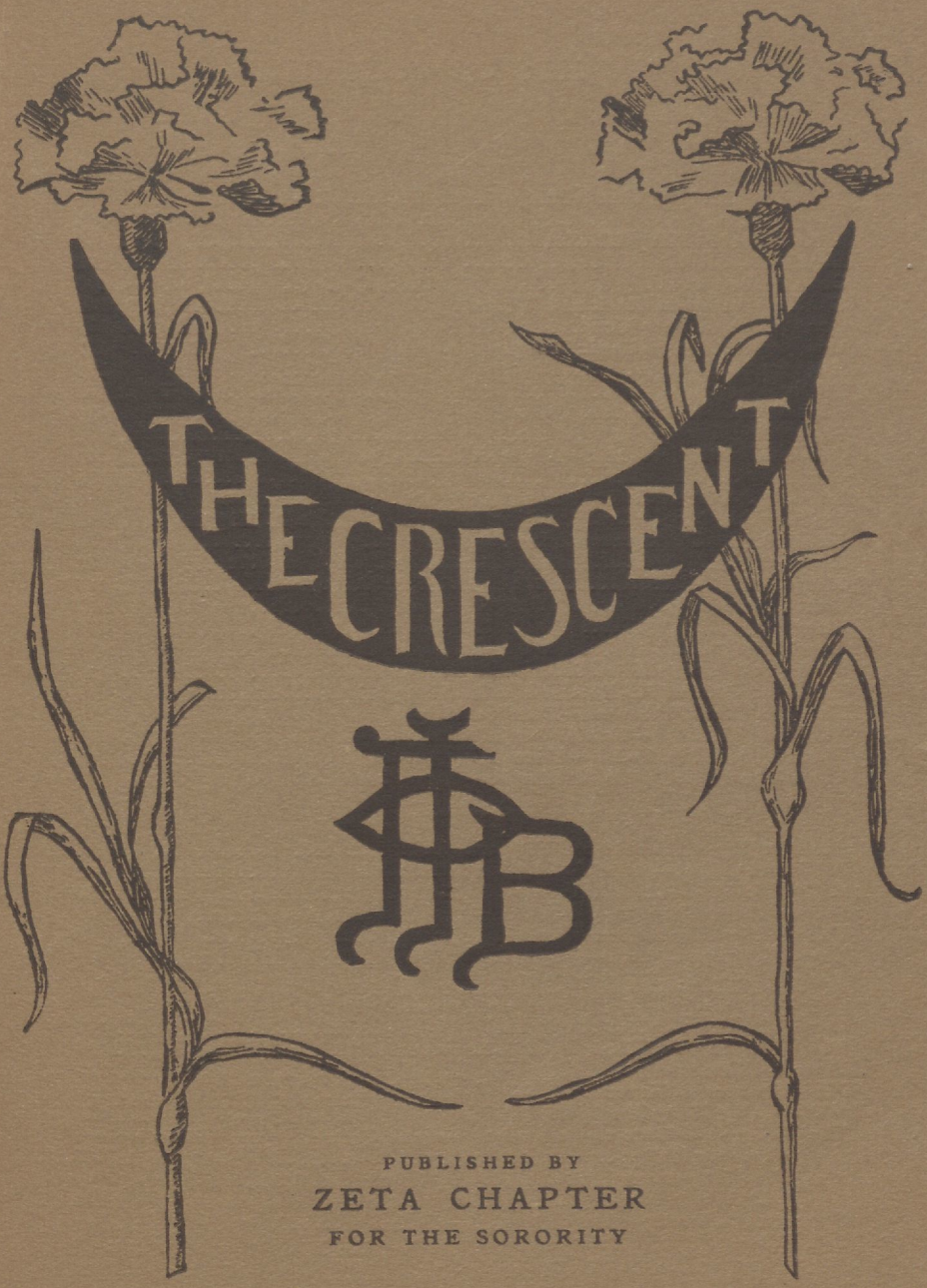


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EUNICE ADELINE CURTIS, S. U., '78

DEAR SISTERS ALL.

How much more satisfactory it would be if I could take each one of you by the hand and tell you how happy I am to belong to the "four" who thirty years ago made it possible for each one of you to be a sister in Gamma Phi Beta. We started with high ambitions and exalted dreams of the future, and you have nobly fulfilled them. I wish I could make you realize how proud we are of your achievements and how great is our trust in you for the future. It may not be our privilege to know each other here on earth, but may we be an unbroken band around the Great White Throne. Yours faithfully,

EUNICE ADELINE CURTIS.



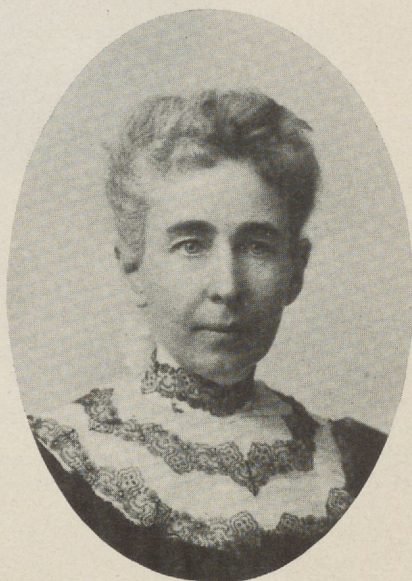
HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON, S. U., '76

LOVING GREETING TO THE
DEAR SISTERS OF GAMMA
BETA:

May the great moral principles of our Sorority be the inspiring and dominating power in the life of each, that "the whole building fitly framed together" may grow into a complete and symmetrical structure.

Most cordially.

HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON.



MARY BINGHAM WILLOUGHBY, S. U., '78

A WORD OF GREETING:

Is it possible that thirty years have passed since four girls, full of hope and ambition, banded themselves together in the new Sorority of Gamma Phi Beta! Their wildest dreams never led them to imagine the wonderful growth that was to follow.

It has always been a cause for regret that distance has prevented closer touch being kept with the sisterhood in its interesting development, but we rejoice with you all in your marvelous prosperity.

Occasionally we meet a sister, now from Madison, or from Michigan, or Northwestern, and twice it has been our pleasure to meet quite a goodly delegation, and the question has always been "How is it with Gamma Phi?" Tell me of her success and growth.

In the beginning of another year we greet you, sister Gamma Phis, and we ask you that you will ever cherish the high ideals of broad culture, strong character, the desire for helpfulness and most of all true, earnest womanhood that were ever present in the hearts of your founders.

May your badge signify to all around that you stand for the highest type of womanhood. Be cordial, be gracious, be sincere.

May you have a good ingathering of choice spirits who will find in you true sisterly sympathy and an uplift toward a higher, better and more helpful life.

With the best of wishes for your continued prosperity I am, as ever,
Your Gamma Phi sister,

FRANCES E. MOSS.



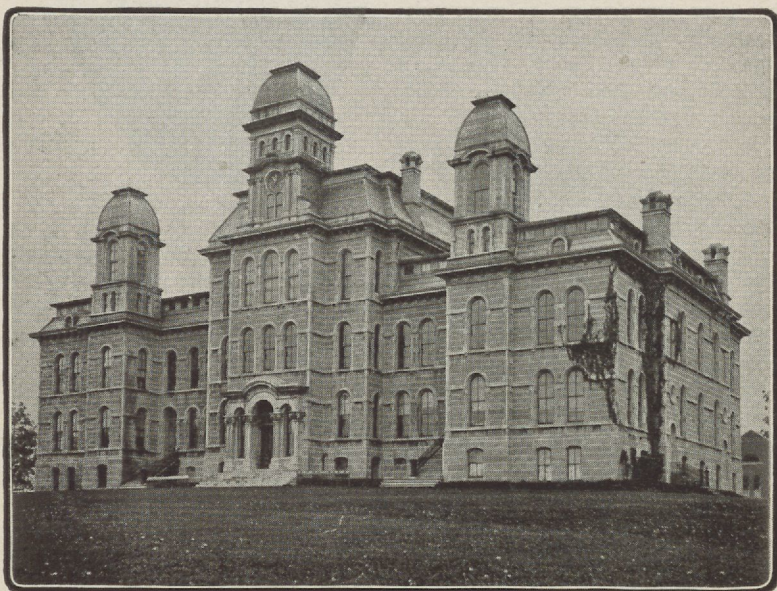
FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS, S. U., '77

A Retrospect

BY MARY WHITFORD, ALPHA, '81.

WHEN Canon Farrar was in America, nearly twenty years ago, he visited many of the colleges and universities of the land. In an address he made in Chicago at a mass meeting of college people he named three institutions as the ones that had impressed him most; one of these was Syracuse, and that which had impressed him there was the "spirit of enthusiasm" of her students.

The women students at least must have had this "spirit of enthusiasm" from the very first, for in a little more than three years from the day the University opened her doors to students two of the foremost women's Greek letter societies had been founded there; Gamma Phi Beta, on November 11, 1874, two years later than the founding of Alpha Phi.



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN 1874

Of the founders of Gamma Phi Beta, Helen Mary Dodge (Ferguson) was a junior, Frances Elizabeth Haven (Moss) a sophomore, and Mary Alice Bingham (Willoughby) and Eunice Adeline Curtis were freshmen. They had each decided not to affiliate with the existing society, and, as they were close friends, decided to form one for themselves. Those of us who know them can easily imagine the part in the organization that would fall to each. Miss Dodge, as upper classman, with her orderly, logical mind, naturally taking her place as leader.

At the request of the young women Miss Haven's father, Erastus Otis Haven, D. D., L. L. D.—then the chancellor of the University, but afterwards a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church—was asked to name the new society. He suggested six different names; from these Gamma Phi Beta was chosen on November 20.

A pin or badge was one of the first essentials. For some reason the privilege of designing one for the new order fell to the lot of two sophomores, members of a local society which became the Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon the following year. One of them, Charles Melville Moss, now professor of Greek at the University of Illinois, married Miss Haven in 1878; the other, Charles Newell Cobb, is at present an inspector of the University of the State of New York. The pins, as first made, were just one inch in diameter; the letters of the monogram were chased, but were not raised above the surface of the crescent; the whole pin was slightly convex. A guard pin, consisting of the letter S, was attached by a chain. Guards were worn on all pins for fully twenty years.

After the Beta chapter was established its members used an Old English M for their guard. The initial letter of the name of the universities, however, gave place to the Greek initial of the name of the chapter after Gamma was established, as an old English M and W were too similar to be easily distinguished.

Bertha Boomer (Brooks), of the class of '81, was the first person who had a pin differ in any respect from the original ones; in hers the letter phi was set with pearls. More jeweled pins than plain ones have been made since hers. The style of pin has changed several times. Many were made with the whole monogram jeweled. In some cases a different kind of stone was used for each letter, some of these representing more novelty and expense than taste.

Only two new members were added to the society during the year of its organization. They were M. Clara Worden (Wilcox) and Barbara Flora Crane (Van Wagoner), members of the sophomore class. The former was initiated March 19, the latter June 4. Some may be interested to know that Miss Worden was not only the first initiate, but was also the first Gamma Phi Beta wife, mother and grandmother.

During the first year the weekly meetings were held at the homes of the members. On February 19 there was no meeting, as three of the young women were out of the city, and the fourth objected to having a meeting all alone.

At the end of the college year a banquet was held, though but five of the six members were present. This was the smallest banquet Alpha ever had; her largest was that of June, 1900, when there were ninety-nine in attendance.

At the beginning of the next college year Professor John J. Brown, L. L. D., of the science department, offered the society the use of his private study for their meetings. This was a large northeast room on the first floor of the Hall of Languages, the only building of the University at that time. The young women very gladly accepted this offer and used the study the whole year, even holding their anniversary exercises there, on November 11. This room is now the classical seminar room.

In honor of Dr. Brown, on October 8, the society color was changed from light blue to the present colors, two shades of brown. These new colors were first used at the public exercises

of the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention, held in Syracuse that autumn.

At the time of the birthday anniversary the members numbered ten, as a sophomore and three freshmen had been initiated that autumn. A double celebration of the birthday was held on November 11, a banquet in the afternoon and a reception in the evening. One of the pleasant features of the banquet was the singing of a society song composed for the occasion by Miss Dodge. This is the first Gamma Phi Beta song of which there is any record, and was undoubtedly "Greet We Each Other." The reception was at the home of Miss Curtis, and was given by her in honor of the society. A large number of college and city friends attended.

All the members of the society were at the banquet except Miss Ida Noble, one of the freshmen. She was in the hospital suffering with smallpox. She never resumed her work in college, but went to her home as soon as well enough, making the first break in the society; and her death, which occurred during the summer of '77, was the first in the sisterhood.

The custom of celebrating the organization of the society by a banquet, inaugurated on this first anniversary, has been followed ever since at Syracuse.

Miss Dodge graduated in June, 1876, the first graduate of the chapter. She remained at her home in Syracuse a number of years afterwards, so the society still had her advice and help.

The third, fourth and fifth years the society held meetings in the parlor of a private house near the University, renting the same for the afternoons of the meetings. Three, ten and twelve new members, respectively, were added these years. After this rooms in the center of the city, in a business block, were rented and furnished, and the society met there till the present chapter house life was adopted.

In the spring of 1882, the total membership of the society being fifty-nine, Kate Isabelle Gardner (Cooke), a freshman, wrote to a friend in the University of Michigan about estab-

lishing a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta there. Alpha Phi had already a second chapter at Northwestern University. Miss Gardner's friend replied that she was a member of a society already at the University, but that she thought another woman's society might be established there very successfully. She sent a list of names of the young women she thought most desirable for charter members of such a chapter. Correspondence with some of these young women followed, and as a result Misses Ella Irene French and Kate I. Gardner went to Ann Arbor and established the Beta chapter June 7, 1882. Some of the other early chapters were established in a somewhat similar manner.

Chapters established during the past few years may well think this is a contrast to the way they have had to work and wait to obtain their charters, but they must remember that until then Gamma Phi Beta was a local society, but little known in the college world outside of Syracuse University.

No announcement of the new chapter was made until the delegates were home. That evening Miss Jessie Zelette Decker entertained the society in honor of the event, and the city papers gave the news to the world.

Next morning, on their way to college, some of the young women met Professor Frank Smalley, of the Latin department. Professor Smalley is now dean of the Liberal Arts College and father of Miss Bessie Smalley, of the class of 1903, who died a year ago. He remarked that he presumed they felt very much elated on account of being members of a sorority. The new name was immediately adopted, and Gamma Phi Beta has been a sorority ever since. As far as I know no other society has ever officially assumed the name, although it is used universally in college publications and by college officials when referring to women's organizations.

May I say particularly, that we older members are proud of the fact that Gamma Phi Beta was the first sorority, and are zealous for the use of the name at all times. I was tempted to protest against the use of "fraternity" in referring to Gamma

Phi Beta in a number of articles in last year's CRESCENT. Alpha seldom transgresses in this respect, as some of us are always at hand and correct her should she forget.

Gamma Phi Beta has always been conservative. At the thirtieth anniversary of its founding it has but eleven Greek letter chapters—that is, chapters which acquire members by initiation. Fully as many charters have been refused as granted during these thirty years. The Gamma chapter was established at the University of Wisconsin November 14, 1885, the members of Beta having done most of the work. Delta, of Boston University, established by Alpha April 22, 1887; Epsilon, at Northwestern, October 13, 1888, Beta being her sponsor also; Zeta, at Baltimore University, by Alpha, November 24, 1893; Eta, at the University of California, by Beta alumnae, April, 1894; Theta, at Denver University, by Zeta, December, 1898; Iota, at Barnard College, by Alpha alumnae; Kappa, at University of Minnesota, largely through the influence of Louise Jones (Crooker), an Alpha alumna, assisted by the Gamma chapter, on May 23, 1902, and Lambda, at the University of Washington, on May 7, 1903.

There are six graduate, or alumnae chapters, established in the following order: Chicago, Boston, Syracuse, New York, Milwaukee and San Francisco.

It is worthy of note that almost without exception the chapters are at state universities or at institutions under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The first convention of the sorority was held in Syracuse, in November, 1883. Miss Isadore Thompson was the one visiting delegate. Some may be interested to know that the minutes of the proceedings of this convention, together with an account of the festivities—six full pages, about six by eight inches in size when written with a large hand, another contrast with the present.

The second convention was at Ann Arbor, in 1884. Alpha sent three delegates. The third convention was at Syracuse, and the fourth again at Ann Arbor, but three chapters were

represented here by delegates, as the Gamma chapter was nearly a year old. The fifth convention was with Gamma, the sixth with Delta, and the seventh with Epsilon.

In 1890 the convention was again held in Syracuse, and was called the "Sixteenth Annual Convention of Gamma Phi Beta," as it was decided that the number of years since the founding of the sorority should give the convention its name rather than the number of times chapters had actually met in convention. This is customary in such organizations, and was especially appropriate in this case, as reunion exercises had been held each year since the founding.

The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth conventions were held with Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon chapters in regular order, but the twenty-first, in 1895, was at Syracuse, as Alpha wished to celebrate that event. The twenty-second was with Zeta, twenty-third with Beta, twenty-fourth with Gamma, twenty-fifth with Delta, twenty-sixth with Epsilon, twenty-seventh with Zeta, twenty-eighth with Eta at Berkeley, California, being the first Greek letter convention west of the Rocky Mountains and the second west of the Mississippi River; the twenty-ninth was with Theta, at Denver.

The first publication of the sorority was a song book, published in 1887, under the direction of Beta. Our present song book was published by Delta in 1896.

Two directories have been published, one in charge of Alpha in 1894, and the other by Epsilon in 1900.

THE CRESCENT, the sorority quarterly, was published for three years by the Delta chapter, and the past year by Zeta.

We are sorry that the statistics of the sorority can not be given here, but there was not enough time between the opening of the colleges this autumn and the date on which THE CRESCENT goes to press to communicate with the distant chapters. We suggest, however, that each Greek letter chapter send statistics to THE CRESCENT, and that they be published in the near future.

Our founders could not look ahead these thirty years and see Gamma Phi Beta as she is, with her chapters reaching from ocean to ocean and her hundreds of members scattered throughout the land. Yet those of us who can look back, as I can, to twenty-seven of these years, realize that she meant the same to us then that she does now, and that those who went out from Gamma Phi Beta in the early years found in her the same help and inspiration that she gives today.

In Memoriam



ELLA IRENE FRENCH

Ella Irene French was born in Fulton, N. Y., on June 8, 1854. Her early life was spent in Mexico, N. Y., until her parents removed to Lima, N. Y., where her father became Professor of Mathematics in Genesee College. When, in 1871, that college was merged in Syracuse University, the family came to Syracuse and Dr. French held the chair of Mathematics from that time until his death in 1897. He was also Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from '78 to '97, and Vice-Chancellor of the University, '95 to '97.

Through her mother's ancestors she traced direct lineage to John and Priscilla Alden, and was an honored member of the Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower. When the College of Fine Arts was established in 1877 she entered the Senior class in the musical course, graduating in June, '78. Previous to this time she had studied with William Sherwood of Boston, and also with masters in Stuttgart, Germany. After her graduation she taught for a time in a school for

young ladies in Auburn, N. Y., and at Wells College, coming in 1884 to Syracuse University, where she was Professor of Music until her death. During the absence of Dr. Parker in 1900, she had full charge of the musical department for the entire year, and most acceptably fulfilled that trust, as she did all others. In June, 1901, accompanied by her mother and niece, she went abroad for a much needed rest and with the hope of study in the musical centers of Germany, if her strength should permit,—but while in Berlin she suffered from a long and severe illness from which she never fully recovered.

Returning in October, 1902, she again took up her work, although far from well, and in June, 1903, met with a most crushing blow in the death of her mother, to whom she gave the love and devotion of a daughter and the comradeship of a sister. Almost prostrated by ill health and sorrow, she continued her college work, living in the old home where she had loving friends to comfort her, though those who knew her best knew how lonely she was at heart. Her brother and his family urged her to give up the struggle and live with them in Rochester, but she hoped for better health and felt that her work was here. She continued with her classes until the June examinations were finished, and on the day the last one was over she went to bed never to rise again, dying on June 24.

She was initiated into Gamma Phi Beta in the fall of '78, and from that time until her death continued her active membership in the Alpha Chapter.

She was also one of the charter members of the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapters and one of its most active and valued sisters.

To a most unusual degree she had the welfare and interests of her Sorority at heart. Outside her own family, it was the dearest thing in the world to her, and every Gamma Phi, near or far, seen or unseen, was truly held to be her sister. Pre-eminently clear-minded and absolutely just, her advice and judgment were often sought by friends as well as Gamma Phi sisters, and never sought in vain. The loss to the Sorority is irremediable, while to her friends has come a great bereavement. It seems impossible that we shall never see her cheerful countenance again, nor hear her voice so full of love and interest for all that pertains to Gamma Phi,—but her spirit is with us still,—the example she set of loyalty, of never-wavering justice, of cheerfulness and patience under suffering and sorrow, is yet before us, and the best tribute that Gamma Phi can offer to her memory, is for each sister to follow that example as best she can.

Emerson said "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature," and Ella French was indeed a true and constant friend.

KATE GARDNER COOKE,
Syracuse Alumnæ.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Ella Irene French; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Miss French we have lost a sister who exemplified in her life the noble principles of our Sorority; and

WHEREAS, In her death the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has lost one of her truest and most valued members, and one whose memory shall ever be loved by the sisters of our Chapter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in THE CRESCENT, and be included in the minutes of Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter.

JEANETTE F. LEETE,
GENEVIEVE O. POSTER,
Committee.

FLORENCE FREULER

The splendid coloring of a sunset must be succeeded by the paler, fainter afterglow which, in its mere suggestion of former glory, still touches all with a mystical light that is all its own. A life that has been pure and true, a nature that has been endowed with power to help and strengthen others can never die; the sweet and lasting memory must ever influence, uplift and vivify.

From the day when we first pinned the double brown upon her, Florence Freuler was a potent factor in the life of Theta. We watched her in her brave struggle for health; we saw her, ever cheerful, bright and unselfish; we knew her loyalty to the crescent and all that it symbolized; and instinctively we gave her our deepest affection and trust, knowing that she was one who exemplified in life and action the true meaning of friendship and sisterhood.

We are right in saying that no one can ever fill her place in Theta's circle; we know that her service to our chapter will never be forgotten, and that her life will ever be to us a sweet and tender memory.

"We cannot say, and we will not say
That she is dead. She is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
Think of her faring on as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here.
Think of her still as the same we say
She is not dead—she is just away."

M. L. B.

Boston Alumnae wish to offer tender sympathy to Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike, Delta, '00, who lost, July 17, her little daughter Virginia Moulton Thorndike, aged two weeks.

This summer Gamma was very much grieved and surprised to hear of the sudden death of Blanche Shearer, of Green Bay.

Mrs. Sara Ostrander, mother of Ethel Ostrander Smith, Alpha, died September 24.

Boston Chapter wishes to extend sincere sympathy to May Ingraham Wren, because of the long and critical illness of her husband, Professor Frank G. Wren, head of the Mathematical Department, Tufts College. We are relieved to hear of his convalescence and hope before this issue of THE CRESCENT he will have regained his health.

It will be of interest to the Chapter to learn that Professor and Mrs. Wren are now living at their new address, 114 Professors' Row.

From the Alpha Phi Quarterly comes this kindly sympathetic notice of the death of our Alpha sister:

"Our sister Sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, receives the condolence of Alpha Phi because of the death of Professor Ella Irene French, S. U., '78. Professor French was one of the noble college women who left her impress of strength of character upon all who knew her. Her sisterhood to whose interest she was loyally devoted loses a wise counsellor, a faithful friend."

This expression of sympathy from our sister Sorority is very acceptable to us in this time of our great sorrow and loss. It is a pleasure to know that one who was so dear to our Sorority was so highly esteemed by those outside our circle and that her memory is so tenderly cherished by our friends in Alpha Phi. We would thank them for their words of condolence.

The Convention in New York

PERHAPS a few words about the approaching convention in November will not come amiss.

First of all, Iota wants to express her pleasure in entertaining this year. She is thankful for this opportunity to know her sister chapters better and to be made known. This is the first Gamma Phi convention that has ever been held in New York, and that fact should lend special interest to our gathering for several reasons. Modesty prevents us from telling the numerous attractions which Iota herself has to offer, but the New Yorker's provincialism cannot be downed in that way, and we must say it will be well worth any one's time to come here just to see our beautiful University, overlooking the Hudson. This river is the glory of New York. If you don't believe it come and see. There is one injunction, however, which must be deeply graven on the tablets of your memory—bring plenty of hat pins.

Our business meetings will be held in Earl Hall, a cozy little building on the Columbia Campus devoted entirely to the use of the various student organizations which flourish in the classic air of Morningside Heights. The rooms in this hall are so homelike and attractive that it is a serious question with us as to whether or not any business will be transacted at all. We have been informed by those who know that four blank walls and very straight-backed chairs—the kind that catch you between the shoulders—are very conducive to the rapid transaction of business. But, then, it's easy to advance theories.

Calendars will be sent to each chapter giving the schedule of happening for the days of the convention—November 8 to 11—and each delegate will receive the name and address of her prospective hostess before coming to New York. It is therefore very important that Iota have the names of the delegates

at once, so that ample time will be allowed for arrangements and safe and speedy forwarding of luggage be insured. This sounds like a traveler's guide, but the information seems really necessary.

The following is a partial

PROGRAM.

—Tuesday, November 8.—

P. M.—Informal reception at home of Edna N. Stitt, 156 West Ninety-third street.

—Wednesday, November 9.—

A. M.—Opening business session, Earl Hall (Columbia Campus).

P. M.—Formal reception at home of Mrs. H. N. Marvin, 340 Riverside Drive.

—Thursday, November 10.—

A. M.—Business session, Earl Hall.

P. M.—Automobile tour. (Starting point not known yet.)

—Friday, November 11.—

A. M.—Business session, Earl Hall.

P. M.—Six o'clock, banquet at Hotel Savoy, Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, followed in evening by dance.

Once again Iota extends a cordial invitation to her sisters, while the New York alumnae chapter as well heartily seconds our hospitable intentions, and is fully determined to play the gracious hostess for us to the best of her ability.

Any inquiries may be directed to

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THIS number closes our fourth volume of THE CRESCENT. To those who have made it what it is we are grateful. This is a labor which has been much enjoyed by the new editor, and we dare say by the assistants. The charm of the friendly intercourse which has been started we would dislike to break. The circle is sufficiently comprehensive for all Gamma Phi, and we wish that all might come with us as readers and enjoy our intercourse.



Our Anniversary

THE splendid "Retrospect" which Mary Whitford has given us opens a fresh vein of love for our sorority. There are those in our number who have lived to see the consummation of their dreams. On the other hand, some of us, in our personality and relation to our chapters, are the reality of cherished hopes which were fashioned in the past by our beloved founders. Though possibly Gamma Phi Beta of 1904 is not in all particulars what the four had anticipated, we do trust that the realization of their ideals is a latent possibility.



OUR next issue will aim to give to all who are not fortunate enough to have the opportunity of accepting Iota's cordial hospitality to attend the convention as good an idea of the delightful days of the session as pen and ink can produce.

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.

What We, As Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Owe To Our Sorority

WE have already learned that the ideal Gamma Phi Beta must stand for definite ideas and aims, which she should first carry out in her own life and then in the life of her Sorority. She must be at home with any one, everywhere and anywhere she may go. She must be very careful of her personal appearance and her conversation and always use good judgment in the choice of her associates. When a girl enters college, she has to use great care in picking out her companions, for "by their friends ye shall know them."

The subject, "What we owe to our Sorority," naturally divides itself into these two parts—that which we as members should give to our Sorority and that which we owe for what we have received from our Sorority.

What is essential for the success and progress of a chapter is true Sorority spirit, defined recently to "include enthusiasm, earnestness, courage and the like." Not only must we feel our duty and responsibility as members of Gamma Phi Beta, but we must have that enthusiasm which should accompany all our dutiful efforts.

Because some of our rushing parties do not turn out quite the way we would have them, we should not immediately become despondent. Each sister should be loyal and faithful to the high standards of the Sorority and hold her pledge as most sacred and binding.

Now the question arises, Why should we be thankful for what we have received? If a Sorority has the true aim in view (which we feel Gamma Phi Beta has), every individual member may receive some help to a higher and better living. Where so many

girls are constantly thrown together, excellent opportunities for personal development in self control and self sacrifice are afforded. One of the greatest privileges of our lives as Gamma Phi is our social relation one with another. It is much to be regretted that we of Iota have not the pleasure of such intimate contact with other Sororities in the same college as exists in the west. Not only a girl's college life, but her future, is influenced by the society she enters. She may still, as an alumna, hold close connection with her chapter and continue her former pleasant relations.

In conclusion, we who hold the privileges of membership in Gamma Phi Beta must always fight against that spirit of reserve toward others who are not of us. We should never want to make those who are non-frat girls feel uncomfortable in our presence, even though we may rejoice in the intimate associations which our Sorority brings us.



When Gamma Phi Beta Sits in Judgment

IF ONE could look behind screens and disarrange draperies that hide chapter histories there would be disclosed judgments which, according to national ideals, were not justly made. Is it not imperative that Gamma Phi should consider well when she sits in judgment upon a criticised member? The good is dominant in each one of us, more at one time than at another. Why do any of us ever act otherwise than at the dictation of the ideal self? What is it that leads us on to mistakes in the face of our own best judgment? What is it that bests us 'fore and aft and bilaterally to yield to perverse impulses? Not one of us can answer this baffling puzzle in her individual life. But how easy to forget this when a majority, right or wrong, stand supporting one another against a criticised sorority sister! The judged one stands, for the first time, alone—helpless, hurt, resentful, yet hungering for compassion, justice and sympathetic understanding. She has in some way failed to meet the sorority standard. Perhaps she has shown a careless, too free

attitude toward men, or she has in some way failed in straightforwardness. She has brought criticism upon herself and her sorority. Is Gamma Phi going to mercilessly conclude her action comes from character and not from impulse? As a reed stung by a wild bee will bloat until it is sufficient house for her hatch, so every act of this criticised member may be perverted and distorted so that it will appear a sign post for criticism. Whatever one wishes to see in another that may be presented by his own point of view for his reflection—and it is not always just. Is Gamma Phi Beta always slow to turn away? Does she always recognize the primeval for the good and true? Does she always see truth—pale, best, striving and struggling to live—in the eyes that are blinded as much by tears of remorse as of resentment?

What does Gamma Phi Beta say? Does she say, "You have failed of our ideal, you have not met us frankly, you have hurt us in the eyes of the college world, we cannot support you. It is best for you and for the sorority that you do not remain in this college among us. Of course, we do not seek expulsion or any spreading of the matter outside of our chapter, but it is best you should go to some new place and begin over." Does Gamma Phi Beta say this? Or does she say, "You have failed of our ideal, but if you recognize this and prove it to us, we will support you, despite the fact you have hurt yourself and the sorority by your conduct. We will show the college world that if you have done wrong you have it in you to do right, and because you are a Gamma Phi, and because you have your sorority back of you, you can be strong enough to overcome prejudice and ill report. As an answer to open comment or covert remark, we can bring people face to face with a re-created Gamma Phi whose nobility none but the narrow and malicious can help recognize. It is finer to stay and live down what you have done than to run away from it. We are with you until you prove there is no good in you."

Which is the attitude of the sorority as a whole? Of course, there can be but one answer, and yet, when it comes down to

specific cases, how many chapters judge as they do in the abstract?

In the first case a girl goes away from her college world, and strives with what remnant of courage she has left to begin life in another place. She has looked to Gamma Phi Beta for a compassion and consideration which she has not found. She was ready to prove her real womanliness—and she was turned away. The courage which showed in her readiness to undergo the ordeal of facing things was not recognized for what it showed of strength of character. How can she put on her pin with the same feeling? No non-sorority girl, lonely and embittered, can ever feel the suffering which comes in the galling experience of a sorority girl in this position. She is without the sorority incentive—the real womanliness in her gives her a poignant punishment in self-blame—the burden of it is very heavy—her best motives, which rose before sorority criticism, are coiled in her defeat. Is this Gamma Phi Beta's gain?

In the second case the girl stays in college. Womanly sympathy and help from her sorority proves her greatest blessing. She is saved the experience of leaving her chapter without the sweetest memories. Out of the darkness grows a girl strong and noble enough to counteract the derogatory influence of right or wrong judgment upon her past conduct. The chapter has the satisfaction of seeing its trust is not misplaced. Is this Gamma Phi Beta's loss?

Gamma Phi Beta must face these things—what chapter has not? Has every chapter acted according to our national ideal?



Rushing, the Root of All Evil

AN old man advised his young friend, about to marry, to arrange a honeymoon full of excitement and travel, to avoid quiet as he would avoid poison. "Bustle her, lad; bustle her! Don't give her time to think, or she may find out what kind of a man you are."

That is our rushing system—to bustle the girl we want lest she have time to think and find out what kind of girls we are.

"We" means not Gamma Phis alone, but all college girls who wear Sorority pins. We are all alike. We entice a girl to Sorority life by showing her something that it is not. Not that what we show her is better—Heaven forbid! But we do not show her the real thing. And in that very misrepresentation we ourselves lose sight of what the real thing is.

What is it really? In each college there are, perhaps, a hundred girls who band themselves together under the name of Greeks. Their aim is to acknowledge culture and beauty and greatness wherever they find it, to aspire to it themselves, to love simplicity, to scorn meanness, to make as a body of girls the same effort toward high living that every earnest girl makes in her own life.

In order that there may be intimacy and a sense of kinship, the girls live together in bands of a wieldy size, choose different badges, different mottos and keep their exercises secret, but they are all Greeks. How utterly silly for the bands of girls to go to war with each other for any cause! But how worse than silly that cause for war should be found in the eagerness of each band to claim a certain new college girl as one of their number. If she is made of the right stuff and becomes a Greek, that is cause for rejoicing throughout the race, not for tears and envyings within the bands that do not get her.

No! The chapters would not soon die out that were willing to stand back and see each other get the best girls. They would have time and thought and energy to devote to accomplishing something worth while—self development, if nothing more—so that new girls would be prouder to be invited to join them. The chapters would ultimately shape themselves—society girls together, athletic girls together, students together—according to the life of the college. There would be less internal friction than there is now, when every chapter is wanting the same girl, irrespective of type, and when there come to be nearly as many sorts of girls in the chapter as there are names in the roll call. No wonder that there is lack of unity within and that the work of one year undoes the work of the year before.

But what might not a group of girls accomplish, what dear, hearty good times together might they not have, if they worked and grew naturally together, chose their little sisters tenderly and rejoiced in the good done by anyone, whether themselves or their neighbors.

The opposite of the right state exists. There is envy, malice and all uncharitableness. I have actually heard a group of girls boasting that they ranked first socially at their college. If the way to uphold the Greek ideal is to rank first socially, the institution of Sororities would better be blotted from the face of the earth.

The system of rushing is to blame for this. At the beginning of the year every nerve is strained for the success of social functions that shall decide a chapter's value in the eyes of the new girls at college. With that standard set afresh at the beginning of each year and the hurry and excitement of college life to drive everyone along the easiest way, what chance is there for reform?

It is a curious fact that the active college girls are content to go on in the old way. It is the alumnae who constantly demand change and reform. In our Minnesota Pan-Hellenic Association every alumna representative was in favor of reforming the rushing system and every active delegate was willing to let the system go on in the old way. That may mean that the girls who are in college find sorority life pleasant enough as it is and get out of it all they want. Or it may mean that it is only after we leave college that we can see things fairly, can judge the relative value of the elements of college life and can realize what a simple and easy thing it would be to move things in the right direction, if only we can budge them from their present stolidity.

Surely we can. There is scarcely a girl in any Sorority in any college who would not rejoice if the ideal Sorority life were realized. The distance of the ideal from us now is small excuse for our taking no steps toward it. It must be done. Urging rushing reform is not futile. We are not baying the moon. Or, if we are, there will be this result: If we howl long enough and persistently enough and are consistent in our refusals to compromise, something will be done finally, if only to stop the noise.



ALPHA

ALPHA is ready and eager for another year's work and with good reason, for never before has she had brighter prospects than at the present time.

While many of you were enjoying a summer's rest, and recreation, a faithful few were busily engaged with the interests of Gamma Phi at Syracuse. The result of their efforts is that at the beginning of the college year we find ourselves comfortably settled in a new home. It is not a brand new house, but an old one remodeled to suit our every desire. We are very proud of the fact that now we have the best girls' chapter house on "the hill."

If you will stop a minute we shall be glad to show you through. This, you see, is a large reception hall. You probably are wondering where so many doors lead to. The double doors behind you open into our parlor which is decorated in hunter's green; those at your right open into our library which is decorated in brown and is connected with the parlor by double doors. Directly in front of you is our special pride—the dining room, looking so cosy with its red paper. This room is so large that it admits a table long enough to seat us all comfortably at one time. As this was something unheard of in the past it means a great deal to us now. If there was time we would show you the rooms on the second and third floors of which the girls have made charming studies, but we must hasten.

Perhaps you noticed that our rooms are beautifully arranged for entertaining. We realized this Monday evening, September 26, when we entertained about thirty-four Freshmen. The "stunt" we prepared for them was so successful that I shall tell you about it. To each one was given a slip of paper on which was written the name of one of the guests, and she was requested to write a verse containing that name.

After they were written and collected, one of our alumnæ read them aloud. Besides being very amusing, we found that this was an excellent way of discovering the clever girls. All seemed to enjoy the fun, and each one kept the verse about her own name as a souvenir.

They were then ushered into the dining room. The table, placed at one side, was prettily decorated with candelabra. Here our chaperon, Mrs. Kester, presided, and our Sophomores, still doing Freshman duty, served us. The evening ended with a Gamma Phi "sing," and everyone voted our first rushing party a success.

We shall try the plan of waiting until the second semester to pledge again this year, since we have found it advantageous in the past.

Alpha hopes that you are all as happy as she is, and trusts that Gamma Phi throughout the country will have a successful year.



BETA

BETA sends most cordial greetings to all her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. Since our last letter to THE CRESCENT, we have all had a vacation rest, and come back with new courage to face the situation here in Ann Arbor. We miss our Seniors more than we can say. Only Clara Davis of the six was able to get back to Ann Arbor this fall, even for a few days.

But before we write of present conditions, let us tell you of our farewell to the Seniors in June. First, Grace Breakey gave a supper party at the Country Club for the alumnæ who were back to meet the Freshmen and welcome the Seniors to alumnæ ranks. We had such a good time listening to the stories of old girls and singing Gamma Phi songs. Then instead of spring banquet the first of June, we celebrated the close of examinations with it, and every underclassman but one staid over until Commencement. Besides the alumnæ here in Ann Arbor, Maud Hicks Hydel, Rose and Grace Anderson, Gertrude Birdsall Arnold, Jess Horton, Patty Banker, Constance Weber Waite, Carrie Hosie, Florence Brownell, and Margaret McGregory were with us. Marion Dickinson made a most charming toastmistress.

The rushing season under existing circumstances has been a rather harder one than usual for Beta, but we are more than proud of our three fine pledges, Helen Hicks, Alpena; Marion Moulton, a Holyoke graduate, and Madge Miller, first pledged Gamma Phi by Gamma. Caroline Johnston, a former pledgling, from Alpena, has been here all rushing season visiting and will enter college second semester. Besse Bigelow, Owosso, and Benita Allen, Chicago, both pledged last year, will also enter second semester.

Beta is very fortunate and happy this year in having Jane Sherzer, a Beta, with us as chaperone, and this year as always in having such helpful alumnæ here in Ann Arbor. Mabel Leonard Douglass entertained the active chapter and pledglings at a charming supper party only a few nights ago.



GAMMA

GAMMA extends her heartiest greetings to all Gamma Phis, both old and new.

It was with much anticipation that we looked forward to the opening of college and rushing. We have pledged ten girls, whom Gamma Phi may be well proud of, and happy to own as sisters. They are as follows: Elizabeth Whitney, Dubuque, Iowa; Ruth Allen, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Philena Yutzy, Sioux City, Iowa; Mary Nethercut, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Maizie Wilson, Cherokee, Iowa; Marjorie Durkee, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Mildred Evenson, Sparta, Wisconsin; Elsie Minn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mary Reed, Ida Grove, Iowa; Leonore Horan, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After pledging such fine girls, Gamma feels that her rushing "stunts" have indeed been a success.

Our annual, never to be forgotten rushing breakfast was given by Mrs. Brittingham on the Thursday of rushing week. It was as usual a grand affair, and the greatest event of the season.

The Wisconsin-Michigan game will be held here on October 29. We are joyfully anticipating a visit from the Beta girls, and will be very disappointed if we do not see them.

It is somewhat early for collegiate honors to be distributed, but so far we have Eurette Kimball representing us on the Badger board, and Marjorie Durkee, one of our Freshmen, has been elected to the glee club.

Katherine Swint, '06, is the authoress of one of the most popular stories in the first edition of the *Lit*, Wisconsin's short-story magazine.

Probably the chief reason for our great success in rushing is due to the fact that our Gamma Phi spirit and enthusiasm was all renewed by the return of about sixty of Gamma's alumnæ at the time of the Wisconsin jubilee last June. Our nineteenth banquet was certainly a great success with Carrie Morgan, the first initiate of Gamma Chapter, as toastmistress.

We have heard splendid reports of Kappa's and Epsilon's success at rushing, and hope to hear soon through THE CRESCENT from our other sisters.

Florence Stott, '05, will be our delegate at convention, and we will anxiously await her return for reports of all Gamma Phis.

Here's good luck to you all.

ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Zeta hopes that all her sisters have had as glorious a holiday as she has had and have come back to their Alma Mater and to their fraternity stronger and more eager for success than ever before.

Rushing season began with us this year the first of October, a week being left free so that the girls might make a fair start in their college work and in fixing their rooms and cosy corners. We are glad that instead of the long six months' season of last year, we have again the six weeks' season. Six of the strongest Sophs in that class are trying their hand for the first time at rushing and have already discovered and become acquainted with a good many desirable Freshmen. One ex-nineteen-four girl, Neil Webb, is visiting here and we expect two of our last years' Seniors to come this week and be with us some time.

Saturday night we had our first Sorority meeting, planned several affairs, made dates and appointed a committee for our first function, as we are allowed two this year.

Zeta has felt greatly honored in having one of her Seniors, Nell Watts, chosen as Senior President; another, Bell Baker, as President of the Southern Club; one of her Sophs as Vice-President of her class, and the sister of another Soph as Chairman of the Freshman class. Two of the girls have brought charming sisters back with them. The prospects are all bright for a successful rushing season and we confidently expect that in our next letter we can give you a list of new sisters of whom Gamma Phi may be proud.



ETA

TO the Gamma Phi Beta girls everywhere the members of Eta Chapter send their heartiest greetings from the shores of the Pacific.

Here in California we have just finished our rushing season, and now we are ready to enter with zeal into our active college work. Our initiation took place on October 1, and we added five names to our chapter roll. Four of the new girls are Freshmen—Marguerite Daniels, Sydney Gray, Esto Dunbar and Ione Garnett. Hazel Pierce, the fifth, finished her Freshman year at Wellesley and enters with our Sophomore class. We are very proud of the new Gamma Phi Betas, and we expect great things from them.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be in Berkeley in July received a visit from Olive Dutcher, of Iota Chapter. Her visit made us more anxious than ever to know our eastern sisters.

The entertaining that we have done thus far has been rather informal and mainly for rushing purposes. The one exception was a farewell party given at the chapter house on September 30 to Tallulah Le Conte, who left for Seattle, Washington.

We expect to send at least two delegates to the convention. May the convention be most prosperous on this, our thirtieth anniversary. We know that the assembly will be the most loyal and the merriest, since we are all bound together in Gamma Phi.



THETA

NOW that we are basking in perfect Colorado sunshine, under the bluest of skies, with every leaf on the trees its original verdant shade, we Denver girls are reminded of a pretty story which the Germans love to tell of their beloved Baden-Baden. They say that the angels when carrying the Garden of Eden to heaven, dropped a part of it, which earthly fragment became Baden-Baden. With characteristic Colorado egotism we are inclined to add a little to this tale and declare that two fragments were lost, and that this other portion sinking quietly to rest near the Rocky Mountains, is now marked and distinguished by the Gamma Phi Beta Lodge.

A sweeping statement you say, and you ask if we do not miss the glorious tints of the eastern foliage? Well, yes. But even our eastern sisters amid all the wealth of their gorgeous autumnal colors could not deny that our dear little lodge, with its grass plot, spacious tennis courts, and high green hedge, is a fascinating spot whence unwary Freshmen are craftily lured—and kept.

Somehow this year rushing was exhilarating; perhaps it was the Colorado oxygen which makes one feel that mere animal existence is a blessing; perhaps it was a little something within which told us that fate was even then inclined to smile upon us. Anyhow, to express it all in Cæsar's laconic words: *Veni, vidi, vici*. Never had we beheld a bonnier lot of new girls, and from this number we set our hearts—and incidentally our hands—upon the nine that most charmed us. Won't you rejoice with us when we say that we got them all, and have sent them forth decked in the double brown, "for all the world to see." Lucy Moore, Mamie Galleys, Effie Behm, Ora Bowman, Margaret Carmen and Mildred Hanson are our Freshmen, and we are proud of them. Caroline Wolfe, who spent last year at Wellesley, is the gift of the Sophomore class, while from the post-graduate school we have Ella Fillins, who was last year at Bryn Mawr, and Ada Seifried, a Stanford graduate.

Some day, soon we hope, we are to have a grand initiation, followed by a banquet such as never was, and anchor them all in the safe harbor of Gamma Phi.

Rushing parties were not many—a luncheon at the Lodge, a tennis party, a five o'clock tea in the city and a garden party at our small headquarters were the social functions, and all were successful—so we heard. To be sure, the night of the garden party the weather was capricious, in that the oft-quoted Colorado air was a trifle too bracing and the punch served under the trees not stimulating. Then by the time the harpist and the palms were arranged upon the porch, one was forced to carefully make his way; while within—but as Kipling says, "That is another story."

With the joy and triumph of rushing has come the happiness of reunion and the strengthening of old ties. We have had many things to tell of our various summer outings, and some of our girls have news of other Gamma Phis. Lindsey Barbee of our alumnae has given us glowing accounts of the Beta Chapter, while Grace Twombly on her eastern trip met many wearers of the crescent, and Esther Doll visited with our Baltimore sisters.

And, just as in the midst of a joyous melody there comes the plaintive minor strain, our hearts have been saddened by the death of Florence Freuler, '01, whose beautiful character and loyal service to our chapter can never be forgotten.

So for this time we bid you farewell, desiring for each sister chapter all success and prosperity during the college year.

With our college free from debt, and having a brighter horizon each year, with our new members to strengthen our circle, with our own love and loyalty to our order renewed and invigorated, we greet you, sister chapters, and toast you from our heart of hearts with a fervent "Here's to all who wear the crescent. May you all live long and prosper!"



IOTA

IOTA was urged to send personals. She has. The result is obvious—she has nothing left to say here but "I hope you've all had a pleasant summer," and that remark has been worn threadbare during the last few weeks. Nevertheless, we do hope that the playtime proved a jolly one for everybody.

As the above-mentioned personals prove, we have been pretty well scattered this summer and have wasted our time in the most delightful ways imaginable. It's great fun to play, but it wouldn't have been half so fine if we hadn't had work to look forward to at the end of it.

College has but just opened and there is really nothing definite planned yet that we can tell you about. Everybody is glad to get back and to pitch into the routine again. We are all looking forward to November, when we shall see some of our sisters at least.

We send our love to all and best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.



KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Another summer has passed, and as we gather again in our college halls and clasp hands in our first meetings, our thoughts go out to sisters in far-away chapters, and from the bottom of our hearts we send you greeting.

We have been visited by some of the Gamma and Lambda girls during the all too short vacation, and have wished for more of you. We feel that, like the little busy bee of nursery fame, we have "improved each shining hour." As the fruits of our labors, and those of our devoted alumnae, we show the coziest little flat on the campus, charmingly furnished throughout, and a more than successful rushing season this fall. During these two weeks the round of teas, dinners, dances and drives was enjoyed no less by our own girls than by the fortunate "rushlings." Two house parties, one at Mrs. Backus' charming home in Minneapolis, and one at Miss Andrews' in St. Paul, gave us opportunities of becoming better acquainted with the Freshmen, and initiation, on Monday, September 26, at Marion Jones' has given us ten Freshmen, the very sweetest and strongest girls our North Star State can offer. We glow with pride as we present them to you: Grace D. Freeman, Cordelia Paine, Ellen A. Paine, Grace Rachel Beard, Lora Gooding, Ellen R. Brooks, and Hazel Lovell, all of Minneapolis; Lyla Gertrude Root and Grace Moreland of St. Paul, and Georgia E. Campbell of Princeton, Minn.

Minnesota's social whirl has not yet begun, though by the time you read this, we will probably be in full swing, with band informals, frat parties and class receptions. We gave our Freshman party Friday the 6th of October at Helen Hendrix's hospitable home, and hostesses and guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Friday, the 29th of September, a large reception was given by the Faculty of the University to celebrate the entering by our beloved President, Cyrus Northrup, on the third decade of his administration. Also, as Dean Downey said, it was to show that we were not unduly cast down by the catastrophe that has befallen us—the destruction by fire of the "Old Main" Building, that landmark of the University and nucleus round which our college has grown.

Already, dear sisters, we are looking forward to a year from this fall when we hope to see many of you here at convention. Be sure to begin now to save your pennies, and come to us, each chapter in a body, being sure that Kappa's welcome will embrace you all. With best wishes for the year that shall pass before them.



LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Lambda is trying to get used to the changes occasioned by the departure of last year's Seniors and the absence of five old standbys who have been compelled to postpone their studies for the present. We started out this fall with thirteen active girls eager and ready for the fray. Tonight we initiate two Freshmen who were pledged two years ago and one charter member of our former Alpha Chapter.

We are now settled in a comfortable house conveniently located and well arranged for our smaller entertainments.

The Pan-Hellenic rules for rushing have permitted us to go slowly that we may concentrate our efforts toward the last. On the evening of September 27 we had several of the old girls and a number of Freshmen at a spread. Four or five of the Freshmen are very desirable. We have arranged for several informal affairs, a social before the football game between Washington and Whitman, and a dancing party the Friday before pledge day.

Lambda has more to work against this year than she had last but has reason to be hopeful.

We were delighted to have a visit with Mrs. Waldron from Eta Chapter, who told us about the Gamma Phis at Berkeley.

To every Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, Lambda sends her best wishes for success in the fields of '04 and '05.



BOSTON

IT is with some little relief, shared I am sure by our patient editor-in-chief, that Boston Chapter, with her warmest greetings, is able to send, in time for publication, a report of the opening meeting of the season, which in point of attendance and enthusiasm is a happy augury for the year. Our reunion at the accustomed morning hour brought together from summer travels nineteen Gamma Phis, scattered since June.

When the first welcomings were over, serious Sorority business, appropriate for sober autumn days, held all attention for many minutes. Then followed various informal and disordered tête-à-tête scraps of dis-

cussion, tempered gradually by a little fun and frolic, incident to the preparation of luncheon. There had been so many happenings interesting to ourselves while we had been separated! A very recent engagement, two new Gamma Phi babies and three marriages were ready to set us gossiping. One of our brides, an August one, peeped in upon us, only to be deluged with advice by two very slightly experienced housewives as to the intricacies of the domestic art.

In one corner of the room interest was absorbed by predictions as to the success of the Pan-Hellenic Association's rigorous laws under which Delta's "rushing" is now laboring; while in another nook a group of chatterers were deep in the coming joys of convention, so approachable from our point of residence this year and to which we are sending three official delegates with the possibility of one or two other representatives as yet undecided.

Our plans for the thirtieth anniversary celebration are scarcely more than outlined, but the general opinion, still to be submitted to Delta, is in approval of arranging special exercises at the time of Delta's initiation and banquet which occurs in November. At that time we would be sure of a large number of alumnae as well as all other active chapters to review the proud record of Gamma Phi Beta, to rejoice in her continual prosperity and to pledge anew our loyalty forever.

With loving remembrances to all her sisters, Boston Chapter subscribes her name.

CHICAGO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Our feasts this summer have been very decidedly movable feasts, both as to time and place. In June we met with Jessie Horton at Tracy, a pretty suburb about thirteen miles south of the center of the city. Judge Horton's house stands on what we Chicagoans call respectfully a "hill," though our eastern sisters would most probably term it a "gentle rise of ground." So we spent the afternoon on the front porch, gazing across a stretch of country fully a block in extent, without encountering a house to mar our outlook. On either side of us were lovely country homes with ample lawns, and we luxuriated in Gamma Phi talk and rural surroundings at the same time.

Our August meeting was far away, in distant Evanston, about the same number of miles north of the city. This time Mrs. Parker was our hostess, and though the meeting was small, we had two guests of honor, Miss Mary Wellington of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Honta Smalley Bredin. Honta's many friends will be glad to know that she is very well, and that little Miss Bredin is behaving as a good Gamma Phi baby should.

For our September meeting we had an invitation from Mrs. Edith Patterson King of Epsilon. She lives in Waukeegan, about forty miles north of Chicago, but we trusted to the amiability of the weather in September and decided to go. Our only difficulty in getting there was with the Waukeegan street cars. They have an erratic and wholly original way of venturing part way down the main street of the city and then, apparently scared by the uproar, retreating rapidly in the direction from which they have come. We were quite confounded by such tactics, and wasted considerable time in catching the coy thing, much to Mrs. King's amusement.

She insists that she must be counted as a bride for she has been keeping house for herself less than a year. The amount of sunshine and air that can be induced to enter a house are simply amazing to us Chicagoans, and constitute one of the chief charms of those suburban homes. Another delightful thing was Mrs. King's small son, who came in to meet us toward luncheon, and then took advantage of his mother's absorption to run away. His mother soon discovered he was gone, and started in pursuit, but did not find him till he had reached a friend's house a couple of blocks away. Our meeting that day was for the election of officers, but I think it best to draw a veil over those proceedings for fear an account of them might shock the active girls. We got our officers at any rate.

We all send love and best wishes for the rushing season, and congratulations in advance for the fine Freshmen we feel instinctively are entering our circle.

MILWAUKEE

VACATION is over and we meet again. Those of us who are through with school, be it ever so long, never lose the feeling that work is in front of us when September arrives.

Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter held her first meeting earlier than usual, but none too early to bring out a large attendance. Miss Mary Laffin opened her house to us and after election of officers, we spent the afternoon in relating summer experiences and in discussing winter plans for Gamma Phi. We were very glad to welcome as a new member Anne S. McLenegan, Gamma, '97, who has accepted a position in one of our high schools, and so will make Milwaukee her home in the future.

As we are most of us Gamma girls, that chapter is of course most dear to us and her success is ours. So many were the plans and suggestions by which we here in Milwaukee might help her in her rushing this fall, we hope this year to come in closer touch if possible with the active girls and keep up amongst us that loyalty to Gamma Phi which is the basis of our success as a Sorority.

NEW YORK

DEAR Sisters, Alumnae and Active: The New York alumnae are about to gather for their autumn reunion when we shall doubtless find there is much of interest in our comings and goings of the past summer to tell you. However, until these experiences are gathered in, there is something of a dearth and we fear to draw too much on our imaginations lest our English, having already been called in question

in a late issue, we also may be called to account for errors in veracity. Therefore, without laying claim to infallibility we beg to be allowed to introduce these items submitted with the saving phrase, "to the best of our knowledge."

We expect to hear glowing accounts from Florence Heermans of her travels in England and shall be convinced of her wisdom in confining her journey to the one section, rather than spreading herself in slipshod tourist fashion over all Europe. Her plans were favored from the start by congenial companions and a thorough preparation.

Lu Smith Dawson is again in the city, but is so busy, after the season in the remote woods, in again adapting herself to the dress and modes of civilization that visiting sisters may only leave a card at the door.

Abbie Benson Slawson is back from a summer in the country and is kind enough to open her home for our first meeting, though over the 'phone her voice sounds a little dubious as she mentions settling with the assistance of her new baby.

Blanche Shore Palmer is busy explaining why she didn't go with Dr. Palmer on his late trip to Carlsbad, and the doctor is very positive it shall not occur again.

During the summer Mrs. Palmer has kept her house open, going away on several short trips. The first was occasioned by the sad death of Ella French, when the first intelligence at once took her to Syracuse. Miss French and Mrs. Palmer had for long cemented a firm friendship for one another with a common loyalty for Gamma Phi, so that on her the blow fell heaviest, but we all felt deeply the loss and are drawn the closer to Alpha by our sympathy.

Mella Tacherbury Marvin has paid a short visit to New York, but has returned to her camp in the Adirondacks and tells us nothing short of a convention could call her away so early in November as we insist upon seeing her.

Clara Reed Morgan is in her new home on Chester avenue in Newark, N. J., and is occupied in adjusting her household after two months with her family in Syracuse and Camillus.

Grace Howard Smith has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, which kept her in the hospital for several weeks, and will probably be with us on Saturday next.

In closing we take the privilege of all letter writers, who are soon to meet their correspondents, to say that the much we have left unsaid can be better told when we see you, as we hope to do the second week in November in convention assembled.

SYRACUSE

THE Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We have had one meeting this fall, Grace Webb Edgcomb entertaining us in her cosy little home on University Hill.

We were happy to have with us at that meeting our Sorority President, Mrs. Minnie Curtiss Dinsmore of New York, formerly of Syracuse.

Our active chapter invites us to a thimble party at the new chapter house, and we are looking forward with pleasure to that afternoon. We are also planning to join with the active girls in entertaining the Alpha Phis at some time during their convention here this fall. So the year opens for us with promises of renewed pleasures and activities.

Births

Mrs. May Fuller Fearn, Alpha, has a baby.

Laura Page Flick, Alpha, has a son, Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr.

Helen Fairchild McKelvey, Iota, has a son, Ralph Fairchild, born July 5.

Grace De Kay Pratt, Alpha, announces the arrival of a daughter, Dorothy Conklin.

Mrs. Elsie Cora Davis Smith, Delta, '01, is rejoicing over the birth of a son, Lyman Bradford, born September 11, '04.

The announcement was omitted in the last issue of the birth on April 25 of a son, Mark, to Viola Russell Robinson, Delta.

A daughter Constance was born to Hope Woodberry Gibson, Gamma, '01, in July. Mrs. Gibson has removed from New York to Chicago.



Engagements

True Aiken, Eta, '04, announced her engagement in May to Mr. C. Frank Stern, Delta Upsilon.

The engagement of Grace Twombly, Theta, '05, to Will Miller, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

The engagement of Ethelyn Phipps, Zeta, '99, to Mr. Sydney Bertrand Austin, Delta Upsilon, is announced.

Gamma has the pleasure of announcing the engagement of Nelle Etter, '04, to Mr. Asa Royce, Delta Tau Delta, '04.

Chellie Stevens, Theta, '02, has announced her engagement to Frederick Richter Bright, Kappa Sigma. They are to be married October 19.

The engagement is announced of Laura Van Cise, Iota, '03, to Mr. Karl Lorenz, Columbia, '01, of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Lorenz belongs to Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

The engagement is announced of Grace L. Durgin, Delta, '02, to Mr. Frederic H. Hilton, graduate of the Boston University Law School, and member of the law firm of Merriam, Hooper & Hilton.

Marriages

Merriam Ernhart, Alpha, was married during the summer to James Barnes.

On June 29 Inez Shippee, Eta, '02, was married to Mr. Frances Herbert Dam. They are now residing in San Francisco.

Ruth Eloise Phillippi, Epsilon, was married June 21, 1904, to Dr. Frederick George Sparling of Omaha, Nebraska.

Elizabeth Moulton McNaney, Gamma, '97, was married July 12 to Frederick Burns Peterson, Psi Upsilon. They are at home at 344 Walker street, Milwaukee.

Emily Wells, Alpha, was married during the summer to Mr. Fred Simonds of Chicago. Both Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt and Florence Bailey Crouse entertained in her honor before she left our city.

Early in September was received the announcement of the marriage of Emily L. Ladd, Delta, '03, to the Reverend George Manley Butler on the 6th of that month. They will make their home in Medford, Mass.

On Tuesday, September 2, Edith Cornelia Todd, Kappa, '01, was married to Mr. Harold I. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones went at once to Hill City, South Dakota, where Mr. Jones has extensive mining interests.

Elizabeth Marguerite English, Delta, '01, was married September 1 to Mr. Joseph Ryan, organist of St. Mary's Church, Brookshire. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will be at home November 16 and November 30 at 216 Pearl street, Newton.

The marriage of Miriam Holmes Parker, Delta, '99, to Mr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, Professor of Latin in the College of Arts, took place on August 4, at West Barnstable, Dr. Huntington, newly-elected President of Boston University, performing the ceremony. The bridesmaids and maid of honor were Gamma Phi classmates of the bride and carried carnations. Professor and Mrs. Rice will live at 230 Upland Road, North Cambridge.

Miss Alma Frances Groves, Zeta, ex-'98, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Groves, and the Rev. Charles Howard Cookman, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church of Middletown, New York, were married June 14 in Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, by the Rev. William Wirt King. The bride, who was escorted to the chancel in the church and given away by her father, wore a white satin gown veiled in chiffon with an elaborate lace robe. She had a tulle veil caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and

maiden hair fern. She was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Charlotte Mears Yocum, Zeta, '96, of Lewiston, Pa., who wore white silk mull trimmed with repouse lace over pink. After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Cookman left for a wedding trip. They will make their home in Middletown, N. Y., where Mr. Cookman's church is located.—*Wilmington News*.



Personal

Anna Rae, Iota, spent the summer abroad.

Mary Colt, Iota, will be with Iota again this winter.

Hazel Plate, Iota, spent the summer at Elmira, New York.

Grace Foulds, Eta, '04, is studying music in San Francisco.

Ruth Wallace, Theta, '04, is teaching in Caspar, Wyoming.

Emma Cole, Iota, spent her vacation at Geneseo, New York.

Sarah S. Hardy, Beta, '04, is teaching in Houghton, Michigan.

Nettie Saddler, Alpha, is teaching in the Syracuse High School.

Ethel Knox, Iota, passed her vacation at Clarksville, New York.

Florence Heermans, Iota, spent the summer traveling in Europe.

Mary Uzzell, Theta, is teaching at Creede, Colorado, this winter.

Clara Morgan, Alpha, is teaching German in the Ithaca High School.

Edna Stitt, Iota, lived at Sound Beach, Connecticut, during the summer.

Marin Waterhouse, Eta, '05, is spending the winter in New York City.

Vina Peters, Iota, is teaching in the Newton High School again this year.

Jeannette Seibert, Iota, spent the summer at Orchard Lake, New York.

Mrs. C. C. Dibble, Milwaukee, spent the summer at her home in Michigan.

Marion L. Hubbard, Beta, '04, is teaching in Newberry, Northern Michigan.

Louise Kimball, Iota, spent the summer at Orr's Island, Maine, and at Pittsburg.

Mary Ives, Kappa, '05, is teaching in the public schools of Chatfield, Minnesota.

Isabelle White, Beta, '94, now teaching in Denver, spent the summer in the East.

Emma Enright, Iota, will spend the winter at her home in Freehold, New Jersey.

Margery Rosing, Beta, is teaching in the Ironwood (Michigan) High School.

Susan F. U. Brown, Delta, is teaching this year in the Winchester High School.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, is instructing in physics and botany at Mills College.

Edith Reese, Theta, '04, will spend the winter at her home in Corning, New York.

Mrs. Kathryn Matherson Moss, Milwaukee, is attending the World's Fair, St. Louis.

Vida Redington, Eta, '95, is traveling in Europe with her sister Lena, a graduate of '97.

Bernice Dow, Gamma, has entered the Anne Martin School of Expression in Chicago.

Emma Storer, Theta, '99, occupies the chair of English in Iowa Wesleyan this year.

Tallulah Le Conte, Eta, '04, is instructing in physical culture at Bellingham, Washington.

Helen Gowing, Alpha, is teaching German and English in the Chittinango High School.

Mabel Boomer Hodder, Alpha, in company with her mother, is spending the year in Berlin.

Louise Klock, Alpha, spent the summer with her sister Grace Klock Schoeffer in old Mexico.

Mrs. Mary Pratt Bright, Milwaukee, has purchased a handsome new home on Stowell avenue.

Alice Maud Hyser, Kappa, '03, is teaching Latin in the High School at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Sadie Holt, Iota, returned from abroad in July. She has spent the last year in study and travel.

Lulu Carpenter, Iota, spent the summer at Lake George. She will live in Whittier Hall this winter.

Mac McChesney, Alpha, has an appointment on the Fine Arts Faculty as instructor in piano music.

Jessie Kunkely, Theta, '02, has resigned her position in Pueblo, and will be in Denver this winter.

Mrs. Charles Allen, Gamma, '98, and her husband, Professor Allen, are spending the winter in Germany.

Harriette Rodgers, Theta, '03, is Assistant Principal of a high school at Youngstown, Pennsylvania, this year.

One of Gamma's girls was married October 6, Edith Mitchell, '04, to Mr. Henry G. Hembright, of Racine, Wis.

Theodate Noweel, Kappa, '01, has returned from an extensive tour of Europe and is at home in Rochester, Minnesota.

Marion I. Jones and Eleanore Sheldon, Kappa, '03, are taking post-graduate work in college for the Master's Degree.

Mabel Johnson McCreery, Epsilon, is recovering from a serious illness, and is at Boulder, Colorado, for the winter.

Alice Coates Mot, Alpha, is to become a resident of Syracuse, her husband, an electrician, having accepted a position here.

Mary Laflin spent the summer at Wausau with Mrs. Minnie Knox Kreutzer, one of the founders of Gamma Chapter.

Mrs. Edward Schmidt, Kappa, *nee* Violet Jeane, Dean of the Woman's Department of Chicago, is now residing in St. Paul.

Eleanore Pabody, Kappa, '99, is spending the winter in California, and hopes to visit Berkely and Leland Stanford before her return.

May Pendleton, Gamma, '95, and her sister Genevieve, Gamma, '99, of Sioux City, Iowa, spent several weeks in Milwaukee this summer.

Mrs. Etta Smith Laflin, Milwaukee, attended the Triennial in San Francisco, and while there visited the Gamma Phi house at Berkeley.

Olive Dutcher, Iota, spent the summer in traveling through the West. She is teaching Biblical literature at Mt. Holyoke College this winter.

Pearl Curtis, Eta, '04, last year's editor for THE CRESCENT from Eta, has made a number of visits to the chapter. She is teaching in Napa county.

Florence H. Brownell, Beta, '03, is teaching in Kalamazoo, Michigan, this year, as is also Margaret McGregory, Beta, '03, and Lucy Babcock, '03, Alpha.

Jennie O. Lewis, Alpha, is spending the year in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is the guest of her brother and expects to devote some of her time to tutoring.

Una Winterburn, Iota, spent the summer at her country home at Edgewater, New Jersey. Her address this winter will be 105 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Kappa has transferred to Delta Cordelia and Ellen Paine. They will pursue their studies at Boston until the end of the year, when they will go abroad for the same purpose.

Olive MacDowell, Iota, spent the early part of the summer at Delaware, Ohio, and August and September at Harbor Springs, Michigan. She will make her home at Evanston, Illinois.

Twelve members of Gamma assembled in Lake Geneva this summer to attend a house party given by Josephine Allen, '06, at the time of the marriage of Bonnie Burton to Mr. Edward Dennison.

Bertha White, Epsilon of Omaha, one of our most interested readers, spent the month of September on the Pacific Coast. While there she met Mrs. Herbert Laflin, Gamma, and Miss Furrey, Eta.

Mrs. Myra Haven Draper, Alpha, who for some years has been with her husband in missionary work in Japan, has returned to Syracuse where she expects to be located for some time for the education of her children.

Sarah E. Veeder, Alpha, of Lyons, N. Y., who has been studying art in Paris during the past year, has returned home. While abroad she made several fine copies of paintings to fill orders given her. She has resigned her position at the head of the Art Department in Ohio Wesleyan, and will spend the year at home.



Report of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference

The Third Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Delta Gamma at Chicago, September 16 and 17, 1904. The opening session was held at the Columbus Safety Deposit Vaults on the afternoon of September 16, followed by an all-day session in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel. Nine Sororities were represented as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Mrs. Laura H. Norton
Delta Gamma.....	Miss Grace Telling
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Miss Lillian W. Thompson
Chi Omega.....	Miss Bessie Krape
Alpha Phi.....	Miss Minnie Ruth Terry
Pi Beta Phi.....	Miss Elizabeth Gamble
Alpha Xi Delta.....	Mrs. T. C. Kimble
Delta Delta Delta.....	Miss Amy H. Olgen

The question of rotation in the calling of conferences and the holding of office was first discussed. By consent, it was agreed that the Conference, as a body, decide upon the following order of rotation:

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.
6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.

It was further agreed that dating from the present Conference the delegate from that Sorority calling the Conference should act as Chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order should act as Secretary with a view toward her occupying the chair at the next Conference. Therefore, Miss Telling of Delta Gamma was made Chairman. Inasmuch as the first and second Conferences were called by Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta respectively, and as Alpha Chi Omega was not represented at this Conference, Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta was made Secretary. Acting upon a letter from Sigma Kappa, it was moved that Sigma Kappa be admitted to the Conference whenever she as a Sorority accepts all the rules already passed by the Conference. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Inter-Sorority Compact was first discussed. Of the four motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference of 1903, motions 1 and 2 failed to pass, one by a small negative, the other by a tie vote. It was, therefore, unanimously voted to submit these motions again to the chapters of the Sororities through their Grand Councils. These motions are 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.

The second session of the conference was given over to the consideration of the conflicts and difficulties arising over the Inter-Sorority Compact. It was found that the Pan-Hellenic Associations already formed were, for the most part, making marked progress beyond the regulations demanded by the Inter-Sorority Compact, in the making and enforcing of rules regulating rushing, pledging, etc., etc. Objections to Rules 1 and 2, now in force, were entertained from chapters at three institutions. Of these, only one was considered of serious importance. After thorough discussion, three courses of action seemed open to the Conference: to enforce the rules strictly, to grant an exception, or to

abandon the compact. A motion was finally made that inasmuch as the last Conference had accomplished by inter-sorority action what no one Sorority was willing or able to attempt alone, and inasmuch as inter-sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuse to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist in any particular college, to its previous ruling regarding the pledging of preparatory students. This motion was lost, 5 to 4. It was then moved that the University of Wisconsin chapters of all the Sororities represented in the Conference be permitted for two years to pledge senior students in high schools at their inter-scholastic meet, June 4. This motion was carried, 6 to 3. The Conference wishes to state, however, that this exception is granted to Wisconsin because of the peculiar conditions existing there, that this exception is only temporary, and that it expects the Pan-Hellenic Association there to make every possible effort in order that the exception may, after two years, no longer be necessary.

A consideration of the reports of the different Pan-Hellenic Associations revealed the fact that the purpose of such associations was not everywhere understood. It was, therefore, moved that inasmuch as there had been some misunderstanding as to the real purpose of the local Pan-Hellenic Associations, each Sorority be asked to instruct its chapters that the purpose of these associations is not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of inter-sorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils. This motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Inter-Sorority Conference, through its Secretary, request each local Pan-Hellenic Association to discuss thoroughly and to attempt the adoption of rules:

1. Providing for a pledge day not less than two weeks after the opening of college whether such a compact is entered into by the National Sorority or not.

2. Tending to regulate and limit rushing, especially in the matter of extravagant expenditure and excess of social functions.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The last session of the Conference was devoted to a discussion of the social service work proposed by Kappa Kappa Gamma and was introduced by the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, We recognize that there are conditions existing in the social life of our co-educational colleges that demand serious consideration, and,

WHEREAS, We feel that the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength, should be a recognized factor in the proper adjustment of such condition;

Resolved, That we, in the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma assembled, recommend that concerted action be taken by the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

Upon request, Mrs. Penfield, Chairman of the Social Service Committee, read the report upon which the above recommendation was based. The report is as follows:

To the Grand Council and Members of the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

In presenting the report of the Committee on Social Service, it is but proper that some explanation of its origin be given. Last winter, while talking with the Directors of the American Institute of Social Service, I made the claim that the College Greek Letter Fraternity stood side by side with the instruction and influence of our great professors in the social service rendered to the college-body and to the student individually, stating that it was one of the most effective agents for practical preparation for after life. This statement was based upon the work done in our own chapters, which not only makes for the highest scholarship but for the most broadening participation in all the by-products of college life, such as Christian Association work, class and college politics, athletics, editorial work, etc. To make my position clearer and also secure data for a Social Service afternoon shortly to be given for our New York Alumni Association, I wrote to six representative college presidents, telling them what service we, as a fraternity, sought to render; said that we were gratified with the internal results and asked how fully we succeeded from their view point. From one president no reply came. Five most courteous responses were received. The answers were, however, as a whole, disappointing and convinced me of two things:

1. That we are not doing all that we should.
2. That many professors believe our fraternities to be "good time" organizations and are not aware of the high aims we seek to foster. In some cases this may be the direct consequence of our own inefficiency as fraternities, but I am persuaded from further investigation, that this is not always so, but in many instances the fraternities meet with a prejudice which is unwilling to allow them to render their legitimate social service to the college. Our chief concern, however, is with the first deduction, that we, as fraternities, are not doing all that we should.

One president asked that I meet the Dean of Women and talk the subject over. As this Dean was soon to be in the East, an appointment was effected in New York. As the appointment of this Social Service

Committee was the direct result of this conversation, it is of interest here. As a Bryn Mawr woman, she knew little of the internal workings of a fraternity and co-education had been new to her when she assumed her duties as Dean of Women three years before. These facts are mentioned simply to indicate the fair and unprejudiced consideration of conditions as found. She criticised the results of both the fraternity and co-education. Being asked where, in her judgment, these two institutions failed, she said that co-education, as she had seen it, did not offer the opportunity to the girl student for participation in the by-products of college life, such as is found in the exclusively woman's college. Agreeing with me that these things are as important to the student as work in the class room, she felt this to be a serious loss. She is also greatly disturbed over the social results coming from the present unregulated conditions in the state institutions. (It is her opinion that the denominational colleges meet this problem more fully.) The majority of the students bring to the college village standards in all social matters and continue their observance of village customs in a body that should recognize and be regulated by usages more advanced. There being no restrictive rules in the state institutions, she has found it impossible to bring social matters to anything approaching a social standard. The fraternity houses make the problem even more difficult of solution in some cases. The matrons are not women to command admiration and lead socially, but, in most instances, women whom the girls engage and dismiss at their own pleasure. In many cases, the chaperone has little more influence and the proper relationship of chaperone to charge is inadequately understood. With rare exceptions, the denominational colleges are the only ones where there is coöperation between faculty and students in the management of these houses. There is no faculty regulation. They are independent. The non-fraternity woman finds accommodations which are even less safeguarded. She said that the deans of women must have aid and wanted to know to what extent they could look to the fraternities for it.

The first criticism made by this dean is one which should be considered by every college woman (and perhaps by the fraternities individually) but has no place for consideration in this report. The second, however, represents a growing sentiment all over the country and touches a vital problem that demands solution. Recognizing this fact and also cognizant that these developments have changed the subject of higher co-education from the problem which belongs mainly to the educator to that which strongly concerns the sociologist, our Grand President felt that we, as a fraternity, should investigate the conditions, seek to know our responsibility and interest other national fraternities.

Acting upon this conviction, she asked me to take charge of the work. Broadly speaking, the result of my investigation as Chairman of this committee, is found in the following circular letter sent to all National Women's Greek Letter Societies. (The detailed report on the situation has been given to the Grand Council in person and is too lengthy to embody in this report.)

Heretofore representatives from the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities have met together in friendly conferences to discuss questions of fraternity policy—to regulate, as far as it has been possible, the conditions of their legitimate, friendly rivalry. Much good has been the result of these meetings.

As a fraternity, we now feel that the time has come when we should unite along lines of broader social service. That college Greek Letter Fraternities render valuable social service to colleges and universities in which they are located, is well recognized. That this service could be made fuller and more complete both for the student body and the institution, by a union of all fraternities to this end, is apparent. The present great need for such union is found in the social conditions existing in our co-educational colleges. That these conditions, which are being criticised by the opponents and recognized by the friends of co-education, are not the result of the truest, best development of this system of education, but of spurious growth, we most firmly believe, and we further believe that they can be adjusted to the satisfaction of every rational mind.

We believe the finger of destiny is pointing to the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength and natural leadership to do much toward this adjustment and prove conditions, which now seem unfortunate, to be remediable. If anyone should share in the vindication of the wisdom and beauty of co-education as a system, should it not be the fraternity woman? To co-education she owes the origin and nourishment of her beloved fraternity and all that her fraternity life has meant to her and to her sisters.

Several lines of definite action, looking toward this ultimate end have been indicated by prominent educators, but, if the present broad policy of non-coercion now held by our best institutions is maintained, faculties are helpless without the coöperation of the student body. We would not change this plan under which the most self-reliant, useful men and women are developed, but we would have the fraternities mould public opinion to higher standards and assist faculties in their work for the ideal results. To this call of honor and college pride we also desire to ask the men's fraternities to respond and we feel that we should do so with confidence. They, too, should share in this work, for we, like the faculties, cannot be effective without their support.

Our proposition is that this matter be thoroughly discussed at the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago and we ask that when your delegate is sent to this Conference, she may bring to us the best, most helpful thought of your fraternity for such a united work. We also ask that invitations to join us in this discussion be extended to Dr. Mary Breed, Dean of Women, Indiana University, who is much interested in the work, and to all other deans of women to whom we may look for wise suggestions and substantial support.

We do not forget that conditions vary in our different institutions. In some, moderately satisfactory coöperation between faculty and students has been secured and in others, restrictive legislation is in force, but in many of the state universities there are no social regulations and the social standards are more those of the village than those approved by the best society in the respective states.

We do not advocate the enforcement of the social customs of one section of our country upon another, nor the enactment of any general laws, but we ask that there be established in each institution where a Woman's Greek Letter Fraternity exists, a definite and well recognized coöperation between faculty and student-body, the object of which shall be to maintain the highest possible standards in all social matters; this coöperation to be arranged in accordance with the individual conditions existing in the various institutions and communities.

In response to this circular letter most appreciative letters have been received from all the fraternities save one. The present situation is this: We, who have studied the conditions, recognize that there is just ground for criticism of our higher co-education, especially along social lines, but we do not believe these conditions, deplored by all mature men and women who have thought on the subject and grave as they are in some instances, are essential to the system. We do not believe the young women educated in a co-educational institution should be less womanly than those who come to the world prepared for their social position in a one-sex college. We do believe, however, that the social standards now recognized must inevitably produce this result if allowed to continue. We further feel that the young men and women in these institutions do not realize that their standards are not such as would pass muster in our recognized social centers and, that these young men and women do not appreciate the fact that they are making the history of co-education and that they, who owe everything to this system and who are staunch advocates of it, are bringing discredit upon it. It is therefore a problem of enlightenment rather than of coercion,—of atmosphere rather than of rules. Ibsen once said, "The capital fault of our education is our having laid stress on what we know

rather than on what we are." To remedy such a condition is not an easy task, but it is possible. It is also difficult to determine the point where the responsibility of faculty begins and that of the student ends, as both are more or less both governed and governing. It is safe, however, to say that ideal results will never come where the entire responsibility is either assumed or disavowed by one party. We believe that every student should share in this service and we are unable to understand why governing powers should not be practically sensitive to broaden responsibility than merely their intellectual service to the student, without encountering the end threatened by the lovers of license of effeminization and financial ruin. Our greatest interest is, however, in what the student and especially the fraternity student can do. By living up to the ideals established by their orders and by means of their organized strength, the College Greek Letter Fraternity can, by proper coöperation with faculties and with the non-fraternity men and women, not only disarm every criticism now so justly made against higher co-education, but can render a service to women and to the world of education such as it would be impossible to describe or even conceive. For this reason, we ask that this Convention indorse the following resolution to be presented to the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago:

(Resolution given above.)

After a most interesting discussion the Conference voted to adopt the three following motions:

1. That the Inter-Sorority Conference recommend the establishment of women's leagues in our co-educational colleges where the Women's National Greek Letter Sororities are located,—membership in which shall include all women students and the object of which shall be to coöperate with the faculties in improving the present social conditions and also to provide for such coöperation along other lines of social service recognized to be within the province of such organizations, the extent and specific direction of which shall be determined in every case by local conditions.

2. Moved that these leagues be established under the direction of the Grand Presidents of the various Sororities, it being left to these officers to decide where such organizations shall be established and the form of each, the President of such Sorority being responsible for the colleges in which her Sorority was the first established.

3. Moved that a committee of three be now elected whose duty it shall be:

- 1st. To secure, if possible, the coöperation of the college men in this work.

2d. To form a Bureau of Comparative Legislation, which shall include the legislation now in force in colleges where women's leagues, women's dormitories and Sorority houses exist and to secure reports on the effectiveness of such legislation.

3d. To investigate the advisability of asking that deans of women be appointed in all co-educational colleges.

This committee was elected as follows: Mrs. W. W. Penfield of Kappa Kappa Gamma, St. Owen Place, Wakefield, New York City; Miss Lillian W. Thompson of Gamma Phi Beta, 326 West 60th Place, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Grace E. Telling of Delta Gamma, 840 North Park avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The committee was instructed to report on duties 1 and 2 to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities and on duty 3 to the next Inter-Sorority Conference.

It was thought by the Conference that such subjects as the specific work of deans of women as well as the matter of assistance of the proper kind for these overtaxed executives, the necessity for dormitories, the management of fraternity houses, the provision for adequate chaperonage, the regulation of the private boarding and furnished room house standards, etc., must, with an infinite number of other matters, be left to our leaders to decide when local conditions are investigated and the coöperation of local faculty and student-body enlisted. The Conference was unanimous in its endorsement of the work and urges the hearty coöperation of every fraternity woman and asks for the cordial support of all interested. Letters were read from several deans of women who were unable to be at the Conference but who are deeply interested in the work.

The Conference was then declared adjourned.

In conclusion, the Conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the Inter-Sorority Compact which is binding upon all chapters of all the Sororities represented in the compact.

1. There shall be a Pan-Hellenic Association in every institution where two or more National Sororities exist; each association shall be represented by the chapter first established there; and shall consist of one alumna and one active member of each Sorority. It shall be presided over in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. Any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic agreements shall be reported to its Grand President by the Pan-Hellenic Association to which it belongs.

2. No student shall be asked to join a Sorority before she has matriculated, matriculation being defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The next Conference will be called by Delta Delta Delta at Chicago in September, 1905. The great desire of this Conference is that the local Pan-Hellenic Associations may do much during the coming year to advance the work of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

AMY H. OLGEM, Delta Delta Delta,
Secretary of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference.

Greek News

The summer issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* is a catalogue number, and is issued only to members.

The eleventh National Convention of Alpha Chi Omega will be held with the Delta the latter part of October.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* issue for May consists of a catalogue number carefully compiled and systematically arranged.

The Grand Council of Pi Beta Phi announces the installation of New York Beta, Pi Beta Phi, at Columbia University on Saturday, May 28, 1904.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity announces the installation of the Beta Omicron Chapter at Newcomb College of Tulane University, Wednesday, May 11, 1904.

At the last triennial session of the United Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this fall a charter was granted to the Woman's College of Baltimore, and to five other institutions.

The Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Zeta of Alpha Xi Delta, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, May 11, and Eta of Alpha Xi Delta, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., May 28, 1904.

A new faculty ruling at Lehigh, effective next September, prohibits pledging or initiating Freshmen until January 1 of their Freshman year, and prohibits their living in a frat house until after the beginning of the second term in February.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi reports the death of Charles Page T. Moore, the founder of Phi Kappa Psi. The same journal for August gives a brief sketch of the life of Mayor McLane, the mayor of Baltimore, who committed suicide May 30. Mayor McLane was a Phi Kappa Psi.

A fellowship open to women graduates of the colleges of the United States of not more than five years' standing has been opened by the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women. The prize is a fund of \$500 per annum, with the privilege of studying either in America or abroad, and of continuing her work under the same conditions for a second year if her researches are of exceptional value. The competition for the fellowship will rest on credentials and previous good work.

Three-fourths of the members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court are college graduates, of whom a majority are fraternity men, and Princeton has no representative in either body. Of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Fuller (Bowdoin, '53), is a Chi Psi; Justice Harlan (Centre, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brewer (Wesleyan, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brown (Yale, '56), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice White (Georgetown, D. C.), non-fraternity; Justices Peckham and McKenna, non-collegians; Justice Holmes (Harvard, '61), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice Day (University of Michigan), Alpha Delta Phi.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The first Pan-Hellenic promenade at the University of Chicago, held April 15, was a great success. The *Chicago Daily Maroon*, in describing the affair, said: "Two hundred couples joined in the grand march, which was viewed from the left of the entrance by the receiving line of chaperons. The programs, which were exquisite and useful as souvenirs, were distributed, flashlight pictures of the long line were taken, and then dancing began. Perhaps the grandest feature of the Pan-Hellenic lay in the work of decoration. The rivalry of the fraternities in the ornamentation of their booths produced a wealth of variety and elaboration. No two booths were decorated on exactly the same lines; some with the aid of more favorable colors, were more pleasing in the artificial light. Others were preferred from the standpoint of uniqueness and originality. To make an unprejudiced choice with so many points in consideration would be hard indeed."



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We acknowledge the receipt of exchanges as follows:

May.—*Angelos*, of Kappa Delta; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *Sigma Chi Quarterly*; *Delta*, of Sigma Nu; *Record*, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Phi Gamma Delta*.

June.—*The Trident*; *The Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta; *The Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi; *Lyre*, of Alpha Chi Omega; *Beta Theta Pi*; *The Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi; *The Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta; *Delta Upsilon*.

July.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *The Arrow*, of Pi Beta Phi; *The Anchora*, of Delta Gamma.

August.—*The Delta*, of Sigma Nu; *The Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi.

September.—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly*; *The Trident*; *The Record*, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

October.—*Kappa Alpha Quarterly*; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

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