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ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

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The Relation of the Alumnae to the Active Chapter

The relation of the alumnae to the active chapter is an all-important one and the symposium here given is full of helpful suggestions.

Much profit comes from criticism, and favorable as well as adverse criticism will be suggestive of helpfulness. The chapters in these contributions have placed their ideals before us, which to a greater or less degree they have attained.—Editor.



THE relation which exists between the alumnae and the active chapter is something that can be felt more easily than it can be expressed. It is all very well to say that the various ideas and traditions of the sorority were formed by the alumnae, that they are the foundation of the chapter, and that the active girls can look to them for help in any emergency. All of these things are undoubtedly true, but it is doubtful if they seem more than a string of platitudes and generalities to a freshman, to whom the sorority means, for a time at least, the active chapter. How can she at first realize that the alumnae are more than a set of names? How can she understand from the telling that they are a very real force in the chapter? She can scarcely believe that something so scattered and so intangible as the alumnae can take an interest in the present crisis and be an "ever present help in time of trouble."

And it is not with a sudden burst of illumination that the relationship of the past and present chapter comes home to her; rather it is by slow degrees that she comes to appreciate the advantage of having an alumnae chapter. Her own initiation, reunion banquet, a chance meeting with a couple of her sisters in a strange city, an interested letter from a girl who has long

since left college—by these gradual steps does she realize that her sisters who are no longer active are still in all senses of the word her sisters, and feel a real interest in the life of the chapter. This realization does not come at once, it may not come till late, but we confidently believe that no girl can pass out of freshman ranks without appreciating the immense good feeling which exists between the alumnae and the active chapter.—BETA.



We of Gamma are very enthusiastic on this subject, for we realize that the relations which our alumnae bear to our chapter are as nearly ideal as one could wish. It is really surprising not to say gratifying, to note the great interest which our old members have taken in us and in our general advancement. This was very beautifully brought home to us this year in the shape of the priceless assistance they gave us in building our new lodge. We are especiqally indebted to Mary Clark Brittingham, who has been so untiring in her efforts to make our project such a grand success. We believe that the relations between the alumnae and the active chapter should be of the closest and most intimate nature. It surely is an inspiration to us to learn that these old members, some of whom have been out of college for years and have families and homes of their own to take up their time and attention, still take such an active and important part in the betterment of our present chapter. It points out most clearly the fact that Gamma Phi Beta remains a real living interest and one that binds firmly through all the years.—GAMMA.



In reply to the request for a contribution on the alumnae, Delta would like to break into a little paean of praise. In possessing them, she counts herself among the blest. They help their little sisters rush, they give parties—and advice, and very occasionally they chide. But under any circumstances,

Delta would like to see more of them, for there is always a demand for a good thing. They fill a real need for counsel and encouragement. We undergraduates lack a sense of perspective. The present consideration is the most vast, and oh, how glad we are to talk over our small crises with someone who has been through them. We members of Delta are very fortunate in having a certain dear alumna always with us and I think we shall always be abidingly grateful to her for the small follies she has saved us from.

The college generation is only four years long and after that is over, the graduates pass, swiftly and subtly, into traditionary heroines; their days are referred to as those of some distant dynasty, when this girl was a beauty and that girl a wit. And the glamour that affection crowned her with in the old days, tradition gives her in our eyes. Happy, indeed, are we, that the glory lingers undisturbed throughout that gentle transition from unquestioning reverence to the perfect knowledge of love.—DELTA.



Devotion, strength, courage and enthusiasm in maintaining the ideal of a Gamma Phi Sorority sister is the one object in which all the active alumnae is now interested.

There can be no devotion without love; no strength without unity; no courage without conviction and surely there can be no enthusiasm without a strong definite purpose. And, modestly, we know that we have all these.

Our relation to Zeta during this rushing season is made close and tender, for we all have the same aim; to know those girls who have true refinement, culture, constancy and love simplicity; the girls who are incapable of mean acts or politic shrewdness. For this object we alumnae during these six weeks have opened our homes and our hearts, and are giving all our time.

In our rushing we have no fear for the result. We are living as sincerely during our rushing season as we, as Gamma Phis, must always live. "All's fair in love and war," but all is not fair in rushing, and we do not wish it were.

The kind of rushing that is insincere, uncharitable and often malicious, is the kind that will resort to flattery, abnormal living and indignities. The girl that such rushing will win is unworthy of being a Gamma Phi.

To be our best selves is to be superior to misinterpretations of college life and womanhood. Such sincerity is sure to appeal to the best girls. The twelve active alumnae are united in this aim and striving for this ideal.—ZETA.



The alumnae chapters which we have organized in some of our cities to a great extent fill the need for fraternity companionship of Gamma Phi Beta members who have finished college. But the active chapter always needs the greatest interest of its alumnae. The girl who has passed four years in a college, and that too, in an active fraternity life, certainly has had experience enough to enable her to make worthy suggestions. Let her take the opportunity. She will be able to see things from a point of view (bird's eye view) such as the girls who are working in the active chapter cannot. And the girls will be glad to receive her advice. They expect it from their former members.

But, most of all, we wish our alumnae to have the active affairs of the chapter at heart—to feel its strength and weaknesses in the same way in which they did when they worked over the same problems—to look on the active girls as younger sisters and lend their appreciation, sympathy and knowledge which they have gained from a wider range of life.—ETA.



PRESIDENT JANE SHERZER, PH. D.
Gamma Phi Beta, University of Michigan, 1895

The Relation of the Active Chapter to the Alumnae

The converse is equally important and one which is more frequently unrecognized.—EDITOR.

THE relations between active and alumnae chapters often are, and always should be, very intimate. The girls who have left college, and joined the Alumnae Association are anxious to keep in touch with college life, and with the growth and development of the sorority. Of course conventions bring them a knowledge of both these processes once a year; but in the long months between, Alumnae Associations must look to some active chapter for their college news and spirit, and the active girls will never know how much glimpses of their doings are appreciated until they leave college, and join an alumnae chapter.

Many active girls have an idea that the alumnae chapters are mere social gatherings, but this is not true. There is always a faint college atmosphere about us, and when the active girls do their duty by us, and tell us the news, or ask us for advice or help, we feel quite distinctly that we are a chapter, not a sociable.

Then there ought to be as much visiting back and forth as possible, so that the alumnae may know the active girls personally. We are always delighted to have them at our meetings, or to entertain them at our homes when they "come to town," if they will let us know. Our distinctive life as chapters depends on our getting fresh blood and energy from those in the midst of things, and this process is good for both giver and receiver. Long may it continue!—CHICAGO.



Milwaukee has three points with regards to this relation which she would like to emphasize.

First: The active chapter should be made to feel that it is self-supporting. Its entertainments and expenditures should be strictly within its means and only under extraordinary cir-

cumstances should the alumnae be called upon for anything other than dues.

Second: As far as possible the active chapter should accept the recommendations of the alumnae in the pledging of new girls.

Third: The alumnae should not be too hasty in judging the actions of the active chapter or in expecting too much in the way of correspondence and attention. We should all remember how busy we were when in college.—MILWAUKEE.



The most desirable condition for the growth of an ideal relation between the active chapter and alumnae exist, it seems to me, only where there is an alumnae organization in the immediate vicinity of the parent chapter. With all the abstract good will in the world no very intelligent sympathy can be procured where the graduates are not in close touch with their undergraduate sisters. Alumnae, as separate individuals scattered over the country, reuniting but once a year—many of them much less often—fail to stimulate the most helpful interest possible in active sorority life, unless organized in a body.

For to my mind the active chapter should stand plainly in relation to her alumnae as beneficiary.

Whether it is a matter of discipline too complicated to be decided without the unprejudiced opinion of maturer minds, a financial difficulty to be met, a discriminating inspection of eligible freshmen, that similarity of the Gamma Phi type may be preserved or merely a loyal "toast" at one festival or another,—alumnae chapter girls as I know them, are continually rejoiced to find themselves considered otherwise than as disabled veterans. Without being aggressive, they are pleased at a chance for active service.

In conferring upon them the privileges of counsellor in time of need, they are permitted to return a small portion of the benefits they have themselves received from the sorority; in sharing the en-

thusiasm of their active chapter's interests, they discover themselves rejuvenated. What reward more alluring to the female sex could be imagined without guile? BOSTON.



President Jane Sherzer, Ph. D.

AMONG the various parts of our country that have gained distinction as areas of high educational level, Southern Ohio can fairly be said to have just claim to a large share of honor. And in that region one of the foremost centers of culture is the town of Oxford, which by its several noted seats of learning has added credit even to the very classical name which it bears. Dr. David Swing, who for years was a brilliant teacher in Miami University there, used at the height of his fame, frequently to revisit Oxford, where, he declared, he always felt forthwith the Athenian atmosphere and influence.

In this delightful old town of great educational traditions and memories of famous graduates, where Whitelaw Reid, Benjamin Harrison and many other noted men obtained their training, is the Oxford College for Women. It is an institution most charmingly located in one of the finest parts of the town, and linked to the past by a notable history, it has kept through many years the torch of culture and education burning brightly where it stands. But the brilliant past of Oxford College now bids fair to be outdone by its future, and this for many reasons. Among these is the fact that its new president, Jane Sherzer, Ph. D., is one of those personalities that win and compel success in all their undertakings. She is splendidly equipped for this work by varied experience, years of successful teaching and by years of exceptional special training. She comes to the college at the acme of her powers, energy and enthusiasm. Oxford College will have a strong, gentle and steady hand on the helm henceforward.

Dr. Sherzer is a graduate of the University of Michigan; she has been a student of languages in Paris, Zurich, Jena and Munich. She studied for three years in Berlin University, taking the degrees of M. A. and Ph. D. in English, German, old

Scandinavian and philosophy. Dr. Sherzer is therefore one of the very few women who have attained to the great scholastic distinction of winning the doctorate of philosophy at the University of Berlin.

In all, the new president spent about eight years abroad in travel and study, including trips to North Cape, Russia, the Holy Land, Egypt and Spain.

She has since been connected with boarding schools almost ten years—as teacher and principal, four and one-half years in Oxford College, and the remainder in the Academy for Women and Illinois College, of Jacksonville, Illinois.—The Interior.

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Thirty-First Annual Convention of
Gamma Phi Beta
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1905

Tuesday, November the seventh

AFTERNOON—Informal Reception for delegates and all Gamma Phi Beta in Twin Cities.

EVENING—Reception for friends who are members of University Faculty.

Wednesday, November the eighth

MORNING—Business Session.

AFTERNOON—Trolley Ride about Twin City.

EVENING—Formal Dance.

Thursday, November the ninth

MORNING—Business Session.

AFTERNOON—Reception for University Women.

Friday, November the tenth

MORNING—Business Session.

AFTERNOON—Business Session.

EVENING—Banquet.



FOR most of the colleges the season of rushing is over, and the sororities have settled down to the equilibrium of their life. With this change and settlement the door of opportunities open to all the privileges which attend a college and fraternity life. The privilege of being a college and Greek-letter woman, like all other honors, brings with it obligations and duties. It is a two-fold one—

“It is twice blessed—

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.”

The accomplishment of the former requires some sacrifice and asks for some effort to be put forth toward those who are not so fortunate as to be among our number. The latter comes of itself but its fullness may be increased by the thought of one for another. The senior possesses a wider view of the fraternity life and is it not her duty to impress those of less years of experience with the highest ideals of the sorority?

A word about these ideals—they must be wider and broader than any single sorority. For after all we were but a single branch of the great fraternity of Greeks and it should be our pride to see these ideals attained. Will we not thus serve Gamma Phi in a more complete way than if we should aim to serve our own ends alone and selfishly? As attaining and reaching unto high ideals as a single chapter, will be to the glory of all Gamma Phi, in the same measure will the Greek world be glorified by the strength of Gamma Phi.

We are worth to our sorority just in proportion as we give of ourselves to it. Let us therefore give largely, freely and unselfishly.

I T was two years ago that to Zeta was assigned the responsibility of THE CRESCENT. It has been a time of delight to thus serve our sorority by caring for the interests of the quarterly. As we look back over the time we can recall but pleasantness that has attended our duties. All the petty annoyances and delays have been forgiven and forgotten. It has not been our work alone that has made THE CRESCENT, but the hearty cooperation, and real interest of each and every chapter in this our task has given you these successive numbers. We have been brought into close contact with every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta and have learned to know and love each other. With the new era through which we have passed we trust that we have not allowed our wish to strive forward, to cause us to lay aside or neglect any of the traditions and histories of the past of Gamma Phi, but like a mighty river may we gather our strength from all the little rivulets be they of pleasure or pain which together make us a force. With the highest ideals may THE CRESCENT go forward to be a worthy exponent of Gamma Phi Beta. For

“Girls may come and girls may go
But it will go on forever.”



MUCH profit can be derived by reading the chapter letters in this number. They are replete with the activities of all the chapters and the optimism which they express is exhilarating. They are indicative of a vigorous educational and a refreshing social life. We want to show our appreciation of the promptness with which the letters are received thus enabling us to publish the news when it is still news—not history. All of the active chapters sent in their letter and all but one of the alumnae. We trust that a complete report from the chapters may henceforth be the rule.



I I is with a just pride that we all read of the splendid work of Dr. Jane Sherzer, of Beta. She has not only had rare privileges but she has made the most of them. In consequence her

achievements have brought scholastic honor to all in the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta. We bespeak for her in her new field of labor the fullest measure of success.



IT is worth while to know what our rivals are doing. They have much they can give suggestively and we are glad not to be compelled to crowd out the exchanges in this issue. We commend them to you for your careful reading and consideration.



THE convention of 1905 will be held in Minneapolis with our enthusiastic Kappa girls as hostesses. It will open on Tuesday, November 7 and close with the banquet Friday evening the 10th. For all Gamma Phis who cannot be there the January issue will tell you of the convention.



THE June number of THE CRESCENT was published after many of the colleges were closed. If any who failed to get a copy of the "Directory number" will write the editor, a duplicate copy will be sent.



IF you are wanting any menu and place cards or toast cards, we are glad to call your attention to the work of Bonnie Burton Denison, of Gamma chapter. The ad. on another page will give you fuller information.



THERE is a demand for copies of number one of volume four of THE CRESCENT. We will be glad to receive copies of this number.

Agora

This Department is open to all, and it is hoped that both Alumnae and Actives will send in their contributions.

The Junto Club

IN ONE of Elbert Hubbard's "Little Journeys" there is an account of the Junto Club, that "most sensible and beneficial club" which was founded by Benjamin Franklin. The aims and results of this organization were so filled with brotherly love and helpfulness that they offer an example, worth of imitation, to our chapters of Gamma Phi Beta.

At every meeting of the Junto a series of questions was asked. To understand their value, both morally and mentally, and to be able to apply their spirit to sorority use, look at a few of them:

1. Have you read over these queries this morning, in order to consider what you might have to offer the Junto, touching any one of them?

2. Have you met with anything in the author you last read, remarkable, or suitable to be communicated to the Junto; particularly in history, morality, poetry, physics, travels, mechanical arts, or other parts of knowledge?

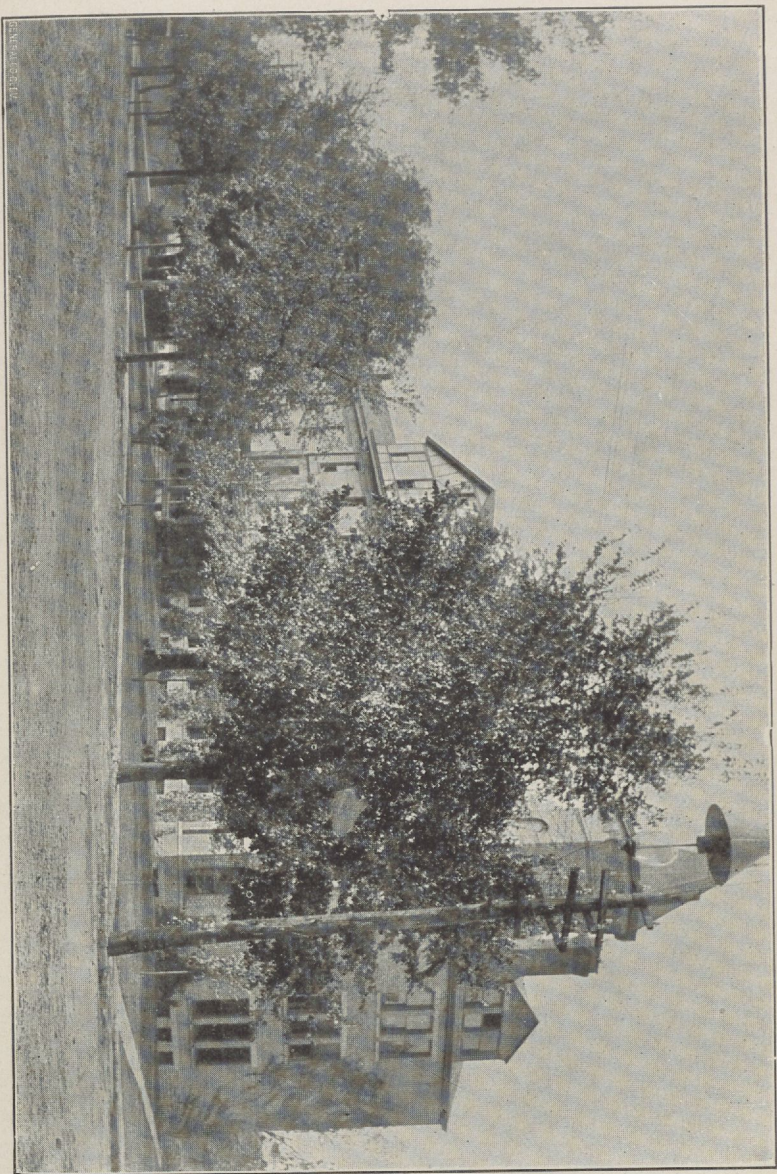
3. Do you know of a fellow-citizen, who has lately done a worthy action, deserving praise and imitation; or who has lately committed an error, proper for us to be warned against and avoided?

4. Do you think of anything at present in which members of the Junto may be serviceable to mankind, to their country, to their friends, or to themselves?

5. In what manner can the Junto, or any of its members, assist you in any of your honorable designs?

6. What benefits have you lately received from any man not present?

7. Is there any difficulty in matters of opinion, of justice and injustice, which you would gladly have discussed at this time?



OXFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
Of which Dr. Jane Sherzer, Beta, is President

Would it not be a practical idea to adopt a similar series of questions for our sorority meetings? In the excitement of rushing and the strain of studying we are apt to forget the principles for which we stand. Think what a power for good a score of girls with thoughtful, unselfish, helpful aims could be in a community of fellow students! Let us make Gamma Phi a greater help to others, as well as to ourselves.—ETHELYN PHIPPS.



A Fundamental Problem

THE problems of sorority life are many but none is quite so fundamental to the progress of a chapter as the all-around development of each member of it.

We cannot emphasize this point too much. From the greatest encouragement and the greatest sympathy given to each sister, will come the greatest development of all that is in her.

The problem rightly starts with the Freshmen. Let every older girl feel it her bounden duty to see in each new member all she can. It is only in a sympathetic environment that the innate powers of the individual will begin to unfold.

This generosity of spirit is only in accord with the spirit of a sisterhood and viewed from a more selfish standpoint, it is the kind of an attitude that pays. A sense of responsibility and independence of judgment come only with the activity of every one, and this activity is produced only by an encouraging hand.

So in the midst of our many activities and interests, let us remember that it is our pleasure as well as our duty to bring out each and every girl to the glory of the sisterhood and the college in which we dwell.

KAPPA.

Resolutions

On the Death of Miss Laura E. Fenton, Alpha

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Laura E. Fenton, of the class of 1908; be it

Resolved, That we, the Alpha Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy. We mourn with them, yet we are grateful for the memory and influence of her beautiful character; and be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our grief, drape our badge for the period of thirty days; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and be published in THE CRESCENT.

MARY F. SUPPLEE,
GERTRUDE S. WATERS,
JESSE PAGE,
For the Chapter.

Helen Hurlbut, one of Alpha's finest graduates, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hodge, in Philadelphia in August. She is mourned by all who knew her, and the sympathy of all the Syracuse Alumnae is extended to her sister.

ON ST. JOHN'S NIGHT

The great god Pan who rules the night,
Makes offer of the wood charm rare—
The wild—that puts restraint to flight,
And gives caprice the place of care.

Now reawake to burn anew
The mad desires that life denied.
The haunting scent of rose-steeped dew,
Brings back the dreams the years defied.

A shining vision comes once more
Of long forgotten—futile quest,
And soon beguiles the hopes of yore
That sank at failure's grim behest.

The fires through screens of bracken flash—
Then o'er the hills the peasants throng,
In 'broidered cloak and silken sash,
And echoes yodel back their songs.

The fire-flies' signal fitful gleams,
As wreaths are gaily twined to toss
In tribute to the mountain streams
And herbs are sought deep in the moss.

In carnival the dancers meet
Around the fire in swaying ring
And move in time to rhythmic boat
Of lilting measure as they swing.

The shifting lights through shadow steal
And round a maid in halo rest
Whose eyes like early dawn reveal
The shyness of a love confessed.

A new hope stirs the wooer's blood—
 A hope that quivers pure and sweet
 As music of a growing bud
 Awakening the light to greet.

And low-hung boughs of martial firs
 In outline blurred on rough crag-height
 When love speaks low, are set astir
 By magic of mid-summer's night.

AILEEN HIGGINS, Epsilon.



Rededication

Gamma Phi Beta in thee we trust,
 We worship thee with joy today,
 For we who know thy loving power
 Can feel no fear, nor no dismay,
 But happy in thy watchful care
 Thy changeless constancy declare.

Our highest aims are all for thee;
 Our Star on High we still look up,
 When sorrow's bitter draught is ours
 With mournful hearts we drain the cup,
 But soothed by love, we all endure,
 Making our lives more true, more pure.

Today we give anew our love,
 Bowing before thee so dear, so fair,
 We would serve thee in noble ways,
 With thoughtful lives. Be thine the care
 To keep us still through all the years
 Unvexed by pride, by doubt, or fears.

Thou art our guide, our stay, our friend;
 New truths we love of thee to learn,
 Showing rich blessings manifold;
 Oh, let a zeal within us burn
 To live as ever in thy sight—
 Thy service our supreme delight.

RUTH PECK PIATT, Alpha.



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Alpha, along with all the other sororities on the hill, is surely leading the strenuous life this year. Pan-Hellenic has decreed that the rushing season shall last for only six weeks. At the end of that time we will all send our invitations by messenger boys on the same day. The replies must be in by 10 o'clock of the following morning. While this short rushing period has of course its advantages, it involves very vigorous work while it lasts.

One of our parties last week aroused considerable amusement. At this we acted scenes from history and fiction. The actors were merely to act not to talk. The audience were to guess what the event represented was. As we had had no rehearsal, one could hardly expect finished work on the part of the actors. Moreover, the stage setting was conspicuous by its absence. Notwithstanding, nearly every one of our visitors guessed each scene correctly. We had the immortal Washington and the cherry tree, Diogenes and his tub, Romeo and Juliet, Carrie Nation, William Tell shooting the apple from his son's head and a few others. The fact that nearly every one of the visitors guessed all correctly shows either remarkable brilliancy on their part, or wonderful histrionic ability on ours. You may determine the matter for yourselves.

Then we had another amusing party Saturday night at the home of one of our alumnae, Mrs. Damon. It was originally designed as a backwards party. We Gamma Phis were to dress

backwards, wear our hair down over our faces, and masks on the back of our heads. If you want to know how this makes one look try it and see. Some of the girls carried out this idea, while others dressed in some other comic manner or as men. What shrieks of laughter arose as we girls were getting ready, and what oddities some of us appeared to be! We got together upstairs at Mrs. Daman's, and marched down together, singing a Gamma Phi marching song. Then we did "stunts" for a while to amuse the freshmen, anything we could think of, and the more foolish the better. Of course it was a little hard to bow and to shake hands backwards, but our mistakes were, we trust, overlooked.

For the second time in three years, we have begun our college year with draped pins. The first week of college we heard of the death of Laura Fenton, one of our Sophomores. She left college last year because of ill-health, and it was thought that she had consumption. She became, however, much better last summer, so that the sad news of her death was to us quite unexpected. She was an unusually lovely character, strong yet sweet. It is pleasant to know that she thought of Gamma Phi constantly during her illness and that the letters from the girls helped to cheer it. These beautiful words were her last: "You are suffering. I am not suffering. I am so happy. It is so lovely to die."

Three of our active members have not returned this year, Lillian Titsworth and Lulu Shearman, '06, and Agnes Avery, '07. They leave a gap in our chapter that cannot be filled.

To each and every Gamma, Phi Alpha sends greetings and hearty wishes for a happy, prosperous year.



BETA

BETA sends most cordial greetings to all of her sister chapters in Gamma Phi Beta. The November CRESCENT letters are perhaps the most interesting of the year, containing as they do the

result of the fall rushing, and the prospect for the chapters. But before speaking of the present outlook, let us just mention two opportunities which the active girls have recently had to meet a number of Beta Alumnæ. The first was our reunion, which brings back a large number of the old girls every two years. The town Alumnæ gave a delightful banquet, after which every girl present gave an account of some absent sister. During the summer when a specially large number of Gamma Phis happened to be in town, Mabel Douglas gave a luncheon for us at the Country Club.

The rushing season began rather earlier than usual, most of the girls coming back nearly a week before the opening of college. The result of our industry was six pledges which, with Bess Bigelow, an Owosso girl who was pledged just before the late Pan-Hellenic restrictions came into force, gives us seven freshmen for this year. In the order of their pledging, they are Marie Shearer, Kathleen Cutting, Linda Kinyon, and Gretchen Lydecker, all town girls; Helen Gable from Germantown, Ohio, and Marion Griffin, from Memphis, Tennessee. We had the pleasure this year of rushing in our new house, of which we are, of course, very proud. That we are in our own house is largely due to the persevering efforts of Jane Sherzer, whom we had the pleasure of having with us last year, and of Major and Mrs. Soule, whose consistent kindness to Gamma Phi Beta will always be gratefully remembered by every Beta girl.



GAMMA

AFTER the long interim of summer vacation Gamma is more than delighted to greet you all most cordially again.

It certainly was satisfying for us to come back and find our fine new lodge all ready for our immediate occupation. It surely presents a most striking appearance, built on the old Dutch plan with the exterior finishings in brown and mode. The interior is finished in the most restful and harmonizing shades. It has a decidedly artistic air and corresponds very well with our idea of

what an attractive sorority house should be. We were able to carry out our rushing program to much greater advantage this year than formerly with our new lodge at our command. The informal dinner and informal dance at the house and the usual breakfast at Mrs. Brittingham's home were the chief features of our program. As a result of the fall rushing Gamma feels most fortunate in adding to her list the names of nine very promising freshmen: Vina C. Brunk of Chicago, Blanche Douglass of Lake Mills, Wis.; Adelaide Krummery of Plymouth, Wis.; Edith Bowen of Brodhead, Wis.; Mary Allen of Lake Geneva, Wis.; Ethel Clarke of McGregor, Iowa; Effie Whyte of Watertown, Wis.; Elsie Castendyke of La Salle, Ill., and Florence Hoyte of Evanston, Ill. Now that the excitement of fall rushing is over the girls have settled down to the realities of college life. This year promises to be an exceptionally good one, both from an intellectual and social standpoint. Gamma is looking forward with the greatest pleasure to convention time and it is her earnest desire to meet you there and to learn to know you personally.



DELTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Delta Chapter sends you greeting from her new quarters at 71 Mt. Vernon St. We have rooms in a charming old home half way up Beacon Hill, almost within the shadow of the sacred cod-fish that tops the dome of the State House. We are very comfortable and have conveniences for entertaining that we lacked in our former apartments in Ashburton Place.

We have had one rushing party, which was very enjoyable, and we hope successful in giving the girls an opportunity to meet each other socially. It is early to predict our share in the promising Freshman class. It is a case of "not that we love some less, but others more."

We have several good things to say of ourselves. First, Harriet Fish and Eleanore Leonard bore off the coveted Phi Beta Kappa keys. Harriet was also valedictorian and covered herself and us with glory.

Esther Willard Bates has an unsigned essay in the September Atlantic, "The Ethics of the Stationers." Esther is meeting with deserved success and growing appreciation. We begin to feel as if we had a live author in our midst, but she bears her honors modestly as becometh genius. Charlotta Brant has been elected President of Senior class. The house party at Nahaut was a happy ending to the college year, and a happier beginning to the long vacation days. The girls are looking brown and well after the summer outing, and have come back full of energy and high spirits.

We have a Gamma Phi with us, whose presence is a great pleasure, Miss Robbins of Weymouth. She is here for extra work, and is more than busy, but we hope to have her often with us.

We will have more to write you for the next issue. The rushing goes well, so far as we can judge, but the presence of the inevitable "uncertain quantity" gives us an occasional qualm.



EPSILON

TO ALL Gamma Phi Beta sisters, heartiest greetings from those of Epsilon.

With the return of the fall comes the happy time of seeing college friends again and of joining together in the Gamma Phi family. Epsilon is fortunate this year in keeping some of last year's Seniors with it, and having most of the other girls back for work.

Rushing now is the all-absorbing task. The Pan-Hellenic Association of Northwestern University, adopted regulations and voted pledge day to be October the twenty-third. These

regulations were neatly edited in a little four-page pamphlet, "A Word About Sororities," and these were given to all new girls on their arrival at college.

The three following articles illustrate the contents of this pamphlet:

Art. II. Each sorority shall have only ten dates with each rushee.

Art. III. Each sorority shall draw by lot four of these ten dates, and no other dates shall conflict with these drawn dates.

Art. IV. A sorority girl shall not occupy more than half an hour of a rushee's time, without counting it as one of her sorority's ten dates, and she shall not monopolize a rushee by making petty engagements for less than half an hour.

We have given all sorts of affairs, from a dinner-dance, down to an old-fashioned dinner followed by a hay-rick ride.

In college affairs Gamma Phi Beta has been well represented. At the recent class election Sarah Shute was chosen president of the Junior class, and the vice-presidency of the Sophomore class again comes to us through Laura McCarty.

The chapter rooms are to be redecorated before initiation, and we will be glad to see any of the girls from sister chapters.

All the girls are looking forward to convention, and nearly all of us are planning to be there. Alice Lyons and Laura Wilberton are to be our delegates.

Hoping you all may have a most prosperous year, and that THE CRESCENT will be well supported, we are yours in the bonds Gamma Phi Beta.



ZETA

AS Zeta looks forward to the coming year with hope and confidence we wish to every other chapter the same bright prospects.

We have every reason to anticipate this year with great pleasure. Nothing can make good to us the loss of last year's

seniors who have left us, but we are unusually fortunate in having five alumnae in the city, who will be able to join us at our meetings and functions and who are standing by us most loyally during rushing season. We have also enjoyed visits this fall from two of our old girls, Jane Smart and Edith Fisher.

Just before the close of college last year, arrangements were made for refurnishing our den in Fensal Hall, and now we have what we consider the prettiest cozy corner in the college. It is only a small corner at the end of a corridor, but with green walls and carpet, and leather seat in front of the broad window, and new draperies, it is a most inviting spot to run to for a confidential chat. Also the rooms opening off from the den have been tinted, so we feel that we are beginning the year in pretty good shape at least as regards material things.

As for the girls, we are full of plans and resolutions. We have two great objects so far as our college social life is concerned. The first is to do our best by Gamma Phi Beta. We are proud of our chapter, but we realize that Gamma Phi is worthy of the very best that we can do for her. We are glad to announce that Caroline Smith, one of our number, has been elected president of the Junior class, and that Louise Powell is president of the Glee Club. We cannot all bear such prominent banners for Gamma Phi as they, but we are united in our purpose and effort to make Zeta strong, such a chapter as all of our sisters shall love and long to visit. Our second object is to do all that we can to make the non-frat girls feel as little as possible the lack of frat life, that they may have no occasion to condemn frat girls as being selfish and exclusive. Probably the conditions in the Woman's college are different from those in the larger colleges, or in universities, but with the number of resident students here, life could be made quite miserable for the non-frat girls if the others took no special pains to be agreeable to them. We find that loyalty to our fraternity and to the individual girls in it, need not prevent our extending kindness to those outside.

We have all had an enjoyable and refreshing summer, and are beginning work this fall with vigor. We are few in number, only eight, but at the end of our six weeks' rushing season, we hope to be able to tell you of several new pledglings.



ETA

DEAR Sisters in Gama Phi: College has been going on here for almost two months and, in that time, much has happened.

For the first three weeks, we were very busy rushing. We had many and varied entertainments, of course. Perhaps the best one of all was a week-end house party at the home of Hazel Pierce at Burlingame, to which we took all our rushing girls.

Then, aside from the rushing, we had a dinner with a reception afterwards for Miss Lucy Sprague, the newly-appointed advisoress of the women.

At the end of the three weeks we had three pledged Gamma Phis—Alice Hoyt, Alice Southworth and Mabel Pierce. The latter is a graduate of Wellesley, doing post-graduate work here, and is a sister of one of our juniors. Their initiation occurred on the twenty-third of September.

On October the ninth, we had a second initiation for two more freshmen, Justine and Margaret Griffith. Now we feel satisfied with our freshman class and expect great things of them.

This year Eta has been fortunate in having several of her older girls here for the rushing. She also has had visits, though very brief ones, from Bell Baker, Zeta, and Claudia Mowrey and Lula Knapp and her mother, from Lambda Chapter.

The second and third floors of the Chapter House have been newly tinted and we have eleven living in the house this year. Everything, in fact, points to a happy and prosperous year for

us, and our wish is that this year may bring the best of good luck and happiness to all Chapters of Gamma Phi Beta.



THETA

WE Denver girls feel just like starting out our CRESCENT letter this time with a shout or a song or some jubilant expression of our joy. For we are glad! Just glad! There is something in the clear blue sky, or in the intoxicating Colorado air, or in the grand mountains which we have so near us, that makes us glad. But combined with these things, and more than any or all of them, there is something way down deep in our hearts that makes us just bubble over with happiness—and that? The joy of Gamma Phi.

We have had a fine summer together. Quite a few of the girls were in town almost all summer and we had meetings every week, so when the college term began we had all our plans for rushing made. We rushed quite a good deal all summer, too, and we find that it paid.

Although we had a long time before pledge day we had but few parties. Two evening parties, a progressive luncheon, a matinee party and a tea. Besides these we had several fudge stunts, etc., at the Lodge. One of these was a very formal tea given to our mothers and the mothers of the girls we were rushing. It was quite a success.

And now about our pledges! Every time we catch a glimpse of those double brown ribbons each girl has a thrill of joy that only the victorious may feel. For we won the fight and came out with our Gamma Phi Beta banners unstained and our glory untarnished.

How gladly did we bring under the protection of our Crescent our three dear Freshmen, Winnie Rhumway, Kathryn Allen and Ethel Tucker. They are but few, but they count. We are planning for initiation within a week or two.

And now, dear Gamma Phi sisters, as we start in another year with courage high and hope strong, let us follow more closely than ever our "precepts of love," and ever 'neath her crescent's guiding may we be all that Gamma Phi Beta could wish of us.



IOTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Once more Iota is glad to return to college and to send a loving greeting to each and every member of Gamma Phi.

In the early summer, that is, after commencement, we bid farewell to "exams" and college for a year. We did feel sad indeed to part with our seniors, for no one can possibly fill their places; several of them are to return to us, however, so we are reconciled somewhat.

Four of our girls, Edna W. Stitt, '06; Hazel H. Plate, '06; Emma C. Cole, '07, and Anne Carroll, '07, royally represented us at Silver Bay this summer, and have returned extremely enthusiastic. Whenever we spy two or more girls in a corner busily chatting, we know that the subject of conversation is Silver Bay. We are all glad and eager to listen, however, and have decided to have the whole Chapter attend next year.

Since the girls have been scattered all over the country this vacation, we are unable to tell you much about ourselves. One scrap of news, however, will interest you, as it surely does us—the engagement of one of our '05 girls, Florence T. Nye, to Mr. Cutler Whitwell, Columbia, '05, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Our college opening was gloomy, indeed, and we all departed with a sad heart, for only the night before college opened, Prof. Mortimer L. Earle died of malignant typhoid fever, which he contracted abroad.

Now college is well under way. Our Juniors have been transformed to Seniors, our Sophomores to Juniors and our dear Freshmen to Sophomores. The "Sophies" are prancing

about in cap and gown; the Juniors have taken the responsibility of caring for the Sophomores, while our "illustrious Seniors" have assumed that very wise look and are proclaiming aloud on all sides—"no thesis and unlimited cuts"—Hoorah!!

This year Barnard college has two entering classes, so Iota sees before her a busy year of rushing, excitement and suspense. The rushing and excitement has already begun, so for this time Iota will subside, wishing each Chapter a very successful year in college and in the sorority.



KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: In the little pause that comes between the nerve-racking period of rushing and the brain-whirling week of convention, Kappa is glad to have her chat with you all in THE CRESCENT, and to send you greetings.

College began for us on the nineteenth of September, and beginning with a two weeks' rushing season, we have had "something doing" ever since. First, let us introduce to you our Freshmen—the pick of the class, and all fine, strong girls. They are: Millicent Lees, Helen Weld, Helen Richeldaffer and Pearl Weston, all of Minneapolis; Lorent Kreider, Mound City, Mo.; Clara McBride Taney, St. Paul; Grace Hunter, Tracy, Minn., and Ruth Kinnaird Hall, Danville, Ky.

Among our social events since the dinners and dances given for them, were a house party which Miss Andrews gave for us at her home in St. Paul, and initiation on October the fourteenth. The former was a sort of mutual admiration party—an old Roman Triumph could not hold a candle to it—for just us and the new pledges; and the latter—but you all know what initiation is to every loyal Gamma Phi.

As for college honors, we feel that we have quite our share. Besides being well represented in the Dramatic Club and the Senior and Literary Societies, we have Katharine Taney as

president of the Woman's League—the organization which has made possible the \$40,000 woman's building to be erected on the campus this year,—and Geraldine Brown as secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Geraldine comes to us from Mu; in fair exchange, we have let Rachel Beard, '09, go out to Stanford. She was one of our strongest Freshmen last year, and we shall miss her sorely.

Trusting to see many of you here with us in November, and wishing we might see you all, Kappa closes. Greetings to new sisters everywhere, and best wishes for a successful year.



LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, once more Lambda sends greetings to you all through the pages of THE CRESCENT. Since the opening of the University of Washington, Lambda has found herself unusually busy. The rushing season, which is five weeks long, is not yet ended, and in consequence the result cannot be made known at present. But never before in the history of the university have there been so many desirable women. Therefore, Lambda hopes to secure her share of the pledges.

In the way of social activity Lambda has given a number of small affairs. The large events have been a canoeing party on Lake Washington with a spread on the lake shore. This was followed by an evening card party given by the Lambda Junior girls, which proved a great success.

A most enjoyable event was a dancing party given at the home of Edith and Beatrice Prosch. This coming week the alumnae girls in Seattle will entertain the friends of Lambda at a play to be given at the Chapter House. There will also take place a progressive luncheon with alumnae members as hostesses, and the rushing will conclude with a foot-ball breakfast, with an adjournment to a foot-ball game.

Greek News

Mrs. Joe Anna Ross, the Editor of *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma for the past eight years, lays down the duties and hereafter the quarterly will be edited by Miss Grace Abbott of Kappa Chapter.

At a recent convention of Kappa Alpha Theta, Miss Clara E. Fanning was chosen Editor of the quarterly to succeed Miss Caroline F. Comly.

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority has announced the installation of Iota of Alpha Xi Delta at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va., on May 8.

The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces installation of the Gamma Kappa Chapter at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., which took place on Saturday, July 29.

The University of Wisconsin will soon acquire two new valuable and beautiful buildings. Both of these have been started and are well on their way to completion. The one is a chemistry building, which is to cost when completed, without equipment, \$100,000. The other is a large Y. M. C. A., which is contracted at \$75,000. This building is to be used as a clubhouse for the entire body of university students. There will be about seventy-five rooms to be rented, and other special rooms for the use of *The Daily Cardinal*, *The Sphinx*, *The Badger*, *The Lit* and other student activities of like kind. A lunch room will in all probability be one of the chief attractions. A Y. M. C. A. of this kind will, without doubt, be a benefit in many ways, but especially in being a meeting-place where the student body may talk over university matters.—*Delta Tau Delta Rainbow*.

An act has been passed by the Indiana Legislature exempting from taxation a tract of land not exceeding one acre, with improvements, owned by any Greek letter fraternity. For this advanced step in the recognition of fraternities as public institutions worthy of public encouragement, the fraternity world has to

thank Mr. Ruick, Secretary of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta and a well-known Hoosier legislator.—*The Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity announces the re-establishment of Sigma Chapter at Toronto University, Monday, July 3, 1905.



The following relates to the establishment of the chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the Woman's College of Baltimore:

At the triennial convention of the senate of Phi Beta Kappa at Saratoga in 1904, charters of the fraternity were granted ten colleges and universities. Four of the institutions so honored were colleges for women—Smith, Wellesley, Holyoke and the Woman's College of Baltimore. Vassar was the first woman's college to receive a charter, having been granted the privilege of electing members in 1898.

Thirty-two young women were elected as original members of the fraternity. Most of these not only maintained a high percentage while in college, but have distinguished themselves by the graduate work they have done since leaving their Alma Mater, or by their successful careers in various walks of life. The total alumnae of the Woman's College number five hundred and fifty.

Out of a graduating class of seventy, nine girls were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie made the Phi Beta Kappa address before the college on May 18, 1905, after which the names of the original members were announced. His subject was "Ideals in a Commercial Age." His plea was not only for faithfulness to the ideal in this age of materialism, but for a true appreciation of the age as an epoch in the development of the world as necessary and as far reaching in its good results as the Renaissance or the age of chivalry. Dr. Mabie held that the ideal still existed beneath so-called commercialism, and that the pursuit of the ideal made material development necessary as well as possible.

In concluding his address Dr. Mabie spoke of the spirit of Phi Beta Kappa in the past and of its high stand for the true and the

right and for depth of scholarship and attainment. He said that the history of Phi Beta Kappa paralleled the history of the United States, and was to be read in the lives of such men as Lee, Marshall, Wendell Phillips, Emerson and Edward Everett.—*The Trident*.



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

WE acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies, and ask that exchanges be sent to the following:

Miss Elizabeth Putnam, 86 Lafayette Park, Lynn, Mass.

Miss M. Louise Powell, the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, 26 N. Fourth street, Columbus, Ohio.

May—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly*; *Delta*, of Sigma Nu.

June—*The Trident*; *The Shield*; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *The Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta.

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

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



THE annual report consisting of answers to the following questions and a complete roster of the active membership of each active appears in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*. The editorial gives a summary of the combined reports which shows the fraternity in a flourishing condition.

How many members have left during the year without graduation?

How many social affairs have been given by the Chapter during the year?

Is your *Quarterly* file bound to the present volume?

How many Alpha Phis elected to Phi Beta Kappa from 1905?

What other college honors have been won by members of the Chapter?

What support has the Chapter given to general college work?

What other sororities represented in the college?

The details of the reports furnish us an opportunity to learn much from each of our chapters, and if we study the items thoroughly we shall be able to judge with some accuracy the general status of Alpha Phi in our respective college homes.

The size of each chapter is interesting to us; in some colleges the membership roll in fraternities is limited to a very small number; in others the number in active relation is rather larger than seems compatible with the best results. We do not advocate the very small chapter since there is always an irresistible influence to confine it to one type of girl. A membership roll of twenty-five seems to us to approach the ideal.

Not a large number of Alpha Phis have left college before graduation during the present year. There are valid reasons for discontinuing one's college course before its completion, but far too many young women do so because of lack of serious purpose in their collegiate work. Alpha Phi initiates only students in regular courses and encourages these to complete the work necessary for a degree.

The social life of our chapters is significant. Much is said in these days of excessive social entertainment among fraternity women. The report on this point indicates moderation with which we are pleased. The development of the social in student life is most important, but it is not to predominate.

Five chapters, Beta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta and Theta report that their *Quarterly* files are not bound to date. We regret that this matter has been so long neglected by these chapters. It is important that a competent member should be put in charge of this work; one who will not leave it until the volumes are bound and properly cared for in chapter house or room.

Nine Alpha Phis won the distinction of election to Phi Beta Kappa. We congratulate the Chapter and the individuals. A

high grade of scholarship is or ought to be the ambition of every loyal Alpha Phi.

Many other college honors have been won by wearers of the gray and bordeaux and we have pride in the achievement of each sister. The list of sororities with whom Alpha Phi is associated through her various chapters indicates the growth and development of the Greek letter societies for women, which are a potent factor in college life of the present day.



Chapter Letters

The honor of being elected chapter editor is indissolubly connected with the imperative duty of writing an adequate letter for each issue of the *Quarterly*. A man is elected to the office for action, not for ornament. Hence it is a matter of great and continuing surprise to many live alumni and undergraduates that any chapter fails to be properly recorded in each number of our periodical. An examination of the *Quarterly* for the five years ending with October, 1904, reveals a deplorable state of affairs. Twenty letters were due from each chapter during this time, with the exception of the Toronto and Chicago chapters, which were organized subsequently to the point at which our analysis begins. Only two of the thirty-five chapters contributed a letter to every issue, namely, Colby and Williams; and they merit the highest honor. Chicago, Colgate, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Toronto, and Tufts, to their great credit, missed but one letter. De Pauw, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Minnesota missed but two letters. Amherst, Brown, Middlebury, Swarthmore, Syracuse, and Wisconsin lack only three letters. Adelbert, California, Cornell, Lehigh, McGill, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Rochester, Rutgers, Stanford, and Union record four failures each. Harvard, Northwestern, and Technology failed five times. Bowdoin and Marietta bring up the rear with six failures. Of the 109 failures, 62 occurred in October numbers; suggesting (1) that many a chapter editor

fails to note that he is in duty bound to turn in four letters during the year of service to which he is elected; and hence, when his successor is selected in June for the volume beginning the following December, omits to send in his own final contribution for the October issue. (2) That all editors forget much during the long summer vacation.

An old adage of whist players was to the effect that there were only two excuses possible for not returning one's partner's lead of trumps: (1) Not having any; (2) sudden death. Similarly, there ought to be only two valid excuses for a chapter editor's failure to transmit a letter in time for each issue: (1) Having no knowledge of English, and no friends in the chapter who possess sufficient knowledge; and (2) death of the chapter.

In view of the result of this analysis, it seems necessary for the retiring editor to instruct his successor, and that the chapter president oversee both brethren, if adequate representation, which is the common right of both alumnus and undergraduate, is to be secured.

As to the matter contributed, the alumnus, at least, enjoys comparative statements regarding rival Greeks, as well as the record of the progress of Delta Upsilon in the classroom and on the field, dear as the latter is to his heart. The chapter should make history for the editor to chronicle. The motto of one of our chapters is "Delta U. in everything, and every Delta U. in something." This might well be adopted by the few chapters that do not already meet the idea thus expressed. The letter should reflect the spirit and life of the chapter. It cannot be better than the chapter.

A recommendation of the Committee on Internal Improvement is to the effect that the chapter letter be read to the members in meeting assembled, before it is sent to the *Quarterly*. Such a procedure will afford pleasure to the chapter, provide an additional spur to the chapter editor's pride, and also secure the inclusion of items of information which might otherwise escape the editor's memory.—*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

A very forceful argument is given by a member of *Kappa Alpha Theta* with which we agree:

The relation of the high school fraternity to the college fraternity is a question that is forcing itself upon us. It is of such growing importance that by the time of our next convention it should claim our attention and be settled definitely one way or another.

Nearly every high school in the land has some sort of social organizations. These may have been innocent enough in the beginning, but they have grown into the exclusive club or secret fraternity, and have become a menace to the schools. The high school student is just at the formative period when habits of study and thinking should be settled for life, and this side-tracking has interfered materially with the whole school work, and especially has it hurt the student in the development of character. The tendency to imitate is one of the most marked characteristics of youth. The high school fraternities are most apt to copy the form, at least, of the older college organizations, missing entirely the real purpose of a fraternity. To one just entering his teens, it is the social and showy side that appeals more than anything else. He fails to get the moral and educational value of the fraternity. The deliciousness of secrecy and mystery, of midnight imitations, appeals to him, instead of the more serious purpose and higher ideals.

You ask, how does this affect *Kappa Alpha Theta*? Can you not see that warped material for the college fraternity is turned out by the high school, the social life of which is completely under the control of such organizations? There is little but a social foundation to begin on. In many instances, initiates into college fraternities have never realized the full significance of the fraternity idea, simply because their conceptions of fraternities had been modeled and developed along high school lines. In fact, they are spoiled for the best influence of the fraternity. Does it not stand to reason that the fraternity idea of mutual help and development, incentives to nobler and better things is not as adaptable to a girl just entering her teens as to a more mature mind? Then, a high school fraternity girl cannot give full and undivided allegiance to her college fraternity. Her first love in many instances, still has a large place in her affections and the first badge is worn as the companion-piece to the kite.

This is only one side of the question, but I think that the solution lies with college fraternities and sororities. They could strike the death-blow by making members of any high school fraternity non-eligible to membership in the higher organizations.



Such a plan as here proposed by the editor of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* would be helpful:

The editor recently had the pleasure of spending an evening with the editor of the Kappa Alpha Theta, a magazine unsurpassed in fraternity journalism. During the conversation this question was evolved: Why not have a regular plan of comparison among the different Greek letter organizations for women? Surely such plan must prove of benefit to all concerned. Whatever is of value in the methods of one organization is most likely to prove helpful to another; if our organizations are well conducted in all lines of work it means that we shall be of greater service to those who are, by our own declarations, bound to aid—the young college women. Probable it is that the greatest obstacle to such open conferences is the prejudice in some minds that we shall divulge our secrets. But we ought to be able to discriminate between what is secret and what is not; what is vital and what is secondary. The *Quarterly* is in sympathy with all measures that lead to a better understanding among sororities. We believe that they may best accomplish their work by mutual conferences and mutual action.

The Chapter House has been much improved and refurnished and the girls are fortunate to have with them a chaperone who greatly pleases them. At present there are eleven girls in the house.

Later Lambda will tell of her new members, of her delegates to convention, and more of her plans for the coming year. Wishing each and every one a successful year, Lambda signs herself loyally in Pi Kappa Epsilon.



MU

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: By the twenty-fifth of August, a week before college was to open, a spick-and-span house was ready for the Mu Chapter after its first summer scattering. The girls came back with a rush of enthusiasm,—our three long months of vacation had left us all strong and well and eager to begin work again. The loss of our two Seniors and one alumnae left a big hole in the house. Helen Salisbury, Helen Dorrance and Geraldine Brown were three of our pillars of strength. Geraldine, though, is partly compensating for her absence by bringing us closely in touch, through her enthusiastic letters, with Kappa, for she is spending the year at the University of Minnesota, as secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Still another link with Kappa is our Sophomore affiliate, Rachel Beard, who already belongs as if she had grown up with us.

We are glad to present to you the names of three new sisters, girls who were among the original members of the local chapter: Ethel Lloyd (now Mrs. Neal Bosworth), came clear from Wisconsin last commencement to be initiated; Sue Bird, '03, of Banning, California, was initiated with her, and this September May Vorhes, '04, of San Diego, also became a member.

All through the long six weeks of rushing season, which is not quite over yet, our house has been in a flourishing condition, for every room has been full, what with visiting graduates,

friends of the girls and members from Eta, who have been very good in helping us to rush. Our "loving friends" have been so good in remembering us that the house looks vastly cosier than ever before; we have new curtains, pictures, and monogrammed silver galore, and are getting quite a nucleus for furnishing the new house of which we are dreaming.

We are getting very impatient for convention time. It is our first experience, and we can hardly wait for the letters and reports which will increase our ever-growing realization of what it means to be a Gamma Phi.



CHICAGO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Chicago Alumnae Chapter can only send you greetings and best wishes for we have had no meeting, except a business session since I last wrote. We hope college is opening brightly for all of you, and that convention will be, as ever, a complete success.



SYRACUSE

THE Syracuse Alumnae have been widely separated during these summer months and only on one occasion has there been any meeting at all comparable to our monthly gatherings during the winter months. Austiana Taylor Goreth spent the summer months at Baldwinsville, and invited any Gamma Phi who chanced to be near that town to spend the twenty-seventh of August with her. Five chapters had members who could accept the invitation. Syracuse Alumnae had thirty-two representatives—Mrs. F. D. Leete, Kate Gardner Cooke, Helen Hardwell Hawkins, Clara Wilcox, Myra Haven Draper, Florence Palmer Balser, Mrs. Daman, Mary Whitford, Blanche Knapp.

Gertrude Leete, Grace Hobart Clarke, Hattie Miller, Alice Coates Mott, Lida French Thurston, Mable Van Winkle Hoyt, Nettie Sadler, Alpha was reported from by Martha Gowing and

Ruth Laycock. Five New York Alumnæ attended, Mrs. Leyden, Gertrude Andrews, Stella McIntyre, and Mrs. Dawson.

The Misses Wilmot of Baltimore, in whose home the Zeta girls have their chapter room, were with us, and Ina Mercer Rice of Brookline, Mass., gave us interesting accounts of the Delta Chapter. Lucy Babcock, formerly of Syracuse, now in touch with Beta, brought a bit of western enthusiasm to the picnic.

We reached Mrs. Goreth's home by trolley from Syracuse, and any of the girls who were present will tell you more about this enjoyable day in the country.

As we are sending this message to you all throughout these United States, we wish for you the year full of all good deeds and the furtherance of all those plans we formulated for ourselves and our Sorority.

May the year to come be replete for each of us with all those things that tend to make of us worthy examples of the right spirited college woman.



BOSTON

DEAR Sister Chapters: We are pleased to open our first letter of the season with the announcement of Boston Chapter's permanent establishment in winter quarters at 71 Mount Vernon street. There her "At Home" will occur regularly on the second Saturday of each month at eleven o'clock for the transaction of business, followed by the delectable luncheon chat.

At our opening session, October 14, there were present in Delta's attractive new rooms, ten alumnæ, including two New York visitors, Miss Holt of Iota and Miss Bohr of Alpha, whom by good fortune we are to have with us throughout the year. Our attention was given entirely to convention and other business dispatched after crisp discussion of the several topics. On adjournment we joined Delta at Hotel Alexandre, where a luncheon was given to seven promising freshmen, upon whom the alumnæ were invited to cast discerning glances.

Twenty-three of us sat down to a "table round," but be assured, neither the viands, nor the young appetites, would ever pass as mythical.

If rumor is correct, within an hour at least one heart among the seven charming victims of that engaging snare had capitulated to Gamma Phi. Truly Delta's appreciation of the habits and tastes of the female university-haunting animal are worthy of a scientific review.

At the close of the luncheon a reverend minded senior with affecting confidence in the after-dinner brilliance of her alumnae, nearly paralyzed those objects of esteem by demanding of them in turn—appropriate remarks. Since the days of our "goat" speeches never had such blushing sensations assailed us. Luckily we included in our number one child of light whose wits were sharpened by emergency and who with the assistance of an amusing incident of travel related by one of our foreign voyagers recently returned, bravely covered the embarrassed gasps of the prey remaining. The latter, however, by means of two or three mirth-provoking stories, managed to conciliate the freshmen for a charitable judgment. Poor Delta, dare we hope her young illusions and our dignity survive?

Boston Chapter has a plump little budget of news items this month, but the dragon of the personal column has devoured it every bit, so we are obliged to recommend you all to that section if you are to be excited over new Gamma Phi babies, engagements, travelers returned, or our recent contributions to current literature.

With hearty good wishes for this "rushing season" and its successful termination throughout Gamma Phi Beta, Boston Chapter signs herself yours faithfully in Pi Kappa Epsilon.



NEW YORK

THE New York Alumnae Chapter once more sends greetings to all.

We have nothing to talk of just at present except our new and unique arrangement for the regular meetings—how the girls with

homes and the girls without join forces in alphabetical order and give a luncheon which is followed by the business meeting. However, you know all about that and it isn't exactly a good point in letter-writing to tell the same thing over twice. Still, we are sure you will be glad to know that the scheme is working out brilliantly.

We had our first luncheon on the seventh of October at the home of Miss Louise Cole. Miss Andrews was the coentertainer, if we may be permitted the liberty of coining a word. Lots of people came, there were good things to eat galore, we laughed and chatted to our hearts' content and all voted the first meeting a decided success.

We had the pleasure of enrolling among us on that day Edith Hedges of Alpha, Louise Kimball and Grace Conover—both of Iota—and Miss Leete.

We are sorry that news should be so scanty, but we hope that our love and best wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous year will balance this lack.



MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE Chapter's first meeting after the long vacation was held at the home of Mrs. Morsand. The attendance showed that Gamma Phi was not forgotten after the pleasures of the summer. The afternoon was gone before necessary business was transacted, so interested were we in the accounts of the various holidays. Miss Richardson, having spent the summer in Paris, had the attention of all in her many anecdotes of her delightful trip.

One of our most valued members, Miss Anne McLenegan, will be missed from our meetings this winter, as she has resigned her position in Milwaukee and returned to her home in Beloit. The recent death of her father makes her presence at home a necessity.

Our next meeting, a special one, will be with Miss Clara Erwin, who has returned to our Chapter after a year's absence in the South. We will then take up the convention business that we neglected at our first gathering, and try to settle down to the duties of the year.

THE Syracuse Alumnae meetings will be held as follows, and it is hoped that all who may be near enough will join with the Chapter in these meetings:

October 7th, Miss Sadler, 907 University Avenue.

November 4th, Mrs. Hopkins, 808 Bellevue Avenue.

December 2nd, Miss Hinckley, 715 Irving Avenue.

Christmas meeting, December 27th, Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Crouse, 729 Crouse Avenue.

January 6th, Mrs. Cooke, 1105 Harrison Street.



Births

To Mrs. F. H. Dam, Eta, twin sons.

To Ethel Houser Jackman, Gamma, a son.

To Mrs. Ethel Virgin O'Neill, Platteville, a son, July 4.

To Mrs. Mary Lyon Dibble, Milwaukee, a daughter, May 20.

To Ethel White McGlinn, Lambda, a son, John Paul, on October 5.

To Mrs. Bessie Moulton Thorndyke, Delta, 1900, a son, William, in September.

To Mrs. Edna Dunning Miller, ex-Delta, a daughter, Elizabeth, on August 19th.

To Mrs. Miriam Parker Rice, Delta, '99, a son, William Hamilton, Jr., on September 18th.

To Mrs. Florence Herman Bressler, Zeta, '98, of Lebanon, Pa., a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, on August 31st.



Engagements

The engagement of Harriet Ross, ex-Delta, to Mr. Wilcutt of Wallaston, Mass., is announced.

The engagement of Alice Louise Senger, Eta (ex-'06), to Mr. Thomas Hutchins, has been announced. The wedding will take place at the end of October.

Marriages

Lewis-Morgan—Clara Morgan, Alpha, to Dr. H. A. Lewis, on September 14. Providence, R. I., will be the new address.

Richmond-Baldwin—Marcia N. Baldwin, Alpha, '02, and Dr. S. P. Richmond, were married September 12. They are to live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Carr-Hard—Lysbeth Aileen Hard, ex-'00, to Frederick A. N. Carr, on September 27. Their home is to be 175 Cazenovia street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Benton-Pabody—Eleanor Fitch Pabody, Kappa, '99, was married on October 10 to Mr. Ward H. Benton of Minneapolis. They will be at home after November 15 in Minneapolis.

Demerius-Bouten—Edith Bouten, Theta, '04, and Wilbur Demerius, Kappa Sigma, were quietly married on the 27th of September. They intend to make their home in Denver.

Churchill-Kinnaird—The marriage of Kate Kinnaird, Epsilon, ex-'03, to Frank Churchill, Delta Tau Delta, took place on the 16th of August, at McGregor, Iowa. At home at Chenoa, Illinois.

Bosworth-Lloyd—The marriage of Ethel Grace Lloyd, Mu, to Mr. Neil Bosworth, took place September 18 at the home of the bride in Mason City, Iowa. Miss Lloyd was a member of the local Chapter, who left college early last year and returned in May to be initiated. Mr. Bosworth was a Sigma Chi at Beloit, Wis. A number of Gamma Phis from Minnesota and Wisconsin were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth will make their home in Elgin, Illinois.

Rice-Yocum—Charlotte Yocum, daughter of Rev. Dr. Ezra H. Yocum and Mrs. Yocum, was married Thursday evening, June 22nd, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Lewiston, Pa., to Dr. Charles Wesley Rice. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, and George Yocum, a brother, gave her away. Among the bridesmaids was Mrs. Charles Howland Cookman,

nee Alma Groves, Zeta, of Middletown, N. Y. Mrs. Rice was one of the charter members of Zeta and was graduated from the Woman's College of Baltimore in the class of 1896.

Austin-Phipps—The wedding of Ethelyn Phipps, Zeta, '99, to Mr. Sidney Bertram Austin, Delta Upsilon, of Cornell, '95, took place Saturday, Oct. 28, at 4 o'clock at St. Mark's on the Hill, in Baltimore County. The church was decorated in the flowers of the season. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was given to which only the immediate relatives and a few friends were invited. The bride's gown was a princess gown of ivory-corded silk, hand embroidered and trimmed with old family lace. She carried white roses.

The best man was Mr. Frank S. Austin of Pittsburg, brother of the groom. The ushers were Messrs. Upton S. Brady, Frank S. Whitman, George M. Brady and William H. Emory, Jr., all of Baltimore.

Mr. Austin is now the mechanical engineer of the Rowland Telegraph Company in Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Austin will live at the Arundel in Baltimore.

Mrs. Austin has always been an active worker in Zeta Chapter and will continue to give them her loyal support. It is to Mrs. Austin that THE CRESCENT is indebted for the drawing for the cuts at the head of Chapter letters and editorials and in many other ways she has shown her interest in the Quarterly.



Personal

Daisy Dillon, Theta, '05, is teaching in Denver.

Ruth Piatt, Alpha, 1905, is teaching at Hamburg, N. Y.

Frances Sanders, Delta, is teaching at home in Wollaston.

Daisy Virgin, Gamma, '98, spent the summer in Milwaukee.

Harriet Fisk, Delta, is teaching at Middletown High School.

Ellen O'Gorman, Iota, '08, spent the summer traveling abroad.

Willa M. Fricke, Iota, '06, has been summering in the Catskills.

May Schiffer, Theta, is spending the year at Nebraska University.

Mary Laflin, Milwaukee, took an extended lake trip this summer.

Wanda Muir is now in Adamana, Arizona, with her father and sister.

Tallulah Le Conte, Eta, '04, is teaching in Ballingham, Washington.

Lillian White, Epsilon, has come to Evanston to spend the winter.

Margaret Wilson, Zeta, ex-'07, has returned from a summer abroad.

Annie Chapman, Gamma, and her mother will spend the winter abroad.

Alice Collier, Eta, is living in Berkeley this winter with her brother.

Helen Gowing, Alpha, is instructor in Latin in the Rome High School.

Edna Wyckoff, Eta, '02, is teaching in the Monterey High School.

Marin Waterhouse is spending the winter in the vicinity of San Francisco.

Jeannette Scott of Gamma is now teaching school at Philips, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Josephine Ross Fisher and daughter spent the summer in Sioux City.

Edna W. Stitt, Iota, '06, has been at her home in Sound Beach, Connecticut.

Emma C. Cole, Iota, '07, spent the month of August at Cazenovia, N. Y.

Laura E. Mathews, Iota, '05, is substituting in the Newark High School, N. J.

Pansy Olney, Lambda, is enrolled as a student at the University of Colorado.

Edna Gearhart, Eta, '01, is teaching drawing in the Los Angeles High School.

Eleanor Leonard, Delta, is teaching at the Clark School in Northampton.

Alma Delaney, '03, Lambda, is teaching at St. Helens Hall in Portland, Ore.

Mary Pendleton, Gamma, '95, spent the summer at Lake Okobogi, Iowa.

Louise Klock, Alpha, '95, is spending the winter with relatives in Kansas City.

Nell Watts, Zeta, '05, is spending a few weeks in the South at Asheville, N. C.

Ethel M. Knox, Iota, '06, spent several weeks this summer at Stamford, N. Y.

Linda B. Saritz, Iota, '08, spent a most delightful summer at Phillipsburg, N. J.

Pearl Curtis, Eta, '04, is teaching in Concord, Contra Casto County, this year.

Nelle Miller, Gamma, is teaching in the High School at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Kate Bucknam, Gamma, '94, is teaching in the High School at Washington, D. C.

Tekla Rompel, Epsilon, ex-'05, is teaching German in the Indianapolis schools.

Helen Peters, Zeta, has recently moved from Springfield, Ohio, to Wyoming, Ohio.

Sarah Morgan, Theta, has left Denver and expects to spend this year at Berkeley.

Maude Martin, Epsilon, ex-'04, is principal of the High School at Monticello, Illinois.

Eleanor George, Delta, 1903, after a prolonged stay in Germany, is now at home.

Florence E. Beers, Iota, '05, is teaching in a private school at Lawrence, Long Island.

Maude Hyser, Kappa, '04, is in Fergus Falls, and Agnes Ives, Kappa, '04, in Chatfield.

Sidney Hall, Epsilon, ex-'05, is teacher of English in the High School at Tuscola, Illinois.

Alice Preble, Chicago Alumnæ, has just returned from her summer in Northern Michigan.

Jessie Mosgrove, Lambda, spent several weeks at the opening of college with her Chapter.

Mildred Lauderdale and Margaret Bell, Kappa, '05, are teaching in Lake Benton, Minnesota.

Jeannette Perry, Lambda, who was graduated last June from Smith, is at home in Seattle this winter.

Jessie Herbert Hodge, Alpha, '95, of Philadelphia, was guest of Millicent Hinckley in September.

Edith Fisher and Jane Smart, Zeta, '04, spent a few days with the Zeta Chapter on their way south.

Myra Manifold, Zeta, '05, is teaching this winter in "El Colegio de San Teuce," San Teuce, Porto Rico.

Annie McClellan, Epsilon, is visiting in Evanston this fall, and has been with us in our rushing gaieties.

Daisy Stott, one of Gamma's last year Seniors, is now teaching in the High School at Ontigo, Wisconsin.

Grace Foulds, Eta, '04, has returned from a two months' trip to Japan, and is now at home in Berkeley.

Margaret Lee, Zeta, ex-'04, and Lillian Horsey, Zeta, paid a short visit to the Baltimore Chapter this fall.

In the October issue of the Atlantic Monthly there is an article contributed by Esther W. Bates, Delta, 1905.

Ina Chamberlain Noyes, Alpha, '95, has been the guest of Emogene Day during rushing season at S. U.

Mary G. Gray, Iota, '05, and sister Helen, '08, have been rusticated at their summer home in Ferndale, N. Y.

Mrs. Sanbourne, (nee Lorena Freeborn), of Gamma Chapter, has been out to Epsilon's rushing parties this fall.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, has a position in the Bacteriological Department of the University of California.

Bell Baker, 'Zeta, '05, has returned from a trip West, during which she visited several of the Western Chapters.

Margaret Axson, Zeta, '02, has returned from spending a year abroad, and will teach this winter in Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. Clinton Babcock, Epsilon (nee Mary Palmer), has returned to Germany after a summer's visit in America.

Mrs. Bertha Kellett Bunn, Gamma, '94, was called to Milwaukee from Spokane, on account of the death of her mother.

Elise Scott, ex-Delta, and Dora Clapp, Delta, 1900, are recently returned from their five months travel in Europe.

Frances R. Conner, Zeta, has been at her home in Altoona, Pa., since last March because of illness in the family.

Mrs. Grace Darling Madden, formerly of Milwaukee, has accepted the chair in history at the Oshkosh Normal School.

Eugenia Oliver, Alpha, '07, has made her home in St. Paul and has been actively identified with Kappa in her Chapter life.

Esther Rich Reilley, Chicago Alumnæ, and Augusta Durfee Flinterman, have moved into their new homes in Oak Park.

Geraldine Brown, Mu, '04, is holding the position of General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University of Minnesota.

Letitia Simons, Zeta, has just returned from an extensive trip in Egypt and the East. She has been gone since last January.

Alice Coates Mott, Alpha, '98, will, much to the regret of the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter, henceforth reside in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Etta Smith Laffin and Mrs. Lucy Churchill Baldwin, both of Milwaukee, spent the summer with their children at Waupaca.

Gertrude Ross, Milwaukee, attended a family reunion at Sioux City, held in honor of the return of her brother from the Philippines.

Gamma was very glad to number Eunice Grey among her last week's visitors. She gave us a most interesting talk on our Mu Chapter.

Mrs. Austiana Taylor Goreth, Alpha, entertained a number of Gamma Phis at Baldwinsville, N. Y., in the latter part of August.

Mrs. Flora Barnes Kaskay, Gamma, '94, whose husband is a professor at the college, has just moved into a beautiful new home in Oberlin.

Mrs. Grace H. Freeman, Kappa, '05, is in Washington, D. C., where Professor Freeman has accepted a position with the U. S. Botanical Survey.

Mary Gray Peck, '90, of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, has secured leave of absence for one year and is studying at Oxford, England.

Mrs. Arthur Griffith, Epsilon, (nee Susan Sweeney), of Rushville, Illinois, spent a day with the girls of her former Chapter during rushing season.

Mrs. Ina Mercer Rice, Alpha, has taken a furnished house in Skeneateles for the winter. We hope to see her at the Syracuse alumnae winter meetings.

Boston Chapter is to enjoy this winter the addition of two members from New York, Ella Cole Bohr, 1904, of Alpha, and Sadie Holt, of Iota.

During July, Anna Sherman Shults, Alpha, entertained at a house party in Hornellsville, Ina Chamberlain Noyes, Laura Lattimer and M. Corinne Lewis.

Elizabeth Brooks, Alpha, 1905, who was just graduated from the Classical Course in S. U., is entering the regular musical course in the same institution.

Zoe Kincaid, Lambda, will be engaged this winter as society editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and also on the staff of a Seattle magazine, "The Westerner."

Florence D. Millspaugh, Kappa, Little Falls, spent a fortnight in October with Kappa Chapter. Kappa also enjoyed a very short visit from Miss Willard of Alpha during late September.

Mable Boomer Hodder, Alpha, '95, is substituting as Instructor in History at Wellesly this year. She spent the past two years studying at Radcliffe and in Europe, and received her master's degree from Radcliffe in 1903.

The friends of M. Ruth Guppy will be sorry to learn of the death of her brother, at their home in San Jose, California, this summer. Miss Guppy is teaching this winter in the Anne Wharton Seminary at Tacoma, Wash.

Collier's Weekly for October 14th, publishes an entertaining football story, by Katharine A. Whiting, Delta, '99, "The Goddess From the Car." This story was one of the few selected for purchase by the magazine at the time of the five thousand dollar prize competition.

Mrs. Clara Cook Stoddart, Iota, spent the summer with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cook, at their home in Boulder, Colorado. Mrs. Stoddart is now living at 28 East Gilman street, Madison, Wisconsin, her husband being a member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin.

Alice Benson, Eta, was graduated from Oregon State University, June 14th, 1905. Miss Benson was, this year, associate editor of the girls' Debating society, leading lady in the Senior play, "Gloriana," one of the six chosen to orate during Senior week and was graduated on the honor list.

Theta has had the great pleasure this fall of meeting two sisters from different Chapters. Grace Gibsen, Kappa, was with us for a few days and although only here but a short time helped us very much with our rushing. Pansy Olney, Lambda, is visiting in Denver, and we often find her, and most gladly, in our midst.

Concerning Marie L. Goodman, Beta, '95, of Kansas City, we have the following:

"During the recent summer meeting of the Missouri state horticultural society at Versailles, Mo., a paper on "Flowers Indoors and Out," by Miss Marie, daughter of L. A. Goodman, secretary of the society was read by its author.

"The paper has many merits which even the casual reader will quickly observe. Its originality is notable and pleasing, and its beauty of thought, expressed in simple language; its wide range of subjects, its masterful conceptions and delineations and its charming poetical tone throughout render it not only a literary production of exquisite excellence, but an exhaustive and interesting treatise on floraculture and decoration of much practical value."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.