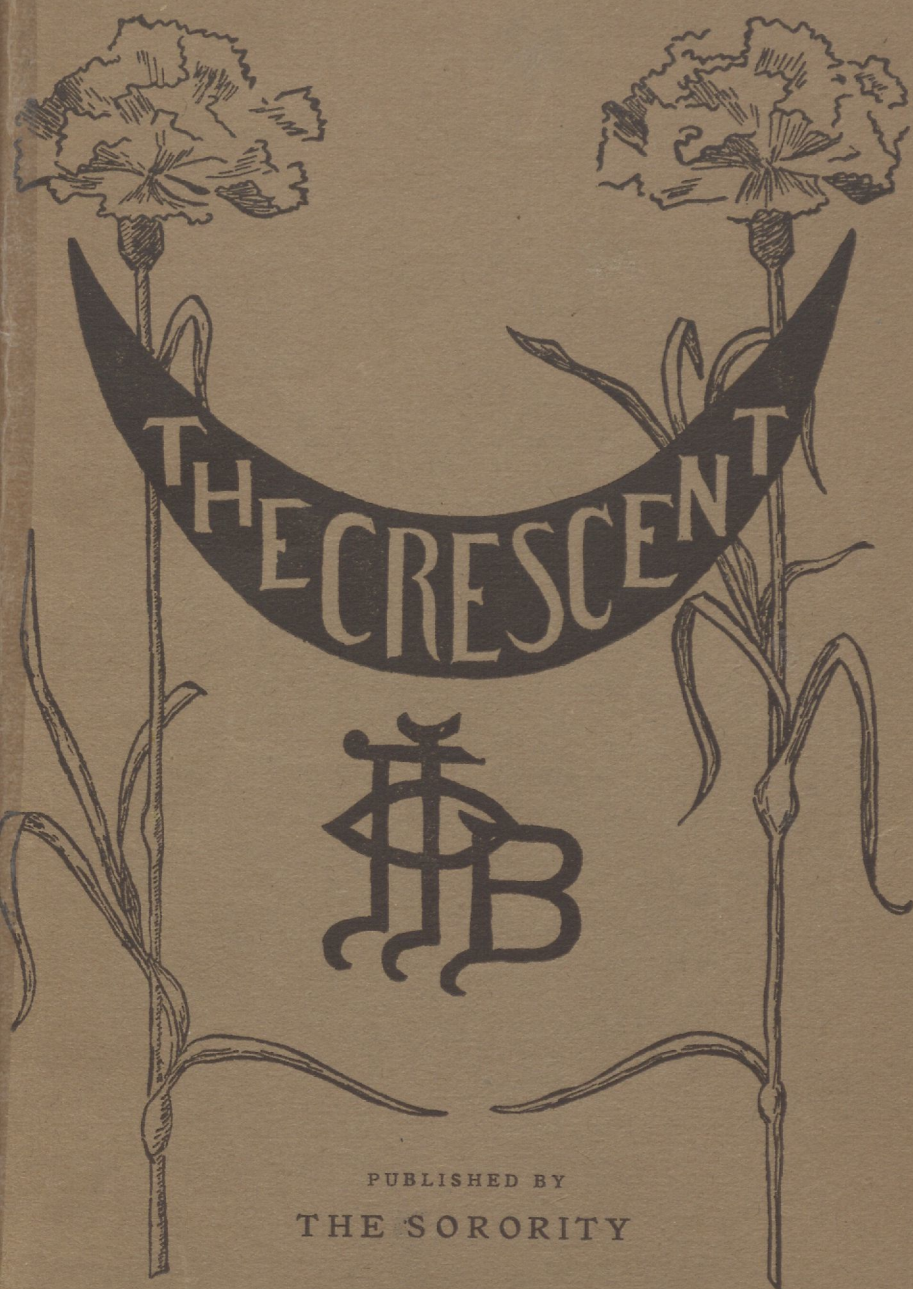


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Convention Report

THE thirty-second annual convention of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was held October sixteenth to nineteenth with Lambda Chapter, at the University of Washington, Seattle. Lambda established a precedent with great honor to herself and Gamma Phi Beta in having assemble with her the first Greek Letter Sorority convention ever held in the Northwest. Considering the great distances from most of our chapters, the representation was all that could be expected. The delegates were:

Alpha—Miss Mary Supplee.

Beta—Miss Helen B. Hicks, Mrs. Arthur S. Haggett of Seattle.

Gamma—Miss May Douglas.

Delta—Miss Marion D. Dean.

Epsilon—Miss Laura McCarty.

Eta—Miss Julia Dixon, Miss Ione Garnet, Miss Hazel Pierce.

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Iota—Miss Una Winterburn.

Kappa—Miss Edna Elmer.

Lambda—Miss Myrn Cosgrove, Miss Ethlyn Coffman.

Mu—Miss Carolyn Benson.

Syracuse Alumnae—Miss M. Corrine Lewis.

Boston Alumnae—Miss Marion D. Dean.

New York Alumnae—Miss Una Winterburn.

Milwaukee Alumnae—Mrs. Florence Baker Hays.

San Francisco Alumnae—Miss Mary LeConte.

We were much disappointed that Mrs. Savage, our Grand President, could not be with us. Those who know her strong and charming personality were hoping that the other girls might have the same privilege, but notwithstanding the desires and claims of Gamma Phi Beta upon Mrs. Savage, we were willing to concede the precedence to her seven months' old son, Donald. Mrs. Savage's devotion to any interest of Gamma Phi Beta during the past years has been all that any one could ask. Never has she failed us in giving her strength, valuable time, and careful, accurate thought to execute any demand made upon her; therefore, any suggestion coming from her to the delegates should be carefully weighed before being rejected.

Gertrude Ross, our Vice-president, was Acting President, and we were indeed fortunate in having her with us. Her forceful, strong, ingratiating personality won our hearts and gave us the utmost confidence in her, who is now our guide.

The old proverb about "Western hospitality" was clearly demonstrated by the Sound people. Delta Gamma entertained the delegates from Eta and San Francisco Alumnae. The Misses Hicks and McCarty stayed at the home of Mrs. Priest, a Delta Gamma. Alpha Tau Delta, a local, had as their guest, Miss Carman, of Theta. The other delegates had a jolly stay at Gamma Phi Beta Hall.

The Convention program opened Tuesday morning with the Alumnae Council at Gamma Phi Beta Hall. All the Alumnae Chapters, except Chicago, were represented, and many visitors were present. At four o'clock all Gamma Phi Betas assembled

at a tea given by Lambda. Tuesday night the Sigma Nus entertained with a dance. Their house is well adapted for such a party—all the rooms of the lower floor opening into one. Their decorations were in white, black and gold, the Sigma Nu colors. Upon leaving, each girl was presented with a Sigma Nu pennant, with the University of Washington colors at the top.

At ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, began the first business session at the University Methodist Episcopal Church. It was well attended and business was speedily dispatched. The Gamma Phi Betas gave a reception to the women of the University, in the afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Winifred Haggett. Mrs. Kane, wife of Dr. Kane, President of the University of Washington; Gertrude Ross, Acting President; Marion Dean, a member of the Executive Board, and Elizabeth Kaufman, of Lambda, were in the receiving line. In the evening, the Beta Theta Pis gave a dance in our honor. Everything in their new beautiful home, from decorations to refreshments, was mode and brown, our colors, which was thrown open to us with the utmost cordiality. We received such individual attention from our hosts that we easily recognized the good will and hospitality found throughout the country among the many Beta Chapters represented.

The second business session began Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Forty-two were present—this being the largest attendance at any of the three meetings. Early adjournment was necessary in order to visit the Navy Yard at Bremmerton. The "Pawtucket," a government tug, took us up the Sound, away from Seattle, with its many buildings and hills until after an hour and a half, we reached the pier. Here Admiral Burwell received us. After a general introduction to a body of commissioned officers, each took a girl under his "umbrella" and started for the "Oregon." It is out of commission just now, being renovated. We found much of interest on board. Our escorts answered patiently and minutely the myriads of questions put to them. Then we went to the "Boston," a cruiser in

dry dock, which is being repaired because of a recent collision. Here we saw everything "ship-shape" and were made welcome. Our next visit was to the engineering building where the repairing is done. From here, we went by the Officers' Quarters and Navy Yard to the home of Admiral Burwell. From within a concealed summer-house came the strains of music as we approached. Mrs. Burwell received us cordially, and Admiral Burwell showed us his many treasures collected in Asia. We saw a work of art, a picture of the "Oregon," which was taken on a trip around the Horn, as she made her way to Santiago during the Spanish-American War. The Bohemian Club of San Francisco, had presented this to the "Oregon." Still under Admiral Burwell's escort, we went to the "Philadelphia," a receiving ship. The Captain took us into his cozy, homelike quarters. One of the officers suggested that it showed the hands of a woman, which made this ship so different from the others. We settled into the soft chairs with a sigh of relief, only to be rudely awakened to realities by a summons from the Tug. The weather clerk was certainly generous; he gave not only rain, but a heavy hail storm as we landed, but we all pronounced the trip a grand success, and felt heavily indebted to Mr. Prosch, the father of Edith Prosch, who secured such privilege through his friendship with the Admiral.

That evening was the party given by the Gamma Phi Betas to their friends. The Hall was beautiful in its soft cream finish, showing to advantage the sun flowers which peeped over fences lining the walls. A warm delicate glow radiated from the chandeliers, which were hung with cream chrysanthemums and the laciest of brown ferns. All pronounced it the party of the season. The courtesy not only of the Gamma Phi Betas, but also of the University hosts and hostesses was shown by the most careful attention to our every want, even to the anticipation of them throughout the evening.

Friday morning was the third business session. We were unable to complete the business, so adjourned until after

luncheon. While this was going on, the Lambda girls were initiating this year's pledges at the home of Mrs. Haggett. Convention coming so early this year, made it impossible for the initiation to occur before, so the girls put it in here, in order to have the Freshmen with them at the Banquet.

At four a reception was given to the Gamma Phi Betas by the Delta Gammas, at their Chapter House. Mrs. Priest assisted in receiving. Again our colors were carried out in every possible way. We all felt delighted with the hospitality shown us by the other sororities and fraternities in the University.

Friday evening was the banquet at the Hotel Butler, and great praise is due to Jeannette Perry, who through her skilful planning, made it such a success. An Indian scheme was carried out in the ceremonies and decorations. The banquet table was arranged in the shape of a "U." In the center was placed a large mirror with a totem pole, and in the middle, on either side, a miniature Indian canoe filled with pink carnations, the sorority flower. Banked around the mirror were smilax and carnations, and the table was further decorated with Indian baskets filled with flowers. The menu was contained in brown leather covers, having on them a Curtis Indian head, while the courses were written out in the Chinook language.

POLAKLY-MUCK-AMUCK

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HY-AS-WAUM-TOTOOSH

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PECHUG-H-LEPWAH

WAPPATO

LA-POOL LAPEL-LAH

COLE-TOTOOSH

LE SOOK-LE PAN

WILLA

KAUPA

LABISK

LA POME-CHUCK

Before the toasts began, every girl wearing a diamond ring on the third finger of her left hand was requested to walk around the table. There were ten in all; Mary LaConte, San Francisco Alumnae; M. Corrine Lewis, Syracuse Alumnae; Helen Wetzel, Helen Russell, Myrn Cosgrove, Florence Finch, Elizabeth Frye, Blanche Windsor, Rosa Wald and Amy Wheeler, all of Lambda.

Miss Pansy Olney acted as toastmistress, and delighted all present with her clever method of introducing the speakers. Her adroit smart quotations from "Hiawatha," and impromptu rhymes, fitted the delegate or chapter exactly, and always carried out the Indian scheme of the banquet. The following toasts were responded to:

"The Council of War," Miss Ross, Milwaukee Alumnae.

"The First Teepee," Miss Supplee, Syracuse University.

"Scalping Our Victims," Miss Hicks, University of Michigan.

"Around the Camp Fire," Miss Douglas, University of Wisconsin.

"Paddling Our Own Canoe," Miss Dean, Boston University.

"Our Alliance With Other Tribes," Miss McCarty, Northwest University.

"Berkeley's Hunting Grounds," Miss Dixon, University California.

"Indian Characteristics," Miss Carman, Denver University.

"Trapping Our Game," Miss Winterburn, Barnard College, New York.

"Driven Westward," Miss Elmer, University of Minnesota.

"Last in the Indian File," Carolyn Benson, Stanford University.

"Pipe of Peace," Miss McDonald of Washington.

The guests at the banquet numbered sixty-eight, and were as follows:

Alpha—Miss Mary Supplee, Miss Corinne Lewis; Beta—Miss

Helen Hicks, Miss Kate McGraw, Miss Ruth Guppy, Mrs. Winifred Haggett; Gamma—Miss Gertrude Ross, Miss May Douglas; Delta—Miss Marion D. Dean; Epsilon—Miss Laura McCarty; Eta—Miss Julia Dixon, Miss Ione Garnet, Miss Mary LaConte, Miss Talullah LaConte, Miss Hazel Pierce, Miss Alice Benson; Theta—Miss Margaret Carman; Iota—Miss Una Winterburn; Kappa—Miss Edna Elmer; Mu—Miss Carolyn Benson; Lambda—Miss Carrie Atkinson, Mrs. Meta Huget, Miss Carolette Blodget, Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Ethlyn Coffman, Mrs. Harry Coffman, Miss Myrn Cosgrove, Miss Ava Dodson, Miss Katherine Edwards, Miss Hillotje Edwards, Mrs. Julia Crane, Miss Florence Finch, Miss Elizabeth Frye, Mrs. Jessie Horsfall, Miss Jessie Jackson, Miss Winifred Johnson, Miss Bess Kaufman, Miss Zoe Kinkaid, Miss Helen McDonald, Mrs. Claudine Foote, Miss Pansy Olney, Miss Jeannette Perry, Miss Beatrice Prosch, Miss Edith Prosch, Mrs. Ruby Rucker, Mrs. Mildred Robertson, Miss Helen Russell, Miss Emily Summer, Miss Rosa Wald, Miss Helen Wetzels, Miss Amy Wheeler, Miss Blanche Windsor, Miss Claire Morrow, Miss Edna Byrd, Miss Bess Henchan, Miss Martina Henchan, Miss Violet Dungan, Miss Myrtle Powers, Miss Mayme Allen, Miss Lella Steele, Miss Charlotte Perry, Miss Catherine Kerr, Miss Hilda Eisenbeis, Miss Pauline Edner, Miss Grace King, Miss Beulah Blackmore, Miss Helen Urquhart, Miss Alice Payne.

Saturday the delegates began to leave and there was many a heartache at the partings. New and lasting friends were made, which are bound to bear rich fruit in the future. Each girl vowed her intention to attend Convention next year in Syracuse, and she will take back to her chapter a soul brimful of enthusiasm and a new inspiration from Gamma Phi Beta.

Not enough can be said of Lambda's generosity and hospitality. Every girl seemed to feel the responsibility upon her chapter, and devoted her time and attention exclusively to us. A very great deal of credit is due Edith Prosch for her inde-

fatigable efforts both long before and during the weeks of convention. We delegates and visitors feel very proud of Lambda Chapter, with whom we have had convention for the first time, and feel that the true Gamma Phi Beta spirit has already taken deep root in her. In behalf of the delegates and visitors, I want to thank Lambda for her hospitality and wish her the return a thousand fold of the devotion she showed her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

MARION D. DEAN,
ALICE L. BENSON.



Some of the Aftermath

Mrs. Florence Baker Hays, Milwaukee Almunae, at present in Tacoma, Washington, entertained with an informal Sorority tea, Wednesday, October twenty-third, in honor of Marion D. Dean of Boston, and Alice L. Benson of Portland. The Gamma Phi Betas present were: Marion D. Dean, Delta; Carolette Blodget and Edith Prosch, Lambda; Carolyn Benson, Mu; Kate McGraw and Ruth Guppy, Beta; and Alice Benson, Eta. Other sororities represented were: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta; Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Ruth Guppy, Beta, of Tacoma, Washington, gave an informal tea in honor of Miss Carolyn Benson of Mu, and Miss Alice Benson, Eta. Her artistic rooms at the Annie Wright Seminary were massed with all colored carnations. Fourteen Tacoma friends were invited in to partake of tea, wafers and candy. The Gamma Phi Betas present were: Mrs. Florence Baker Hays, Miss Marion D. Dean, Miss Edith Prosch, Miss Carolette Blodget, Miss Kate McGraw and the Misses Benson. A number of other sororities were represented, especially Alpha Phi.

On Saturday, November 20th, Alice L. Benson of Portland, Oregon, gave a surprise luncheon of eleven covers for Gertrude

C. Ross, our Acting President, at the Hotel Butler in Seattle. The place cards were bunches of violets. A huge bunch of yellow chrysanthemums with autumn leaves adorned the center of the table, while under these, violets were scattered profusely. The guests were: Gertrude C. Ross, Milwaukee Alumnae; M. Corrine Lewis, Syracuse Alumnae; Julia Dixon, Eta; Beatrice and Edith Prosch and Myrn Cosgrove, Lambda; M. Ruth Guppy, Beta; Marion D. Dean, Boston Alumnae; Carolyn Benson, Mu; and Una Winterburn, New York Alumnae. The meeting was of additional interest and enjoyment to all present by reason of its being the last before our departure to our various destinations.

What Convention Meant To Lambda

WITH our girls coming to us from all parts of the country, full of the Gamma Phi Beta spirit, Lambda realized more than ever before the great strength and love in her sorority.

Like life-long friends seemed the sisters who were with us for such a short time. There was that something which drew us unconsciously together—the bond of Gamma Phi Beta. Once again we were glad that we were members of this sorority and once again came the thought that wherever there was a girl who wore the crescent, there was a warm friendship and greeting for each one of us.

How eagerly we awaited the coming of the representatives from the other chapters! To know and talk with Gamma Phi girls from distant places who had the same interest at heart! And not in one instance were we disappointed: the new ideas which they brought to us, the little helps we gleaned from their wider and older experiences, the enthusiasm which imbued each one as she told of the work of Gamma Phi Beta in her Alma Mater, all of these spurred Lambda on to help keep Gamma Phi in her honored place and to try and live up to the high ideals for which our sorority stands.

When Convention was over and the girls had left us, we felt that we did not belong simply to an organization, but that we were all sisters, bound together by the vulnerable ties of a circle, throbbing with the love and loyalty of Gamma Phi Beta.



Impressions of Convention

ABOUT the most apt description of one's first impression of a convention is that employed by a little girl who, when writing on a similar topic in connection with her first week in high school said it was "all a jumble."

In the first frantic efforts to connect names and faces, and to

distinguish between delegates and the girls of the entertaining chapter, one's mind is brought to that chaotic state in which it is impossible to do any thinking which may be termed orderly. Then, too, there is the constant round of meetings and gayeties with the attendant "dressing" and the answering of questions as to one's place of habitation and the climate and conditions thereof, when one did or will graduate, the effects of the journey and so on; if a person is of an experimental enough turn of mind to develop this style of conversation, it may be extended until it includes the flora of the region and reigning fashions.

But that is all part of the "jumble" and the part that is most easily forgotten. The important things one gains cannot be expressed until convention is over and the resulting mental and physical fatigue is alleviated.

As delegates representing the spirit and character of the chapters from which we come we meet our sisters from all parts of the land. Each in her turn, more or less typical of the set of girls who has chosen her for their comrade and representatives, Meeting on these grounds we find that if we would be true-hearted delegates we must sink all personal interests in the welfare of the whole; we must bear with each chapter's idiosyncrasies; we must "live and let live." It is this ever-increasing spirit of generosity and loving kindness which pervades conventions that draw the chapters closer and closer together with each passing year and stretches out hands of welcome to all who are to come.

Uplifting as this growth of the Gamma Phi spirit is, we must not fail to lay stress upon the personal and more human side of convention. The girl with ambitions, the girl with the lovelight in her eyes, the girl who is simply having fun, and those older ones who have already achieved some of life's measure of joy and sorrow meet, press hands and then pass on, leaving behind a record of their sweetness and their strength on each heart—an ineffaceable memory and inspiration through all the years.

UNA A. WINTERBURN.

Laying of the Cornerstone of Brooks Hall, Barnard College

I N *The Mortarboard*, published by the Junior class at Barnard, in the spring of 1906, "dormitory" was defined as follows: "From dormio v. i. to sleep—hence a dream—the kind that never comes true." When *The Mortarboard* went to press this seemed an indisputable fact. Despite herculean efforts of alumnae and undergraduates, the amount raised toward a dormitory seemed but a drop in the bucket. When *The Mortarboard* came out, our dormitory was assured to us through the generosity of an unknown "friend of the college;" and on November 9, 1906, the cornerstone of Brooks Hall was laid.

It was a great day for us and Barnard never looked lovelier. The college consists of three halls—Milbank in the center, Brinckerhoff and Fiske on either side and continuous with Milbank. It seems difficult to realize that you can't see it all—the short broad flight of steps to the reception hall, the marble pillars on either side, and the big stained glass globe above, lighting everything. There were exquisite flowers in all the state rooms, but no attempt was made at elaborate decoration. In the class studies where undergraduates most do congregate (but not to study) the same simplicity of effect prevailed. The Sophomores and Juniors contented themselves with adding a few more banners to the walls. The Seniors covered the tops of the lockers with branches of oak. The Freshmen alone were in danger of overdoing the decoration. Their Teddy bear almost disappeared in the enveloping foliage. But the painting of the Senior mascot—the noble red rooster of '07, stood unadorned—as needing no adornment.

For the day the undergraduates retired to the third and fourth floors, leaving the studies to the alumnae. Cap and gown was the order of the day and all the girls wore white dresses. The faculty, trustees and guests of honor, gayly dight in all their



CONVENTION BANQUET AT HOTEL BUTLER, SEATTLE.

academic finery, occupied the first floor. There was a tremendous buzz of talking through all four floors until a little after three o'clock, when the band suddenly struck up "Fair Barnard" and the procession began to move in ecclesiastical order—Freshmen first, Dean Gill, President Butler and the officiating clergymen last.

Picture, if you please, "procession to slow music," for the band took a melancholy view of "Fair Barnard" and evidently interpreted it as a funeral march. Moreover they continued to play it, on and on, while we traversed the court, Milbank quadrangle and the long field south of it to the site of the new dormitory. The double column of undergraduates then opened ranks to form a lane down which the alumnae, faculty and trustees passed. For once the undergraduates had a chance to take in the full splendor of the academic procession without unseemly waggling of heads. The singing of "Fair Barnard" had become a habit by this time so we could meditate at leisure on the deep question of higher degrees. I decided against the kimona style of gown as too gaudy, and against green and orange in combination; but followed after dark blue velvet and a gold tassel with my desire.

Finally every one was in his destined place—the Chief Marshal succeeded in stopping the band—and the dedicatory service began. The chief dignitaries occupied a platform built around the cornerstone. Above them in prominent places on the framework were the workmen who evidently regarded the whole performance as a most amusing show, and, quite unabashed, were enjoying it hugely. The alumnae and undergraduates were ranked along the front of the building. On the left were the Columbia buildings—the windows filled with students. Away to the right was the river, beautiful as always, under a clear sky.

The service followed the forms of the Episcopal church. Psalm 91 was read by Dr. Edward B. Coe of the Collegiate Church of New York City; prayers by Dr. Grosvenor. After

the benediction President Butler of the University, made a short address, in which he announced that the new dormitory would be named after Arthur Brooks, late rector of the Church of the Incarnation of New York, and at one time President of the Trustees of Barnard College. Dr. Brooks was one of the earliest and truest friends of Barnard. He was active in seeking its establishment and followed the fortunes of the young college with unflinching interest and material aid.

After President Butler's speech, Silas B. Brownell, LL. D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, formally dedicated Brooks Hall and performed the great deed, the laying of the cornerstone. There was silence as the windlass lowered the stone into position; and I think we all had a vision of Brooks Hall as it should one day be, and of a great future for Barnard.

HELEN CARTER, Iota, '07.



Our Executive Message

Signs of the Times

IN spite of the mistakes of the past, in spite of the blunders and criticism of the present, the loyal men and women of the Greek world have reason to be encouraged. To one who has not only kept alive his interest in his College, but whose undergraduate enthusiasm has developed into a genuine devotion to the welfare of his society in particular and into a desire to improve conditions in general, there are many reasons for encouragement. It is true that conditions in sorority and fraternity life are not yet what we wish them to be, neither are they in the world, for that matter, but we are moving in the right direction.

In 1902 several of the leading sororities, after years of apparently fruitless endeavor, succeeded in forming the Inter-Sorority Conference. Now twelve societies whose representa-

tives met in annual conference are putting forth their earnest efforts to eliminate what is undersirable in sorority government. Both time and patience will be necessary in this attempt to improve inter-sorority relations, but already we have had results that are worth the effort. Recently in the University of Nebraska there was organized an Inter-Fraternity Council which is to work in connection with a member of the faculty and with alumni in regulating fraternity affairs. Such organizations as these will surely do away with some of the evils of rushing and pledging, and in time, we trust, they may be the means of bringing to an end that most objectionable imitation of college life, the so-called High School Fraternity.

The rolls of the active chapters are larger than ever before, and it is the pride of most of these chapters that their members are represented in all phases of college activity. Under the proper conditions these groups of students may be the centers of the best influences of college life, and the conditions can be made by the help of the graduate membership. The graduates have made possible permanent college homes, and have established scholarships, but even greater help will come from a strong central organization holding the governing power. The most encouraging sign of the times is the fact that men and women of the greater world are working with those in college to make realities of the ideals for which their societies stand.

The interest of the alumni—we use the general term—is evident in the increasing number of alumni chapters, the chapters which must henceforth be considered the permanent ones. We have not *been* members of our respective societies, we *are* members. We have made those who are younger and less experienced our brothers and our sisters; we have given them our names, and we have intrusted to their keeping that honor for which we and those who came before us have labored. We have neither the right to stand calmly aside and permit them to make the mistakes we have made, nor to expect them to at-

tain without our help the perfection which we could not reach. Our duty has not been done when we have given financial aid or subscribed to the society's publications. Every college chapter must be made to feel the living interest of its graduates. This interest can be shown by frequent visits of the older members, and by the friendly consideration of the chapter's standing in scholarship and in society, an interest which will prove that the ideals placed before our brothers and sisters in school life are identical with those which are guiding us in the world of business. Those who have enjoyed the privileges of fraternity life must still bear its responsibilities. If there are things to be corrected, we must aid in their correction; if there are honors to be celebrated, we still share them.

That this responsibility is borne today by hundreds of busy men and women, I say, is sufficient cause for belief in our societies. But I would have the hundreds increased to thousands, and I would have a greater number willing to judge us by our lives and acknowledge that this influence is good, that our societies are not founded upon principles alien to good citizenship and upright living. I would have every alumna of Gamma Phi Beta feel that she is a part of that influence which is making of our college girls strong, useful women; that she as well as each member of the active chapters is proving to the world that Gamma Phi Beta stands for that which is best in life, willing service, real growth and true friendship.

GERTRUDE C. ROSS, President.

The New Woman's Building at the University of Minnesota

ON Thursday, December 6th, Alice Shevlin Hall was formally presented by its donor, Mr. Thomas Shevlin of Minneapolis, and Mr. J. T. Wyman of the Board of Regents, to the women of the University of Minnesota. A building for our own especial use has so long been a castle in the air that we can hardly believe it to be more substantial. One glimpse into its sacred halls, however, or better still, one day's enjoyment of its comforts, has convinced us of its reality; and we are now wondering how we ever existed so long without it.

The Hall is not a dormitory. Two-thirds of the women of the University come from the Twin Cities, while many more whose homes are out of town live with friends near the Campus; so that the need of the majority is a haven in the long hours they must spend at College other than a rooming and boarding place. To this end the building is especially designed. On the ground floor are lockers for six hundred, bath and dressing rooms, and an old English dining room with oak wainscoating and beams. This is the scene of class spreads, club lunches and the like, besides the daily hot lunches served the girls. On the main floor is the living room—our greatest pride. Panelled in mahogany with old blue walls and draperies, with the piano at one end, the hospitable open fireplace at the other, and long settees flanking the walls—the whole softly lighted and filled with animated girls is a picture good to see. The halls and smaller parlors on this floor are finished in the soft tones of mode and brown, and are so lovely as to send a little thrill of pride through every Gamma Phi heart. On the second floor are the study halls, rooms for the use of literary and other societies, and rest rooms. These last, in particular, are an untold boon to Minnesota women; since up to this time there has

been no place on the Campus where they might go for a quiet hour when ill or weary.

Of course the most important function of our new home is to create a bond among the girls, to increase friendship and college feeling. With this purpose, and the more immediate one of managing Shevlin Hall, a Woman's Self Government Association has been organized, of which every woman is a member, from the day of her matriculation at Minnesota. It may be interesting to note here that the idea, which has been worked out in labor and tribulation during a number of years in some of our sister colleges, was originated and given form here in a week's time. A board of seven members—the usual four officers and three others chosen respectively as representatives of the three upper classes—is the executive head of the organization; these officers are chosen by popular vote and supported—or limited—by a constitution and house rules.

It is expected that this combination of a Woman's Building and a Self Government Association will do much to raise and uphold Minnesota's already high standing as a co-educational institution; and that Minnesota women will take a foremost place in the social service movement which means so much to the college life of today.

SARA PRESTON, Kappa, '07.



A cordial reception awaits any and all Gamma Phis who may go to Los Angeles. The residents of that city are anxious to meet those who are in the city at any time and ask that Miss Edith Furrey, 1103 Ingram street, be notified of the fact.

Expansion

THERE are over three hundred co-educational institutions for higher education in the United States with an attendance of about thirty-five thousand women. Statistics show that the rising standard of these institutions has been accompanied by an increased attendance of women, which means that more women of better ability and larger ambition are entering our colleges and universities every year.

A study of the curriculum, faculty, student-body, income, buildings and equipment of these three hundred institutions convinces one that they have the material and environment which support the college fraternity. As a matter of fact, fraternities in some form or other can and do flourish in all of them. They are considered in most of these institutions as important factors in the student life, mutual benefits are shared by the college and the fraternity.

The fraternity draws its actual membership, its intellectual stimulus and an outlet for its energies from the institution, giving in return its enthusiasm, loyalty, originality and its own standards of comradeship and social life.

Gamma Phi Beta, which we can sincerely claim represents the very highest ideal of the Greek Sorority, exists in but twelve of these institutions. This leaves a wide range for future growth and I believe we can establish chapters in certain of these institutions without lowering our standards in any particular.

I wish to express myself positively on this subject of expansion, believing that by a free expression of opinion we can clear ourselves of some previous conceived ideas which are hindrances to our national growth. We have lulled ourselves to sleep too long with the lullaby of conservatism. The policy which in our founders meant the steady conscientious pursuance of the very best, has grown to be with us an indifferent

and often ignorant consideration of these opportunities when they are opened to us.

The universities and their development are outgrowing us. We have not lived up to our own ideals. Our early policy was to establish our sorority in institutions of high standard wherever there seemed to be an understanding of what our sorority was and when the women who wished our charter were up to the standard and plainly equal to perpetuating it. In later years just such opportunities have been offered us, and we have been very slow to recognize them and in some cases have regretted our hesitancy. Gamma Phi Beta has made herself a great deal of trouble and work by this policy, in some cases giving her new chapters double work. We expect our chapters to lead even when they have a long procession of well established rivals with which to compete.

There is a certain atmosphere and individuality about Gamma Phi Beta which I realize cannot be found in every environment. There must be a nice adjustment of mental and moral strength, culture and personality in the individual which we cannot learn about from statistics. We need to know our prospective chapters, and to know them we must make an effort. We need to go half way with every petitioning local society and give them an opportunity to know us. I have a great deal of faith in the learning power of Gamma Phi. I believe that knowing ten typical Gamma Phis well is worth knowing about the whole sorority. In other words, to the uninitiated, individual worth and personality counts for much more than national reputation, and the whole can be judged by the units.

It is important that a petitioning chapter should know a great deal about Gamma Phi before it is granted a charter. Our standards, ideals, ambitions, achievements, are not part of our secrecy, for we live them and we should make them evident to all candidates for membership.

All this means that active and alumnae members of the sorority should consider it a duty to inform themselves about our American colleges, and to avail themselves of every opportunity to meet the students that they may be able to judge them when the question of their desirability as members of Gamma Phi arises.

I realize the danger of a large unwieldy, loosely knit national organization. I do not believe Gamma Phi Beta will run into any such danger if she holds fast the high ideals which have always governed her growth. We have never made a false step and can point with pride to a roll of healthy flourishing chapters, not one dead or lifeless, and each in close touch with the others, loyal and friendly. Our conventions have a certain personal element in them which must be lacking in the convention with a hundred delegates. But we can avoid all these features of the overgrown society, and I believe we are strong enough to grow very rapidly and not become warped in any direction.

We would soon realize the benefits of a larger chapter roll in our ability to support THE CRESCENT, our official means of communication. Five more chapters with their subscriptions would put THE CRESCENT on a strong financial footing, and it would become more than ever the instrument by which our national life would be united.

I would suggest that every chapter make a list of the institutions where they believe it would some time be wise and agreeable to have a chapter. The lists could be presented at Convention or through THE CRESCENT and arguments for and against them be presented. If the interest of the sorority has been aroused by one special college, measures should be taken to create an opportunity for a chapter there and if one or more of the institutions petition us for a charter, the field work has been covered and we can devote our time and attention to

the more important question of the personnel of the applicants. We should have our information in hand and our procedure systematized so that when the decision is made we can act promptly with businesslike courtesy.

A reluctant dilitatory acceptance acts as a wet blanket to enthusiastic petitioners and we lose ourselves the benefit and pleasure of a hearty spontaneous welcome. I believe we have shown excellent judgment in all our national history as far as I know it. I am not criticizing past methods or policies, but I do see a strong tendency to those things which will be fatal to our growth and to our own satisfaction.

If we cease to grow nationally we will soon lose our local interest in our sorority loyalty will be confined to one pin and a few dear sisters who live in the same town or with whom we correspond. Let us follow the example of our own grand United States and grow by expansion and by assimilation, giving our high ideals and our loving hearts to those who come to us promising loyalty and affinity, and receiving from them the benefits of new standards, new ideas and new sympathies.

EUNICE GRAY, Gamma.



I N this issue we are able to put our little confidences in print, for we have given ourselves the privilege of keeping it within the confines of Gamma Phi Beta. To be sure there is much advantage in exchanging with other fraternities, but the occasion seemed to demand that we publish some things which are for us alone. While some other loyal Gamma Phis come out openly upon subjects which are vital, we have some facts to which we want to call your attention.

Have you ever stopped to think that were every subscription paid up by January first at the latest, that it would put THE CRESCENT in such a position as to insure its uniform appearance at the stated times? The procrastination to which many of us seem prone now puts us in this position, viz.: That between the several issues by sending dun upon dun we are able to collect a variable amount, and finally when June has come we are left to wonder if another number can be issued. But usually the expenditure of more postage, labor and patience brings about the desired result. There is no one so slow to calculate but that will acknowledge that this is a poor method of conducting our quarterly, especially when after our many repeated efforts still about one hundred have received the quarterly all year, and have not paid anything toward its support. This is not fair to the supporters. But what can we do—when no order for discontinuance, nor any notice of non-delivery is received?

You may say—I do not have the interest in THE CRESCENT. Can you fancy any one person or indeed any few making it so brimful of news that it will be interesting for the many alumnae who are living such diversified lives? We want and we need

your criticisms, your interest and your contributions of news, discussions, etc.

Will you not then pay your subscriptions at the beginning of the year. If you have no receipt for this year, send in your dollar immediately. If you owe for more than one year you have received a statement recently.

Then, too, won't you put upon paper some of the things which we lack? By so doing make your quarterly more interesting to yourself, and thereby enhance the interest of every one.



THE Convention report is such as to enlist the enthusiasm of every reader. How many, after reading it, will not want to go to Convention next year? Both Miss Benson and Miss Dean have given us a large share in the pleasure which accompanied Convention. The delegate from your Chapter will be glad to send you information regarding Convention business if you will write her.



HOW many Happy New Years are expressed in this issue! Still there is always the opportunity of adding your wishes of joy. So we say again, a Happy New Year—and may it be that in the best sense of the word. What should that happiness be but the result of the fullest and most useful life which we can spend?

To some of us the happiness comes in our initiation into the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta. What ideals have been raised and what strong endeavors will be made to realize these! Our new initiates will be stronger for their attainments and we fortunate in having our ideals perpetuated by such members. To these and to those of the rank and file we say—a Happy New Year.



It will be noted that we have devoted no space to the exchanges, and we regret it, for there is much which we would like to reprint, which is interesting and profitable, but for several reasons, one of which is the uncertainty of the size of our CRESCENT bank account, we deemed it wise to reduce our pages somewhat in this issue, trying to substitute in quality

what we lack in quantity. There are several striking articles which we hope we can reprint in the near future, among which there is none more valuable than that by Mr. Birdseye, published in the Outlook during the past summer.



WE had hoped to have cuts of both Miss Ross, who has this fall assumed the duties of President of the Executive Board, and also Miss Winterburn, who was elected as the new member of the Board. Both of these splendid officers are giving of themselves, of their time and their ability to Gamma Phi. The March issue will contain these promised cuts.



IT was with a certain pride that all the fraternity world looked upon that splendid house which Chi Psi had at Cornell, and it is with equal regret that we read of its destruction by fire. Our sympathy with them in this serious loss is not without a feeling of admiration that the ideals which the fraternity world cherish, led them to such deeds of heroism. That some lives were lost is sad—but the bravery and self-sacrifice exhibited takes much of the sting from the sadness.



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: When this reaches you Father Time will have mowed down and stacked away another year. We hope that the harvest of the new will be even more fruitful than that of the old.

The chapter house is full of beaming faces just now, as Christmas vacation begins this week, and "home is not far

away. Midyear exams threaten us from behind this bulwark, but we're not going to fight our battles until we have to.

Banquet brought many of "the girls" back, sixty-seven in all. Then "Junior Prom" brought us two of last year's seniors, Bertha Benedict and Ethel Wells. We have also been fortunate in having visitors from other chapters. Both the Palmer girls of Zeta, have been with us for a chapter meeting, and we also greatly enjoyed a visit from Carolyn Benson of Mu.

Rushing has taken the time this year left from the ordinary college routine; we do not pledge until second semester.

Christina McLennan found time to take a leading part in the French play and our "Fine Arts" have as usual shone at recitals; of course every "Liberal Arts" has her eye so firmly fixed on Phi Beta Kappa during first semester, that studying is the real subject of interest.

December nineteen we give our one large rushing party; a dinner followed by a cotillion, in which the Gamma Phis will dance the men's figures. For the past week "decorations," "menu," "favors," etc., have been the words kept busiest in our vocabularies.

Mary Supplee and Corinne Lewis came back from convention with such glowing accounts that we are doubly eager for next year to give us all a chance to meet some of you. We shall feel like inducing the city to lend us the enormous electric light sign of "Welcome" from the city hall, that we may let it blazon forth our feelings from afar.

As usual, some of our girls are upholding our name in the athletic line. Katharine Sibley, who is instructor of gymnasium, is getting the women's basketball team in shape, and "Reg" Waters is playing her usual fine game. Dierdre Mace is girls' cheering master. Others of the girls are giving spare time to collecting funds for the support of our university missionary in China, and to others Y. W. C. A. work.

So you see we all find enough to do, just as you do.

The first of our Junior class to leave college, Irma Willard, is now Mrs. Hope McCall, and lives in St. Paul. Any of you Minneapolis girls who meet her will find one of the best and most loyal Gamma Phis who ever lived, and now that we can't have her with us, we leave her in your good hands.

Best wishes for good luck to all who have to bear the burden of "Mid-Years."



BETA

BETA sends most cordial greetings to all her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

We have all been very much interested in the accounts which our delegate, Helen B. Hicks, brought back to us from convention at Seattle. She had a most delightful time and made us all wish we could have been with her.

It was soon after our last letter that we pledged Paula Henze of Detroit, so with our other five freshmen, who were mentioned in the last CRESCENT, we had six to initiate. Much to our delight, there were several of our girls from out of town with us. The banquet was a great success. With thirty girls at one beautifully decorated table, we had a most enjoyable time.

In the fall, Jane Sherzer, who is now president of Oxford College, Ohio, was the guest of Winifred Kinne. Then, too, we have had the pleasure of seeing Maud McFee, who passed through Ann Arbor on her way from the East. Vera Lay, who graduated last year, has visited us a couple of times. We always like to have our sisters come back to visit us and only wish they could come more often.

On the seventeenth of December we are going to have a large dancing party to introduce our freshmen. We are looking forward to this with much interest, and each girl is doing her part to make the arrangements complete.

Beta hopes that each Gamma Phi will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Margaret Cahill Barthalamew of Lansing, spent a few days with us last month.

Next Thursday night—the last that we will be together this year—we have our annual Christmas tree, to which the Gamma Phi Beta mothers are invited to come and bring something to eat and on which each girl finds three suggestive presents valued at not more than ten cents apiece.

This evening, December 14, is the annual party given by all the Sophomores of the university for all the other girls of the university in honor of the Freshmen. It is held in Barbour gymnasium and is always a pretty affair. Our Freshmen are expecting a jolly time.



GAMMA

TO her sister chapters, Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta, sends heartiest greetings: Just at present we are rejoicing over two fine new pledges, Dorothy and Beatrice Barnes of Madison, whom we expect to initiate soon.

On the night of the Purdue-Wisconsin football game we gave an informal dancing party at our lodge. We did honor to Wisconsin's victory by decorating the house in cardinal crepe paper and our college pennants, the effect of which was quite charming.

One afternoon recently, our Madison alumnae and the active girls spent a very pleasant time together talking and sewing. I am sure that after it was over we felt that a closer union between the active and alumnae members makes truer Gamma Phis of all of us.

Gamma enjoyed very much a visit from Carolyn Benson, a Mu chapter girl, who stopped here on her way East, lately.

We are happy to have with us again this year Augustine Ellean, Iota, who is taking special work in horticulture in the College of Agriculture.

Gamma sends best love to all her sisters with best wishes for the happiest kind of a New Year.



DELTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Of course the most important thing to tell you is the result of our "rushing" season, which was quite strenuous—and more than that a little strained—at times. Well, on November tenth we were more than glad to welcome the Sophomore, Rachel Osgood, and the four picked Freshmen into our band. They are Miriam Marsh, Lucy Morse, Ethel Smith and Olive Marshall. Besides these we pledged Theodora Gordon, who waits till next year to be initiated. That evening at the banquet at The Tuilieres, we had such a good time and were specially happy to have with us the five western sisters who are at Wellesley. The new sisters showed us how well they could entertain by the sumptuous Thanksgiving spread they held for the other classes. A week ago we had a delightful time at the mothers' tea, to which some of the fathers also came. It is such a pleasure to know these good friends of Gamma Phi Beta. At our recent meeting we thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiastic report of our delegate to the convention, Marion Dean. Although there was not much business to report, Marian told us a lot of things which instructed us besides interested us. Carolyn Benson, Mu, was with us that day, also told us about the various chapters she had visited with Marion Dean on their way East. We have been much saddened this week because of Edith Rigg's bereavement in the death of her mother. The annual theatricals given by Gamma Delta, the co-educational society, was Tennyson's "Princess." It was given Friday evening, and we are sorry that Edith could not take her part as "Lady Psyche."

Friday afternoon we were delightfully entertained by a new uncle who has adopted us, because of his especial interest in one of the Freshmen. His bachelor's suite in the department

of the university in which he teaches, is wonderfully interesting because of the valuable curios which he has gathered from every part of the world.

We are living now in joyful anticipation of the Christmas tree fetes next week. The first one for just us girls, and the other for some unfortunate children, whom we are going to try to make happy. Then after Christmas the alumnae have invited the active chapter to Katherine Whiting's for the annual Christmas spread.

In closing Delta hopes that every sister will have entered on the happiest year of her life by the time THE CRESCENT reaches her.



EPSILON

DEAR Gamma Phis: Nothing comes into my mind at this moment but, "the day is cold and dark and dreary." It is only too true; even Chicago's record for dark and gloomy weather is being surpassed. But we do not mind it in the least. Christmas is only ten days away and Epsilon girls are deep in the mystery of gift making and gift buying.

Next Monday night we have our Christmas tree in the sorority rooms. Each girl is to have a gift for the sorority, and one for her sisters. I do wish I could wait until after that event to tell you all about it. But I have heard whispers that there are to be rubbers for the girl who gushes, braces for the girl who stoops, and antifat for the one with extra avoirdupois.

Last Saturday we met with the Chicago alumnae for luncheon. We tried a new place—a little Italian restaurant where everything was spaghetti and macaroni, mixed into strange, delightful dishes, which we all had to try twice or even three times, that we might decide whether we really liked them or not. In the afternoon we all went to the home of a Gamma Phi aunt—Mrs. Frank Baum. The visit was of unusual interest and pleasure because of Mrs. Baum's reputation as an

author. Who is there that hasn't enjoyed the "Wizard of Oz" in childhood? And who is there that would not enjoy poking about in the library of the author of that delightful book?

It cannot be that I have gotten thus far and have not told you about our two new Gamma Phis. Alice Jenks of Elgin, Ill., and Louise Stolp of Chicago Heights, Ill., were initiated on November 27. Epsilon considered herself especially fortunate at this time, because Marion Dean of Delta, and Miss Thompson, formerly president, were both with us.

Carolyn Benson, Mu, was with the Epsilon girls at Thanksgiving time.

Epsilon sends wishes for the very happiest of Christmas holidays to every Gamma Phi.



ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter was written we have placed the pledge pin on Mary Thomas McCurley, a most enthusiastic and attractive little Freshman, who will become, after the holidays a full fledged Gamma Phi.

December fifteen closed our rushing season of two weeks. Most of the success this year depended entirely on individual rushing, as we were so closely limited by Pan-Hellenic that very little entertaining was allowed. The chief affair that Gamma Phi gave for the Freshmen was a tally-ho drive through Druid Hill park out into the country, followed by a dinner at Woodland Hall. Every one had a splendid time, old girls as well as rushees. Now that everything is over, we are all looking forward to a most welcome rest during vacation, which begins on the twentieth.

In closing the last letter of the old year, Zeta wishes all her sister chapters, each and every member of them, the Merriest of the Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

ETA

MOST Cordial Greeting from Eta to all her Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Just at this time we are not so sprightly as usual, for we are weighed down with the burden of approaching exams, which begin on the tenth of December, and we are anxiously waiting for vacation, the reward which we look for in about two weeks.

You eastern sisters may not believe it, but this December day is a most beautiful sunshiny one, and we are roaming about the campus "hatless and coatless."

Since convention, every one is more enthusiastic than ever, for we who were fortunate enough to partake of Lambda's hospitality, and had the pleasure of meeting all of our sisters from the different chapters, have given glowing accounts of Gamma Phis and their work.

We were delightfully surprised in November by a visit from Miss Dean, of the executive board, and the girls only wished to have her longer, but "strange to say," she had to divide her time between the two California chapters. While Miss Dean was here, we gave an informal reception to faculty women and women students, and all were equally charmed with our delightful sister from Boston. We planned a larger and more formal reception a few days later, but Miss Dean was obliged to leave before it took place.

Thanksgiving week has come and gone, and while some of the girls went home, most of them stayed for Junior day, which was held the day after Thanksgiving.

We all were deeply interested this year, for Marguerite Daniels, one of our Juniors, took one of the principal parts in the farce, and indeed she "made a hit," and we are filled with pride at the way she was received. She was also on the Junior Prom committee, as was Alma Eastin, another Junior. The prom was a great success, and about ten of our girls had the best time ever, on that night.

Tuesday evening, December fourth, was a festival of joy, for our alumnae were with us for the annual Thanksgiving

dinner. Turkey and more turkey we had, which, with an occasional story of the olden time, made our banquet one long to be remembered.

We have planned our rushing for the first of next semester, and only hope that it may be as successful as the last.

Three of our Sophomores are on the committee of arrangements for the hop, which takes place next term.

The Senior Record, to take the place of the "earthquaked" Blue and Gold, is to be published next term, and Carmel Riley, one of our Seniors, is on the staff.

May you all have the Merriest of Christmases and Happiest of New Years.



THETA

THE Chancellor of our university has been elected governor of Colorado. That is the first piece of news we have to announce, and isn't it a good one? We will have great things happening from now on. The day after election we had a grand rally in chapel. Speeches of congratulation were made by students, professors and trustees; we sang college songs, and it was lovely to see the staid members of the faculty rise, at the request of the students, and sing to the tune of America: "We'll have no school this week, we'll have no school this week, no school this week, we want to celebrate," etc.

Since that one week of celebration we have worked hard, and with the exception of football, things have been quiet. Our Thanksgiving game was won by a score of seven to six, and was played on the enemy's field, too. We have rejoiced greatly over that and feel now that our university has established a place for herself in the athletics of the state. So you see prospects are very bright for us now.

We have pledged two splendid girls since our last letter, Lisle Brownell, Denver, and Elizabeth Ramey, Grand Junction, Colorado. We expect to initiate the first of the year.

Our delegate brought lots of news from convention and the University of Washington, and has been telling us how beautifully she was entertained and what a glorious time she had.

We had as visitors several weeks ago, Carolyn Benson from Mu, and Marion Dean from Delta. They had some fine things to tell us and we were pleased to have them with us for even a few hours. It seemed a shame that they couldn't stay longer, but we had a meeting that day and so all of our girls met them, at least.

We are preparing now for our New Year's reception, and have reached the point of worrying about invitations.

Our annual play for the benefit of athletics will be the next event of note. We are planning to work hard and make it as successful as in former years.

One of our alumnae has made us a fine offer for our building fund. The object is to raise money among our alumnae, and by the time the next CRESCENT appears we hope to be able to present the matter in detail for the benefit of some other alumnae.

We wish all our sister chapters the best and happiest of New Years, and may THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta be bright for them through the coming years.



IOTA

LIFE is strenuous at Barnard and rushing is of more than one kind. There are endless teas, clubs, plays—with home and social duties to be reckoned with in spare moments. Sometimes, indeed, we feel that we are living up to the sage maxim placed in a giddy student's room: "Never let your studies interfere with the regular college course."

The entertainment of Freshmen goes merrily on. It is more or less part of the steady rush of college life. But some of us feel that the practice of turning interclass functions and other strictly collegiate affairs into rushing parties is unfair to the non-frat girls and of no special avail to the fraternities. Where

the rushing season is so long there is ample opportunity to know and impress the Freshmen in other ways.

We have given two large affairs for the Freshmen, a heart party in October at Mrs. Harry Norton Marvin's, a dance in November at the St. Andrew. In November we also had an informal tea at Mrs. Beekes' for the Freshmen who could not come to the dance. After they were gone we of Iota, undergraduates and alumnae, proceeded to have a grand chat and love feast. Our alumnae, we must say here, have stood nobly by us in helping along the good work. The December affair will be a Christmas party at the home of Edna Stitt, '06.

Alpha Phi had convention in New York this year and we had the pleasure of meeting their delegates at a reception to the college on November 5, 1906. Those who discovered mutual friends at other colleges waxed eloquent, compared notes, etc., etc., and the Greek letter spirit reigned triumphant.

Not long afterward we welcomed our own delegates, Una Winterburn, back from Seattle. We inspected souvenirs while she gave us the news of convention; and needless to say, enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta was at its highest.

Best wishes to you all, dear sisters, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



KAPPA

KAPPA extends to you all her most cordial greetings, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Our college year thus far has been full to overflowing with events both profitable and enjoyable. Edna Elmer's return from convention was a signal to the chapter for a general encampment at her feet, where we listened eagerly to her glowing account of business and festivities, asking questions innumerable. We were very glad of our opportunity for a little chat with Miss Ross, our one regret being that she and the delegates returning from convention were unable to make us a longer visit.

The formal introduction of the Freshmen to college society was the next occurrence of note, and a grand success it was in every respect. A reception was given at the home of Harriet and Frances Young, in St. Paul. The flowers, huge clusters of mauve chrysanthemums, the gift of the alumnae, were a most effective decoration; pink carnations were used in the dining room, and a bank of palms in the reception room screened the orchestra.

This year the Freshmen decided to follow the example of the men, and organized an intersorority society, the purpose being to promote friendship and fellow feeling. Frances Young, one of our Freshmen, was elected president. A dancing party was given by the club on December 14.

In November the University Dramatic Club presented three short plays in one evening. One of them, "A Man of Letters," was written by the head of the English department, Dr. Burton, who played the part of the hero. Sara Preston, one of our Seniors, was chosen by the author for the heroine, and a splendid one she was. In addition she has the signal honor of being chairman of the committee of three which is to write the Senior class play.

In the Girls' Glee Club we have a representation of five. Florence Wright, a Freshman, was admitted to membership this fall, and Rewey Belle Inglis, '08, is president.

Another cause for which a number of the girls worked faithfully was the Christmas bazar, which was held in our beautiful new Women's building, Alice Shevlin Hall. Pearl Weston, '09, had entire charge of the arrangements, and several Gamma Phis had booths on which they expended considerable labor, but the result was so eminently satisfactory that they felt more than repaid for their trouble.

Several parties are to enliven the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Bachus is to entertain the active and alumnae chapters on the eighteenth of December. On the Thursday after Christmas we are to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Crooker, one of our

Alpha alumnae. Then there is our annual Christmas celebration, with a tree, and presents for each and all.

A hard battle is being fought in local Pan Hellenic for a late pledge day. As yet success has not crowned our efforts, but we still live in hope.

The usual whirl of late season parties is in full swing, so you may imagine Kappa both working and playing hard.



LAMBDA

SINCE our last letter to THE CRESCENT we have had the great pleasure of entertaining convention. It filled us all with enthusiasm and interest and will be a source of inspiration to us for many years to come. We feel so much nearer to all the other chapters for having known some one from each.

Our Pan Hellenic limited rushing to three weeks this year. At the time of our last letter we were in the midst of this exciting season which ended so successfully for us. We bid twelve Freshhmen and as a result had twelve pledged the next morning. The fact that we did not lose a bid made us, of course, very happy.

We will lose two Seniors the last of January. Bess Kaufman and Myrn Cosgrove will complete their course this term and as they are out of town girls we will miss them doubly.

As the Christmas season is at hand we will wish all our sister chapters a merry and happy vacation.



MU

DEAR, dear Gamma Phis: Here's love and a Merry Christmas to all of you; and we hope that the coming semester may prove as glad and happy for all as this last has been for us.

We are still waiting for Carolyn Benson to come back and bring us news not only from our "sisters in convention assembled," but also from all the chapters that she is taking the opportunity to visit. In the meantime we are devouring convention reports and vexing Eta with all sorts of questions and demands for news items from Seattle. We had a tantalizing visit from Miss Dean on her way home. It made us wish, not only that she could have stayed months with us, but that all our alumnae could pass this way, because the "baby" chapter really is very far out west, and we wish that we had lots of older sisters near.

At the time of the varsity game Jessica Bird, ex-'07, came up and paid us a visit. Also Mrs. McCall, Alhpa, ex-07, spent a few hours with us on her way east.

The Varsity game—shall we let Eta tell you about it? Well it was Rugby, and the score was six to three in our favor; but if we do beat Berkeley at football the Berkeley chapter certainly can teach us lessons in hospitality, for beside the grand party they gave us in rushing season, they entertained practically the whole of Mu chapter at the time of the game.

Our Freshmen have made their debut. And they have come out not only in the social world into which we launched them October twenty-sixth, but in athletics as well. Ethel Palmer is captain of the new hockey team, and Sadie Bundy of the Freshman basketball team.

Again, a glad and prosperous new year to every one in Pi Kappa Epsilon, and very best wishes from Mu.



CHICAGO

THIS fall the members of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter have come together on the 2d Saturday of every month. For the first meeting and luncheon we were invited to the home of our esteemed member, Mrs. Alice Hosmer Preble. The November and December meetings were held down town,

the former at the "Carrie Abbie" and the latter at the "Roma." At the last mentioned the usual number of "the faithful" was much augmented by the presence of the Evanston active chapter. The lively interest taken in football, roller skating and other kindred matters, as evidenced by their conversation—college studies were scarcely referred to, for they can, and do, take care of themselves—was ample proof that their motto is "Carpe Diem," just as our was—and is, but with this difference, that we, who have been out of college for some time, are "still engaging, still pursuing" (in accordance with the purport of this motto), but often and anon "learning to labor and to wait." "Our paths so far asunder lie" in this large city of Chicago. We must always wait a whole month before we can meet again. Imagine an active Gamma Phi Beta keeping away from her sisters as long as that! And although that bond of common interests, than which no other binds more firmly, ceased some time after our college career drew to its close, yet the many happy memories linked about our several Alma Maters, quite mutual as they are, bind us together still, however varied our interests have become.

As a newcomer I can appreciate the warm welcome accorded me at the first meeting and I can only express regret and surprise at some "old girls" living in or near Chicago, or spending some time here, without making an effort to come in touch with these enthusiastic and cordial alumnae, who wish every Gamma Phi Beta, no matter how brief her stay may be, to inquire the time and place of meeting of the secretary, Mrs. Leigh Reilly (nee Esther Rich of Beta chapter), 10 Quick avenue, River Forest, Illionis, and come at the appointed hour to make their acquaintance.

We expect to have every other meeting down town (and the one intervening at the home of some member), for we think in that way we shall make it possible for more "girls," both active and alumnae, to come whose time is very limited. The

Evanston girls are a very valuable addition, and so, since they come to Chicago very often on this, their free day, we hope to come in closer touch with them through these down-town meetings.

Sad news reached us about two months ago—the news that Constance Webber Waite, formerly of Ann Arbor—had passed away. We could scarcely believe it, but repeated letters, alas! verified the first sad message. A more charming woman and one with gentler wit I never knew. Hers was an enviable nature; what innumerable resources she had at her command and how cleverly, how wisely and how kindly she used them. She had the faculty of making others happy in her presence, of putting everybody at ease and consequently making every one appear at his, or her, best. What a great pity that the allotted span of life of this genial spirit was such a short one. Her loss is deeply mourned by all that had the good fortune to know her. To her devoted husband, mother and sister we convey our heartfelt sympathy.

“Vor Träuen wird mein Herz und Angeschwer:
Es war ein glücklich Kind—ich find's nicht mehr!”



SYRACUSE

SOON after our last letter the whole city was shocked by a terrible accident at the Syracuse-Colgate football game. A part of one of the bleachers collapsed and more than a hundred people were injured, one fatally. Several active and alumnae members of Gamma Phi Beta were injured, but Miss Mildred Webb was the only one seriously hurt. She was in the hospital for many weeks but is slowly recovering. Mildred Webb is a sister of Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecomb.

The November meeting was held at Florence Palmer Baker's and was largely attended.

A coffee was given by Kate Gardner Cooke, '86, to introduce the alumnae to the new chaperone of the chapter house. Mrs. Leonard had already endeared herself to the active members. Besides the alumnae members there were present Cora Willard Fredericks, '81, of Buffalo, Belle Gage Dibbles, Grace Feathery Marot, '95, Kate Miller Cobb, '91, and Kate Gray Ayling, '90.

The December meeting was held at the home of Mira Haven Draper, '80, a sister of our founder, Frances Haven Moss. Mrs. Draper is a returned missionary from Japan and her home is filled with interesting curios from that country. The pressure of business made the afternoon altogether too short.

Many of the alumnae have been attending the meetings of the active chapter lately and it is a delightful way to renew one's youth. We enjoy them, who couldn't help it? Youth and enthusiasm and devotion to Gamma Phi Beta.

May the true Christmas spirit of love and peace remain with every Gamma Phi throughout the coming year.



BOSTON

A HAPPY New Year to all our readers! The subject that is interesting our chapter most keenly at the present moment is the annual alumnae reunion and informal reception to the Delta girls which we always hold during the holidays. Although we could write up the occasion beforehand, in true reportorial fashion—for we know to a nicety just what will happen, even to the things to eat—we must pass it over till the March letter, for this is only December twelfth. The affair does not come off till the twenty-ninth and the hundred odd postcard notices have not yet been written.

To deal with "*les faits accomplis*," the return of our delegate, Marion Dean, from convention, made our December meeting decidedly lively and interesting. Aside from all the business to be transacted, we wanted to hear her stories, for she has visited

all the western chapters during her three month's absence from home and some of the central-western chapters. It was impossible to hear it all in one meeting so we have saved some of it over till January when we shall receive the second installment.

The Boston girls had the pleasure of meeting the first sister from Mu to visit the Atlantic coast, Carolyn Benson, whom Marion brought home with her. It is at meetings of this nature that the unity of our sorority impresses itself upon one, for no matter from what section the girl comes, she is welcomed with open arms because she is a Gamma Phi.

This evidence of the strong bond of sympathy existing between our chapters was particularly conspicuous in the June number of *THE CRESCENT*, in which all the chapter letters contained some expression of sympathy for the California chapters in the misfortunes of the earthquake. As the newspaper reports came to us here in the East, Gamma Phis would ask each other, "do you know how it has fared with 'our girls?'"

All this is a digression and I must return to the subject in hand, the fortunes of our chapter. Well—perhaps that Yankeeism sums it all up—after the October meeting, we had another jolly meeting in November about which the chief thing of interest I recall was the luncheon, a symphony in dark and light brown. Then we went to Delta's initiation where we had the opportunity to welcome to the sorority as fine a crowd of Freshmen as any could wish to see. The Wellesley girls—the generic term we apply to the Gamma Phis enrolled at Wellesley, this year—added by their presence to the joy of the occasion.



NEW YORK

No letter.

MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE Alumnae Chapter has held but one meeting since my last letter of seven weeks ago. That was a business meeting and we had with us Miss Annie Chapman of Gamma, whose home for a number of years has been down in Williamsburg, Virginia. Miss Chapman had just returned from a year abroad and spoke with a great deal of feeling about extension. In all her travels she came upon not one Gamma Phi, while she very often met girls belonging to other sororities—sororities that have many more chapters than we have. We hardly have a large enough alumnae to keep our magazine up to the standard that we desire, while a larger number of chapters would mean greater support to THE CRESCENT. At our meeting we decided to have a luncheon once a month at some member's home, holding our meeting directly after the luncheon.

Mrs. McLengan (nee Richardson) and little son will spend the winter in the South in the hope of improving the latter's health.

Mrs. Bright and daughter Eleanor expect to sail with a party of Chicago friends for Jamaica, touching two or three South American points before their return to Milwaukee.

With greetings to all and the best of New Year's wishes, Milwaukee chapter longs for a little extension.



SAN FRANCISCO

THE San Francisco Alumnae Chapter has but little to chronicle since the fall meeting held in October. According to her goodly custom, Eta summoned the alumnae to the Thanksgiving dinner, and all of us who could do so accepted her hospitality, making the number forty at the tables long. But Eta's letter will tell of the jolly good time we had, even though the poor alumnae were forced to make speeches, which should have been most scintillating and impressive for

each one was delivered only after consultation and deliberation.

We have been especially interested to hear of convention from our own delegates, Miss Mary Le Conte, and from the Eta delegates, and though we were disappointed that more of the girls did not return homeward via California we were pleased to get a glimpse of Miss Dean of Delta.

We are anticipating our next meeting, the annual Christmas jinks which takes place each year during the holiday season, when we go back to the college town and for one night take possession of the chapter house. The date for the jinks has been set for January the fourth, and there promises to be a large attendance.

Our best wishes to you all for a joyous, happy New Year.



Deaths

The sympathy of Gamma Phi Beta is extended to Mrs. E. J. Palmer, whose father, Rev. Benjamin Thore, of Syracuse, died in June. He was a prominent Methodist clergyman and for a number of years has made his home with Mrs. Palmer.



Personal

Beta

The announcement is made of the engagement of Marion Judith Moulton, '05, to James N. H. Campbell, Yale, Phi Gamma Delta, of Hartford, Conn.



Gamma

Mabel Duncan is now teaching school at Cedarsburg, Wis.

Gamma enjoyed a visit from Eurette Kimball, '06, sometime ago.

Born, on November 13th, a daughter, to Mrs. Genevieve Sylvester Allen.

Gamma was happy to have Clara Barkhausen spend a week at the chapter house lately.

Miss Carolyn Benson of Mu chapter, stopped with us for a few days, on her way East.

Helen Pond of Eau Claire, Wis., one of our pledges, has been spending a few days with us.

Bernice Hunter, '06, of Fort Atkinson, spent Sunday at Gamma's chapter house sometime ago.

Mrs. Darling, a Beta alumna, is studying library work in the Madison city library. Gamma is very glad of this opportunity of seeing her occasionally.



Delta

Elizabeth Merrill, ex-'08, is attending the State Normal School.

Delta sympathizes deeply with Edith Riggs in the death of her mother this last week.

Esther Bates, '06, is teaching English in the Springfield High School, Massachusetts.

We were so glad to have Carolyn Benson, Mu, visit with us for a day in college this week.

Florence Greer, '06, is teaching history and English in the Springfield High School, Vermont.

Grace Hooper, '06, is head of the French department of the Dover High School, New Hampshire.

Mary Taylor, ex-'09, with her mother and sister, is spending the winter in Berlin. In February they go to Paris to spend the rest of the school year.

Zeta

Lillian Horsey paid us a flying visit recently.

Ethel Lee Carr was visiting a few days in the city and we were all very glad to see her again.

The wedding of Louise Powell, '06, took place on Wednesday, December 19, at the home of the bride.

Myra Manifold, '05, visited Belle Baker and Florence Oehm, both former classmates, for the first week of rushing season.

Zeta was very glad to have Caroline Smith with her to help rush this year. While in Baltimore she was the guest of Ethel Shriner, '07.

**Eta**

Miss Dean, Delta, spent several days in Berkeley last month.

Julia Dixon, '07, has taken out a leave of absence for six months.

Margaret Hill expects to leave soon for Seattle, Washington, where she will make her home.

Marin Waterhouse, ex-'06, who has been traveling in the east for a year, is in California again.

Alice Zenger Hutchins, ex-'06, and young son, are guests of Professor and Mrs. Zenger of Berkeley.

Della West Bassick, ex-'06, has returned from her wedding trip, and is residing in Oroville, Butte county, for the present.

Alice Hoyt, '09, spent the Thanksgiving holidays as guests of Justine and Margaret Griffith, '09, at their home in Sacramento.

The wedding of Kate Willis, '03, and Mr. David Cowden, Delta Upsilon, of Stanford University, took place in Sacramento, November 29, 1906.



Theta

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sanderson was made glad last month by the birth of a son.

Winnie Shumway is home again at University Park after trying a term of country school teaching.

Inez Ridgeway, who has been at Wellesley for the past three years, is spending the winter at home in Denver.

Edith Ries was married Thursday evening, December the sixth, to Leslie Veatch, Kappa Sigma. The wedding was a very quiet one and no fraternity people were informed of it, but Kappa Sigma and Gamma Phi Beta are planning a surprise party for the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Veatch will make their home in Denver.



Tota

Nellie Gulusha of Gamma chapter, has been spending a few weeks in New York. We were all most happy to meet her.

The marriage of Florence Nye, '05, to Cutler Whitwell, of Delta Kappa Epsilon, took place in Brooklyn early in November.

Belle Baker, Zeta, '05, made a flying visit to New York in December. She dropped in at Barnard late one afternoon and had a short visit with Ellen O'Gorman, Elda Fink and Anne Carroll. The rest of us, unluckily, had gone home.

Kappa

Born, to Ruth Spear Newkirk, Kappa, a daughter.

Margaret Bell, '04, is teaching in Los Angeles, Cal.

Born, to Mrs. Gear, Alpha, a daughter, Marion, August 15.

Laura Wilberton, Gamma, spent five days in November with Kappa chapter.

Kappa enjoyed a short visit from Miss Ross on her return from convention.

Florence Millspaugh spent the first two weeks in December in the Twin Cities.

Alice Redfield visited Florence Millspaugh in November, at her home in Little Falls, Minn.

Katharine Taney, '06, principal of the New Ulm High School, was at home during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Aileen Higgins, Epsilon, entertained at dinner the five Kappa girl who went to Fairbault, December 14, with the Girls' Glee Club.

Carolyn Benson, Mu, spent a day with Kappa on her way east. We greatly enjoyed her news of the West, and her account of Mu chapter.

May Douglas, Gamma, and Una Winterburn, representing Iota and New York Alumnae, stopped a few hours in Minneapolis on their way east.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Batson (nee Brown), Mu, are at home at 222 West Thirty-third street, Minneapolis. Mrs. Batson have given two charming receptions since her return from her wedding trip.

Lambda

Bess Henehan is assistant principal of the Castle Rock High School.

Mrs. Albert Dickenson of Seward, Alaska, is visiting in Seattle.

Mrs. Ralph Foote has recently moved to Seattle from California. We are glad to have her near us.

The engagement of Helen Wetzel, '05, to Mr. J. Fink Gibony, Phi Gamma Delta, has been announced.

Louise Wetzel is to be married New Year's day to Mr. Charles Clarke, Phi Delta Theta, of Berkeley.

Alice Taggart, ex-'05, and Mr. Gilbert Livingston, Sigma Nu, were married November 21 at her home, "The Brakes," on Lake Washington.

**Mu**

Helen Thoburn '07, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

May E. Vorhes, '04, is to be married January 1, 1907, to Mr. Samuel Knupp.

Born, to Ethel Lloyd Bosworth, ex-'07, a daughter, Abbie Louise, July 24, 1906.

Carolyn Benson, '07, is making a trip east and visiting as many as possible of the eastern chapters.

Hazel Patterson, '05, has returned to Los Angeles, after a three months trip through the eastern states.

Helen Salisbury, '05, who is state secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association for California and Nevada, is in New York attending a conference of the Christian Student Federation.

Syracuse

Mrs. Anna Sherman Schultz, '98, was in town for the banquet.

Mrs. T. Atkinson Rockwell has recently joined the alumnae association.

Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, '82, of Buffalo, has been the guest of her parents lately.

Mrs. Dinsmore, our former president, has moved her residence to 387 Ocean avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Louise Knapp, '05, visited in Syracuse during Thanksgiving vacation. She is teaching history and Latin in Corning, New York.

The older alumnae received with great pleasure the greeting across the continent from Mrs. Emma Porter Sutherland, '82, of Seattle. A warm welcome awaits her return to Syracuse.

Mrs. Genevieve Ostrander Porter, '86, entertained in November in honor of Mrs. Anna Sherman Schultz, '98, of Hornellsville, and during the afternoon the engagement of Miss Lewis was announced.

Mrs. Genevieve Ostrander Porter, '86, recently injured her arm very seriously and has suffered much pain and inconvenience as a result. She is still unable to use the fingers and is confined to the house. Mrs. Porter is a musician of ability and her many friends hope for a complete recovery.

The engagement of M. Corrine Lewis, '98, to Ralph Robinson, '98, of Washington, D. C., is announced. Mr. Robinson is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The Syracuse High School Recorder says: Miss Lewis! well, you all know Miss Lewis. She is one of the most popular teachers in the high school and one whom her students will always cherish and love. Mr.

Robinson is to be congratulated on winning Miss Lewis, although it is a severe loss to Syracuse High. "So say we all of us."



Announcements

The Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity announces the installation of the Alpha Iota chapter at Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, on Friday, November the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six.

The Grand Council of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity announces the re-establishment of the Gamma chapter at Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind., on Saturday, November the third, nineteen hundred and six.



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