of rough granite, expressing in its architecture dignity, simplicity and symmetry. It is from the steps of Goucher that the Senior Sing is given, and it is around her foundations that classes plant the ivy each year. Here the college student spends most of her time during her active college work, for in Goucher are the recitation rooms, administrative offices, physics laboratories, chemistry laboratories and the college museum.

On the opposite side of Twenty-third street is Bennett Hall and Annex, bounded by the lawn, tennis courts and the street. The lower floor of the annex is used as a biological laboratory and class room, but the rest of the two buildings is taken up by the gymnasium, which is one of the finest equipped gymnasiums in the country, having swimming pool, running track, bowling alley and all necessary apparatus. Since we have no campus, our basket ball games and all sports are held in the gym. Fine opportunities in athletics have been given the girls lately, in that we have free use of the Clifton Park Athletic Field, where instruction is given in golf, hockey, baseball and tennis by the instructor in physical training.

The three dormitories are situated a square apart and all within three squares of Goucher. They are plain, substantial brick structures four stories high. Between two of the halls there is a broad stretch of lawn, which affords a pleasing view from the dormitories. We have no frat. houses, but the different fraternities usually have all their girls in the same hall. At the end of the halls on each floor cosy corners are fitted up,

where the different fraternities are "at home" to their friends on certain days.

Fraternity spirit is very strong here, but it is always subordinate to college spirit. Our college is young and has many needs which we hope to have supplied. We neither boast of our age nor our wealth, but we do boast of alumnæ of which any college might be proud.



Inter-Sorority Conference Report

THE Inter-Sorority Conference of September, 1903, submitted to all the Sororities represented in it four motions, as follows: (1) Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist. (2) Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there. (3) Moved that no student be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated. (4) Moved that matriculation be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college, on which it asked that a vote by chapters be taken in each Sorority. The results of this vote were to be forwarded to the secretary of the Conference by March 1st, 1904, and by her reported to the Sororities. The last report has just been received, April 25th, 1904, and the secretary begs to submit the following statement of the result:

MOTION	1st	2d	3d	4th
Pi Beta Phi.....	Lost	Tie	Carried	Carried
Kappa Kappa Gamma...	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Delta Delta Delta.....	Tie	Tie	Carried	Carried
Alpha Phi	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Chi Omega	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Delta Gamma	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Alpha Chi Omega.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Summary... ..	Lost	Lost	Carried	Carried

The agreement among the Sororities was that any Inter-Sorority Compact should be binding only when accepted by all the Sororities in the Conference. Motions three and four have been so accepted and are therefore binding on the nine Sororities agreeing to them. They must form part of the rules of every Pan-Hellenic Association formed by these Sororities, and from the very large vote in their favor it is clear that rushing and bidding in preparatory schools has been found to be unwise by most Sororities.

The first two motions are not unanimously accepted and so are not binding. But the vote in favor of them is so large and they are so important to the success of any Inter-Sorority arrangement, whether national or local, that it is to be hoped the two Sororities failing to agree to them will reconsider their vote before next Conference and make their very small negative or tie votes affirmative.

Reports on Pan-Hellenic Associations

Each Sorority was asked to report on the formation of the Pan-Hellenic Associations for which it is responsible, and these reports are given below, as far as they have been received.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Tri Delta is not responsible for the forming of any Pan-Hellenic Associations, for she is not the oldest Sorority in any college, where there are two or more of the Sororities represented in the Conference. She has, however, sent a brief account of the Pan-Hellenic Associations in Woman's College, Baltimore, to which her Xi chapter belongs. As this is one of the most influential Pan-Hellenics in the United States, the report will be found suggestive to the newer associations which are being started this year.

The Pan-Hellenic Association of the Woman's College of Baltimore was founded in January, 1897, when six fraternities were installed there—Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Theta Kappa Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, the third

named being a local. Since then Delta Delta Delta has entered the college and joined the Pan-Hellenic Association.

The Pan-Hellenic consists of two delegates appointed from each fraternity, usually one Junior and one Senior. The president is annually selected from the fraternities in the order of their establishment.

All affairs of inter-fraternity interest come before this body and are there decided finally. There is one matter upon which there must be a unanimous vote of the seven fraternities—this is the date of pledge day. All other motions may be carried by a vote of 5 to 2—each fraternity, of course, being entitled to only one vote.

During its first year of organization the Pan-Hellenic did little else than fix the date of pledge day. With each year, however, its power has increased and its influence broadened. In a few years we find that the requirement for entrance into any fraternity is fourteen hours credit.

Not only was a pledge day determined upon by the Pan-Hellenic, but restrictions for the rushing were also made by it. The number of entertainments to be given by any fraternity was limited. Members of fraternities were prohibited from mentioning the subject of fraternities to eligible Freshmen.

The next year Pan-Hellenic gained new strength and succeeded in abolishing all rushing in the main college hall. This, of course, had been largely individual and had been characterized by Freshmen being entertained in recitation rooms during chapel hour, etc.

After the first Inter-Sorority Conference and its decision that Easter time would be the best for pledging Freshmen, the Women's College Pan-Hellenic decided to make a trial of the matter in order to practically demonstrate that good theories must work out well. Before this time the second Saturday in November had usually been the pledge day. With the opening of the 1903-04 term, however, the new system was inaugurated.

The fundamental idea of this system was that there should be an abolition of rushing. A set of rules were drawn up and voted upon in Pan-Hellenic. Fraternities breaking the rules were to be reported to the president of the Association and formally reprimanded. The rules were wholly local in their application, but have been published in every fraternity organ.

Without entering upon any discussion of the merits of this system, it is only necessary to say that not one of the fraternities continues to wish it for another year. It has modified their ideas of what should be done, however, and six of them wish pledge day to be placed just before Christmas for next year.

This Pan-Hellenic has certainly proved itself a success and established its right to exist as a permanent institution. It has had a corrective effect upon each fraternity and has taught each one to give up smaller interests so that it may gain larger ones. The best that can be said of it is that its rulings form a part of the common fraternity consciousness of the college

SARA L. M. JOHNSON,
Delta Delta Delta, Xi Chapter, W. C. B.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Allegheny College.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed for several years at Allegheny, and since it is in practice the same sort of organization as the one proposed by the Inter-Sorority Conference it did not seem wise to make any further organization.

Cornell University.—For a number of years a Pan-Hellenic Association has existed at Cornell. Its formation and duties differ but slightly from the plan adopted by the Conference. Steps are being taken to alter the present organization to conform to the Conference ruling. At the next regular meeting these changes will be made. The special question for decision is, can we put asking day still later than our present contract does?

Illinois University.—Kappa Alpha Theta was the first fraternity to receive a charter at Illinois, but Pi Beta Phi was first in-

stalled. Three years ago a Pan-Hellenic Association was formed. It has been successful in bringing more harmony between fraternities and in lessening the evils of rushing. There are two delegates from each fraternity. They amend the rushing contract and discuss all inter-fraternity questions. This year asking day was the fourth Tuesday after the opening of college. All invitations are written and sent by mail. With this organization so successful, it seemed unnecessary to take any steps toward change, since it admirably fills the idea for which the Inter-Sorority Conference asks organization.

Indiana University.—No Pan-Hellenic has yet been formed (Feb. 20th, 1904). Steps are to be taken toward such an organization in the near future.

Stanford University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed here for many years. Its purpose is to develop sociability among the fraternity women, to lead in college activities and to regulate rushing. No new organization has been formed, but each Sorority has retired one active member from the executive board and appointed an *alumnæ* member in her place. Thus the board corresponds to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Association.

Swarthmore College.—There has been a Pan-Hellenic Association at Swarthmore for several years. It is composed of two active members from each fraternity and meets once a month. By faculty rule, March 1st is asking day. By Pan-Hellenic agreement the fraternities are bound not to rush and are allowed but one large function each before bidding day—this preferably to be before Christmas. This plan has been so successful in past years that no steps have been taken to change to the proposed plan, since the spirit of the Inter-Sorority Conference is fully embodied and lived up to at present.

University of Vermont.—The fraternities have appointed their members for the Pan-Hellenic Association. Although the board is not yet organized (February, 1904), everything points to success.

Wooster University.—There have been no steps taken to organize a Pan-Hellenic Association, as the faculty supervision of rushing enforces all the things proposed for the association.

DELTA GAMMA.

Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.—This chapter is trying to establish an association. Nothing has been accomplished so far (February, 1904).

University of Iowa.—Are trying to form an association.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

Not responsible for forming any associations, but reports joining several that are being formed.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

No report.

ALPHA PHI.

Syracuse University.—The Sororities were called together in December; all responded, and it was agreed to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association. A second meeting was held in January and a third in February. These perfected the plan for permanent organization, and it was recommended that all consider carefully the obstacles agreed upon by the Inter-Sorority Conference. As yet we have made no attempt to define rushing or designate pledge day. The meetings have been pleasant and social and must promote good feeling among the chapters.

Northwestern University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has been started, but the organization is not yet complete.

PI BETA PHI.

No report.

GAMMA PHI BETA.

Ann Arbor.—All the Sororities, including the local Sororis, are members. We have not yet adopted a pledge day, as none of the Sororities thought it would be at all expedient in Ann Arbor, but we have regulated the rushing so that it will be not so hard as in former years and so that it will be more dignified.

University of Washington.—The seniority here is not yet settled between Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta, but pending

settlement Gamma Phi has started a Pan-Hellenic Association. The two national and three local Sororities belong to it, and they have held several meetings for the purpose of organizing and drawing up a constitution. The formation suggested by the Conference will be followed in the main.

The secretary wishes to acknowledge most gratefully all the encouraging and helpful letters she has received from the various Sororities.

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Spring at Wisconsin

BY A. S. M'LENEGAN, GAMMA.

ONE day about two weeks ago an Italian street band came to our town and was invited up on the campus by some of those irresponsible young people to whom the pleasures of today are always more apparent than the quizzes of tomorrow. About 10 o'clock, one would say, and at noon when we came out from recitations the far end of the campus was a curious sight. Amid a huge, black ring of "boys," with "girls" hanging at reluctant angles in the rear, there was the fiddler, playing sounds that floated away from us on the wind. A harp stood out against the lounging ranks, and, coming nearer, we saw there belonged to it, on the other side of the strings, a very small boy. Behold, also, another very small boy, with violin, playing unheard music.

Of no avail were the requests of "profs." to return to business, and the police were far, far away. If any one dared to move out of that encampment (some studious mind, haunted by thoughts of Phi Beta Kappa election, perhaps), calls of "quitter!" made him feel horribly evident. As for the "girls" still hanging at the reluctant angles before mentioned, what one

could withstand the chivalrous invitation from the mass about the fiddler to be seated likewise? And, once seated at a proper distance, "we want the girls," was the next expression of opinion from the masters of the situation. But "the girls" refused to move. Thereupon, with cheers, "boys" and band moved up to us and silence fell.

Now, this fiddler was not, as one imagines, any one of those magical folk to have been that long ago played themselves into the imagination of mankind. He was prosperous and fat, and who would have noticed the trio in a crowd except for the dark skin and gleaming eyes? Airs of his own land and our inevitable ones he played, most of them "by request," to the listeners about him. Did the fabled musicians pass their hats, granted they had any? Legend has forgotten to record these trifling particulars in telling us, breathless with the wonders of the tale, that sometimes these players played for the souls of men, and won them too.

We sat there as the fiddler played in the bright, cool April sunshine, under the shadowless trees, music, sometimes low and mournful and sometimes daintily sweet and fine as the sound of leaves and buds bursting from their cells must be. He was only playing for our money; he did not want our souls! After "Home, Sweet Home!" for the third time, the fiddler, with his small boys and the harp at his back, escorted by some of the "boys," went down the street in the shadow of the great Greek library. Well met, wanderer, for the past that we often think gone is still present, and with the season of wandering the minstrel of an old, glad life has come again.

Eta's Tenth Birthday

THE tenth anniversary of Eta chapter was the occasion for a large gathering of Gamma Phis on Saturday night, April 16th. Bertha Knox, one of our alumnæ, kindly opened her home in Oakland to us that night, where we had one of the nicest banquets in the history of the chapter. A long table in the shape of a T was set, and a caterer served a very delicious banquet. The room glowed softly under the light of many candles, the table was brilliant with red carnations, and the girls, in their evening dress, added much to the scene.

Instead of toasts responded to by one of the girls of each class, a few of the girls talked extemporaneously. Then letters were read from the girls who couldn't be with us. None of them were formal toasts. They were just personal letters from the girls telling us why they couldn't be with us and how much they wanted to.

After the banquet was over we danced some, sang our songs and visited with the girls we don't see very often. After it was all over we each came home feeling that Gamma Phi was very much worth our while and promising to do all that lies in our power for her in the future.



The Long Rushing Season

THE rushing question has been a serious one for several years in the Woman's College of Baltimore. Owing to the large number of Sororities and the comparatively small number of students, the rivalry is intense. On the other hand, the dormitory life is conducive to inter-Sorority friendships. To lessen the heat of the former, to increase the broadness of the latter, in short, to reduce the prominence of rushing—has been the important topic of Pan-Hellenic discussion. This year it was agreed that all should practice what some preached, namely, that the usual six weeks season should be lengthened to five months. The experiment was tried and at least one phase of the question was answered.

The aims of the long rushing idea were good. The term was to last throughout the winter. No entertaining was to be permitted on a large scale, the rule being adopted that with the exception of one elaborate function only four members of a Sorority could entertain at a time. Thus, it was agreed, with a little social intercourse, pleasant in itself, the Sororities would have ample time to impartially observe the qualities of the various Freshmen. The Freshmen, in the meanwhile, would gain a fair knowledge of the respective Sororities. Gradually "birds of a feather" would "flock together," and pledge day would be simply the formal recognition of past understandings. Theoretically the idea was excellent.

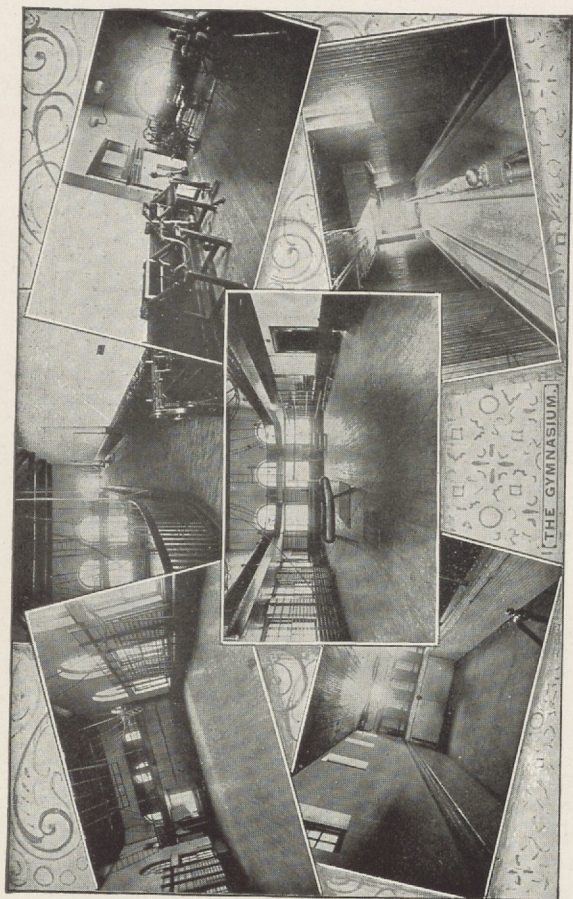
Practically "actions speak better than words." The customary weekly teas started the social ball rolling, and, like a snowball, it increased with every turn. Its growing magnitude can be surmised by a little mathematical calculation. Take seven Sororities, divide then into committees of four, multiply the result by twenty or more desirable Freshmen and find an appalling answer. Upper class men and lower class men, all alike, were whirled relentlessly on, with no prospect of a pause for rest until the 12th of March. Curiosity, enthusiasm, eagerness, satisfaction, weariness and desperation followed each other in rapid succession. At last arrived the fatal day, welcomed by all as a release from uncertainty and a cessation of frivolity. The usual proportion of pledglings was reported, the usual amount of congratulations were received and the usual conditions of atmosphere were restored.

But were they the usual conditions? In the first place, where, oh, where, are the verdant Freshmen? In September they blushed red because they were termed green; in October they rejoiced in that college was such a joyful place; in November they discarded their verdancy, inasmuch as they had begun to "take notice;" in December they became politicians, so that no likely "bid" might escape; in January they were studious, because matriculation examinations had laid low more than the

usual number; in February they tolerated the gaiety, inasmuch as the end was near at hand; in March they announced their intentions, so that few Sorority hopes would be crushed; on pledge day they reached the summit of importance, because each wore a pin. Thanks to five months of flattery and attention on the part of those who should have been giving them examples of college growth, these girls labored at a disadvantage in the classroom and missed the benefits of the usually hard school of freshman training. It was not their fault. It was their misfortune. They were placed in the wrong atmosphere.

On the other hand, where, oh, where, are the grand old Seniors, not to mention the "stately Juniors" and the "gay young Sophomores?" Truly, "they've gone out" to play with Freshmen. Gone is their dignity! Would you expect a child to stand awestruck if you had run after her all morning, amused her all afternoon and kissed her farewell in the evening? Departed are the class friendships. Would you love your neighbor if she had tried in every conceivable way to show her superiority and your inferiority, when you were confident that the case was reversed? Could you accomplish any work if you had to look your prettiest and be your wittiest day in and day out? Poor upper class men! They were martyrs for the cause.

Last, but not least, how did the long season affect the Sororities as a whole? To be specific, what were the gains and losses to Zeta of Gamma Phi Beta? As to gains, she won six admirable Freshmen, who gave her unlimited satisfaction both as to quality and quantity. She considered them worthy of much rushing, but she did not feel such a long period to be justifiable. In losses, she numbered the lowering of her dignity, the drain upon her treasury and the inattention to her duties. In the long race it became a question not of what girls would be asked into a Sorority, but what Sorority would get the girls. In the desire for novelty amid the wholesale entertaining, purses were squeezed to their utmost. In the anxiety to leave no stone unturned, the time that should have been given to more impor-



tant things was devoted to social plans. Altogether the chapter would not consider itself justified in agreeing to a repetition of this year's experience.

The "rushing" question is still a question, but it is now simplified. Henceforth the chapters at the Woman's College will merely consider the details and will probably cling to the old "six weeks" idea. They have witnessed the rise and decline of "the long rushing season."

ETHELYN PHIPPS, Zeta.



Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Capen

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, our sister, Louise Barbour Capen, of the class of 1902, has been taken from us, be it

Resolved, That we, Delta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy. And be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our sorrow, drape our badges for the period of thirty days. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and be published in our Sorority magazine.

ELEANOR C. LEONARD,

FRANCIS W. SANDERS,

BESSIE W. DREW,

Committee.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His providence to take to Himself our sister, Louise Barbour Capen, be it

Resolved, That we, the Gamma and Madison Alumnae chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy. We mourn our loss, but are grateful that we were privileged to know her even for so short a time.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and recorded in the minutes of these chapters.

HONTA SMALLEY BREDIN,

CLARA KEMLER,

ALICE SMALLEY,

Committee.

Executive Message

Our Next Convention

BEFORE another issue of THE CRESCENT comes to us we shall be planning for our annual convention, which is to be held in New York city.

The sentiment of a people is expressed by its observance of anniversaries. Gamma Phi Beta will celebrate in November next its thirtieth birthday. The ills of infancy and childhood, the indiscretions of youth, should exist but in memory, while we look with justifiable pride on our approach to the full vigor of mature Sorority life.

Gamma Phi Beta has never lacked enthusiasm, yet we hope that it may be manifested to even a greater extent and that each chapter will make a special effort to be well represented at this anniversary.

We trust that some may be with us, whose names have long been familiar and that many who have helped to place our ideals high will not be among the absent.

With sincere greetings to all, your president urges each chapter in its topics for conversation not to overlook *our next convention*.

MINNIE CURTISS DINSMORE.



The Long Vacation

BY UNA A. WINTERBURN, IOTA.

“**H**O, ho! Vacation days are here!” we sang with great gusto in that faraway time when we struggled with first readers and three syllable words. To the juvenile mind the prospect of an unlimited vacation involves untold bliss. Just to be free to play all day long in the happy sunshine, and heaven would surely be come to earth! Ah, dear little heart, as you trudge homeward with your heavy load of books, you little know what lies out there in the land of “no school.”

Of the Gamma Phis who are now standing on the brink of that long looked for paradise, full many, I trow, are gazing at

it through a mist of tears. But these tears are for the past, not for the future. It is not the part of Gamma Phis to waver, whatever their alumnahood may bring them. Some must go out to the struggle for bread and butter, others to the breathless whirligig of society, while still others are going forth to make for themselves the homes which are the bulwark of the nation. To all these sisters those of us who are alumnæ stretch forth helping hands. The process of adjustment to the "no school" world is a hard one, far harder than that little, dusty, dreamy-eyed girl we left far behind us years ago ever supposed. But what profiteth it us if we who are college women and Gamma Phis cannot cope with the harder problems of life more successfully than our less fortunate sisters?

Our life as Sorority women has taught us self forgetfulness, the free giving of unbounded sympathy, the loving interest in another's welfare which has made our college life and friendships so sweet. But the lesson of it all has been lost if we have failed to grasp the keynote of the larger sisterhood which links us to all women, high and low. Little sisters, as our love has reached out to all who wear the crescent, so must it grow until it has reached out to all women who wear the badge of suffering with which we must all be marked before the world has done with us.

But love and hope and joy, as well as care and pain, lie out there beyond the gates for all who will go boldly into their Canaan and possess it, knowing that shelter ever awaits them 'neath the rock of Gamma Phi.



TO our Seniors we wish to add our farewell (we trust not as readers of THE CRESCENT) and our heart's best wishes for a successful life, for which you have now but completed your preparation. One and all doubtless regret to take the step just before you, but you may look back with much pleasure to the days that are over. This backward glance will be with the revelation of the imprint which your character has stamped upon your chapter, for each has helped to mold and fashion it. May the life that you enter be true to the ideal which guides you, and may the memories of the life at your Alma Mater and in Gamma Phi be a joy to you at all times.



1,000 Readers

WE approach this subject with much earnestness and enthusiasm, and we trust that ere this effort on the part of your editor is completed that at least a spark of the enthusiasm shall have reached each reader.

The commendable efforts and the hearty support of our readers during this year has given us a thrifty living existence, but, like all young, live things, we must grow. We fear the results of retarding our growth. During the summer, before our next issue (November), we want the plea of one thousand subscribers made a reality. This will be possible if each of our present readers interests herself in THE CRESCENT to the extent of securing from our alumnæ one additional subscriber. We feel that this

is not an impossibility, and in so doing you have not only helped us, but, in addition, have strengthened the interest of your alumnæ in your chapter and in Gamma Phi at large. If each one will do what is in her power, our subscription Utopia will be reached easily. Let not this request go by until the next issue is out, for our editions cannot be indefinitely large unless we have the subscriptions to cover the expense, and we want to be able to supply every subscriber with all the numbers for the year. Will you be one to give this matter your best endeavors?



THE attractive little headings to our editorials and chapter letters are from the artistic hand of Ethelyn Phipps, Zeta, '99, who is at all times ready, willing and capable of giving her hearty and enthusiastic support to THE CRESCENT.



WITH this issue we have increased our size by several pages and we trust that you will give us such hearty support as to still push ahead.

Agora

This Department is open to all, and it is hoped that both Alumnae and Actives will send in their contributions. The names will not be published, but the Editor asks that the name be signed.

Some Opportunities for Growth

I N my three years' experience as a member of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae I have had occasion to meet representatives from almost every one of the twenty-three institutions included in the Association. I have become more and more interested in the American college woman, and my interests and standards have been changed and elevated by my contact with her.

Upon the membership roll of this Association of Collegiate Alumnae are the names of some of the most intellectual, gifted and charming women in America. It is largely through their influence that the college woman is learning her own capabilities and putting them into use. But this is not a plea for the A. C. A., valuable as I consider it for the college graduate. It is its significance to the growth of our closer and more intimate sisterhood that I wish to direct your attention.

Gamma Phi Beta is established in only eight of the twenty-three institutions in the Association, and of the remaining fifteen—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bryn Mawr, Oberlin, Radcliffe, Smith and Vassar Colleges and the Universities of Illinois, Chicago, Cornell, Kansas, Nebraska, Western Reserve, Wesleyan and Leland Stanford, Jr., University—I believe that about one-half do not at present admit national Sororities. They will, however, be open to us in the near future, and we should direct our interests and investigation to these empty but fertile fields.

If any of you have the missionary spirit and know what it is to want to save souls in China, you can sympathize with my desire to see at least a portion of these barbarian hordes brought into the crescent fold of Gamma Phi.

I should like to see women going out from every one of our twenty-three representative American institutions bearing the seal of our sisterhood to enrich their own lives and to make Gamma Phi Beta more honored, more worthy and more to be desired.

EMMA T. GRAY.



A Word to the Freshmen in Gamma Phi Beta

YOU will soon be going home for your vacation, and during the summer days you will have a chance to think over your first college year and to wonder "how it all happened." You have been criticized by your seniors, you have had many weaknesses and possibilities unveiled to you. You have learned your Sorority ideal. You "star" Freshmen who developed inaccurate estimates of yourselves during rushing have awakened to a new sense of ignorance concerning what really makes a girl desirable in Sorority life. The development of definite personal aims has given you a new view of life. You will come back in the autumn to a new place in Sorority and college life.

You will no longer be the chief center of criticism. The attention will be directed to the new sisters as yet unknown to you. How will you meet the new demands of dignity and poise? How will you seem to the girls whom your chapter may seek during rushing season? Are you ready to take your place in the tactful initiative attitude toward these girls who are to be sought? Are you going to be able to pass unbiased judgments? Are you past the narrowness of superficial criticism? Are you fully alive to the honor, the joy, the responsibility of being a Gamma Phi Beta? Are you prepared to further your chapter interests in another role than that of a desirable Freshman?



The Censor Speaks

VERBUM SAT.

CRITICISM is at best a thankless task. The critic is generally, if possessed of the giftie desired by Burns, conscious that his efforts are regarded as emanating either from an

inability to appreciate what he could possibly not do so well himself or from a vicious desire to butcher some one else to make the ungodly's holiday. There are, however, a few who are willing to brave this unenviable reputation for the sake of relieving their own feelings or in the faint hope that their words may succeed in choking a few of the thorns that have irritated their censorial souls. If the present writer may be granted the grace of audience, she would modestly but firmly point out a few defects which showed all the more plainly in contrast with general excellence of THE CRESCENT'S March number.

And because she loves Delta chapter very dearly and was once a humble member of that organization, she will begin by pointing the finger of scorn at the last paragraph of the chapter letter on page 64 as a truly awful specimen of involved English, which might be framed as a succinct example of what to avoid. The present writer knows what it is all about, because she has long loved Dr. Huntington, but she doubts if it conveys to the uninitiated any idea beyond a sensation of hopeless bewilderment.

Epsilon's beginning was so excellent that one grieves at her downfall on page 65. What imp of the perverse was in possession when the respectable word *consolation* was ousted for the uncouth coinage *consolement*, apparently for the sake of the awkward juxtaposition with *encouragement*? In the next paragraph "the few days intervening semesters" may be good Latin, but it is unholy English.

Zeta, under the very shadow of the editor-in-chief, falls into the pitfall of "everybody roused themselves" on page 66, a blunder grayhaired, but not with venerable age, and the New York Alumnæ chapter achieves on the same page the distinction of evolving the orthographical triumph "disparagment" and the weird sentence in which the New York Alumnæ *exult* in one line and *denies* in the next.

Again, in the dim and distant days of "Beginners' Latin" most of us remember that it was inculcated into our receptive minds that *ae* was the nominative ending only in the plural.

Verily, these days be dim indeed when on page 45 one reads "any Gamma *alumnæ* who *is*," on page 58 "the average *alumnæ* *is*," and on the same page "the editor can ask *an* *alumnæ*." Is it necessary to point out that the singular of *alumnæ* is *alumna*? It would seem so.

It may be ungracious to ask if the good English *Alas!* might not have expressed Cupid's woe on page 51 as well as the French form, and to express unqualified disapproval of both the expression and the sentiments credited, in the middle paragraph on page 43, to the Wisconsin daughters of Gamma Phi, but *noblesse oblige*, and Gamma Phi expects, does she not, that every girl who bears her honored name shall not only do her duty, but also speak and write correctly while doing it, if there is to be on THE CRESCENT neither stain nor shadow of her bringing.



Des Moines Pan-Hellenic Banquet

A DELIGHTFUL occasion was the fourth general banquet of the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic Association, held at the Savery Hotel Jan. 29th, 1904. The Association has one hundred members, who represent seven fraternities. The emblems of the various fraternities were conspicuously displayed in the ordinary where the banquet was served. Pink and white carnations and ferns were effectively combined in the table decorations, while the place cards, which were presented by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, were decorated in water color. A reception was held in the parlors, the guests being received by the officers of the Association and the members of the entertainment committee. The officers are: President, Mrs. Harold R. Howell, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Vice President, Miss Lulu Mann, Gamma Phi Beta; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky, Pi Beta Phi. The entertainment committee was composed of Miss Jessie Robinson, Delta Gamma; Miss Esther Kinne, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. W. T. Buchanan, Delta Delta Delta; Miss Lucy Allabach, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Florence Walker, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Zoe Seevers, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Edith King, Alpha Phi.



ALPHA

SINCE Alpha wrote last she has added eight Freshmen to her membership. We held initiation the latter part of February. About fifty sisters, active and alumnæ, were present.

In April we began the city rushing. We were very successful and now have five splendid girls pledged ready for next year. They are Deirdre Mace, Jessie Page, Ruth Laycock and Bessie Bowe of Syracuse, and Katherine Sibley of Wollaston, Mass. Jessie Page's sister, Laura Page Flick, and Deirdre Mace's aunt, Cora Dodson Graham, are old F. Ø. R. girls.

Katherine Sibley is at present in charge of the women's gymnasium work in the University, and is to enter the Medical College in the fall. We feel that we cannot congratulate ourselves enough on getting such a fine nucleus for our next year's delegation.

We received many useful and beautiful gifts from our alumnæ and friends at our donation party, which was a great success. The entertainment was given by the Sophomores, and was in the form of a glee club concert. It was very clever, and the costumes, borrowed from accommodating men friends, were particularly fetching.

Alpha is for the most part a very social organization. We are said to be better represented than any other Sororities at the college and fraternity parties, and of course the girls do a good deal of entertaining in return. The only formal affair given this spring by the chapter as a whole, however, was a dinner party on May 7th. The tables were decorated prettily, and the dinner was very enjoyable.

Since our four Seniors, Arte Meade, Gertrude Shoemaker, Julia Babcock and Ella Bohr, put on their caps and gowns on moving up day, May 4th, we realize more than ever that they are really going to leave us. We shall feel badly to lose these Seniors. They have done a great deal for us. Sometimes we say, "What shall we do when this one or that one is gone?" But, fortunately, there is always some one else to take her place, and the work can still go on.

Our examinations are very near now—they begin on the 22nd of May, and they loom large. Commencement here is the 8th of June, and then there will be "rest for the weary" through the summer months until we meet again in the fall.

BETA

GREETINGS from Beta to all her sister chapters. Just now we are busy entertaining May festival visitors—mothers, sisters and friends, as well as many of the old girls who are taking this opportunity to come back and visit us for a few days.

The Pan-Hellenic Association has at last been formed. In March Beta called a meeting of the national Sororities, at which meeting nothing was done except to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association and to adopt a resolution to invite the local Sorority, Sororis, to join. The next meeting, at which Sororis was present, drew up rules for the regulation of rushing, but no formal pledge day was adopted.

There has not been much going on in the social line. Abigail Hubbard Cooley entertained the Seniors very charmingly at a luncheon May 10th. Alice Thompson gave a thimble party not long ago to all the Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, in honor of Gertrude Miller. The active chapter is soon going to give a play at the invitation of Mrs. Jordan, for the "faculty" children, whom she entertains in this way every spring.

We expect to start next year very successfully, as we have pledged three girls this year—Vera Carson, Detroit; Bessie

Bigelow, Owosso, and Benita Allen, Benton Harbor. Then, too, Caroline Johnston, a last year's pledgling, expects to be with us next fall.

GAMMA

It is with the greatest pleasure that Gamma looks forward to the time that she may again visit with her chapter sisters through the interesting leaves of THE CRESCENT. So very much has happened during the short weeks of March and April that it is hard to select that which is most important. Perhaps that of most interest to the Wisconsin students is the coming jubilee. This celebration takes place the second week of June, which is Wisconsin's fiftieth anniversary. At this time the faculty, the visiting guests, who represent both American and foreign universities, and the Seniors are going to wear caps and gowns, with the appropriate hoods indicative of their academic degree and rank, in accordance with the accepted intercollegiate code. This event will be of double interest to the Gamma girls, in that it will bring from far and near many Gamma Phis for the event of our year, the annual banquet. We are making plans for about forty guests and expect to have with us six of our charter members. Our toastmistress is to be Sister Carrie Morgan, who was the first one to sign Gamma's constitution. It would add so much to our pleasure if many of our unknown sisters could be with us to drink a toast to Gamma Phi.

Gamma has entertained but once since our last letter to you. It was a leap year party on the eve of St. Patrick's, when we decorated in the true Irish green. We had planned to carry out the same idea in our refreshments, but when we came to serve our cream we found that it had been appropriated by some one else, and rumor says the Psi Upsilons and the Chi Psis know something as to its whereabouts.

On April 16th all the girls of the University gave a leap year party in the college gymnasium. Nellie Etler represented Gamma Phi and served on the reception committee. This party caused a great deal of amusement, for the girls enjoyed the

strenuous efforts of the men to make themselves amiable during the weeks which preceded the invitation day.

Gamma has not only been doing her part in society, but she has also held her own in college affairs.

Euretta Kimball has recently been elected to the membership of the '06 Badger board. Bernice Hunter represents us on the self government board, and Bernice Dow took one of the leading parts in "College Boy," which the Haresfoot Dramatic Club presented in February.

The death of Sister Louise Barbour Capen, which occurred in April, came as a sudden shock to us. Mrs. Capen was a Delta girl and had been with us but one short year. But we are glad to have had her with us even for so short a time, for surely a character so bright and beautiful and morally high as was hers could not help but leave its influence on all who knew her. Mr. Capen has recently resigned his pastorate in Madison's First Baptist Church and will soon leave for China, where he is to enter into missionary work.

Gamma extends greetings to every Gamma Phi and wishes that each of them may have a most pleasant summer vacation.

DELTA

DELTA is always glad when it comes CRESCENT time again and we hear from all our sisters. We are glad, too, for the opportunity of adding our bit of news to that of our friends.

Our spring banquet was held at the home of Dora Clapp, '00. We had a large attendance, and at no time this year have we felt the bonds of Gamma Phi so near and dear to us. We were fortunate in having for toastmistress Mrs. Richardson of Beta, and we varied our usual custom by having our toasts on serious subjects. The sweetness and sincerity which was so evident in all of them rewarded us well for our experiment.

It is the custom in college for each fraternity and society to give a dramatic entertainment during the year, and Delta has spent much time and effort on hers, and in comment we will

quote the general opinion voiced by one of the faculty "that it was the cleverest show given here for some years." We gave two plays, "A Picture by Perkins," by Maisie B. Whiting, '04, and "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Cæsar," also arranged by Miss Whiting. All the parts were taken by girls, and very pretty they looked, too, in their white pique suits draped with the flowing togas. We took the liberty of introducing a few characters not found in Shakespeare's version, as the Capitoline goose and Cæsar's cat, but I assure you they were real acquisitions to our play.

Perhaps, too, we were guilty of a few trifling anachronisms. Mark Antony skillfully executed a dainty dance in the Forum before he presented the crown (the standard of a chafing dish) to Cæsar; the conspirators who escorted Cæsar to the Capitol on the fatal ides of March made their appearance in the latest style of opera hats and with nobby walking sticks, and our dear little Portia could only be comforted by hearing that her husband's nightly visitors were not after the rent. We added zest to the character of Calpurnia by making her tyrannize most happily over her mighty lord, while even Brutus, the dreamy and impractical, arises to the occasion to poke with his finger the ghost of the awful Cæsar. It was indeed a very classic play, and to make it more so it was set to music, and the chorus in the back of the stage followed the principals in the good old classic manner.

Delta has been fortunate enough to receive calls from Harriet Ludlow and Daisy Deane of Gamma, the former of whom is attending Wellesley, and the latter the Oread Institute of Worcester.

With best wishes for all the joys of a pleasant vacation, Delta says goodbye a bit regretfully for the summer.

EPSILON

SINCE the last letter Epsilon has been busier than at any time during the college year. The second semester's work demands more time than the first, and, in addition to this,

the formal parties given by the various Sororities and fraternities have begun. We gave our formal party on the 9th of April, the first affair after Lent, and, according to the verdict of the college world, no party in the social calendar has equaled it. The spirit of a good time was in the air, and the fortunate harmony of our guests helped us in our efforts as hostesses.

In the Junior play two of our girls, Sidney Hall and Ethel Works, took the leading parts. We were very proud of their success. Gamma Phi Beta has been well represented this year in all college movements, from Y. W. C. A. to Syllabus work.

We enjoyed having Miss Holderman, one of the charter members of Epsilon, with us for one of our regular meetings recently. We have also had the pleasure of another visit from Miss Lillian Thompson.

We are planning a long tramp some day soon, that we may enjoy the beauty of the Willmette woods. Evanston is at its best in the springtime, and just now, with the magic of spring about us, the routine of study seems hard. Boating, tramping for violets and hepatics, driving and autoing, all lure us from the class room. But the approaching exams. cast a shadow before, and a few wise ones are getting ready for the ordeal in time.

Our annual spring banquet will take place April 16th. We expect to have a number of the alumnæ back at that time.

Epsilon extends best wishes to each chapter for a restful and happy summer.

ZETA

Over the Tea Cups

ZETA just felt like dropping in and having a little chat with the other Gamma Phis this afternoon instead of sitting down and trying to write them a real formal chapter letter. We have had so many delightful times since the strenuous rushing season that we enjoy talking them over once more.

(It's so good of you to make that tea! A tete-a-tete, did you say? All right.)

Did you know that we went down to Asbury Park again this year on a house party? Just during the Easter holidays. You didn't? Well, we simply had the time of our lives. There was quite a crowd of us, and Ethel Shriner's mother made the nicest imaginable chaperon. We had tally-ho rides, canoeing, Gamma Phi songs, Yale and Cornell men and jokes galore. We chased the hares and walked the board walk and played in the sand like happy children. Elizabeth Sill Bannard, '97, gave us a most delightful little luncheon, and the table was attractively decorated with $\Gamma \Phi$ carnations.

(This tea is delicious, really.)

One night it rained, and we had a pingpong tournament. Bess Brown won a sterling tin cup, which had kindly been donated for the prize. Another night we had shadow pictures. Did you ever try to illustrate Gamma Phi songs that way—for instance, "once a maiden"—It's lots of fun.

Easter Sunday we had cunning little rabbits at each place and also some choice bits of classical verse, composed by the girls.

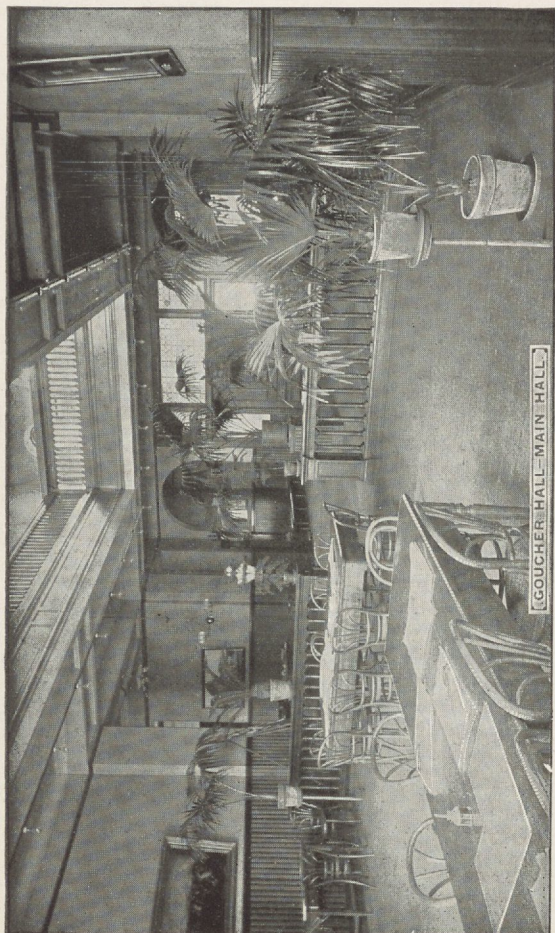
(Thanks! My tea does need a little more sugar.)

Isn't it too bad how all good times must end? Thus we reluctantly turned our faces homeward and took up our daily tasks again.

(The tea is delicious now, merci tres much.)

But every cloud has a silver lining, and soon we again became engrossed with our college work and affairs. One day a very mysterious box arrived. When we opened it, we found some beautifully painted monogram plates "for the Gamma Phi den." They were from Edith Fisher's mother, and she had sent them from Atlanta. We certainly were proud of them. Soon after that a silver loving cup came, then a Japanese table cover handsomely embroidered came from Mrs. Smart. So the den is quite vain with its new possessions.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Palmer gave the Zetas a tea in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Anna Palmer, ex-'98. The girls all enjoyed meeting her so much. Jessie Gore, one of our old girls,



GOUCHER HALL—MAIN HALL.

entertained the Sorority last week at her home. Everybody had such a good time, and things like that bring the girls so much closer together.

(Do you know, tea always does make me serious.)

We recently had a very important Pan-Hellenic meeting. It was decided to have seven weeks' rushing next year. This year's scheme—rushing from September to Easter—has been a decided failure. It has been a continuous rush—just the opposite of what its advocates hoped. Consequently, it has been quite wearing upon both the Sorority girls and Freshmen.

(Would it be very dreadful to have the second cup? You are very good to call them tiny, but this is the most delicious tea I have ever tasted.)

However, Gamma Phi came out splendidly. Since pledge day our girls have been wearing the "smile that won't come off," and all on account of our new Freshmen. They are Helen Armour of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elsie Robbins, a sister of Frances Robbins, ex-'04; Mary Drake Sawyers, granddaughter of ex-Gov. Drake of Iowa; Carolyn Smith of York, Pa.; Ethel Shriner of Baltimore, and Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton. They form a very strong class, and every one is proving herself a true and loyal Gamma Phi.

Well, I do believe it has gotten dark. I had no idea it was so late. Your tea will soon be as famous as your proverbial peanuts and olives are. I really must be going. Goodby!

ETA

ETA extends her heartiest congratulations to the editor of THE CRESCENT. The editions this year prove conclusively that our magazine can be made interesting and beneficial to the Sorority as a whole.

Our semester is drawing to a close. Final examinations, covering a period of ten days and technically known as "ex week," begin on the 5th of May, and commencement day is the 18th. Four of our girls graduate this year, and Tallulah Le Conte will be one of the two women in the class to make class day speeches.

We have entertained very little this term. On the 7th of April we held a reception all afternoon and evening and received about five hundred of our friends in college and out. Last Saturday night the Freshmen entertained in honor of the Seniors. They held graduating exercises and presented each Senior with a diploma, which had in one corner a sketch characteristic of each girl.

A Pan-Hellenic Association has been formed here by representatives from each Sorority—Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega and Gamma Phi Beta. No definite rules regulating rushing have as yet been accepted, but the meetings held at the different Sorority houses have added much to the inter-Sorority spirit of good will. These meetings are open once a month to all the members of each Sorority; the regular business meeting is open to delegates only, an active and alumna member from each Sorority. Gamma Phi Beta has the presidency next term.

Eta wishes success in the semester's work and a fine vacation to each and all of her sisters.

THETA

DEAR sisters in Gamma Phi: Theta sends greetings and hopes that all the Gamma Phis have had as gay a closing stason as she has. We have been in a whirl of functions since we last wrote you, and the Seniors are beginning to feel that they are completing the "glorious past." How they hate to leave it all behind and to think that the girls will go on next year without them just as if Edith Ruse, Margaret McNeil, Edith Boughton and Ruth Wallace had never been there at all.

To begin, we entertained Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi in return for their kindness during convention, and then came the little "at homes" to Pi Phi and the local Sorority, Alpha Tau. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau entertained Gamma Phi, and the alumnæ gave the active girls an afternoon at Mrs. Shannon's. The spring banquet was held at the Adams Hotel on the 14th, and everything was redolent of spring. The table was

decorated in apple blossoms and the toasts were symbolized by flowers. The toastmistress, a jack-in-the-pulpit, called in turn the forget-me-not, a Senior; the pansy, on thoughts, or, rather, the halls where thoughts are found, the Alma Mater; the daisy, for the Freshmen; the rosemary, for friendship, and a bouquet of carnations, roses, violets and lilies of the valley, for all the fraternities. Next the "faculty tea," the return to S. A. E. and the party at the club house to welcome Louise Iliff back from India. The club house is out in its spring clothes now, with the tennis court and lawns all fixed up, and after it all, girls, we have nearly one hundred dollars drawing interest in the bank. Don't you think that is a pleasant outlook for the coming year? Two new girls have been taken in, Fanny Marks and Mary Wry, and we all unite in the love Theta sends to her sisters, the Seniors send love and goodby.

IOTA

ONCE again Iota sends loving greetings to her sister chapters. First of all, we must introduce to you our new girls, Grace Conover, '05, and Emma Cole, '07, both of whom were initiated at Augustine Ellean's in Newark on the 12th of March. Since then we have pledged Florence Beers, '05, who has come to Barnard this year from Mt. Holyoke.

That last initiation was a decided success in every particular, and the members of the New York alumnae who attended it were pleased to remark that it had an old time flavor of jollity about it such as had not been experienced by them in many a long day. You may think this was taffy, but we know it wasn't. Our alumnae aren't that kind.

On the 30th of April we gave a luncheon at the St. Andrew's which proved very delightful, and on the 31st of May it is our intention to wind up the year with a dance in the Barnard Theater.

We are glad to be able to tell you that Hazel Plate has been elected to the Junior presidency for next year.

You see, exams. are at hand, and our stock of news is small, but it is given us to anticipate future pleasure. Iota is so glad that she can say, "Come and see us next fall" to her sister chapters. She is looking forward with the greatest of pleasure to convention and rejoices in the great opportunity which will then be given her of meeting her sisters and of cementing anew the sacred bonds of Gamma Phi.

Until then she sends her love and best wishes to all for the jolliest of vacations.

KAPPA

GREETINGS to the chapters, one and all! We have two new Gamma Phis to announce, Mildred Hunter, '05, of Tracy, Minn., and Alice E. Andrews, graduate student, of St. Paul, who were initiated Wednesday, May 11th. We also have two new alumnæ by adoption, Mrs. Ivan Thorson, formerly Miss Lillian Johnson of Gamma, and Miss Hilton of Delta, who has come here from Boston to teach English in Central High School.

On the afternoon of April 22nd we gave a reception to our mothers at the home of Grace Kingsley, and we had a large and well pleased gathering in spite of lowering skies and slushy sidewalks. The mothers had an ever present topic of common interest in their daughters, with their daughters' relations to Gamma Phi and to college life in general, and the buzz of conversation was something like a Shakespeare mob under strong excitement.

Thursday evening, April 7th, Ruth Spear, '03, was married to Dr. Harris Newkirk, '03, of Wolverton, Minn. A number of the girls entertained for her, and those last two weeks of March made one think of the gayeties of rushing season.

On the evening of May 2nd we gave our formal party, a dinner dance, at the Minnekada Club house, out on the shore of Lake Calhoun. It was a delightful spring evening, with a splendid full moon. The dinner was lively with progression between courses, the cotillion figures were undoubtedly picturesque, and everyone was in the best of spirits.

Delta Gamma entertained the active members of the other five Sororities Saturday, May 7th. We had a delightful evening, with singing and amusing stunts. The Delta Gammas are indeed capable and charming hostesses.

The Pan-Hellenic Association gave a tea on the afternoon of May 9th, to which all Minnesota Greek women, active and alumnae, were invited. There was never a year when inter-Sorority relations were so pleasant at Minnesota as this one, and the prospect is bright for an ever increasing development of mutual confidence and friendliness.

We of Kappa are all looking forward to our annual summer house party, which this year is to be at Lake Sarah, about twenty-five miles out of town. We will be together for a week, boating and tramping and skylarking all day and singing Gamma Phi songs around the inevitable bonfire in the long summer evenings. After that week we will go our several ways until September brings us back to register once more at the well known window.

Alas for our three well beloved Seniors, who of all our number will be missing then! The graduation of the Seniors is the saddest event in the college year. We can only refuse to accept the fact of their going until the autumn, when other figures appear in the familiar caps and gowns.

And, now, a merry and a restful vacation to you all, sister chapters, and so, for a season, Kappa bids you farewell.

LAMBDA

TO our dear sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Lambda sends greetings.

We are in the midst of our annual Associated Students' elections, and the interest runs high here in the house, for we have a girl up against a Delta Gamma for secretary. This office always goes to a girl and we have had it in the family now two years, and if we win this year it will make our record three years in succession.

We always try to take as active a part as possible in our college affairs, for Gamma Phi has had the lead so far and our record must not be broken now.

We have girls on the Annual staff and representatives on the Junior prom. committee and in the Junior farce and 'varsity basket ball team.

Since the last letter we have had two little social affairs that might be of interest. The Freshmen, who are twelve strong, gave the first party. We turned the house over to them, and the rest of us moved out for the night. It was a children's party. The invitations were printed in uncertain hands and decorated with drawings by the said children. They played all kinds of children's games, and every one entered into the spirit of the thing and had a fine time.

Then the rest of us house girls turned the Freshmen out and gave a "train party." We sent telegrams to the young men as invitations. As they arrived that evening they were each given a luggage tag with a big number, and the name of the station on it. The number was to find his "luggage," and the station was the table from which he was to start. The score cards were long blue tickets, "Good only on the Table line." During the evening the train "boy" came through with a basket of candies and peanuts, and the dining car was open later in the evening.

The chapters that do not live in their own houses know the joys of house hunting! We have been enjoying them this spring but have found a house that is just right, we think—a bran new house of fifteen rooms and everything complete. We expect to move in and be all settled at least two weeks before college opens.

We cannot have Freshmen in the house the first semester on account of the five weeks limit set for bidding by the constitution of the Pan-Hellenic Association which has been formed this year. There are five Sororities in the Association, two national and three local, and we look for great things from the influence of this organization.

BOSTON

THERE is a certain philosophic saying that "nothing can shock a brave man but dullness." Convinced of the presence of none but valiant spirits among Gamma Phis, I would, as a very new and inexperienced scribe, intrude my personality upon you so far as to beg leniency for any such violent agitation as may accompany the consideration of these lines. If, however, the fault is grievous, let it be recorded against the offending chronicler alone, for a more wideawake, interested, lively group of loyal Gamma Phi girls than Boston chapter is would be difficult to produce.

Whether or not the present fad for antique is responsible for the old fashioned weather with which we have been afflicted, certain it is that the winter itself has caused Boston chapter's spirit to suffer by repression, so that when finally spring and the opera season opened together a little giddiness on our part was to be expected. The spirits of our chapter is above all one of resourceful youthfulness on an occasion similar to that afforded at the April meeting, where the numbers on the morning program succeeded one another with kaleidoscopic velocity. Amid a shower of chatter the Sorority business on hand was despatched, an embroidery class conducted and dismissed and a luncheon prepared and disposed of with the aid of a limited assortment of cutlery which served an infinite variety of purposes. All this bewilderingly rapid movement and disorganization in order that a trio of music mad souls might worship at the shrine of Mme. Ainio Ackte! Distinctly it was a desertion of Gamma Phi Beta, but one of the sort indulgently regarded. Indeed, our April meeting, while it lasted, was gay enough and seasonable, as full of that delightful irresponsibility with which all of us ought to be infected once a year, preferably in the spring, as in the nursery couplet:

"The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

Boston chapter imagines that Delta will furnish her sisters with an enthusiastic and detailed account of the only notable

Γ Ø happening in our vicinity, the spring banquet, which was held early in April, so that we shall merely testify with delight to our own appreciation of the happy time we had in attending. The chattering among alumnæ was as absorbing and as—audible as it always is when twenty or more of them enjoy two hours of uninterrupted conversation together. As for the entertainment furnished by the misfortunes and tragic taking off of Julius Cæsar, Delta certainly succeeded in producing all but ungovernable hysterics in her audience. As the performance we witnessed was only a dress rehearsal, we are anxious to learn how the spectators survived who saw the burlesque completed.

With affectionate greetings to all her sisters, Boston chapter sends her scrap of news.

CHICAGO

WE have been terribly frozen up here in Chicago during the long, cold winter, which is just reluctantly leaving us, and you must not be surprised to learn that the Chicago alumnæ chapter has done nothing wonderful or very well worth relating. Please lay this sad fact to the weather and do not for a moment suppose it is because we are incapable of doing thrilling things such as the active chapters write of. The last chapter letters were so interesting; you had all been having so many teas and parties and entertainments of all kinds that we alumnæ felt very humdrum indeed and anxious to return to college immediately and share in the festivities. Indeed, some of us from Chicago alumnæ did really return to college, so to speak; we went to the formal party given by Epsilon at the Country Club in Evanston and had the most delightful time. The active girls entertained us at Willard Hall and did everything to make our visit a pleasant one. So we got a genuine taste of college life, as well as a charming dance.

Our meetings this winter have been very quiet. We met once with Louise Anderson and had the pleasure of meeting one of our former members, Gertrude Birdsell Arnold, who lives in Three Rivers, Mich., since her marriage. Our next meeting was

held with Effie Page, an alumna from Gamma. It was a very small and quiet one, but very much enjoyed, as usual.

We have meetings all summer, and, though they are often small, we enjoy them all the same and sometimes have the pleasure of entertaining sisters from a distance who are visiting here. If any of you come to Chicago this summer, be sure to let us know, and we shall be so glad to welcome you to our summer gatherings.

MILWAUKEE

THE Milwaukeealumnæ chapter wonders if her sister alumnæ chapters ever feel as she does—that there is so little of interest to tell in return for the newsy letters from the active girls, which are brimming over with the delights of Sorority life in the midst of college activities. We should resent even the insinuation that our lives are less full of interesting events than in former days, but still we fear that these events might not arouse the interest in all our sisters that they do in ourselves.

Our meetings have been somewhat irregular for the past two or three months, but since our last letter we have had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. George O'Neil, Mrs. Frank Baldwin and Miss Mary Laffin. In the abandon of formalities and in general businesslike methods we quite felt that we were reading a description of our own meetings in the last Chicago alumnæ letter. The social side of these meetings seems to be the prominent one, although by no means do we neglect Sorority interests. Different topics, often suggested by THE CRESCENT, call forth most enthusiastic discussion at times. The ever increasing excellence of our magazine itself is a most pleasing subject. The editor, Zeta and all of Gamma Phi Beta may well be congratulated. We approve most heartily of the article "Concerning Expansion," and, too, are very much interested in the accounts of the Pan-Hellenic Association mentioned by various chapters. If such an Association might be organized in all the universities where we are represented, it seems to us that our rushing problem would be solved.

In addition to our April meeting, we spent a delightful afternoon April 9th at the home of Mrs. McLenegan in honor of several Gamma pledglings who are at present living here. We should enjoy doing more for our active chapters if only we were nearer to them and so might have more of an opportunity, as some of the other alumnæ chapters have.

Several of us had the pleasure of meeting Miss Bertha White, Epsilon, '98-'01, who recently passed through Milwaukee. We were much pleased to get some "glimpses of convention" from Miss White, who was one of the fortunate ones to have been entertained by Theta last fall.

We are making our plans for the summer quite as much as though we were college girls about to enjoy a well earned summer vacation. During these months of visiting and other recreations we shall not forget our Gamma Phi sisters. Several of us hope to celebrate with Gamma in June at her annual banquet, which is of more than usual interest this anniversary year in the history of the University of Wisconsin.

We regret that our greetings to you failed to reach our editor in time for the last number. Our greetings this time are doubly sincere, and we wish you all the happiest of summers.

NEW YORK

DEAR Gamma Phis, the New York Alumnæ Association is worn out by its year of hard work and finds itself amiably disposed toward a long, quiet vacation. At least, such seemed to be the state of mind of most of the members when an effort was made to find some one with the report of whose summer plans we might hope to startle you. Louise Cole refused to go anywhere except to Geneseo, and Florence Heermans was equally determined to go to Clifton Springs. Elizabeth Sill Bannard remains in Asbury Park. Those in New York plan to get out early, to return with a fresh welcome for all Gamma Phis who may come on to enjoy convention with us in the fall.

The last meeting of the year was held in this city with Lee Smith Dawson. Alpha, Delta, Zeta and Iota were all repre-

sented. At this time we regretted to learn of the death of Stella MacIntyre's mother, who had been spending the winter with her in New Jersey. We also heard for the first of the illness of Grace Howard Smith, who is in the hospital with typhoid fever. As brighter news, Abbie Benson Slawson told of a little son two months old of whose arrival we were not before advised.

It would be pleasant to tell you of resolutions and improved plans for another year, but the spirit of self satisfaction reigned too supremely at our close to call for anything born of a past regret. We do feel that sisters visiting the city from other chapters might bring such visits to coincide with our meetings or let us know of such intentions in due season. There is a pleasant element of surprise in each coming together, for so far the members have kept about the same, but the combinations always vary. It was a pleasure to find that, although Antoinette Brown Strickland had allowed herself to become subject to a ministerial itineracy, her last removal was no farther than Bay Shore, Long Island, so we have not lost her altogether. Others are remaining near, and we are always cheered by news of possible additions to our chapter, which may keep us in a closer touch with some of our magnificent distances.

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO alumnæ chapter sends greetings through THE CRESCENT. At the meeting in the last quarter there was the usual discussion of business and social matters. Communications from the active Eta chapters, in whose progress we take great pride, letters from absent members whose teaching, household duties and the like prevent from attendance at the alumnæ gatherings. The whereabouts of absent members is also a matter of interest. Several of the girls are teaching in various schools in California. Amy Phelan is in the library at Sacramento. The married girls are scattered throughout the state, and one or two at a distance from this town. Edith Byxbee is now Mrs. Todd. Maude Allen Allens is mother to a small

daughter, who is being trained according to Eta standards of appreciation of Gamma Phi Beta.

At the banquet on April 16th letters were read from some of the older girls, and we feel that with the Eta chapter growing stronger every term and the alumnæ chapter in closer touch the fortunes of Gamma Phi Beta are in good keeping in California.

SYRACUSE

DURING the spring weeks there have been several severe cases among our members of that affliction known as housecleaning; consequently doings have been few. The May meeting with Mrs. Seth Baker was delightful. The day was perfect, and the large piazza made an ideal place for our meeting.

We regret very much that our Sorority president, Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, has moved to New York, and we congratulate the New York alumnæ that our loss will be their gain. Besides being a very true and loyal friend, Mrs. Dinsmore was our court of last resort on all sorts of questions, so she will be doubly missed.

On the Saturday before commencement, instead of our spring luncheon we expect to have a picnic at the Williard Homestead through the kindness of Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, now of Buffalo. It is a quaint old place about ten miles from the city. The low rooms, with their old fashioned furniture, make one feel as if it might be the eighteenth instead of the twentieth century.

We expect to have the Seniors with us and many of the out-of-town alumnæ who come back for commencement week.

Syracuse alumnæ wishes each Gamma Phi a long, happy vacation.

Personal

Mrs. Helen McCurdy Marvin, Lambda, has a son.

Miss Lucy Scott, Epsilon, is living in Seattle, Wash.

Hazel Plate, Iota, will spend the summer at Elmira, N. Y.

Mrs. Lucia Sedgewick Lockwood, Alpha, has a son, Henry.

Miss Perry of Lambda made Zeta a short visit not long ago.

Gertrude Miller, Beta, '03, visited with Alice Thompson recently.

Tem Aiken, Eta, ex-'04, is now studying music in San Francisco.

Grace Eaton, Alpha, '07, spent Junior week at Colgate University.

Adeline Webb, Zeta, '01, is studying at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, Alpha, has a daughter, Eloise Estelle.

Winifred Chase, Theta, has gone for a few months' trip to California.

Florence Beach, Iota, is studying in the Chase School in New York city.

Harriet Summers Taylor has left Chicago and gone to live in Michigan.

Anna R. Palmer, Zeta (charter), has been visiting friends in Lynn, Mass.

Ethel Virgin O'Neil, Gamma, and baby spent a few days with us last week.

Miss Emma Loud is teaching in one of the city High Schools in New York.

Kate Willis, Eta, ex-'03, will spend the summer in St. Louis and New York.

Miss Minnie Paterson, Epsilon, has been spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Wilder Whitaker, Delta, has changed her residence to Portland, Me.

Rachel Bessom, Delta, '06, has been appointed Junior proctor for next year.

Mrs. Thomas Brittingham, Gamma, has returned from a three months' trip abroad.

Among the June brides of Alpha are Helen Graves, Rosita Munro and Lida French.

Mrs. Jessie Ross Moon, Epsilon, has moved from Evanston back to Freedom, Ill.

Emogene Day, Alpha, spent a day in Baltimore on her way home from Florida.

Olive Dutcher, Iota, '02, will come east for a few weeks in August and September.

Jessie Horton, Chicago alumnæ, will graduate from Rush Medical School in June.

Mrs. Laura Case-Sherry, Gamma, '94, has a son, who was born Easter morning.

Lindsay Barbee of Denver has been visiting Mabelle Leonard Douglas, Beta, recently.

Loula Mann, Epsilon, '00, was married Feb. 24th to Dr. Howard Gray of Des Moines, Ia.

Alice Preble, Chicago alumnæ, and her husband, have recently spent a few weeks in Cuba.

The engagement of Miss Myra Smith, Lambda, to Mr. Al Dickenson has been announced.

Augusta Durfee Flinterman, Chicago alumnæ, has moved from Ravenswood to Oak Park.

The engagement of Miss Bertha Powers to Mr. George Sohns of Seattle has been announced.

Grace E. G. Ward, Delta, '97, is about to publish "In the Miz," a collection of stories for children.

Ruth Work of Evanston has been visiting in Ann Arbor, and Beta enjoyed a short visit from her.

Mrs. Grace Lasher Berry, Epsilon, has moved into her new home at 1019 Hinman avenue, Evanston.

Marion S. Van Dyne, Theta, of Marshall, Mich., will spend the summer at her home in Greeley, Colo.

Ruth Gordon, Alpha, '05, has been elected to membership in the Senior honorary society, Eta Pi Upsilon.

Miss Edith Adams, Lambda, '06, has announced her engagement to Mr. J. R. Finley of Denver, Colo.

Edna Stitt, Iota, sails for Europe about the middle of June, where she will spend the summer in traveling.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Josephine Ross, Gamma, ex-'02, to Mr. Clarence Fisher.

Miss Pauline Richardson, Gamma, '93, has recently returned to Milwaukee after a year's travel abroad.

Miss Jessie L. Ludden, Lambda, '04, has announced her engagement to Dr. F. L. Horsfall of Seattle, Wash.

Miss Victoria Gazzola, Epsilon, leaves Chicago this month for her summer home at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin.

Miss Clara H. Whitmore, Boston University, is teaching English in the Staten Island High School, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoddard have recently moved to Madison. Mrs. Stoddard is a Gamma Phi from Iota chapter.

Louise Putnam, one of Delta's charter members, sailed this May for England, where she expects to stay for three months.

Margaret McGregory, Beta, '03, who is teaching in the Kalamazoo High School, spent her spring vacation in Ann Arbor.

A poem, entitled "Ipswich Bay," by Esther W. Bates, Delta, '05, and her brother will appear in a spring number of *The Atlantic*.

Miss Florence Finch, Lambda, has gone to California as a representative from Omega Nu Sorority of the Seattle High School.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, will continue her work on hydroids at the Zoological laboratories at San Diego during the summer.

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth M. English, Delta, '01, to Mr. Joseph Ryan, organist of St. Mary's Church, Brookline.

Mrs. Mary Peterson Gilbert, Freda Hanson, Marie Bennett, Ruth Philipps and Bertha White visited Epsilon during the past month.

Delta has two new Gamma Phi babies, Mrs. Florence Courtwright Graybow, ex-'04, and Mrs. Page Kimball, ex-'03, being the happy mothers.

Two showers have been given in the last week for Elizabeth Pyre, Gamma, and Jessie Westlake, Gamma, who are to be married during the summer.

The engagement of Julia R. Babcock, Alpha, '04, to Melville Dunkley of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been announced. They are to be married this summer.

It is a subject of regret that Olive MacDowell, Iota, has been forced to leave college because of ill health. She is at 193 West Central avenue, Delaware, O.

Margaret Lee, who is studying at the University of Chicago, and Imogene Dobbins, both Zeta girls, surprised us by coming back for a few days in May.

Mrs. Ruth Truax Nagle, Zeta, is residing at 2114 North Charles street, Baltimore. Her husband is one of the many architects called to the aid of the ruined city.

Greta Augustine, Eta, '05, one of the literary editors of the last college annual, has just been elected a member of the Prytaneans, the woman's honor society.

Florence Finch of Lambda recently spent a delightful day with Eugene Gray, Gamma, at Leland Stanford University, where the latter is doing post-graduate work.

On April 14th occurred the wedding of Belle Gage, Alpha, and Rev. Walter S. Dibble, a member of Delta Upsilon, Syracuse. Their home is in Vernon Center, N. J.

The Gamma Phi of Philadelphia, Edith W. Hamlin, Gertrude Hamlin McKee and others, though not organized as an alumnae chapter, keep up their interest by occasional reunions.

Mary Bunting, Gamma, and Florence Patterson, Epsilon, are both taking courses at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Zeta was glad to have them at fraternity meeting not long ago.

Gertrude Bundy Parker, Chicago alumnae, and her husband, have recently returned from Florida, where Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Parker's children had been spending part of the winter.

Miss Doll of Denver, who has been east for several months, spent part of a day with Zeta on her way through Baltimore. Zeta enjoyed very much hearing so directly from convention.

The engagement of Lucile Timberlake, Theta, to Fred M. Stone is announced. Also that of Margaret McNeil, Theta, to Fred Murray, and of Edith J. Boughton, Theta, to Wilbur Dennis.

Miss Edna Hilton, formerly of Boston chapter, has changed her address to 3113 Fremont avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minn., where she has recently accepted a position to teach in the High School.

Miss Louise L. Putnam, Delta, a member of the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, gave a talk before the Riverside Club of Saugus, Mass., on "How Some Girls Go Through College."

Among the Zeta girls who spent their Easter vacation at the Ashland, Asbury Park, were Edith Fisher, Mary Webb, Helen and Mary Dingle, Jane Smart, Mary Sawyers, Ethel Shreiner, Bess Brown, Belle Baker and Lura Correll. Mrs. Schreiner of Baltimore chaperoned the party.



ZETA'S DEN

Mrs. Anne Mailton-Haywood, Delta chapter, is a most model mother and housekeeper as well as homemaker and by her studies in cookery has proven that college does not unfit women for household duties. She has been studying foods from a scientific standpoint and a practical application.

Lillian C. White, Epsilon, sailed from New York Feb. 25th for an extended trip abroad. With her party, she reached Naples the 11th of March and since then has taken the Nile trip, returning to Rome the 3rd of April. She will continue her travels through Europe until this next August.

Miss Anna M. Putnam, Delta chapter, recently wrote a very bright story, "Alice in Starland," that was read with speaking tableaux before the Starr Club of Lynn, Mass. This is Miss Putnam's second successful story for this club. Miss Elizabeth P. Putnam was the president of the club last year and is still one of the bright stars of the cooking class of the club.

Zeta chapter deply regrets to learn of the death of Edith Yates Truax of Chicago, the only sister of Ruth Truax Nagle, Zeta. Many of the Zeta and Woman's College girls remember Edith Truax as a charming girl and an attractive friend. She was on her way west for her health with her mother when her death occurred in San Antonio, Tex., April 6th.

It is with regret and sympathy that we announce the following deaths: Mrs. Hurlburt, the mother of Jessie Hurlburt Hodge and her sister, Helen, both of Alpha, died early in the year. She was spending the winter with Mrs. Hodge in Glenside, near Philadelphia. Emelie E. Emerson died on May 1st, 1903, the bride of Rev. Geo. R. Montgomery of Bridgeport, Conn. They were married June 22nd, 1902, in Wakefield, Mass. Daisy E. Soule, Epsilon, the wife of Mr. Theodore R. Hugo of Bridgeport, Conn., died of pneumonia Sept. 27th, 1902. She was buried at her home in Plainwell, Mich.

Miss Louise L. Putnam of Boston University, Delta chapter, is one of the board of directors of the National Club Woman, Corporation, Boston, and on the editorial staff of the magazine published by the corporation, *Homecraft and National Club Woman's Review*, and Miss Augusta N. Putnam has furnished several illustrations for the same magazine. A sample copy of three months back of the magazine may be had free by applying to Homecraft and National Club Woman's Review, 177 Huntington Ave., Boston. Price per year for subscriptions is \$1.00; single copy of current number, 10 cents.

Mary E. Palmer, Epsilon, '99, and Dr. Clinton Leroy Babcock of Ithaca, N. Y., were married Monday, March 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Palmer, 65 West Main street, Chicago Heights, Ill. The date is the bride's birthday. Dr. Babcock is at present a professor in the department of Latin and Roman archæology, Cornell University. Dr. and Mrs. Babcock will sail June 11th for Europe and during the next three years will reside in Berlin, Germany, where Dr. Babcock will represent the Bureau of University Travel of Boston, Paris and Berlin. Two of the bridesmaids, Frieda Hansen of Sioux City, Ia., and Marie Bennett of Litchfield, Ill., and the matron of honor, Mrs. Barry Gilbert of Iowa City, *nee* Mary McAtee Peterson, were Epsilon Gamma Phis.

The Boston *Herald* gives us the news of a clever writer in our midst, and Gamma Phi is proud to have her on her roll: The students of Boston University are highly elated over the success of a play written by one of the Seniors, Miss Maisie B. Whiting of Franklin, and presented by the Beacon Literary Society before a large audience in the college hall on Somerset street this afternoon. It is a farce, entitled "Mrs. Temple's Fancy Ball," and gives a picture of wealth and society combined. Miss Whiting, although just completing her college course, has a considerable reputation as a writer, being the author of several farces which are published by a prominent dramatic publishing house, and she has also written verse and stories for recent publications. This same play was given May 18th by the alumnae of Wellesley High School with great success, and the playwright was called before the curtain for a speech by the audience.



The attention of our readers is especially asked for the ad. of J. I. Bell, as found on another page. Be kind enough to call the attention of property owners in that vicinity to it.

Greek News

Alpha Chi Omega has recently published her first song book.

We wish to withdraw the statement that was made in our last issue, to the effect that Pi Beta Phi had entered the University of Minnesota.

Delta Gamma announces the publication of a new songbook, issued in May.

The biennial convention of Delta Delta Delta will be held this year June 22nd with their Epsilon chapter at Galesburg.

Alpha Chi Omega has entered the University of Wisconsin. This institution now has chapters of all the national Sororities.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is expected to enter the Newcomb Woman's College of Tulane University before the close of this college year.

Chi Omega's quarterly, *The Eleusis*, is in its sixth volume. This Sorority will hold its third biennial convention at St. Louis Aug. 10, 11, 12.

The Anchora, of Delta Gamma, in its last issue appeared in a new style, the change in the paper and cover making a big improvement in its makeup.

The Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, confined to musical schools, now has seven chapters in five states—Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

The March issue of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi devoted most of its pages to a full and detailed report from the secretary of the fraternity. It is indicative of the fact that its officers have the fraternity well in hand.

Delta Gamma annually holds examinations in the Sorority at large, and this year an analysis of the constitution and by-laws and suggestions in regard to improvement along financial and parliamentary lines were considered.

By the action of the general fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, a plain, unjeweled pin was made the only official badge of the fraternity, and their jewelers have been forbidden to make or sell any more jeweled pins. Sigma Nu has taken the same step.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the new fraternity recently organized at Ann Arbor by students of Michigan University. The new

fraternity will be called the Arcacia, and none are eligible to membership except they be Master Masons. The insignia departs from the Greek letter idea and uses Hebrew characters.

The anti-fraternity war has ended at Wofford College, South Carolina, with the following laws: First, That no organization (fraternity or non-fraternity) should initiate any one who had not been in college a year. Second, That any organization breaking this rule should, upon recommendation of the faculty, be abolished at once from the institution.

Zeta Tau Alpha, a Sorority chartered in 1902 by the Virginia legislature, is publishing a journal, *Themis*. The editor is Mrs. N. E. Davis of Jellico, Tenn. This Sorority has recently entered the University of Arkansas, absorbing Delta Phi, local, which becomes Epsilon chapter. Delta Phi has existed as a local since 1897, and, though opposed by Chi Omega, a national, has always more than held her own.

At a recent meeting of a beneficent society connected with the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Huntington, the newly elected president of Boston University, spoke in warm commendation of the effect of the Greek letter societies upon the life of the college. Dr. Huntington, as dean of the College has had for years the opportunity of seeing at close range the working of the societies, and it is therefore a high commendation that he should be able so warmly to praise their influence upon the college man and woman.

From a Chicago paper we have the following in regard to the founding of a fraternity: "The first Greek fraternity of colored students in the United States has been organized at Indiana University. The name of Alpha Kappa Mu has been adopted. The total membership is ten, which includes all the colored people attending the University. A constitution was adopted, and chapters will be established in all the leading negro colleges. It is expected to make Wilberforce, Ohio, the second chapter. A badge is now being designed."

A correspondent of *The Trident*, of Delta Delta Delta, enters a protest against "the unusual uses to which many Sorority women subject their pins, and says: "The emblems of their respective societies are used upside down, or right side up, in place of a lost shirt waist button, or they are called upon to supply the missing link in a cuff, to fasten a stock, to pin a belt securely or even to clasp milady's stray, scolding locks; in fact, they are put to every use that woman's marvelous ingenuity can devise."

Delta Upsilon's quarterly says: "Doubtless the most important things accomplished by our recent convention were: First, the inauguration of systematic fraternity examinations throughout our chapters; second, the

vote to issue an official fraternity handbook for the use of the chapter members in dealing with candidates and in informing members of the fraternity in general; third, the decision establishing a graduate committee on internal development, to be composed jointly of members of the executive council and representative graduates of the fraternity. All three of these are definite steps in the line of progress."

A site for a Hall of Fame for women, adjoining the present Hall of Fame of the New York University, has been set apart. Places will be provided for fifty tablets for American women of native birth and ten for American women of foreign birth. In 1905 ten native and two foreign born American women will be selected, and in each succeeding quinquennial year two native born American and in each decennial year beginning with 1910 one foreign born woman will be added. Until the building is completed tablets will be placed upon the walls of the Museum of the Hall of Fame. Visitors at the St. Louis Exposition will be invited to nominate persons for the Hall of Fame names to be inscribed in 1905.

The following fraternities appear for various reasons unable to maintain official magazines: Delta Phi, Sigma Phi and Northern Kappa Alpha have never to the writer's information supported papers. Delta Psi, Chi Phi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Zeta Psi have had only spasmodic success at the enterprise and are now out of the magazine business. Chi Psi has some sort of a sheet, but doesn't exchange, while Phi Kappa Sigma has "broke down" and now publishes only a "News Letter," not for general circulation. All other fraternities now maintain official magazines open for general subscriptions, and most of them, in addition, have their official paper for confidential and official matter.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The Delta of Sigma Nu speaks as follows of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and of its quarterly: "The first issue of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, quarterly of the Sorority of that name, is at hand. It is a fine product of the "art preservative of all arts" and compels the deliberate statement that no fraternity ever projected a magazine superior to this. From cover to cover it is an intellectual and mechanical beauty. Mrs. Anna Gillis Kimble, Galesburg, Ill., is editor-in-chief; assistant, Miss Mary E. Kean, Alliance, O.; business manager, Miss Axie Lute, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. This Sorority was born into the sisterhood of lady "fraternities" eleven years ago, April 17th, at Lombard University, and Sigma Nu stood godfather at the christening. Throughout the interesting "Retrospect," or history, by Mrs. Ella Leib, its first grand secretary, whose beautiful features adorn the issue, the services of Sigma Nu at Galesburg, Ill., are

gratefully recorded. *The Delta* of last August told of the first convention of this Sorority at Galesburg, with group pictures, and of its social and business affairs. Its first grand president, Mrs. Cora J. Block, is the accomplished wife of Bro. Louis Block, a charter member of our Iowa State chapter, a prominent lawyer of Davenport, Ia. Already there are five thriving chapters—Lombard, Iowa, Wesleyan, Mt. Union, Bethany and South Dakota. Locals elsewhere, as they learn of the valiant struggle of this splendid society that has now been crowned with such glorious success, are petitioning for charters.



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