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## Student Government at the Woman's College of Baltimore

BY M. LOUISE POWELL, ZETA.

FOR several years there has been on the part of many of the students a feeling of dissatisfaction with existing conditions and there have been efforts on their part to take the step into self-government. Those in authority have been in sympathy with this aim of the students, but they have felt all along that we were not ready for complete self-government, and the students disliked the idea of making the change gradually. But at last the girls have come to realize that the position of the authorities was a right one, for indeed no government in which the people have before had no part, can be changed for one where the whole responsibility is thrown upon the people themselves without great danger of failure.

Last fall, through the combined efforts of Dean Van Meter and a committee from our students' organization, a new consti-

tution was drawn up and put before the organization. This was adopted, giving to the students of the college executive and judicial power. We cannot make our own laws, but the carrying out of the laws already made is in our hands. This is indeed a big step toward true self-government, for as soon as we prove ourselves capable of executing the laws by which we are governed, the privilege of making our own laws will follow.

Of course, most of the rules and regulations concern those students who live in the dormitories only. The restrictions are very few in number, and it would be very hard to find a woman's college where there is greater liberty than here at Baltimore.

In each dormitory there is a house president, these three officers being the vice-presidents of the organization. On each corridor in the houses there are a Senior and a Junior proctor whose duty it is to act as reminders when they discover a girl breaking any rule and to report any offense which, according to the Constitution, must be reported to the house president. An offense consists of the refusal to comply with any rule after being warned by a proctor, or of the continued disregard of any rule.

The system is so new that the scheme of penalties has not been well worked out. The Senior proctor uses her judgment and has the power to deal with offenses until the number for any one girl reaches three. Then the report goes to the house president and the offender is either dealt with by her or brought before the Executive Board of the organization. This board consists of all of the officers and a member from each class chosen by the student body. It meets once every week, and considers the workings of the organization. Needed improvements are brought to their notice, and suggestions are handed to them for more effective social order and justice.

The system is working well for the first year. The students take a greater interest in their own welfare, and we hope that before long they will all be so thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit of self-government that they will be given more power and can in reality rule themselves.

### Gamma's New Chapter House

IT IS with great pleasure and pardonable pride that Gamma avails herself of the present opportunity to tell the story of her chapter-house project and its successful outcome. The first chapter home to be owned and built by any chapter of our sorority.

At the beginning of the school year in the fall of 1904, we occupied a rented house, which was commodious but otherwise quite unsuited for our purposes. At that time Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi lived in chapter houses owned and built by themselves, and it was known that Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi both intended to build the next summer. Gamma had but the wildest dreams of a chapter house some time in the distant future. Although we had been exceedingly successful in our fall rushing, and the chapter was up to standard, we realized that in order to remain there a house of our own was quite essential. Quietly we laid our plans, and from the dreams of those first few months there grew tangible results.

A stock company was formed, and on December 29, 1904, letters were written to the alumnæ asking them to subscribe for stock. Six weeks later a sufficient amount had been subscribed to go ahead. The stock shares were fixed at \$25 a share. The stock company was capitalized at \$7,000, and a mortgage loan of \$7,000 was negotiated.

A lot was bought in a very desirable location on Sterling Place and Irving Court, but half a block from the university grounds, and the same distance from the State Historical and University Libraries, and adjoining the property owned by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Alpha Phi has since bought and built on the property directly opposite us. A more convenient or desirable location could be wished.

Work on the plans of the house was now pushed forward, and by the end of March, 1905, everything was in readiness for actual work. Ground was broken on March 29, and by September 20, the opening of the school year, the house was complete, furnished and ready for occupancy. A fact in which Gamma Phi Beta stands alone here, as no new fraternity or sorority house has ever before been finished and ready for use at the opening of the scholastic year.

Gamma owes very much to Mrs. Mary C. Brittingham, an alumna, of Madison, who pushed forward the plans of the new house with much energy and skill. She undertook to finance the proposition, and it was due to her efforts that the stock company was organized with sufficient subscribed stock. To Mrs. Brittingham's husband, Mr. T. H. Brittingham, we also owe very much, for his was the strong guiding hand by which all was brought to a successful outcome. Through personal supervision of the plans and work, Mr. Brittingham rendered much valuable aid to Gamma chapter.

There are seventy-five stockholders in the company, the stock all being taken. Some shares, however, are held by outside parties. These are being bought up by Gamma Phis, though, and soon we feel that all will be owned by our members.

The exterior of the house, as shown in the accompanying views, is on the English order, the lower story being finished in broad cypress siding, each strip ten inches wide, and stained with beautiful rich, dark brown. The two upper stories are in plaster, paneled with dark brown strips, the plaster being a yellowish mode. The light and dark brown has been used as much as was practical. The house has seven gables, and has the appearance of a homey and cosy house, rather than a large one. On the first floor, as can be seen from the plans, are five rooms, a reception room 14-6x15-6; a chapter room, 20x28 feet, with a bay window 18 feet long and 3 1-2 feet deep, with a broad window seat; a dining-room, 20x23 feet; a chaperone's room, 11-6x17 feet; a

kitchen, 11x21 feet, besides two halls, a cloak room, lavatory, serving pantry, kitchen pantry and refrigerator vestibule. The reception room is in French gray, the walls tinted and the wood-work painted in that shade. The portiers are rose, giving a little touch of color to the room. The rug is also French gray. The halls and chapter room and chaperone's room are all in brown; the wood work stained a light Flemish; and the hangings also in brown, making a good background for our oak furniture. The dining room is an old blue, with blue portiers and is furnished in weathered oak. A plate rack adds much to the furnishing, and already there are several lovely plates on it which have been given. All of our dishes are white with our monogram in blue on each. The kitchen is a nice, large, bright room with plenty of table space and pantry room, all conveniently arranged.

On the second floor there are six bedrooms with two big closets each; a telephone closet, a linen closet and a bath room. The bed rooms are all tinted in different shades, the woodwork is painted white, and all are furnished in maple furniture, and three-quarter white iron beds, making the rooms light and very attractive. The furniture of seven of the bedrooms was donated and the name of the room is on the casing over the door. Two rooms are memorial rooms—the Clara M. Gray room, furnished by Eunice Gray and her mother and sisters; the Georgie Virgin Drew room, furnished by Mrs. Drew and Ethel Virgin O'Neil. Besides these two rooms, the Milwaukee alumnae furnished one, called the Milwaukee Alumnae room; Mrs. Judge furnished the Ina Judge Hanks room; and there are also the Mary Clark Brittingham room, the Senior '05, Freshman, '08 room, and the Junior '06 and Sophomore '07 room; these last two being furnished by the active chapter. There are twenty-one girls rooming in the house, all that can be comfortably accommodated.

We purchased late last fall a half lot between our house and the Kappa's, they taking the other half, paying for such half \$1,800. This gives us a nice, roomy space, which is very desirable in this ever-crowded city and which will also give us a

chance to enlarge our home, when our finances are in condition to allow such a course, if desirable.

It is to us a great pleasure to be under our own roof and to know that Gamma is now in a home worthy of the sorority. A renewed spirit seems to have taken hold of us all, a spirit which has animated the chapter and caused all that we see about to do, whether it be our chapter work or our daily duties, to be accomplished well. And now in closing the story of our new home, we are more than glad to have this opportunity to ask our sisters to visit us whenever they can, for to all Gamma Phis the latch-string of Gamma's new home is always out.

LENORE HORAN, Gamma.



### The Ethics of the Stationers

BY ESTHER WILLARD BATES, DELTA.

“**M**LE COMTE,” remarked Saint-Simon’s valet to him every morning, according to orders, “remember thou hast great things to do in this world.” History fails to record whether Saint-Simon received this daily remark with unvarying complacency, and we wonder if occasionally the valet did not dodge a boot.

Absurd as this reminder may seem, it has had many parallels. “Sire, remember the Athenians,” observed Darius’s servant at dinner; and in those times, whose traditions gave rise to that of Alice’s Queen, we doubt not that Darius’s favorite retort was “Off with his head!”

These sturdy reminiscents have their modern as well as ancient counterparts. Today Darius would hang a photograph of Athens beside his desk, and write “Get busy” underneath it. Saint-Simon would purchase a Van Dykelet and set it on his chiffonier. The up-to-date stationer is on his way to become a great reformer. He does more preaching and gives more advice than the average clergyman or the Salvation Army.

He gets better pay, too, for his trouble. The clergyman makes his parish calls and strives to leave a word of encouragement and inspiration at each place; his remarks are received with mingled suspicion and reserve. The stationer, on the other hand, is busy all day handing out quotations from Emerson, Newman, or Stevenson, and gets ten cents each time in return. He puts them in his window; the passers-by stop, gaze, and go on their way toiling and rejoicing, like the worthy blacksmith they have just been reading about. Moreover, the stationer need not be consistent. The cynic's calendar may be hung above the "Pathway to Peace," and Emerson contradict Newman from the opposite side of the window, and no one thinks of calling the stationer to account. If his sense of responsibility is keen, if he realizes that his incandescent light is not to shine upon a bushel of flippancy, and that the illuminated maxims, by the barter of which he gets his bread and jam, are put down by his recording angel as his good deeds in a naughty world, then he will be careful to display most conspicuously the purely ethical. Of course, flippancy and cynicism have their use. They serve to keep level the balance of sanity and common sense. They cater to the sense of humor, which, after all, is a requisite to righteous living.

But to go back to the stationer's window. Here you get a consensus of opinions. You are told how to conduct your life by teachers, preachers, poets, essayists, philosophers, from Thomas à Kempis down to Fanny Crosby. Here are many men of many minds. You go inside, pay ten cents or a quarter, and whatever system of ethics you want, in Tiffany text, with illuminated initial, on a piece of cardboard in neat passepartout, and provided with a ring to hang it up by, is yours. You take it home and refresh your good intentions with it every morning over the shaving mug.

So far, so good. The wife of your bosom comes in and reads it. You survey her furtively, not wishing to appear aggressively sanctified. She makes no comment, acting, she be-

lieves, with consummate tact, but she thinks to herself, "I never knew George cared for this sort of thing." She goes shopping; then appear mysteriously a few other placards, panels, plates with various devices upon them. Evidently, if you have shown a desire to live a better life, as the Christian Endeavors have it, she is going to aid and abet you. Stevenson comes down. Up goes Phillips Brooks. You were, she tacitly inferred, trying "to be honest, to be kind, to make a family, on the whole, happier for your presence." You also professed to believe that this is a task that takes "all a man has of fortitude and delicacy." Evidently Ethel does not think this is suited to your needs. Your new spiritual adviser exhorts you "not to pray for an easier life, but rather to be a stronger man." You accept the change with that meekness which has characterized you since your marriage, and trust that the matter will stop there.

But no; the passion for mottoes is upon Ethel. In the front hall she hangs the "House Blessing." The parlor fireplace soon bears the legend, "Friend, speak evil of no man around this hearth." "Sleep sweet within this quiet room" dangles from the bedpost. Ethel's workbasket, her waste basket, her hairpin tray, all bear mottoes that might have been clever once, but now are weakly flat. She broaches the subject of a sundial in the back yard, and it is easy to elicit the fact that she has already chosen a motto for it. The climax, however, is reached one day when you come home to dinner and find Ethel has introduced the skeleton at the feast. Above the sideboard hangs a china plaque which reads: "We never repent having eaten too little."

"I got that for you, George," she remarks. "I know you like that sort of thing."

This goes to show, you conclude, that even ethics can be overdone. They tell us that the moral code is fairly adequate, that most men mean well, but that the impulses to make the best of life are intermittent. Hence it is the duty of stationers to provide

us with spurs for our lagging consciences. The daily motto, no one can deny, is a good thing, if you do not run motto-mad.

The most joyous use of all our dodgers is to give them to our friends. Personally, I have always longed to distribute tracts. I could play the part of parish missionary with unction, I believe. But since my minister thinks otherwise, I have had to content myself with sending dodgers to my friends. I have selected and distributed according to special needs and temperamental deficiencies. I have tried to reform the scold, the hypochondriac, and the shirk. I have thus freed my mind in a way with which not my most fiery outburst of temper could compare,—and not given offense. To be sure, Aunt Eliza sent one back, saying that since the coat did not fit, she could not put it on; and other acceptances have reminded me of the Christmas when I gave all my mission boys a cake of soap apiece. Nevertheless, I know that I am engaged in a good work, and if I am ever called upon to earn my living, I shall open a stationer's shop.—*The Atlantic Monthly.*



### “I'm Satisfied”

HAVE you ever tried to explain to your “barbarian” friends what it means to be a “Greek” and observed the half-puzzled, half-doubting expression that greets your enthusiasm? If we could have spirited them into the happy circle that gathered about the piano in the Minikahda Club that moonlight night last November, and they could have caught the jubilant note that rang out in the strains, “I'm satisfied, I'm satisfied; I've got my sisters by my side,” wouldn't they have understood? If I could have taken them along with me on the memorable ride to Madison, that perfect Indian summer day, when Convention friendships were strengthened among the fourteen girls, several of whom had met as strangers three days before, would they have understood what “fraternity” stands for?

Not only my "barbarian" friends, but the sisters who did not have my good fortune, I would have had with me on this Convention trip. To enjoy Convention with hospitable Kappa; to celebrate Gamma's twentieth anniversary with her in the new chapter-house, to take part in a chafing-dish "spread" at Willard Hall, lunch with Chicago Alumnae Chapter at Mrs. Preble's, and take afternoon tea with Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter at our Vice-President's home is more happiness than often falls to one sister's share. Wherever she went, cordial greetings awaited her and more than she had ever realized was the significance of the honor she had received in the office of President borne upon her.

I have made my last official announcement but I want to add, now that my part is over, now that the pleasure of guiding the course of Gamma Phi Beta has passed into the hands of one already proven true Gamma Phi metal, "I'm satisfied." Though I have prefixed "ex" to the title I bore so proudly, my interest and love for Gamma Phi can only be expressed in terms superlative.

A Happy New Year to the sisters I have met and those I want to meet.

YOUR EX-PRESIDENT OF 1905.



## Our Executive Message

A FEW PERTINENT INQUIRIES OF CHAPTER OFFICERS.

DO you realize that all offices were created because there is certain business connected with the government of a Sorority which must be attended to in order that the members of the Sorority may enjoy the privileges to which their membership entitles them?

If you are elected to hold an office, do you fancy it is because the members of your Chapter wished to confer a special honor upon you, or because they thought you would be conscientious in the transaction of the business connected with that office?

Are you faithful to your trust or do you neglect your duties and thus bring upon your Chapter the undesirable reputation of being dilatory and unbusiness-like?

Chapter Presidents: Do you consider your duty done when you preside at a meeting, or do you also keep yourself informed as to whether your Chapter officers are attending to their duties? Do you ever consult with your Corresponding Secretary on the subject of general Sorority business, to find out if there are any matters which call for discussion or vote by the Chapter? Do you ever ask your Treasurer whether all dues have been paid up or whether all CRESCENT subscriptions have been collected and sent in?

Corresponding Secretaries: Is there any unanswered mail which you have neglected? When you receive a letter from the Executive Board or the Editor of THE CRESCENT, do you sit down at once to answer it or take steps immediately to ascertain any information that may have been asked for in it? If you met a Gamma Phi on the campus or on the street and she asked you a question, would you calmly look her in the face and pass by without a word? That is what you do every time you fail to answer a letter.

Chapter Treasurers: Are you sure that you know just exactly what your duties are? Could you tell at once, if your Chapter President should ask you, on what date certain dues should be in your possession? Have you collected all the subscription money that your Chapter owes THE CRESCENT? Do you try to get new subscribers? Do you feel any delicacy in asking a girl for her dues? You should not. It is purely a matter of business; she owes the money; you are the one authorized to collect it.

Finally, make it a point, all of you, to consult the Constitution occasionally. Make sure that you understand just what the duties of your office are and then do not rest until they are faithfully performed.

## AVOID THE NECESSITY.

While there may be times when an apology serves a proper purpose it is usually an acknowledgment of some weak spot in the character; allowed to grow into a habit the effect is most demoralizing.

The first time we apologize for a lapse of duty we are a little ashamed. The second time the words drop more easily from the tongue or pen, and as time goes on neglect becomes the rule and we most unblushingly assert that "really we haven't had a minute to spare," and we pass on with a smile and an utter lack of any feeling of responsibility for the result of our neglect. Thus we have formed two undesirable habits—neglect of duty, and easy apology.

There are times, of course, when circumstances render impossible the performance of some duty; then we have at once what would come under the head of "adequate excuse," and that belongs in quite another class from the apologies.

Women as a class have not sufficient sense of the necessity of promptness and thoroughness in business dealings.

Girls, why not make your Sorority a training-school for the acquisition of those characteristics?

From correspondence and from personal assurance it is found to be a fact that officers of Grand Councils in all the Sororities and Editors of various Sorority magazines are greatly troubled by a lack of prompt support from the Chapters. Too much cannot be said on this subject until a radical change is noticed. This applies to Alumnæ Chapters as well as to the active ones.

There is small difference in the number of daily duties of college girls and alumnæ. The former are busy with recitations, lectures, social duties and periods for study; while the latter are equally busy either as teachers, conducting classes and preparing lectures and lessons for the following day, or as housekeepers, administering home affairs and training children.

But you are all Gamma Phis. Try to make your membership of value to your Chapter and the Sorority. Do not be content to take all and contribute nothing, but be a force for the upbuilding and advancement of all our activities and you will receive benefits in proportion.

FLORENCE C. SAVAGE, President.



GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN



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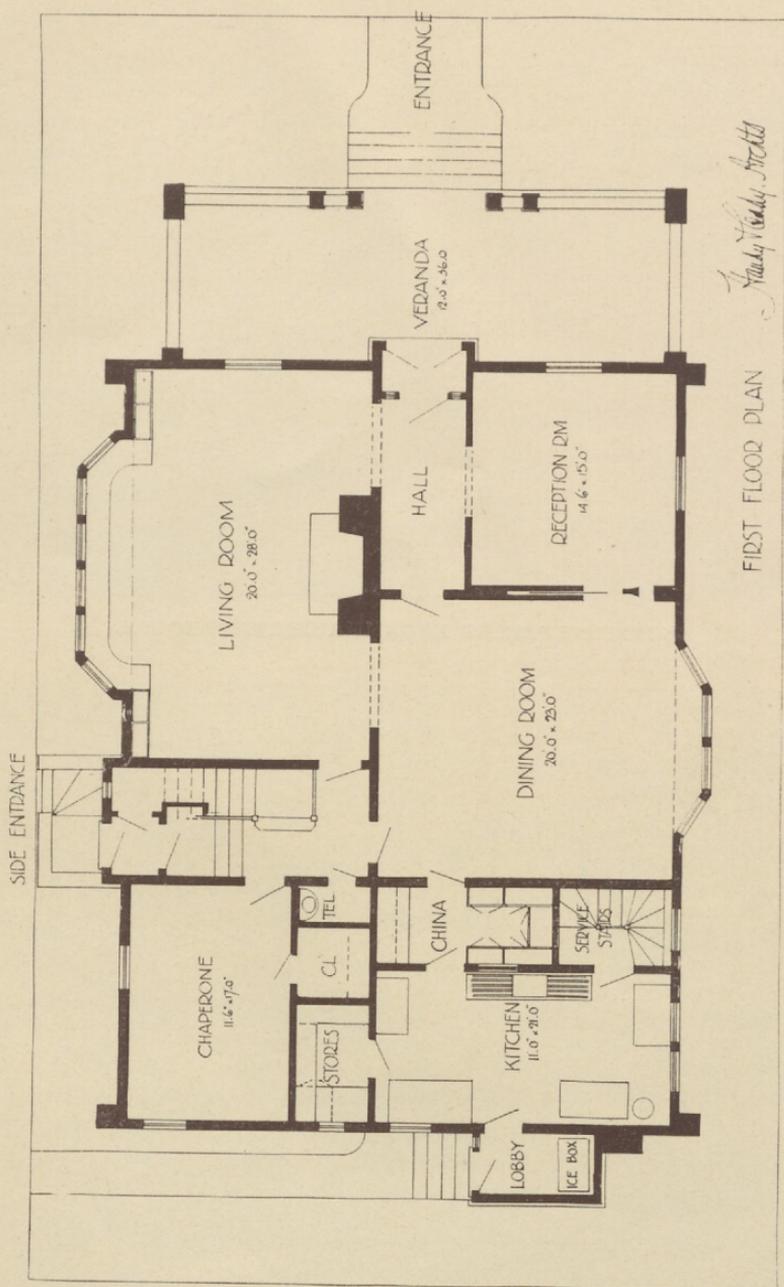
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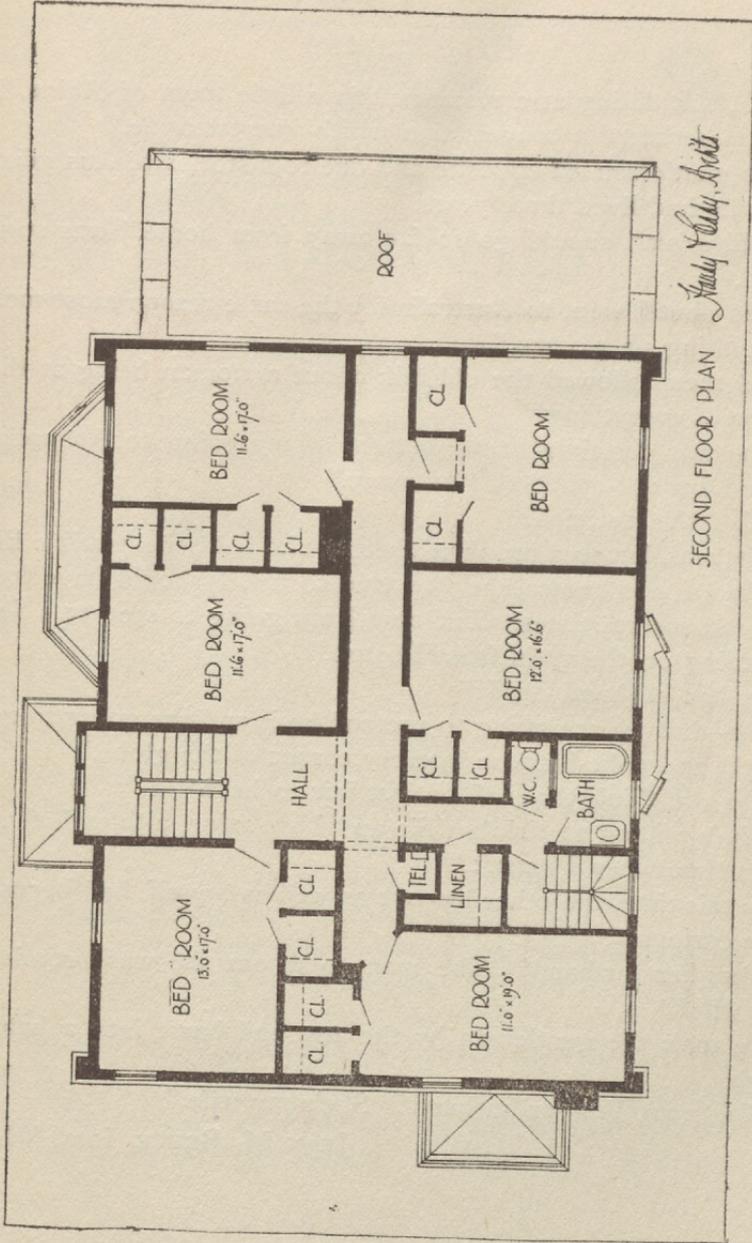


RECEPTION PARLOR IN GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE



BED ROOM IN GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE





Anny Kelly, Architect

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE

## Her Husband

WHILE dining at a restaurant in a little town of Maine, I overheard a conversation which interested me.

Two gentlemen sat opposite and one told stories of Australia, where he had lived three years.

"Odd a man should go so far away from home," was suggested.

"Yes—but I went to Australia for the same reason most men do anything—a woman."

And then followed the old talk about a woman being at the bottom of everything.

"She was certainly at the bottom of my going to Australia. I loved her too much to stay away."

"Was she married?"

"She was, but to a drunken wretch, who led her a terrible life and had I not known she was true to me, I should have lost my head several times. But now I am going to see her. She is coming on the train from Boston."

"Is her husband dead?"

"No—but we are going to pretend he is and are going to get a yacht and poke its nose in every corner of the globe."

"Do you think that will be just fair to her?"

"She's willing to risk her life and I am mine, although there was a time when I wasn't."

By this time, the other listener as well as myself, had become quite curious.

"But her husband? The man to whom she was promised as a wife?"

He took the gentleman by the arm and burst into a happy laugh.

"But man, I'm her husband! She's my wife."

JEAN M. BRUCE, Iota, '06.



IN the last CRESCENT the pleasures of convention were dwelt upon and space did not permit of our relating the memories of the festivities at Madison. But the memories are not now dim and it is with pleasure that we take this opportunity of recalling those days.

It was the day following convention that a jolly party, including Gamma's delegation, Miss Putnam, who was then president, and several others, went to Madison to aid Gamma in the celebration of her twentieth anniversary. It was a delight to enter that beautiful home, which has been so well described in this number. Gamma has acquired such an house as is a credit to herself in the position she occupies in the University of Wisconsin.

The banquet held on that evening was largely attended by Gamma and her alumnae, and the delegates who were returning from convention. There, in true Gamma Phi style, we feasted and toasted to the twenty years of Gamma's life. The evening will long be remembered by those present.

The days spent there have indelibly impressed themselves upon the mind of those of us who were so fortunate as to be Gamma's guests.

The pain we experienced in leaving Gamma was somewhat alleviated in the delightful meeting we had with Epsilon at Evanston. The Boston delegates and the editor again met with this chapter at an informal spread. We saw some of the environ-

ments in which they live and the stately buildings of the university as they stand on the shore of the lake. Though Epsilon is situated vastly different from Gamma and vice versa, neither one of them are lacking in cordial hospitality and true Gamma Phi spirit.



IT is a lamentable fact that some of our correspondents have entirely neglected to send in the chapter letters for this issue. On the face of things there seems to be no excuse for this. Each and every chapter was duly notified of the date upon which the letter was due, and yet some have not responded and no word has been received in regard to them. The date stated is as late as can be set to insure the prompt publication of the quarterly, and when the letters and other copy does not appear at the appointed time nothing can be done from the editor's desk. Is it the fault of the correspondent or the chapter? In answer, we say both, for the correspondent is directly responsible for neglect of duty and the chapter indirectly for electing as correspondent one whom they wished to honor, rather than one well qualified to fill the place with enough punctuality and business about her to acknowledge the letters sent out by the editor; so that some communication may be maintained between the chapter and the sorority at large. Unfortunately the whole chapter must bear the loss and whatever of neglect and indifference there is upon the face of such failure.

It is just through such dilatoriness that the offices of the sorority are made laborious and irksome. Punctuality would greatly alleviate the burden of the offices, and why is it that some few who might aid in lightening the work will but add to it?



OUR President is anxious that all who communicate with her should note the change in her address from 1118 25th St. N. W., to 3019 15th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

## Agora

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

THE Agora appeals to me as a proper place to register a well-founded opinion against secret societies in high schools. Proper because many of you who read these items are either sisters or mothers of students in these schools, and should be to a large extent controlling factors in deciding this question for a rising generation.

For those of you who do not know the harm these organizations are doing, I would suggest that you read the report of the National Educators' Association which yearly gives much thought and time to this question. Their conclusions have been drawn from an exhaustive study of the data and appear to reflect the almost unanimous sentiment of public educators in this country. To quote from the resolutions adopted:

*"Resolved, That we condemn these secret organizations, because they are subversive of the principles which should prevail in the public schools; because they are selfish and tend to narrow the mind and sympathies of the pupils; because they stir up strife and contention; because they are snobbish; because they dissipate energy and proper ambition; because they set wrong standards; because rewards are not based on merit but on fraternity vows; because they inculcate a feeling of self-sufficiency among the members; because secondary schoolboys are too young for club life; because they are expensive and foster habits of extravagance; because they bring politics into the legitimate elements for good—social, moral and intellectual—which these societies claim to possess can be better supplied to the pupils through the schools at large in the form of literary societies and clubs under the sanction and supervision of the faculties of the schools."*

In promoting the simple life in the high schools the parents can play an important and perhaps a decisive part. The discouragement of these immature secret fraternities begins at home, where fathers and mothers can easily laugh them down. The legal phase

of their position in the public schools is not yet fully developed in the courts, but public sentiment is powerful enough, once it is alive to the absurdity of such growths, to protect the school system from an invasion of overelaborated puerilities.

Many Sorority members scattered throughout our towns and cities can help to change the present tendency among students in this matter, and this question is submitted to you for thoughtful consideration.

M. CORINNE LEWIS, Syracuse Alumnæ.



### Portland Pan-Hellenic Association

THE fraternity women of Portland, Ore., have taken steps toward the organization of a Pan-Hellenic Association. On Friday afternoon, February 9th, a meeting was held with Mrs. Allan Welch Smith, Alpha Phi, for the purpose of forming a Portland Pan-Hellenic. Those present were Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. R. L. Donald, Mrs. H. L. Spencer, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. McFay, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Good Johnson, Delta Gamma; Miss Eleanor Towns, Pi Beta Phi, and Miss Delaney, Gamma Phi Beta. There are reported to be about nineteen or twenty Sorority women in Portland, so all are looking forward to a delightful time the first Friday in March; though nothing could be more charming than an afternoon in Mrs. Smith's pleasant home.



## ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: We are again pursuing our ordinary routine after the stress of our mid-year examinations. This period of trial and tribulation covered ten days this year and, as usual, all classes were suspended during that time. We all seem to have survived the ordeal.

Last week Delta Gamma gave a matinee dance to all the other Sororities on the Hill. It was a very pleasant and welcome change from teas, the form which the amenities usually take between Sororities.

On Thursday last we entertained the Freshman men in honor of our Freshmen. Festoons of red paper hearts and red crepe shades on the electric lights gave a "gay and festive" appearance to the house. All three floors were opened up for the occasion and different amusements were allotted to each floor; on the first was dancing; on the second, cards; on the third, fortune telling, shadow drawing and valentine writing. At refreshment time two large red crêpe paper pies from which hung red cords were presented to the men. Each pulled a cord and drew out a red heart on which was written the name of the girl whom he was to take to refreshments. About forty guests were present, all of whom declared they had had a very good time.

We do not know anything definite about the rushing for next year. It is hoped that Pan-Hellenic can take some action that may obviate such a strain as attended our fall rushing.

The girls are looking forward expectantly to next week—Senior week here. The chief events are the fraternity parties, the Glee Club concert and the Senior Ball.

The inter-Sorority societies have already begun their entertaining. These are class societies, most of which have for their object the promotion of good feeling and social life between the Sororities. The Freshmen Society is known as Sigma Theta Xi; the Sophomore, as Iota Tau, or "It"; the Junior, as Iota Alpha Mu, or "Owl," and the Senior, as Eta Pi Upsilon. The members of the Sophomore and Junior Societies are chosen from among Gamma Phi, Alpha Phi, and Kappa Alpha Theta. The Senior has two representatives from each Sorority and two neutrals. Saturday night the "Owls" gave a delightful sleigh-riding party to a hotel about six miles from the city, where we had supper and a dance, and returned by moonlight.

To every sister Chapter, Alpha sends greetings and best wishes.



#### GAMMA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma is drawing a deep sigh of relief since mid-year "exams" are all over, and faces that looked anxious and troubled a short time ago now appear bright and happy with the prospect of the most brilliant social event of the entire year—"Junior Prom," which is given in the University Gymnasium by the students of the Junior Class. All the fraternities are busy making the most elaborate preparations for their house parties and, in fact, the whole student atmosphere seems impregnated with enthusiasm over the coming festivities.

At the opening of the second semester Gamma will take great pleasure in initiating into the bond of Gamma Phi Beta, Ethel Clarke of McGregor, Iowa, and Hazel Milverstedt of Chicago, Ill.

At present we are all looking ahead most longingly to spring, when Madison with its belt of lakes and picturesque lake shore drives cannot in our estimation be rivaled in natural beauty.

## DELTA

DEAR SISTERS: Delta has had a quiet, uneventful time since last writing. If it is a blessing to have no annals, we may consider ourselves twice blessed. The usual college work has gone on smoothly, broken by the mid-year examinations, and the welcome vacation following them, when those of us that could went to bed and made up the lost hours of sleep. We are all back at work except Grace Hooper, who has taken a fine position in the Dover High School in New Hampshire, and Elizabeth Merrill, who is recovering from a long siege of typhoid fever.

Esther Bates comes in for three hours only this semester. She is resting and is devoting her time to writing.

We have received the "Arrow" from Pi Beta Phi, and the "Trident" from Delta Delta Delta. It is a great pleasure to look over these attractive quarterlies. The general plan is much like our own, but the "Arrow" has rather more space given to literary material.

I am glad to report that our girls were well represented at the Gamma Delta banquet, given by the College Society, which hitherto has not had the support it should have had from the fraternity girls. There is a growing feeling that we ought to stand loyally by these college affairs and in the opportunity we there have to broaden our acquaintances among the girls, irrespective of fraternity connections.

Delta gave a party this month at the Chapter rooms to Beta Theta Pi who entertained us royally a short time ago.

Marion Haddock, '03, is back for special work. We are glad to have her with us.

Mabel Robbins will be with us through the year, taking very heavy work, but finding time, nevertheless, to encourage and help us. Her gracious spirit is an inspiration to us all.

Katherine Crawford, from Epsilon, visited Boston this week, but we did not know of her arrival in time to have her meet all the girls. The Day of Prayer and a heavy storm interfered with

our usual meeting, so she had to leave without once seeing us at home, under our own vine and fig tree, or rather under our rubber tree, since we are in Boston where that respectable plant flourishes.

We wish we had something to brag about, but we are not doing anything very startling just now. We have our share of the class honors and officers, and we seem to have survived the mid-year's with good courage.



### EPSILON

TO her sister chapters, Epsilon of Gamma Phi Beta sends greeting. Examinations are over, and Epsilon feels as though her poor brain were in much the same condition as a shredded wheat biscuit. We are looking forward now to a few days of rest and sweet sleep before the culminating glory of prom. on the 21st.

Epsilon has been very quiet for the last month, the cause being the aforementioned examinations. We are hoping that we have collected "trailing clouds of glory" to accompany us on our way through the next semester.

We are very happy to present to Gamma Phi Beta a new pledge, Matilda Gage, '09, from Aberdeen, S. D. We hope to have initiation as soon as college reopens.

All good wishes for the new semester. May every Chapter fulfill its most cherished ambitions and its largest hopes. Such is the wish of Epsilon.



### ZETA

DEAR SISTERS: Now that mid-year examinations are over, we are all taking a little time to breathe, and it is well that we have it for with the Woman's Suffrage Convention now in session in Baltimore, and the series of lectures given at the college, you can easily understand that a little extra time is more

than welcome. We made the most of our opportunity to hear Susan B. Anthony, Anna Shaw, Mary Woolley, M. Carey Thomas and others, and enjoyed them exceedingly, especially on the morning when some of them, professors from Vassar, Smith, and Wellesley and Miss Maud Park of Redcliffe spoke to us in Chapel. The college lectures being given are by Dr. Jennings of the University of Pennsylvania on Biology, and Dr. Harrington of Middletown, Conn., on Latin subjects.

Perhaps some of our sisters who are interested in athletics will be glad to know the outcome of our basketball games. The Seniors and Sophomores won out in the preliminaries, and when those two teams met to compete for the championship, there was one of the hardest-played basketball games that W. C. B. has ever known. The Seniors, who had never been defeated since their Freshman year, were determined to maintain their record, and the Sophomores were equally determined to make theirs by beating their illustrious competitors. The struggle was intense, and was finally ended when the Sophomores scored their sixteenth point against the Seniors' eight. So our Sophomore President (Gamma Phi) came home that night with flying colors.

That success came at a welcome time for we were all needing something to cheer us up after the loss of two of our sisters. One, a Sophomore, Ann Williams, had only recently left college to spend a few years abroad, and Caroline Smith, the Junior President, was just leaving for home with broken health due to too heavy work.

Our number will be temporarily reduced still more a couple of weeks hence when two of our girls join the five other delegates from this college to attend the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville. They are hoping to meet some sisters there from other chapters, and so be able to bring us interesting direct reports.

We do not want to close our letter for this month without mention of the visit of Miss Paxson, Kappa Kappa Gamma, who comes to us through the Y. W. C. A., and who is meeting each fraternity individually to give us advice and encouragement.

## IOTA

**D**EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: After ten days of vigorous work and violent "cramming," Iota has once again survived "mid-year's" and is now ready for final rushing.

Since our last letter we have had our theatre party, which was very successful. We took twelve Freshmen to see "The Mayor of Tokio," after which we gave them a little lunch.

Then came "exams" and our conferences with Freshmen have been decidedly limited. But now we are giving our grandest affair at the end. In February our progressive dinner at Hotel St. Andrews was a great triumph. And then on the twenty-first came the annual Junior ball, and of course we were nice to the Freshmen then.

We had such a good time with our New York Alumnae, February 16, when they gave an entertainment at the home of Una Winterburn, Riverside Drive. A dramatic impersonator gave "The Little Minister," and we all had a very jolly time.

We are planning now for our last rushing affair of the year, and after that is over comes pledge-day, with all its anxiety and suspense. By next time we will have our new Gamma Phis to introduce to you.

Accept our love and best wishes for each member of the sisterhood.



## KAPPA

**D**EAR SISTERS: Fairly launched on the spring term, with exams behind us and a straight course to commencement before us, we are coming down to normal pressure again, and again feel free to think of something besides cramming. We send you all best wishes for the term's work, and especially do we send greetings to the Seniors, whose labors will soon be over.

Ash Wednesday falls earlier than usual this year; and we are already in the midst of pre-Lenten gaities. The Seniors are very important with class parties, and class play plans; and the rest of us are consoling ourselves with less dignified (?) amusements. On February ninth the Junior ball was held, and of course was pronounced the best ever. Several of the fraternities have entertained since then, and the Freshmen fraternity men entertained at a charming dance on Washington's birthday.

Just about Valentine's Day, upon coming to the chapter rooms for meeting, the girls found a new piano, which had been installed, with great secrecy, by the Freshmen. As a tonic, bracer and enthusiasm producer for Freshmen, Kappa would prescribe to you all an early application of national convention, in large doses. It has the jolliest kind of influence.

Hoping that the spring may bring only pleasant things to all our sisters, Kappa says good-bye till June.



### LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Since the time of the last CRESCENT letter, Lambda has led a very quiet life. With the exception of her days 'at home' we have had no social affairs at all.

One of our alumni, Mrs. M. C. Coffman, a charter member of our local Sorority, expects to leave Seattle soon, to reside in Chehalis, Wash. In her honor, Edith Prosch entertained the alumnae girls at a luncheon a few weeks ago. Saturday, February 17th, an "Alpha" luncheon is to be given at the Washington Hotel, a reunion of the local Sorority, also in her honor.

We regret deeply the loss of one of our active girls who, on account of illness, has been forced to leave college until next year.

We look forward to entertaining convention in our new house next year, which at present we are planning, and hope to have under way in a short time.

Myrn Cosgrove, one of our girls, is to be leading lady in the Junior farce, an opera, to be given in May. Bess Kaufman is on the Junior Prom. Committee, and Lillian Eisenbeis is on the Senior Ball Committee.

Lambda has pledged Martina Henihan, a sister of one of our Freshmen. She entered college in February.

We have started a movement for a Woman's League at the University, which the other girls have received very enthusiastically.



### MU

HERE'S a greeting to every Gamma Phi, from Mu Chapter, and we do wish for you as high and strong a tide of happiness and frat spirit as we are feeling in this, the best time of our year. It's only a twelve-month that we have been Gamma Phis, and this new semester has started with the same exhilaration and enthusiasm in the work laid out for us to do as did last year's second semester, with its installation. We were all back from our Christmas trips by the ninth of January, our anniversary, and in a few days we put the pledge-pin on the dearest and finest of Christmas Freshmen, Jeanette Cole, of Pasadena, California. A little later, according to precedent, we celebrated the new semester in our five-cent Christmas tree, which involves a baby-party, ridiculous and appropriate nickel presents from each girl to each girl, and lots of splendid things for the house, from both active girls and alumnae. Then came our reception, on the twenty-seventh. The other sororities receive several times a semester, many of them having a regular day in the month, but so far it has been our custom to have only one big one a year, and we find it far easier, and about as effective, in entertaining all our friends. We received, to music—for we had an orchestra for the occasion—both afternoon and evening, and ended with

a small dance, impromptu. Then when it was all over, we sat on the floor in the front hall, in a big circle, as we always do, and talked it over,—and we decided that it was more fun to give than to go to a reception, when it turns out as satisfactorily as did this.

Now we have time to catch our breath and make the most of a February of perfect spring weather. We're wearing white shirt-waists, you Eastern girls, and boating on the lake, and picnicking up in the hills, and we all have spring fever dreadfully. But while all this may make lessons hard, it's not hurting our frat spirit,—for we feel stronger than we ever have before. The house is full,—it wouldn't hold another one (unless she was a Gamma Phi), for several of the Palo Alto girls are living with us this semester. There are just enough, and not too many, to make good team-work possible, and as a chapter we've got a new grip on things and new and wider aims for this part of Gamma Phi.



### CHICAGO

DEAR SISTERS: There is really no reason for a chapter letter from us this time. All our affairs seem to be in such an ordinary, every-day state that there are no items of news to send you. We have no rushing parties, no college honors, nothing of interest to record, and I have begged in vain for bits of news to send you. We have had two meetings since last letter—one in Evanston and one at Mrs. Reilly's new home in River Forest. I was unfortunate in not being able to attend the last one, so cannot bring the latest news from the chapter. However, we want to appear in the CRESCENT and show our interest even though we cannot add anything of value in the news line, hence this very brief and valueless contribution.

## SYRACUSE

YOUR Syracuse Alumnae Chapter sends kind messages to you all and reports two very enjoyable meetings since our last communication. Kate Gardner Cooke entertained the chapter in January, and Mrs. Skeel and Eva Seymour were the hostesses in February.

We have been very quiet during this last quarter, and have no special word to send, excepting that we have cause for great thankfulness over the continued improvement of Myra Haven Draper, at the Clifton Springs Sanatorium.



## BOSTON

DEAR Sister Chapters: Boston Chapter reports two regular meetings with a gratifying attendance. At the February session there were present eleven Gamma Phis, among them our Executive Board President, from whom we heard of the events of Convention and the matters yet to be voted upon. The usual pleasant luncheon hour followed.

The next meeting will occur on March tenth, at the sorority rooms, for the transaction of business only. On adjournment we will proceed to the College Club for luncheon, as an agreeable innovation.

The third gathering of alumnae since the last issue of THE CRESCENT was occasioned by the Christmas spread, attended by very nearly fifty girls, including the guests from Delta. Miss Holt, our new member from Alpha, generously opened her house for our holiday reunion.

Boston Chapter begs indulgence for her curt and uninteresting note this month. The fact is she is on the precipitous verge of a "blue" convulsion, owing to the approaching loss of one of the best loved and most faithful supporters, not only of Boston Chapter, but of Delta, as well. The man who is the cause of all

this agitation has most inconsiderately settled in Buffalo instead of in Boston, as any but a misguided creature naturally would, and has actually persuaded this unsuspecting sister to marry him on the twentieth day of June. By that time Boston Chapter will be inconsolable. In order to avoid such painful situations in the future, she suggests a new by-law providing that all fiances shall be required to submit for approval their place of residence to the chapter from which they wish to choose a wife. The extraordinary practicability of the above gratuitous contribution to the Constitution becomes evident even to a casual reader. For the particulars causing this attempt at summary vengeance, see the Personal Column, under "Engagements."



#### NEW YORK

THE New York Alumnae have had their mid-winter meeting, and have indulged in various smaller meetings of committees since the last issue of the CRESCENT. Our hostesses on the twenty-seventh of January were Mrs. Thorndike and Miss Junkins, who entertained us royally at the home of Mrs. Thorn-dike.

As one result of the committee meetings, we are to launch a new scheme for the financial welfare of a cherished enterprise, by inviting our friends to a dramatic reading to be given on Friday, February 16, at the home of Miss Winterburn, on Riverside Drive.

Our next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dawson, 684 St. Nicholas avenue, on Saturday, May 5. Any Gamma Phi Beta sisters who may be here are cordially invited to attend.

We are sorry to note the illness of Miss Lowd, but hope that she will soon be well again.

## MILWAUKEE

A HOLIDAY luncheon was the only gathering our chapter has had this winter. Miss Clara Erwin was the hostess, and entertained us most delightfully. We had as guests two former members, Mrs. Grace Darling Madden, of Oshkosh, Wis., and Mrs. Annie Spencer Harrington, of Lansing, Mich. Since the holidays every one has seemed so busy that Gamma Phi has been neglected, but, of course, not forgotten; but soon we expect to resume our regular monthly meetings.



## Births

Born, to Elizabeth Sill Bannard, Zeta, a son, in January.

Born, to Ruby Brown Rucker, Lambda, a son, January 24th.

Born, to Viola Russell Robinson, Delta, 1900, a son, Austin, in September, 1905.



## Engagements

The engagement of Florence Coffman, Lambda, to Thomas Malcom Donahue, Phi Delta Theta, has been announced. The wedding will take place in June.

The engagement of Louise M. Klock, '95, Alpha, to Mansfield Joseph French, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Syracuse University, is announced.

The engagement is announced of Theodora White Clapp, Delta, 1900, to N. Loring Danforth (Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Institute of Technology), of Buffalo, N. Y. The date set for the wedding is June twentieth.

### Marriages

Myra Smith, Lambda, was married on New Year's Day to Albert Dickinson, Phi Gamma Delta, and has gone to Seward, Alaska, where they will make their home.

The marriage of Grace Morelle Conover, Iota, '05, to Rev. Howard Victor Ross, took place on the twelfth of February, at the bride's home, 10 East 130th street, New York City.



### Personal

Jane Smart, Zeta, '04, is visiting in Baltimore.

Belle Baker, Zeta, '05, is spending a month in Florida.

Bess Brown, Zeta, '03, has returned from her Southern trip.

Cornelia Webb, Zeta, ex '05, is studying art in Nashville, Tenn.

Katharine Sibley, of Alpha, attended Delta's Christmas spread.

Gladys Wilton, Delta, is elected treasurer of the Sophomore class.

Bess Bogle, Lambda, leaves soon for a pleasure trip to the Orient.

Zeta Chapter exceedingly enjoyed the visit of Mildred Webb, Alpha.

Hannah Litchfield, Delta, is elected vice-president of the Juniors.

Ann Williams, Zeta, ex '08, is spending the spring in Borga, Finland.

Helen Rozette Hendrix, K., '03, is in Cuba. She will return in April.

Elizabeth Frye, Lambda, is spending several months in California.

Helen Brown, Zeta, '05, visited the chapter after the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Mary C. Brittingham, Gamma, is enjoying an extended trip in the East.

Marian Haddock, Zeta, '03, is taking post-graduate work in English at Boston.

Louise Putnam, Delta, is editor of the Woman's Club Column of the *Gym News*.

Nelle Miller, an alumna of Gamma, made a short trip to Madison after the holidays.

Florence Courtwright Grabow, ex Delta, has been spending the winter months in Jamaica.

Mrs. A. S. Haggett, Beta, expects to leave Seattle early in March for an extended trip east.

Ethel Shriner, Zeta, has been elected Vice-President of the class of 1907 at Woman's College.

Aileen Higgins, Epsilon, has returned from the West, and is now at her home in Perry, Illinois.

Mrs. Annie Spencer Harrington, of Lansing, Mich., spent the holidays in Milwaukee with her parents.

Ethel Works, Epsilon, attended the Prom. at Madison, and also visited the girls of Gamma Chapter.

Hazel Driver, of Chicago, one of Gamma's last year Freshmen, is in Madison to attend the Junior Prom.

Lida French Thurston, Alpha, is recovering from a severe sickness at House of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse.

Gamma had the pleasure of a visit from Clara Kumler, one of her last year's Seniors, the early part of February.

Mrs. Fay Turner Chase, Zeta, '99, is visiting her sister in Walbrook, and all of the Zeta girls were glad to meet her.

Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa, '04, is taking post-graduate work at Minnesota, and assisting in the department of English.

Lilian Horsey, Zeta, visited the chapter in Baltimore during January. She has been spending the winter at Annapolis.

Kappa and Minneapolis Alumnae are glad to welcome Mrs. Lois M. Jackson, Epsilon, '03, who has recently made her home here

Katherine Crawford, Epsilon, has returned from Brookline, Mass. While there she had the pleasure of meeting the Delta girls.

Gamma is rejoicing over the return of Maizie Wilson, who, after a semester's absence, will again resume her studies at the "U. of W."

Caroline Smith, Zeta, ex '07, has been forced to leave college because of her health, and is now ill in her home in York, Pennsylvania.

Gamma is looking forward with great pleasure to a visit from Mrs. Nellie Ettie Royce, an alumna of Gamma, who now has her home at Platteville, Wis.

Mrs. Ethelyn Phipps Austin, Zeta, has been seriously ill for some time and has recently undergone a serious operation at Johns Hopkins University.

Emily Wells Simmons, Alpha, has been seriously ill since her return to Chicago. Her Syracuse friends are interested and pleased to hear that she is better.

Emma Heermans Scoon, Alpha, has recently suffered great loss in the death of her only child, Katharine Stuart, as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

Gamma sincerely regrets that Mary Reed, of Ida Grove, Iowa, and Ruth Allen, of Lake Geneva, Wis., two of her Sophomores, will not be with her next semester.

Mrs. Hope Woodberry Gibson, of Evanston, spent the first week of February in Milwaukee prior to her departure for Oakland, Cal., where she will remain until the late summer.

Mrs. Louise Jones Crooker is now in Alabama, and her friends in Alpha and Kappa will be pleased to know that her health is much improved. She will return to Minneapolis in April.

Alice Maud Hyser, K., '04, recently took the leading rôle in a delightful and original little college play, of which she was one of the authors and which was presented in Fergus Falls, Minn. The play is called "Mose," and is soon to be copyrighted.

### Greek News

A movement is now under way in the Legislature to provide sufficient funds so that the University Hospital, made possible by the Elliott bequest of \$140,000, will cost \$200,000. \* \* \* Gamma Phi Beta recently held their national convention in Minneapolis, it being very successful, both in point of attendance and socially. \* \* \* The fraternity question in the high schools is now being excessively agitated. Local rulings have been made preventing high school fraternity men from holding any class or school offices or representing the school on any athletic team. It was an especially hard blow to high school football.—The Scroll, Minnesota Alpha Chapter Letter.

The Trident, of Delta Delta Delta, is being edited by Miss R. Louise Fitch, of Galva, Ill. The first number is a credit to her efforts and ability.

The Syracuse University has bought some property adjoining the campus and is contemplating the establishment of a preparatory school upon it.

Everything that would encourage the student to believe that he is a superior person or a person of another caste is a survival of mediævalism, and this spirit, many tell us, exists in Eastern colleges, large and small, to an extent practically unknown in the West.—President W. R. Harper, in the North American Review.

Chi Omega has established, in addition to the Eleusis, a secret organ, the Mystagogue.

On September 20th, Kappa Sigma installed its seventy-fourth chapter at the University of Idaho.

Helen Sherman, Alpha Phi, is the first woman of the University of Wisconsin to be awarded a scholarship by the Association for Promoting Scientific Investigation Among Women at Naples.

She will spend the year in research work, having a table in the Zoological Station.

Kappa Alpha Theta, in re-establishing its chapter at Toronto University, lays claim to being the first sorority in Canada.

A X P has entered Dickinson, Yale and Syracuse and now has eight active chapters.

Among the prominent figures in New York at the present time are two members of Delta Upsilon, William T. Jerome, Amherst, '82, recently elected district attorney of New York City, and Charles E. Hughes, Brown' 81, chief inquisitor in the pending insurance investigation.



#### Our Contemporaries in Black and White

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

Mrs. F. C. Savage, 3019 Fifteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Miss Gertrude C. Ross, 2904 State street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

November—Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, The Sigma Chi Quarterly.

December—The Trident, The Lyre, The Phi Gamma Delta, The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Kappa Alpha Journal, The Beta Theta Phi, The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

January—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Kappa Alpha Theta, The Arrow of Phi Beta Phi, The Anchora of Delta Gamma.

THE last issue of *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma contains short contributions on the High school "Fraternities." Of course the authors deplore their existence, as does every other fraternity and sorority member. Such immature, weak things apeing and straining at all the effects of the fraternities can have only the result of weakening the real fraternity spirit in the boys and girls who might otherwise prove valuable fraternity men and women.

In regard to their effects upon the fraternities, *The Anchora* says of these societies:

"If the members of these societies are later taken into a college fraternity, there is likely to be friction—it is better for the fraternity to receive its initiates with minds unprejudiced, and do its own training in fraternal aims and ideals. There is misapprehension to the effect that membership in a high school fraternity serves as an *entree* to the college societies, and the latter should unite in assuming a position that will make the error of this belief apparent."

The second article deals with the harm the high school Greek letter societies work among the boys and girls themselves, and speaks of the almost universal disapproval of the teachers and boards of election. As far as the fraternities are concerned, if all of them would unite in acting together and exclude all members of high school societies from their initiates, the evil might be overcome, for in many places they are formed with the sole idea of "feeding" certain fraternities. But that is much easier said than done, for already the fraternities are inoculated. We have heard so much of the evils of these organizations. We are quite convinced. Is there no one to offer a reasonable remedy? We would be grateful if the Pan Hellenic Association would take some action on it, or if a thorough discussion could be given it in all the fraternity journals.

A strong plea for a new ideal of service on the part of the fraternity is presented in "A Delta Gamma Fellowship in the

College Settlement Association." Miss Jarrett is evidently an enthusiastic settlement worker, and pleads very earnestly for a live interest among her fraternity sisters.

If we recognize the individual responsibility for social service among college students, it would seem that when there are a thousand college women belonging to an organized body, the question must arise, Have we a social duty to perform? Are we already performing it? The purpose of our organization was so exactly stated in an article in the last *Anchora* that I can only repeat it—we exist "to add cubits to our stature." That is the absorbing object of the active chapters, and the following from a recent report of one of our alumnae chapters is perhaps a fair sample of what they do: "Our main object is to help the actives, and keep in touch with one another."

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The natural channel for the efforts of a body of college women is the College Settlement Association.

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Why should we not establish a Delta Gamma Fellowship to be held by a Delta Gamma or any other college women, in default of a suitable candidate from the fraternity, who should live in one of the Chicago settlements or in one of the college settlements in the East? There are some members of the fraternity who, I know, approve this idea; and I should like to propose that the Grand Council be asked to appoint a committee to make a report at its next meeting upon the question of affiliation with the College Settlement Association. I believe that by such an alliance the fraternity would not only be fulfilling its natural obligation, but would also increase its own vitality and integrity. The alumnae allegiance would be stronger if the fraternity stood for something larger than its own interests; and active members would value the fact that the fraternity would represent to them after graduation an object that they would always be glad to be identified with.

Unless we give the matter of our social duty as a body of college women thorough and serious consideration, we shall through carelessness deprive the fraternity of the opportunity to accept the highest privilege life has—bearing a part in the world's work; and we shall by our indifference lose the chance to influence the girls for whom we desire Delta Gamma to be the noblest influence, to fulfill individually the most ennobling duty—social service.

There are two good Round Table talks—one on “The Responsibility of the Senior,” and the other on “The Keynote of a Strong Chapter” that is taken to be perfect unity in the chapters.

We are not merely held together by what we see and appreciate in one another, but because we love and are trying to live up to the principles for which our fraternity stands; it is not a likeness individual for individual, but a common allegiance to a principle.

In *The Arrow* of Phi Beta Phi we find a dissertation on the fraternity correspondence that deals with the color, size and style of one's stationery, and begging for the abolition of the post card. One cannot imagine the need for this lesson in etiquette to college women of any culture. There are articles from the various chapters both out of and in the department called “What a Fraternity Girl Thinks,” on rushing, and pledge days. The “fraternity girl's” mind seems to be full of the trials of rushing and the abuse of their fraternity emblem on all kinds of jewelry. The editor makes this statement:

At the last convention the editor was very proud to be able to report that during the preceding two years but one chapter had failed to send a letter for every issue of the *Arrow*, and that chapter had been but once delinquent. Since that time not one chapter has been unrepresented until—the present number. And lo, for this issue three letters are lacking.

She may be justly proud of such a record.

*The Kappa Alpha Theta* is one of the best sorority magazines both in its material and its typographical form. In the January

number there is an excellent article on "The University of Toronto." There are also some pertinent papers on the relation of the alumnae chapters to the fraternity at large, and to the active chapters particularly. The quotations that follow are taken from several of these articles:

"The Freshman usually classifies all alumnae in two divisions, those who 'understand' and those who 'mis-understand.' She vows that she will be one of those girls who come back on holidays and vacations and put courage into the chapter, help sympathetically with the labor, and make the house ring with fun and gayety. She usually goes behind the pantry door and gives the grip to a fellow-freshman, who is bristling with pride because she belongs to a fraternity that develops such fine 'old girls' who 'understand.' Every Senior on graduation plans great things to do for the fraternity in the way of building houses, winning fame and keeping an ever-watchful eye on the chapter. Few of these plans ever materialize.

"The initiative usually has to be taken by the alumnae, for obvious reasons. If some of the 'old girls' only realized how much a note on pledging day, a telegram at initiation, a letter for Founders' Banquet, or a congratulatory letter on some new honor was appreciated by the younger girls, they would show their interest more frequently. Girls have innumerable methods of keeping in touch with the active members. One Theta living at a great distance from her mother chapter, used to send to the house at holiday time a grab-bag of amusing trifles, and the girls in turn wrote her of the chapter life. Other girls have made favors for a german in rushing, dinner cards, dance programs, and various articles for the house or rooms, and sent them back to the busy college girls, who blessed them even if they never knew them. One chapter has made a practice of sending a circular letter once a year to all its alumnae. Another chapter makes the Freshmen learn the list of all its initiates so that they may be on the alert for any news concerning them.

"There can be nothing more satisfactory to all concerned than the return of a girl to visit her own chapter,

providing they both 'understand.' Many a girl has gone back only to find college different, old familiar corners filled with heedless strangers, and the whole personnel of the chapter had changed, and to learn that new Thetas had filled their place capably and were doing her work with methods even better than those she had tried so hard to establish. If the chapter greets her with open arms, and the girls tell their fraternity troubles and secrets and even admit her to the midnight council, she feels ten years younger and forgets some of the cares of home or school. If the chapter greets her with cold courtesy, while a well-trained Freshman inquires politely if she wasn't in college with her mother, the visitor goes home with a heartache and writes to another 'old' girl that the chapter is not what it used to be. Active girls, just think how you will feel some day to come back and find all new faces and new customs! Put yourself in the guest's place, and give her a royal welcome."

The liability to friction between the *alumnæ* and active chapter in rushing season is much deplored. The writer argues that the loyalty of an alumna should be stronger than the disappointment over the failure in the pledging of a cherished friend to her own fraternity.

The question of how to be useful to a society *as a Theta*, has recently come up before one *alumnæ* chapter, which is trying a simple solution of the problem this year, but whether the Q. E. D. will be written at the bottom of the first page, remains to be seen. The experiment is merely to give up the regular monthly spreads—a three-hour Theta good time, and rather a continuation of active meetings—for an afternoon of sewing for a charitable organization. The money formerly spent for spreads is used to buy material, and fines for tardiness increase the funds. The good time goes on as before, and at the end of the meeting there is the satisfaction of seeing a set of neatly hemmed towels, instead of a pile of empty plates.

College Settlement work always affords an opening for useful labor, but as so many girls are interested in

that movement individually, there is less need for a chapter to undertake it. It would be admirable, however, if, say, one alumnae chapter were to take charge of a settlement branch, supplying not only the teachers, but residents as well. Such an arrangement would require sacrifice of much time, but might not cost more concentrated labor from each girl, than she now spends for her several charities.

Another says of her chapter meetings :

Last year the program, previously carefully prepared by a work committee of three, included the following topics: "Are Fraternities a Benefit or Detriment in College Life?" "Why Do Not Women Graduates of Co-Educational Schools Send Their Daughters to Co-Educational Schools?" "Incidents of My Fraternity Life." "Some Girls I Knew in College." "Do College-Bred Women Make Successful House-Mothers?"

This year we are to confine our study to the colleges of the United States, their extent, growth, purposes.

The growth of American universities is shown in an article by Merritt Butler, which the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* quotes. In summarizing it says:

These, then, are the tangible and important features of American university growth at this period:

(1) Attendance is growing faster than the population; (2) Western institutions are growing faster than Eastern; (3) the old arts course is falling behind relatively, while the scientific engineering courses are forging to the front; (4) fewer students are attending law and medical schools in proportion to the total number of students; (5) the number of women students is growing faster than the number of men.

Among "A Phi Psi's Afterthoughts," by Eli D. Zaring, author of the Afterthoughts Column, in the Indianapolis Star, as published in the Shield, are the following:

Cemented friendship is friendship in the concrete.

It's bad, of course, to burn the candle at both ends, but this is better than never to light it at all.

Love gives a man his variable moods. At times he feels like King Edward and then again like the grocery boy.

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but who wants to be a mossback?

The picture of "Psyche at the bath" might be called a wash drawing.

Many of us who hide our lights under a bushel are wantonly extravagant. A pint cup would amply suffice.

"Ah, me!" sighed the poor mother, as she finished putting her washing on the line and hastened into the house to attend a crying baby. "To think that I was once crowned Queen of the Carnival in my home town!"



### Announcement

THE Alpha Xi Delta fraternity announces the installation of the Kappa chapter of the University of Illinois on Friday, December 15, 1905.



### Could We But Know

Could we but know that down heaven-girt eternity  
 Our words go echoing onward, ever more to be,  
 That in the unfathomable mines of human life  
 Our deeds are shafts, far reaching, though we cannot see,  
 We should bide long hours in silence lest a single word  
 Have power to turn some eager soul from cloud to sod.  
 We should passive pause lest any act feed doubt or strife,  
 And thereby dim an eye late luminous with God.

FLORENCE JOSEPHINE MASTIN, in *The Trident*.