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MILL you come with me for a short visit to Mu's new chapter house? Just imagine yourself riding in one of the busses which have become a traditional part of Stanford life, up the palm-lined avenue leading to the Quad, further along the Row past the homes of faculty and fraternity, then on beyond the campus gates. And just outside on the hill-slope to your right you will see a large shingled house where eighteen Gamma Phis are eagerly waiting to greet you in their new home.

The story of Mu's new home seems longer, perhaps, to us who have taken part in it, than to others who see only the accomplishment of it. Ever since we received our charter in January, 1905, our highest hope has been to own our own lodge and all our efforts have been made towards the realization of this ideal. Many difficulties stood in the way, but one by one they were surmounted; and this fall when college opened we were more than repaid for all our work by being able to move into our own home.

At Stanford the University maintains the policy of refusing to sell any of its land to outsiders and all who wish to build on University land are required to lease it and pay so much ground rent per year. When Mu chapter decided to form a stock com-

pany, a preliminary step in the way of security had to be made, which was a deposit of \$2000 in the bank by the individual chapter members. This done, stock amounting to \$10,000 was issued and sold, as many Gamma Phis as possible taking shares and the rest sold to outsiders.

After many set-backs and delays, ground was broken for the house last May, and when the girls left for home in vacation time the foundation was securely laid. During the summer the building was personally superintended by Ruth Gilbert and Helen Thornburn, two of the girls, who devoted all their time and energy to bring about the completion of the house for the opening of college. And the last of August, when the girls returned to the campus, the house was so nearly finished that we were able to move in and by the middle of September we were fully settled.

The "House-on-the-Hill" is what we of Mu chapter call it. It lies on a hillside above the road—a big shingled house with a long sloping roof and rustic-finished timbers stained a dark brown. From the porch, fifteen feet wide and extending around two sides of the house, can be seen, to the east and north, the campus and the strip of valley lying between the hills and the bay, and the mountains on the other side; and to the south and west the rolling foot-hills as far as the highest ridge of the Coast Range, where the sun sets in a glorious red-gold ball. A large circular lawn intervenes between the driveway and the private avenue leading to the road below; and the ground on the lower side is terraced up to the steps.

As you enter the house, the front door with its heavy brass Gamma Phi Beta monogram ushers you into the large hall and just beyond is the cozy den. The wide stairway is at the right and directly opposite a large open fireplace with raised hearth, where we gather after dinner. To the right of the hall is the music room and the dining room and to the left the living room and library with Dutch doors opening on the porch. The pass-pantry and kitchen form a separate L of the house back of the dining

room. The lower floor is so arranged as to be entirely open for dancing.

We are particularly pleased with the finishing of the house. The floors are maple; all the woodwork hard Oregon pine, stained weathered oak. The furniture on the first floor is all weathered oak and in keeping with the woodwork. The hall and den are done entirely in wood—broad panelling and heavy studding with massive beams across the ceiling. In the music and dining rooms the walls are wainscoted six feet, the tinting above being red and the ceiling a deep cream. A buffet built in and a plate rail on which are white and gold plates, add to the attractiveness of the dining room. The electric fixtures in these rooms are of heavy dull brass with red glass globes, and are suspended from the ceiling by large-linked chains. In the living room and library the tinting is done in Gamma Phi colors—brown walls and deep cream ceilings. The two open fireplaces in these rooms with the one in the hall are of large, unglazed tiling, of a mottled brownish color. The big settees built in by the hearths and the window seats, make the house seem cozy and homelike. The fixtures in these rooms are the same as those in the music and dining rooms, only they are amber in color instead of red.

On the second floor are six bed rooms, a bath and wash room, a linen closet, two lavatories, besides the chaperone's room and bath, and a large unfinished store room under the eaves. The hall is wainscoted four feet and the walls and ceiling, like the living room, are brown and deep cream. The bed rooms are all finished in the dark oak stain and tinted a cream color. Large closets and broad windows make the rooms most comfortable. This year the girls have furnished their rooms with white beds, and new dressers and tables and chairs; and the rooms all are light and airy. The third floor has three bed rooms, a bath and wash room and a large unfinished trunk room. There are many little conveniences and features about the house such as the up-

stairs porch, the telephone seat on the stair-landing, and the wide stairway between the second and third floors, which have to be seen to be appreciated.

As a whole, the house has more than surpassed our expectations in planning it. Its elastic qualities are unbounded, for it is not only the home of Mu chapter, but of all Gamma Phis. At the time of the Stanford-California intercollegiate Rugby game, on November 9, we were fortunate enough to welcome the girls of Eta besides many of our own "old girls" who came back for a few days' visit. And in closing this story of our home, we extend to all Gamma Phis everywhere and always a cordial wish that we may some day "personally conduct" you through the "House-on-the-Hill."

ELSIE DORRANCE OWEN, Mu, '07.



Thirty-Third Annual Convention of the Gamma Phi Beta

REALIZATION surpassed expectation in every detail of the Gamma Phi Beta Convention at Syracuse. If we never had known before the spirit of Gamma Phi we would have learned it then in the home of our Alpha chapter, where every hour gave fresh proof of the sweetness and strength of our sisterhood. Nor was hospitality confined to Alpha of Gamma Phi Beta alone, for from the first there was strong inter-fraternity cordiality. Scarcely had we been met by our Syracuse sisters and whisked away to their homes before we were off again at the invitation of Alpha Phi to a most delightful afternoon gathering.

This was but the beginning of such a four days' program as the word convention always suggests, but the convention this year had a unique feature which greatly increased our enthusiasm. Not only did we meet scores of Gamma Phis whom we had before known by name alone, but we met in person those who have been closest in our thoughts of and feelings toward Gamma Phi, the four founders of our order, Helen W. Dodge Ferguson, Francis E. Haven Moss, E. Adeline Curtis Curtis and Mary A. Bingham

Willoughby. Their presence intensified our impression of the growth of our sorority, the strength of its ideals and the earnestness of its purpose.

To these general impressions were added others which were the result of many separate occasions planned with loving thought and carried out with untiring energy and grace. The feeling of fellowship so characteristic of the convention was largely due to the pleasant informality of the reception at Mrs. Stearn's home on Tuesday evening. Before the close of the evening we were entertained by the active chapter of Alpha in high class vaudeville. The Dutch clog dance was a most effective feature of the program and the Gamma Phi sing which served as a finale appealed to us as an expression of Alpha's heartiness and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the alumnae council met for half an hour before the regular business meeting. The business sessions were held at the home of Mrs. L. O. Wadleigh, who also entertained Miss Gertrude Ross and Mrs. T. L. Berry, of the Executive Board. The delegates who answered to roll call were: Alpha, Misses Mace, Frisbie; Beta, Miss Kinyon; Gamma, Miss Driver; Delta, Miss Beiler, Miss West; Epsilon, Miss Persis Rollins; Zeta, Miss Kline; Eta, Miss Grace Foulds; Theta, Miss Helen Hersey; Iota, Miss Ellen O'Gorman; Kappa, Miss Helen Weld; Lambda, Miss Beatrice Prosch; Mu, Miss Grace Foulds; Alumnae Chapters—Chicago, Mrs. Berry; San Francisco, Miss Foulds; Milwaukee, Miss Carrie E. Morgan; New York, Mrs. Blanch Shove Palmer, Miss Edna Stitt; Boston, Miss Squire; Syracuse, Mrs. L. O. Wadleigh, Miss Emogene Day and Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke; Denver, Mrs. W. O. Miller.

There were about fifty visitors among them Anna Morris Dimmick, Zeta, editor of THE CRESCENT, Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, well known as the author of the "Juliet Stories."

Business continued till four p. m. both Wednesday and Thursday with the exception of the hour for luncheon for which provision was made each day at the chapter house.

After business came the pleasure of numerous teas and entertainments. About three hundred Syracuse girls irrespective of sorority met with us Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. G. Allen. The hostess was assisted by Miss Gertrude Ross, Mrs. South, Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Mace, while Mrs. Hamilton S. White presided in the dining room. On Thursday afternoon Pi of Psi Upsilon fraternity gave a reception for the convention delegates and the local chapter at their beautiful house. Friday was a very busy and happy day. At 12:30 we all gathered for the convention picture and then the delegates were given a view of the city in the pleasantest way possible—a drag ride—as guests of the Delta Upsilon. If enthusiasm can repay hospitality Delta Upsilon had full opportunity to measure our appreciation for not only did we find Syracuse itself a charming city, but we also noted with loyal pride that a Gamma Phi home stood in almost every block. During the remainder of the afternoon Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi entertained both the delegates and visitors at their chapter houses.

The evening hours were equally pleasurable. We have already spoken of our first evening which gave such a pleasant tone to the whole convention. On Wednesday evening Chancellor and Mrs. Day, with their usual cordial interest in Gamma Phi, opened their home to us and gave us the opportunity of meeting about 500 guests. They were assisted in receiving by Miss Emogene Day, Miss Ross and Miss Ruth Laycock. Thursday evening was the occasion of the convention dance at which the alumnae chapter was hostess. The dance was given at the Alhambra and preceding it the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity entertained at dinner in their chapter house. The hall was decorated most tastefully with the sorority colors and pink carnations, the sorority flower.

But the climax of the social pleasures incident to the convention was the banquet on Friday night which closed the program. One hundred and seventy-five sat down to a delightful menu, which consisted of

	Oyster Cocktails	
	Cheese Sandwiches	
	—	
	Cream of Celery	
Wafers		Celery Hearts
	—	
	Fillet of Beef with Mushrooms	
Princess Potatoes		French Peas
	Finger Toast	
	—	
	Lemon Sherbet	
	—	
	Waldorf Salad	
	—	
Salted Nuts		Pim Olas
	Spanish Sandwiches	
	—	
Neapolitan Ice Cream.		Assorted Cakes
	Coffee	
Music by Kapps Orchestra		

Carnations and chrysanthemums were used as decorations with silver candelabra filled with pink and white candles and pink bon bon boxes in the shape of our sorority crescent were the souvenirs.

The presence of our founders was recognized in the first toast which was called for by Mrs. Austiana Taylor Goreth, who presided as toastmistress with peculiar charm, and was responded to by Mrs. Helen Dodge Ferguson. The toast scheme was simple and appropriate and the singing of our favorite songs added to the hearty enjoyment of the program.

TOASTS.

AUSTIANNA TAYLOR GORETH, Toastmistress.

I

Our Founders.....Helen Dodge Ferguson
 "First the babe."—Shakespeare.
 Song....."Once a Maiden Went to College"

II

Atalanta in Tutelage.....Eta, for Our Western Division

“And then the schoolboy with his satchel,
And shining morning face.”—Shakespeare.

Song.....“The Joy of Gamma Phi”

III

Das Ewig Weibliche.....Grace Smith Richmond

“And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace.”—Shakespeare.

Song.....“Singing to Thee”

IV

More Worlds to Conquer.....Gertude Ross, Sorority President

“Then the soldier,
Jealous in honor.”—Shakespeare.

Song.....“As We Stand at Thy Portals”

V

Sororities at the Bar.....Delta, for Our Eastern Division

“And then, the justice,
Full of wise saws and modern instances.”—Shakespeare.

Song.....“’Tis Only a Song of Merry Girls”

VI

The Second Generation.....Beta, for Our Middle Division

“With spectacles on nose.”—Shakespeare.
“We look before and after.”—Shelley.

Song.....“We’re Gamma Phi’s Forever”

At the close of the last song not the least interesting part of the evening followed, when in response to Mrs. Goreth’s request then rose in turn the first pledging, all charter members, fiancées and brides, delegates and other interesting groups.

The parting that evening was not the end of the convention, for the Athletic Association of the University entertained all

delegates and visitors who remained in town at the Syracuse-Lafayette game, held Saturday afternoon in the stadium. A perfect afternoon, a good game, and splendid place made it a most enjoyable close of the festivities at Syracuse.

Since then North and South, East and West, Gamma Phis have been enthusiastically living over again the happy convention days and spreading the influence of its splendid fellowship.

FLORA ROBINSON, Zeta.



The following are Syracuse girls who were back at convention time exclusive of those who live in the city: Mesdames Austiana Taylor Goreth, Grace Smith Richmond, Kate Foster Sarnberger, Louise Klock French, Ida Saxton Wilcox, Myrta Kenaston Russell, Georgiana Taylor Carpenter, Anna Terry Whitford, Mary Beck Harvey, Clara Brigham Collins, Anna Loomis Humphrey, Mary Fuller Feason, Nettie Fuller Leete, Cora Willar Frederick, Mary Crothers McCoy, Florence Reed Munro, Miriam Ernhout Barnes, Minnie C. Dinsmore, Blanche Shove Palmer; Misses Carrie Green, Mary Edson, Lua Noyes, Mary Bingham, Irma Schoefflin, Beth Wildman, Ruth Gordan, Lucy Babcock Titsworth, Helen Saxton, Elizabeth Mason, Ruth Elva Russum, Ruth Piatt, Mary Supplee, Florence Seeley, the Misses Gaggin, Miss Zimmerman.



ALPHA cannot say too much about her happiness in having our four founders with us at convention. It was the first time since '78 that they had all been here at the same time. It is impossible to tell just how we all felt when we saw these four to whom we owe everything, seated together at banquet and next to them the first initiate, Mrs. Wilcox.

It was also Alpha's as well as the whole convention's pleasure to have the national president of our sorority, Miss Gertrude Ross, with us. To her we owe a deep debt of gratitude for her

faithful and untiring guidance during the past year. Two other members of our executive board were with us—Mrs. T. L. Berry, our new vice president, and Miss Mabel E. Stone, our secretary.

Grace Smith Richmond, our “Ladies Home Juliet,” was also with us. The lion roared very gently, but very cleverly, and we were more proud of her than ever.

Miss Mary Whitford, “the Alpha girl who has not missed a chapter meeting in the thirty years since her initiation,” and who has attended each of our banquets since then, was with us at our reunion feast.

Mrs. Kate Gardiner Cooke holds another banquet record. She also has never missed one since her initiation in 1886.

Zeta rejoiced our hearts by sending ten delegates and visitors. Among them were Miss Alice Dimmick and Miss Anna Dimmick, the latter our CRESCENT worker, also Miss Elizabeth Gatch, our Y. W. C. A. secretary, whose work this year is in Brooklyn, New York.

Another of our well known Gamma Phis was with us. Miss Olive Dutcher, Iota, who is Professor of Biblical Literature in Mt. Holyoke College.

To the two girls who came over three thousand miles to our convention only words of praise are due—The Misses Prosch, of Seattle, Washington.

Miss Grace Foulds, of Eta, was the busiest worker of convention among the delegates, as she represented San Francisco Alumnae, Eta and Mu chapters.

“Das Ewig Weibliche”

The Toast responded to by Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, '88

M ADAM Toastmistress and Ladies: A number of years ago—I don't venture to say how many—I had the pleasure of seeing a little play, written and enacted by girls of Gamma Phi. The name of the play was, I think, “A Cake of Soap”; or possibly, it might have been “A Pack of Cards,” or “A Pair of Curling Irons.” It doesn't matter, only I'm sure it must have been something beautifully intellectual, like one of these.

There were three male parts in the play, taken by three extremely clever girls. But while two of these girls were merely clever, the third, the leading man, was certainly a genius of high order. The other two men, in spite of their exquisitely correct clothes and neckwear, had just a touch of femininity about them, but the leading man was sternly masculine. He had all the characteristic tricks of the hero. His fashion of thrusting his fists down into his pockets and jingling his loose change, his style of settling his coat collar, his way of managing his large pocket-handkerchief—all these things were art—high art. The other two were obliged to speak in voices which occasionally broke, like a fourteen year old schoolboy's, in their efforts to achieve a deep masculine pitch, but the rich contralto speech of the leading man was fairly melting in its suggestion of the possibility that he could, if urged, sing tenor. Even his hair, though one divined that a long coil of it was at the moment enshrouding his spine and making him miserably hot, had in it a magnificent wave, just at the point of departure—so to speak—which effectually

concealed the fact that it did not end picturesquely where it seemed to end.

As for the love-making of this leading man—it was superb. It was easy to see that the leading lady was genuinely affected by it—and as for the audience, it was spell bound. He was by turns vehement, tender and audacious—precisely as a lover must be if he expects ever to get anywhere with a girl who is at one and the same time, appealing, imperious and capricious. He said things under his breath. He laughed and got angry and kicked footstools; threw pillows about; lit cigarettes—many cigarettes. If I remember, he never got beyond the first puff, but then, lovers don't, when they are seriously in love. Altogether, as one watched him, one's wonder grew as to how he could do it all so well.

The impression that he gave of being really and genuinely a man—and a remarkably good-looking chap, too—was so universal that when the play was over, and an informal dance began, he was in tremendous demand as a partner. He was tall and he danced quite as well as he did everything else, and his devoted manner made him seem really worth while to the girls to be nice to. I remember hearing one girl call him “darling,” as they two-stepped by, and the look she gave him as she said it was—well, it was calculated to keep her in practice, while waiting for the real thing, to say the least.

The thing which puzzled some of us, as we looked on at all this charming make-believe was this: What is this girl like—as a girl? Can she possibly be a thoroughly womanly sort of a girl—or is she one of the masculine sort to whom such a part comes as naturally as breathing? The question really was an interesting one.

The next evening a reception was given at one of the college buildings. As I remember it, it took place mainly in the cor-

ridors, which were decorated for the occasion. During the evening a group of us were standing at the foot of a staircase. It seemed to be made up of the Princess and three or four of her courtiers. The Princess was a tall and graceful girl in a charming blue silk gown with a manner which struck us as particularly captivating. She was being all things to all those men in a way as delightfully girlish as you can imagine—I don't need to describe it. The point is that the air of her suggested the eternal feminine so completely that—well—we failed absolutely to recognize that leading man!

When it was pointed out to us that the youth who had made love to the girl in the play with such a manly air was really the Princess who was at the present moment driving her courtiers distracted with so many dainty ways, we said to ourselves: "Oh, of course! No wonder she knows how to do it! She has had only to observe—she has had all the chances to know how men act under all conditions."

This incident may shed a little light upon the burning question, "Why do the girls of Gamma Phi make nicer sweethearts and brides than other girls do?" Of course you agree with me that there can be no doubt that this is so—the only thing we have to do is to find an explanation for it. On that same evening I remember noting that the case of the Princess was by no means a case by itself. Our Toastmistress of tonight was present at that reception. We were told that it was some time since she had been back upon a similar occasion. Some of us were anxious to see her, but to our dismay we found it quite impossible. Such a solid wall of black coats surrounded her from first to last that we could only catch unsatisfying glimpses of her through the interstices. As for her sister, it appeared to us she was in danger of being mobbed. All about us were similar illustrations. And when, now and then, we came upon a demure girl in a far corner

somewhere, attended only by a single man, and looking as if she had no special use for him, we knew her case was most dangerous of all. For that's the sort of

—"girl who has so many willful ways

She would have caused Job's patience to forsake him,

Yet is so rich in all that's girlhood's praise,

Did Job himself upon her goodness gaze,

A little better she would surely make him.

Yet is this girl I sing in naught uncommon,

And very far from angel yet, I trow.

Her faults, her sweetnesses, are purely human;

Yet she's more lovable as simple woman

Than any one diviner that I know."

—DINAH MULOCH CRAIK.

So much for Gamma Phi's sweethearts—and I may say in passing that I am fully aware that this designation includes the entire unmarried portion of the sorority. There is no use in anybody's denying it. Even the most studious of the active members—whichever she is—the one who goes in for rank and honors, and eschews society, and allows no man in Syracuse, or Minneapolis, or Baltimore, to bother her with his attentions—we understand perfectly that once a week she receives a letter from Arizona, or from South Carolina, or from the Philippines, which temporarily distracts her attention from the algorithm of the infinitesimal calculus. At this very moment she has the latest of these letters tucked away somewhere under her laces, and there's no use in her looking at us with that innocent expression. She will probably be the next bride.

As for the brides themselves, we can tell which they are, for they have not been listening as conscientiously as the others. They are already planning whether they can take one train earlier for home tomorrow morning than they promised him they would take. Last night, when they had reached their rooms after the ball they sat up to write him a full description—and sent it to

him this morning by special delivery. At least the letter started out to be a full description, but after stating which of the old girls are back, and telling him which frock she herself decided to wear, it became side tracked by the very mention of that frock. "It was the one, you know, dear, you like so well—the one you said—when I put it on the first time we went out to dinner after we were married, that even in my wedding gown I had never looked—" You know the sort of thing.

But we can't blame her.

"Her mode of candor is deceit;
And what she thinks from what she'll say
(Although I'll never call her cheat),
Lies far as Scotland from Cathay.
Without his knowledge he was won,
Against his nature kept devout;
She'll never tell him how 'twas done,
And he will never find it out.
If, sudden, he suspects her wiles,
And hears her forging chain and trap,
And looks,—she sits in simple smiles,
Her two hands lying in her lap!
Her secret (privilege of the Bard,
Whose fancy is of either sex)
Is mine; but let the darkness guard
Mysteries that light would more perplex."

To the sweethearts and brides, then, of Gamma Phi—may they never be found out!

Mother Alpha

Introduction to Beta Toast at the Convention Banquet,
by the Toastmistress

DEAR Mother Alpha, here have we gathered,
Sisters and daughters from east and from west;
Some from the northland, some from the southland,
All to thy hearthstone, like birds to their nest.

Here at thy feet lay we guerdon and treasure,
All we have garnered of wisdom and grace.
Love—who can fathom it, joy—who can measure,
At the fond smile on thy welcoming face?

Each has her story, part told, and part hidden,
Triumphs to gladden and griefs to be shared.
Tho' to thy fireside come shadows unbidden,
Yet thou wouldst know how thy children have fared.

Mother, in joyance thy smile was our sunshine,
Always thy voice was our word of command;
Ever in struggle thy brow was our beacon,
Ever outstretched was thy welcoming hand.

To now we bring thee our nearest and dearest,
Naught have we worthier, Mother, of thee.
True to thy counsels, they cherish thy favor
Loyal and steadfast and loving as we.

Take then *our* daughters and teach them thy wisdom,
Duty, devotion and love with their lore;
Thus shall our hearts still keep time with thy heartbeats,
Thus shall thy fair fame increase evermore.

—*Austiana Taylor Goreth, Alpha, '92.*

The Chapter House

WHETHER the writer of this paper was selected because for many years she was a resident in a square where there were nine chapter houses, besides two college boarding houses for girls, she does not know. Surely, during the time her observations from the standpoint of an outsider, mingled with her own experience and pleasure in connection with her own chapter's house, have many times set her thinking.

The chapter house—purely the product of the Greek letter society, the scene of the very center of the chapter's interest, the college home of many, the resort of the graduated college girls, the very substance of many happy memories of college pleasures. Its management and maintenance is a vexing question; especially so at a time when the whole system of domestic economy in America is so disturbed, and when the management of her own home seems to present a problem almost too difficult for even a veteran housewife to solve. And yet, every year a dozen girls unskilled and of little or no experience in managing a house, all undaunted, undertake and often make a success of maintaining such an establishment.

One chapter house about which I knew more or less, had been under the guiding hand of a committee from the chapter's alumnae. They had gotten the house very much in debt and were ready to acknowledge their failure. At the same time they hesitated to give over to the girls themselves the control of affairs. Now it happened at that time that there lived in the house an extremely capable, womanly girl who was anxious to assume alone the duty of manager. She very successfully proved her ability to cope with the question. She has written me very emphatically that she "believes now, just as she did then, when she was in college, that it is impossible for anyone outside of the house to run its affairs." And she thinks that there should be one, and only one, who is responsible who lives in the house. Her method was this:

She was practically the financial head. Another of the girls who was particularly congenial to her was her bookkeeper and her books always balanced. To her the girls paid their board and money was drawn on her funds by the financial head to pay the bills. The financial manager paid all bills, plumbing, meat, coal, groceries, lighting, etc., and she attended to all matters, as she express it, "just as a man would do in an ordinary household." The chaperon did the marketing, was given an allowance for the table and servants, "and paid and hired and managed her own servants."

This particular girl about whom we are thinking attributes her success simply to her constant attention to the matter and to the efficiency of the bookkeeper. Few would be willing to sacrifice so much time and pleasure to the care of a house. She suggests that no one ought to be expected to do so much without some compensation, that one serving in this capacity earns at least her board, but under such an arrangement, could, also, keep the books herself.

In another instance when a similar plan was tried, the financial manager failed in attention to her duties and in accuracy, so that she left college with her books and accounts so entangled that the house suffered from it for a year or two.

Another plan at present in successful operation—the living rooms, dining-room, kitchen, and pantries are furnished and replenished by the chapter, also heated and lighted. The sleeping-rooms are furnished by the individual occupants. Then a man and his wife are employed to keep the house in running order, and are paid a stated sum for this. But those who live in the house have no responsibility in the question of meals, for they simply pay their board to this same man and his wife who work independently in this respect.

In our Gamma Phi Beta chapter house, in Syracuse, most of the furnishings are a collection of gifts received from our own girls or from their parents, or friends at annual holiday parties—or more properly—donation parties. At times when there have

been special needs, taxes have been levied upon the whole active chapter.

The question of a chaperon is a delicate one, and her position is hard to fill. For she must be a lady and a person of the greatest tact, and yet of sufficient self-assertion to command respect. With these characteristics must be combined a willingness to enjoy, sometimes, a good deal of attention; at other times, to be utterly ignored, and to work very hard; more often to be not a chaperon, but merely a housekeeper. Some one has remarked with quite as much wisdom as wit, that the chaperon at a chapter home, like the attendants at an insane asylum, was short-lived. Certainly my observations as a resident of a block of chapter houses taught me to expect to see a different woman serving in that office in each house, nearly every year.

It is hard to discover a chaperon who is, as well, a good housekeeper, but that work must of necessity fall to her, as no college girl can give her time to housekeeping. It seems to be the prevailing plan that the chaperon should not carry the pocketbook, but should work on an allowance besides her regular wages. That in order that the house may run smoothly the servants should understand that they are dependent upon her for their places, and not under the authority of any one else.

The chaperon can do about as much chaperoning as most persons who serve in that capacity at social gatherings. College girls are not calculated to take corrections as to their behavior and conduct and the keeping of reasonable rules from the chaperon or from the seniors. Often even seniors need advice or something more forceful.

A good chaperon, and one whom the girls in the house were all very fond of, always took such matters regularly to one of the *alumnae*—one, I believe, of her own choice. In this way the *alumna*, many times quietly, sometimes firmly, made clear to the young lady in question that her conduct was not becoming, or that the interest of the chapter demanded different behavior on her part.

Another plan suggested for handling such matters—for they arise in any chapter of any sorority, because we are all human. This plan is to have one or two seniors, perhaps, one in the house and one out of the house, selected by the resident alumnæ, who shall have a care of such things. These seniors in turn choose one of the alumnæ of similar tastes as theirs so that they can feel perfectly free in talking with her as their counselor. One of our own college girls has said that all matters of discipline must be in the hands of the alumnæ, for the simple reason that they are the ones for whom the active girls have the most respect.

Our present active chapter girls feel that the chapter house presents the best solution of the problem of living as well as possible while in college, and of developing loyalty to the sorority and of establishing sorority discipline.

Many of the alumnæ, some of whom went to college before the days of chapter houses, others who have lived at the chapter house while in college, honestly disapprove of the chapter house. They believe that the influence of the chapter house is a detriment to the girls who live in it and not good for those who do not room and board there. And for these reasons they are confident that the chapter house does not foster the best interests of individual Gamma Phis as Gamma Phis, or as college girls, or as young women.

It is the dream of many of our alumnæ to own not a chapter house but a chapter lodge. They would have this lodge contain suitable rooms for chapter meetings and for social gatherings, kitchens and complete equipment for catering for banquets. This would provide a place for any Gamma Phi in college or out of college to gather at any time, in two's or three's, or in greater numbers, but would necessitate the use of dormitories or other places for rooms and board.

However radical the ideas the writer has presented to you, she wishes to assure you that they were collected from Gamma Phis older and younger in Syracuse and out of town, all of whom expressed themselves very earnestly and very seriously.

MILLICENT A. HINKLEY, Alpha, '94.

Reviews

"With Juliet in England," by Grace Smith Richmond. Illustrated by Charles M. Relyea: New York, Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.50

THIS is not the introduction of Juliet by the author of this volume to her readers. In that charming story entitled, "The Indifference of Juliet," Mrs. Richmond first presents her to the public. It is regarded somewhat hazardous for an author to continue the leading character of a story in a second volume; but Juliet is just as strong and as fascinating in her rambles in England as she was when we were first introduced to her in her indifference. Here we have Juliet taking us on a most interesting tour through England and she is more fascinating and wiser than when we first met her. The scenes through which she leads her charming company as well as the sea voyage are perfectly natural and charming. The reader feels himself one of the little circle so is his interest enlisted and so perfectly human are all the character sketches. The author has done her work most delightfully. Mrs. Richmond wields a pen with strength, illumination and literary charm, and has written a book of authoritative travel as well as an excellent work of fiction. There is therefore a double interest in the work, as an account of travels in the rural parts of England interwoven with a story of extraordinary interest. One is continually breathing a bracing atmosphere, whether one mingles with this charmed circle described in the book on land or sea. Juliet is the leading character, but Diantha, the vivacious Western girl, is an easy second. Timothy Fitzpatrick, the witty Irishman and Oxford student, falls desperately in love with Diantha and pleads his cause with fine spirit and genuine heart love for this Rocky Mountain girl, but the dashing, noble, Lieutenant Lincoln Webb, U. S. A., finally conquers and with consummate skill wins the heart of the beautiful young maiden. The influence of this Western woman upon these two men is remarkably set forth and gives to the story enough dramatic interest to hold the reader's attention to the end.

The author has painted with true skill the domestic life of the married couples in her story so as to show that there still remains the true love and fidelity which so frequently is made to appear by writers as matters of the past, not to be found in the married lives of men and women of today. She makes love and devotion the perfectly natural conditions to be looked for in the normal home circles of the present.

It is in every way a clean, hearty, wholesome book. A story with vigor, fine moral sentiment and strong, pure characters. The author gives us an interesting book on travel, as well as a very entertaining picturesque human story. We have not seen its superior among the books published this year.—B. F. D.



Toast

The Common Faith and Duty of Pan Hellenism, by Walter James Sears,
Sigma Nu, delivered at the Banquet of the Pan Hellenic
Association of Ohio State University,
Columbus, Nov. 24, 1906.

MR. SEARS, in his toast on the "Common Faith and Duty of Pan-Hellenism," seems to me to state very concisely the facts concerning the common faith of all Greek letter fraternities but I think his ideas as regards the common duty are far beyond realization at the present. But perhaps an outline of the toast will give you a much better idea of the points he brought out. He first asks, "Is there a common faith?" and answers "there was and is a common cause for them."

They all sprang from the desire of men to protect their rights, to cherish their friendships, to ennoble their natures, to enrich their minds and to advance their ideals. The first college fraternity of which there is any record was the union of the students at Athens, Rome and Alexandria, and later at Paris, Salerno and Oxford, under the name of their own tribe and nations. But as civilization advanced the old barriers of antagonism between tribes and races were broken down and college men found a new and better ground for fellowship in culture and brotherly love.

He then raises the question, "Is there a common duty?" and answers, "There is an urgent demand for the willing sacrifice of practical human service." In connection with this he shows the life of a student in early times when the students and teachers were free—the life of the student in the Middle Ages, when education was under the control of the church and state—and the life of the student in the modern university which has outgrown the one and modified the other.

Again the student is free and the teacher. There is still the reign of law and rule of system, but it is an enlightened law of self-control and self-government quickened by the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion. But many ask: "Has not the teacher too little influence and the student too much freedom?"

Mr. Sears turns to the alumni and asks if they shall not in some sense and in some way take the place of the teacher in his old relationship of personal direction and guidance. He suggests for the carrying out of this idea an Alumni Board of Visitors for each chapter and that through Pan-Hellenic Associations, these boards to exchange visits among all the chapters and to report to the central Pan-Hellenic Board the result of these visits. He goes still further and suggests that the alumni give the means to endow and form tutorships. These tutors or leaders to be placed over each chapter house like old English colleges—to direct the studies, lead the amusements, counsel the students, and mould and direct their life. This Mr. Sears thinks should be the common duty of every fraternity man.

In conclusion, he says that the rational things for fraternity men is to unite upon the common grounds of a high human calling which will prompt one to utter the pledge of the common faith and to perform the service of a common duty.

HELEN GABLE, *Beta*.

Executive Board Greeting

WITH the best of wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, the board assumes its new duties in the service of the sorority. We ask the prompt coöperation of the chapters at all points where our work touches theirs and trust that the year may be one of steady advance for our beloved sisterhood.

Our foundations were laid broad and deep, the superstructure has been reared with a wise conservatism, and today we face the world with unshaken faith in our ideals, knowing what Gamma Phi is to us and proud to share her bonds with the new members of the sorority. Within we are at peace, and criticism from without cannot shake that calm of conviction and experience.

Criticism there undoubtedly is, not of this sorority and that fraternity, but of all Greek letter organizations, and it is well for us to know what form these strictures take and to decide how far they are concerned with undesirable and remediable phases of Greek life.

Some of the complaints against fraternities have, of course, never been urged against sororities, but there is one indictment brought against both impartially, the charge of an undemocratic exclusiveness and aloofness from friendly fellowship with the large non-Greek college world. We are said to limit our friendships too strictly to our own little group and to miss both the giving and the receiving of wider and more varied influences.

This is undoubtedly true of the majority of us and a little thought convinces us that from both the altruistic and the selfish point of view such a limiting of our friendship is not a desirable thing. We all cherish some ideal of social service, not to be satisfied by devotion to those of our own household only, but reaching out to all the lives that touch our own. This ideal must not be starved through the four years of our college life and can find its best expression not only in the work of the Y. W. C. A. and the college settlement, but also in a real friendliness of spirit that will develop the chance contacts of class room and campus into enduring friendships. And, as always, this spirit will bless its possessor even more than those on whom she spends its fruits of love and service, in the widening of sympathy and deepening of character that are the flowers of life.

It is the active chapters that bear the brunt of criticism and it is the undergraduate who for the fair fame of her sorority, the realization of her social ideals and the development of her own character, must extend her friendships beyond the bounds of the sisterhood.

AMY LOUISE PHELAN, President.



WE cannot resist remarking upon the rare opportunity which was afforded all who attended Convention in meeting our founders. To these noble women we owe all our sorority life, and the privilege of meeting them was surely an inspiration to us to attain to Gamma Phi Beta's ideals. The deep seated interest which was manifest by these splendid women was indicative that our sorority is based upon something deeper and more eternal than mere social intercourse.

The Gamma Phi spirit, that indefinable force, pervaded the entire Convention. To the presence of our founders we must attribute a large portion of it. Never before was it so apparent that this influence of the sorority had done so much to strengthen and mould character. This was shown by the unanimity of the Convention body and the spirit which pervaded the entire gathering. This part of the sorority life is not one which has been changed and altered by the various individual characters which have made up our chapters, but rather it has been the moulding force of the chapters. All have received its impress and therein has been our strength.

"The world will little note what we say here, but it can ne'er forget what they did," though it was some thirty odd years ago.



IT IS with great pleasure that we have reviewed the last Juliet book by Mrs. Richmond. Alpha and all Gamma Phis have always been proud of the author, but this last volume has brought

new laurels to her and a new source of pride to her chapter and sorority at large. The book is much of an improvement over the serial which was run in the Ladies Home Journal. They might be said to make up the book, but taken just as they were issued, they are the book only in a mutilated form, and not in the splendid literary style which this volume presents. We feel confident that this volume will have a wide reading by Gamma Phi and many will want to know more of Juliet and of the author's splendid characteristics with which she clothes the characters of her book.

Congratulations to the author and to ourselves for the privilege of sharing with her in her well merited praise.



WITH the close of Convention, our faithful president, Miss Ross, was released from her duties, and these were handed over to Miss Phelan, who has already served five years upon the Board. Miss Ross, though no longer actively engaged in the work, has the interests of the sorority so much in heart that she can do nothing else but watch with intense interest our every move.

To Miss Phelan, as she takes the helm, we pledge our loyal support, assuring her that in the taking up of this work we will lend her our hearty coöperation. This is no easy task, but she takes it up, as did her predecessors, with much interest and a heart full of loyalty. The year will bear its many opportunities to her and these we feel confident she will grasp, making the most of them for Gamma Phi Beta.



THE new directory has been issued and was ready for distribution at Convention time. This has been done through the untiring energies of Miss Una Winterburn. It is a task which is almost impossible to bring to a perfect culmination, yet with all the trying annoyances and delays, Miss Winterburn has pre-

pared for us a most complete and accurate directory and we owe her a debt of gratitude for this handy reference book. Now that this material and information is so well in hand, each chapter should take great care that it is kept up to date.



A. H. FETTING, of Baltimore, presented to Convention very tasteful pins. They were stickpins, in the rose gold finish, with a circle at the top, on which was outlined a crescent. The crescent enclosed the initials of Gamma Phi Beta, which were raised on the background. The crescent bore the inscription, "Syracuse, N. Y., '07." All the delegates and the vititors who were fortunate enough to secure pins gave expression of their indebtedness to Mr. Fetting and of his splendid work as a jeweler.



WE call attention to the new address of the president of the Executive Board, Miss Amy Louise Phelan, The St. Francis, Sacramento, California.



Notices.

AFTER the convention, a group picture of the founders was taken. Copies are now ready, and may be obtained at fifty cents each from Miss Marion Beecher, 113 Kirk avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.



COPIES of the new directory may be had by alumnæ from their chapter.



ALPHA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Refreshed by a few days' vacation and a Thanksgiving dinner, and happy at the prospect of another and longer recess, we surely ought to be diligent and willing students between times.

Little of note has happened at Alpha since she had the great pleasure of entertaining at and meeting in convention her many sisters from far and near. It was indeed a great inspiration to us, and increased, if possible, our love and enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta.

Two of our girls—Rege Waters and Katherine Parkhurst—won much praise for their clever work in a college farce, "Breezy Point," which was given under the auspices of the Silver Bay Club. The entertainment met with sufficient success to warrant a second performance. Gamma Phi is also to be represented in the next dramatic effort given by the Crouse College French Club, so that our fame behind the footlights is well established.

The next large social function which excites interest is the junior "prom," which is booked for December 12.

Eight of the girls spent the vacation at the chapter house, where all stringent rules were done away with and a jolly good time prevailed. They had with them Mary Supplee, '07, for a few days.

Our principal "spare-moment" occupation for the next few weeks will be making and buying Christmas presents, but before we can communicate with you all again Christmas will be past and gone, so in closing we wish you each and all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



BETA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Since the last number of THE CRESCENT Beta has been very busy indeed. First, seven freshmen were initiated—Gladys Lewis, of Michigan; Eleanor Thompson, from



THE FOUNDERS
(Frontispiece of the Convention Banquet Toast and Menu Card)

Pennsylvania; Helen Welles, from Colorado; Laura Hall, Edna Lowry and Louanna Meeker, of Michigan, and Clara Ely, from New Jersey. Marion Pellow will enter the University in February and will then be initiated. Our active chapter at present numbers eighteen, since we are fortunate enough to have Helen Barbee, Theta, with us this year.

The Pennsylvania game, one of the most exciting in years, brought back many Gamma Phis, and the house was full to overflowing.

Linda Kinyon, Margaret Lydecker and Paula Henze, our delegates to convention, brought back most glowing accounts of everything. They were enthusiastic over everything and everybody. Some of the other delegates passed through Ann Arbor on their way to convention, and Beta enjoyed short visits from several—Persis Rollins, Epsilon; Clara Barkhausen and Hazel Driver, Gamma, and Edith and Beatrice Prosch, Lambda.

Nellie Connor, a Beta girl, spent last summer in Seattle, so we were especially glad to have the Lambda girls with us, so that Beta might in turn show them her hospitality.

A few days before the Pennsylvania game the Michigan Union Club-house was opened. It is an unusually attractive club—for men. Girls may be taken two days during the week for dinner or luncheon.

We are having at present the last long Thanksgiving vacation. The regents having decided to give only one day, the girls are making the most of it, and the chapter house is deserted. Six of the girls expect to be together in Owosso, with two of the active chapter. After vacation everybody will have to get ready for mid-semesters, and after that Christmas.

Beta sends the heartiest of Christmas greetings to all her sisters.



GAMMA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma has another freshman to introduce to you, Bessie Farrell, of Sioux City, who was initiated with our other nine pledglings some weeks ago. At our initiation banquet we were glad to have with us many of our town alumnæ, as well as Nelle Miller, '04. We were sorry that more could not come, but expect a greater number than ever for our banquet in June. During mock initiation the freshmen gave us a clever little play, the nature of which was a complete surprise to us all.

November 9 the freshmen entertained at an informal dance at the chapter house. The house was very artistically decorated with autumn leaves and plants. There were about fifty guests, many from out of town.

A few weeks ago we entertained the Delta Gamma chapter at an informal matinee dance. We expect to entertain some of the other sororities in this way and so become better acquainted with the girls outside our own sisterhood.

We were very glad to have the Prosch girls, of Seattle, with us for a day and wished that more of the girls could have visited us on their way to convention. Since our delegate, Hazel Driver, returned from Syracuse, we have heard such enthusiastic reports that we are all planning now on meeting many of you next year at Ann Arbor.

Wisconsin people were very much excited last week over the Minnesota game. We were glad to have some of our last year's girls back for it—Bernice Miller and Marguerite Samuels, besides our Kappa sisters, Myrta Rhodarmel and Pearl Weston. While they were here we gave a reception for the different fraternities.

The Haresfoot Dramatic girls are to give a play December 30, in which Allison More and Edith McMiller take part.

Gamma wishes a bright and prosperous New Year to all Gamma Phis.



DELTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: First of all, Delta wishes to introduce her six initiates—Fannie Rexford, a junior; Louise Nelson, a sophomore; Belle Dalton, Susie Eastham, Esther Lewey and Margreta Hastings, freshmen. They are dear girls and worthy of Gamma Phi. The first and the last enjoy the lofty distinction of being president of their respective classes. Now that we have them all, rushing and its cares seem in the remote past, but as it was a necessary pre-condition to our present joy we will just mention it. Beginning in October, the season lasted four weeks, in the course of which we had the usual number of affairs, among them an attractive luncheon at "The Sign of the Teapot," in town, a party at the home of Anne Goodsell in Brookline, and one at Mary Beiler's in West Newton. Recently the new members took their turn at entertaining and gave us a spread in the chapter room, which, by the way, is now at 37 Botolph street.

Delta has greatly enjoyed her opportunities of meeting girls from other chapters this autumn, opportunities found at rushing parties, at our meetings and at Marion Dean's home in Melrose.

Next in importance to the new girls comes convention. We were obliged to limit our representation to Mary Beiler and Marden West, instead of going in a body, as we would gladly have done. Their enthusiastic accounts serve to show us what we have missed and to fill us brimfull of Gamma Phi spirit.

EPSILON

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Our convention delegate has come back fired with enthusiasm, as usual. You can't get within a block of her without hearing little fluttering words. The atmosphere is thick with "Gamma Phi spirit," "grand girls," "loveliest time," "Oh, that Alpha chapter, and all the others, too." And the chapter, as a whole, is preparing for a precipitate flight to convention next year with Beta.

We took in six fine freshmen at the close of the rushing season—Marguerite Bierer, of Hiawatha, Kan.; Carolyn McCarty, of Tuscola; Mary Shoning, of Elgin; Edna Lure, of Joliet, and Elizabeth Davidson, of Evanston, Illinois, and Magdalena Carpenter, of Fargo, N. D.

The rushing season closed in a ferment of excitement. It was charged that rushing rules had been flagrantly broken. We are still holding Pan-Hellenic meetings, and, although we have some results, it seems as though the end were not in sight. We doubt very much whether we shall be able to agree on any contract for next year. For three years those who have kept the contract have suffered.

We have had quite a number of visitors from other chapters—Mrs. Palmer, from Alpha; Miss Culton, from Theta, and Vena Brunk and Florence Findeison, from Gamma. We are always glad to see people from other chapters, and we hope that they will look us up whenever they can. We have no chapter house of our own, but it doesn't affect the warmth of our welcome.

We gave our informal on the 22nd of November at Ravinia Park, and such a good time as we had! Last Monday we had a special sorority meeting and spread and sent invitations to every Gamma Phi we could find in Chicago and Evanston. We hope to send these special invitations every few weeks, and we look for even better success when the new directory appears.

All best wishes to you all from Epsilon.



ZETA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Pledge Day has come and gone, and Zeta, after existing for two months, is once more beginning to live. We have seven pledges to introduce to the sorority—Anna Treadwell Blanton, Nashville, Tenn.; Elizabeth Caroline Barnes, York, Pa.; Margaret Irving Handy, Newark, Del.; Louise Tiedeman, Charleston, S. C.; Ruth Porter, '10, and Helen Marguerite Porter, '11, of Clearfield, Pa., and Wilhelmina Anna Treide, Baltimore, Md. Before this issue is published they will have been initiated, and it is unnecessary to

say that we will be proud to place our Gamma Phi Beta pin on seven of the finest girls in the freshman class.

The rules made by Pan-Hellenic have worked very well this year. As Pledge Day came on the 23rd of November, we had two months in which to become acquainted with the freshmen. "No rushing!" was the decree from Pan-Hellenic, but in order to know all the new girls calling hours were set during which fraternity girls might call on freshmen. These hours were from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 7:30 every day except Sunday. Teas, also, might be given—one every other week—to which new students might be invited. Aside from this, each fraternity was allowed two functions—one formal function not exceeding twenty hours in length and one informal not exceeding three hours.

Zeta's formal function was a house party, given at the home of Mary McCurley, in Forest Park. The house was turned over to the girls, and at about 4:30 p. m. we took possession. The house was cobwebbed from top to bottom, and each girl had to follow up one strand of the web in order to find her room. Dinner was served about 7:30, and afterward part of the active chapter presented the one-act farce, "An Economical Boomerang." Then there was dancing and finally a kimono parade and a midnight feast in the den. The next morning every one was up and ready to take a walk before breakfast. The party broke up about noon, and every one had had a good time. One of our old girls remarked that "even the chapter girls had a good time," and you all know what that means in a rushing party.

Our informal function was given the night before Pledge Day at Ethel Shriner's home. We just had an informal evening together, roasting marshmallows, popping corn and running potato races.

Altogether, Zeta has had a most successful rushing season, and we wish that all sister chapters might have the same good luck.

We were delighted to have a flying visit from Grace Foulds, Eta, and we wish that we might have more visitors from other chapters and our own as well, for they are a great help to the chapter.

In closing, Zeta wishes to each and every Gamma Phi the very merriest Christmas and a most successful and happy New Year.



ETA

C ORDIAL greeting from Eta to her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. "Tempus fugit" is a saying true as it is old and hackneyed. Already we are at the end of another college semester. Thanksgiving week for play, followed by a week of work, and then exams., unsparing, pitiless,

remorseless, measuring up our excuses for being here during the past few months.

Thanksgiving week is a gay one in the college calendar, filled with all manner of final jollifications. Friday is Junior Day, and the members of that class devote themselves to entertaining their fellow students. In the afternoon the "farce" is presented by a junior cast. As it is written by a junior they have all the glory. Alice Southworth has a prominent part, so of course all Gamma Phis will turn out in a body. The prom, held the same evening, is the last big college function of the year and is generally thronged with happy pleasure seekers.

In spite of approaching exes, Eta recklessly keeps things up to the bitter end, and on December 2 holds her annual Thanksgiving dinner, when the alumnæ and active girls meet together to celebrate the national holiday. This is one of the jolliest days in the year for Berkeley Gamma Phis. Generally our delegates from convention arrive in time to reinspire us with all their fresh enthusiasm. This year our building corporation will tell us how much it has done and is planning to do towards the new chapter house. Rumors of wonderful plans have made us burn with curiosity, and we hope next time to be able to let you into the secret.

At the last election of the Prytanean Honor Society Esto Dunbar, one of our seniors, was chosen for membership.

Alice Southworth is on the editorial staff of *The Blue and Gold*, the college annual.

Mabel Pierce, one of our alumnæ, is president of the Wellesley Club of San Francisco and corresponding secretary for the California branch of Collegiate Alumnæ.

We are waiting impatiently for news of convention. California delegates have so far to travel to the eastern chapters that they generally linger on the way home and pay fleeting visits to the chapters en route.

Eta sends wishes to all her sisters for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



THETA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: This is usually a very quiet season with us, but our Pan-Hellenic rules for this year have thrown us into a state of uncertainty and excitement.

For two weeks Theta has been carried almost off her feet in the whirl of rushing stunts preceding the issuing of our invitations. The first party was a musicale at the home of Miss Louise Iliff, given in honor of the "rushees" and their mothers. Members of our chapter rendered the vocal

and instrumental selections, and Miss Hood, of the alumnae chapter, gave three readings from Bliss Carman.

We next entertained the girls and their escorts at a "college euchre" party at Lucy Moore's. Mrs. William Smedley followed this with a very clever "anatomy party" in honor of the new freshmen.

On Friday evening, November 22, we gave our annual dance at the Woman's Club, and the following day gave our last rushing stunt of the season at Allene Seaman's, a "Japanese luncheon."

As a result of our efforts during this long rushing season we wish to introduce to you our four new pledges, Winnie Waid, Mary Allen Green, Elizabeth Stevenson and Kittie Lee Bishop. We hope to initiate these December 5.

December 6 the Y. W. C. A. gives a "county fair" at the University. Mame Gallup, one of our seniors, is chairman of the executive committee and is assisted by two other members of the chapter, Eva Davis and Lucy Moore. Theta has taken the entire charge of the fortune telling booth at the fair and hopes to make it a huge success.

When the Christmas holidays are over we will begin laying the plans for our annual play, given usually in February or March. We all look forward to it with great pleasure and expectancy.

The membership certificates are at last ready for publication and can be obtained by addressing an order to the Theta correspondent for THE CRESCENT.

Theta wishes you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

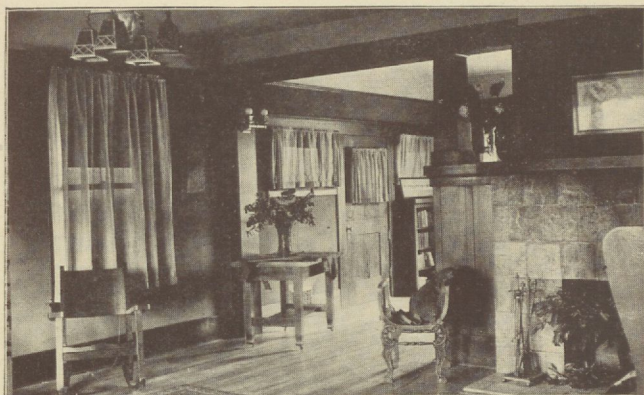


IOTA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Long desired convention came and realized our high expectations, and our delegates came back filled with enthusiasm that quickly communicated itself to the entire group. It seemed as if Iota received a fresh start and that the activities of chapter life were entered upon with a new zest and vigor. That was the result of the serious, vital side of convention. The result of the social side was different—tales of "where I stayed," of Alpha's chapter house, of the Alpha girls as a whole and of special Alpha girls; of the fun—teas and receptions galore, an amateur vaudeville that excelled any professional performance, a dinner, a drag ride, a dance which is recalled whenever the strains of "The Merry Widow" waltz are heard, and, best of all, a banquet where we met our four founders, and where we learned "who's who" in Gamma Phi. A football game finished the gayeties, and now just the word "Syracuse" brings a faraway look to the delegate's eyes,



MU CHAPTER HOUSE—Front View



The Living Room and Library



A Corner of the Hall

and when one says, "Do you remember?" and the other replies, "I was just thinking of"—the jealous stay-at-homes groan and say, "Oh, come away; *they're* up at Syracuse again!" I'll have to come away now and talk about Barnard and Iota.

Miss Laura Gill, our Dean, is enjoying a year's leave of absence, and Professor Brewster, head of the English Department, is acting Dean.

The Faculty Committee on Student Organizations made a new rule concerning pledge day. No student may be invited to join a sorority before April of her Sophomore year. In the meantime, rushing is to be unrestricted, and since all rushing is now done outside of college, the conditions between Freshmen sorority members and non-sorority girls are undoubtedly improved.

Iota intends to do little rushing. Even the tea which we held in the Barnard Theatre on November 26 was not a rushing party, but was a reception to the entire college and faculty. Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. Caughey, Misses Warr and Stitt of the New York *alumnæ* were on the receiving line, and many more were there to help Iota. Nearly all the college came and their enthusiastic remarks made us believe that they enjoyed themselves.

The theatre was decorated with banners of Barnard, of the four classes, and of Gamma Phi Beta; the table, dressed with ribbon of two shades of brown and with pink carnations, was most attractive. The orchestra was so excellent that it was with difficulty that we kept our feet still. In short, we are very proud of our success. Our next affair is to be a subscription dance during the Christmas holidays, and we are already making preparations for it. By the time you all read this letter, Christmas will be a thing of the past, so we can only hope that all our Gamma Phi sisters have had as merry a Christmas as we of Iota anticipate.



KAPPA

DEAR SISTERS: The active girls of Kappa Chapter are rejoicing with their *alumnæ* over the recent granting of their charter by convention. Our *alumnæ* have always been strong and loyal, and are now most happy in the fruition of their hopes.

Rushing at Minnesota is a long process this year. Thus far Gamma Phi has been limited to calls, informal evenings, and graciousness toward hopeful freshmen. But December 12 will be our first great day.

Then comes our first large rushing party, which will consist of a dinner at the Minnitanka Club and an evening at the home of Mrs. Backus on Oak Grove. We expect to entertain about thirty freshmen.

Our informal dance was given November 6 in Shevlin Hall, on the campus, an ideal place to entertain. Everyone voted the occasion a success.

The Pan-Hellenic girls gave a party at the same place, October 19. All sorority girls were invited. They renewed their childhood days by dressing as small children and frolicking accordingly. This is one of a series to be given through the year.

Helen Weld has just returned from convention with glowing accounts of the delightful days spent with so many Gamma Phis, and of the hospitality of Alpha's splendid girls.

Pearl Weston and Myrta Rodearmel went down to Madison for the football game, and were royally entertained by Gamma.

Our first social evening meeting was held recently at the home of Ruth Tallant. We were pleased to have with us Jeanette Cole of Mu, who spent a few weeks with Helen and Hazel Lovell. We were also glad of the opportunity to meet Edith and Beatrice Prosch of Lambda, who stopped on their way to convention.

One of the college events of the season was a play—Jamieson—a character comedy, written by Mrs. Frances S. Potter, a popular professor of the English Department of the University. It was put on by a local stock company and brought forth much enthusiasm for the play itself, for the author, and for the company.

Kappa wishes a most Happy New Year to every Gamma Phi throughout the land.



LAMBDA

DEAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: By this time every chapter has undoubtedly settled down into the old rut of "digging," and the time passes so quickly that we can hardly realize the Christmas holidays are upon us, and that the end of the first term begins to loom up in the distance like an unpleasant dream.

It took Lambda a long time to realize that work was before her, for, although we had counted on a house for immediate occupancy at the first of the year, we were obliged to wait until the last of October. Just realize, for over a month your sisters at Lambda were homeless. But, girls, we're in and it was well worth the waiting. We are all so proud of our "own" that we fairly bubble over. The freshmen were getting a little anxious for initiation, but they, too, are in and mighty glad we are to have them, and meetings again look natural with a long roll call. After all was settled we felt as though we were ready for company, and the house was

opened to the faculty and our friends. Everything went off splendidly, and now Lambda has put aside frivolity and is getting down to work.



MU

DEAR Gamma Phi Sisters: October's letter was written in the last tense days of rushing season, so it was left for this one to tell you of the three new sisters. Jennie Heartt, of Los Angeles, and Mildred Hayes and Marion Darby, of San Jose, have brought our chapter-roll to eighteen, and with all the girls in the house but Marion, and two of those whose homes are in Palo Alto, we feel unusually close together for the fall semester.

The three months since rushing season have made us acquainted with our house. It is acquiring a personality, is quite settled and finished, and even has the promised lawn in front. We have become used to the extra walk from the Quad up the Row and the hill. In this long semester of unbroken Indian summer we have found how much easier it is for us to get to the halls than it used to be, and the Gamma Phis are all becoming good trampers.

We have had our big dance, and found what a joy it is to be able to dance around through all the rooms without having to reverse one's course, for the house was planned downstairs principally for dancing. The great side porch, burlapped in, makes entertainment easy. Later we also had a telephone dance. This and a great deal of entertaining of other college girls and of the various campus organizations, and the open house at the time of the inter-collegiate game (22-11 in Stanford's favor, by the way), when we had our sister chapter with us, and on the whole sixty guests for the day, have filled the social side of the semester, and now the last dance of the season is over and we are ready for next week's finals.

It was a great grief to Mu this year that she could not be directly represented at convention; we are looking forward with deep interest to the return and report of Grace Foulds of Eta, who was so kind as to act for us there, as well as for her own chapter, for we know what a splendid session it must have been. We are already counting on the time when we may have convention with us.

Mu gives you all greeting and the desire for a strong, active and happy year for all chapters of Gamma Phi.

SYRACUSE

DEAR SISTERS ALL: When the convention was over and our last glimpse of you was on a fast-retreating train, Syracuse seemed very quiet, felt lonesome, and listened to hear a pin drop.

Truly we are glad you came, and we have safe folded in the jewel corner of our heart of hearts memories which will inspire us, more than ever, to hold high the Greek ideal.

To meet and greet "Our Four Founders" together was a satisfaction—Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Moss, and Mrs. Willoughby. And they, the four, had not clasped hands for thirty years! It is an illuminating fact that living with uplifting thoughts keeps people young.

I wonder if this is why, when we met her at the convention, we knew Mrs. "She-that-was" at once, as well as the less married ones of the present tense?

Many of us had known Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond through the Youth's Companion and Ladies' Home Journal, and we were so glad to meet her in the flesh here, as a Gamma Phi Beta sister. Just imagine, if you can, how we, in the old Alpha armchair, felt almost round-shouldered with the weight of pride in the dear sorority.

As we sat, after the banquet, listening to our brilliant toastmistress, Austie Taylor Goreth, heard the gracious thrilling words of Helen Dodge Ferguson, and the expressed desire of Miss Ross that Gamma Phi Beta should always stand for the noblest and best, it was good to look about the room and see its fulfillment in the faces of so many who are "looking up, lifting up and lending a hand" seven or eight days in every week.

Faces which make you think of the perseverance of the saints. They are not all in the past. Were not "Our Four" there—our Phi Beta Kappas; our faithful Mary Whitford, too, who has never missed a sorority meeting? And the three Gamma Phi grandmothers, and the daughters of daughters? Aren't we just glad of them! The former are Mrs. Adelaide Whitbread White, Mrs. Clara Worden Wilcox, Mrs. Mira Haven Draper. The latter, the daughters of Bertha Boomer Brooks, Jennie Reals Baltzel, and Mira Haven Draper.

Last summer a terrible accident occurred on Cayuga Lake, when the steamer *Frontenac*, loaded with passengers, was burned. Sarah Veeder, '96, was on board and gave much heroic service in caring for those who were injured. She herself suffered later from collapse, due to the great strain upon her nerves. She has received much gratitude and praise for her self-possession, and the generous help she gave at that time.

The first alumnae meeting of the year was held at Kate Gardner Cooke's, on Harrison street, and the second with Nettie Sadler, on University avenue. Both were largely attended, and places were made for the then coming convention. Delicious refreshments were served by both Mrs. Cooke and Miss Sadler. These afternoons, once a month are greatly enjoyed and looked forward to by all the members.

About seventy-five were present at the initiation spread this fall, nearly half the number being alumnae.

And now, since this letter will not reach you in time to say "Merry Christmas," we wish you one and all a doubly "Happy New Year." Indeed, we hope it—1908—will bring the very *best* things to every member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.



BOSTON

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, and to our new alumnae chapter of Minneapolis would we add a special greeting.

The year has opened auspiciously for our chapter with three new members, and several more have promised to join at our December meeting. Edna Spinney, '03, Mary Shepherd, '03, and Marion Squire, ex-'08, are the new initiates, and we have welcomed them in characteristic fashion by setting them to work. They are good material and we know of old what to expect of them. If all the chapter could have accompanied Marion Squire on her convention trip, we would have realized our dearest wish, for those who have never attended a Gamma Phi convention look forward, longingly, to their turn, while the fortunate ones who have caught the convention fever, always feel restless toward the second week in November, and, like Mr. Micawber, wait for "something to turn up" which shall turn their steps convention-ward.

Two meetings have been held this season, one devoted entirely to business, held in October with Katharine Whiting, and the other divided between business and a picnic lunch. The latter was held a warm Saturday in November, with Grace and Bessie Newhall, at their bungalow in Lynnfield. All manner of picnic delicacies made the lunch a feature in itself, but the pine-carpeted knolls without the camp and the fire within were too tempting for us to linger long around the table. Finally the call came for a business meeting, and we tore ourselves away from the beckoning pines and settled in semicircle with our backs to the windows and proceeded to wrestle with convention business. One of the

chapter herein proved herself a parliamentarian, explaining to us with most surprising glibness, intricate points in constitutional law.

It was a jolly meeting where everyone felt free to express her views, for no difference of opinion could cause any strained feeling to arise; though as a chapter, we are singularly of one mind and usually vote as a unit. There are advantages in small chapters, alumnae as well as college, which result from the greater freedom the members feel in discussion, and when a decision is reached, it is certain that everyone has had her opportunity to speak and has not felt constrained, from timidity, to remain silent.

The December meeting, to be held in Delta's rooms, will occur on the seventh, and henceforth, we mean to hold all our meetings there, the first Saturday in the month, at eleven o'clock. All Gamma Phis are welcome.



NEW YORK

CAN IT BE? Yes, it is time for another CRESCENT letter. New York is such a busy place that the days slip by and we can scarcely realize that they have been and are now gone. However, New York Alumnae Chapter is always glad to spare time to send loving greetings to her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. Convention has helped to make the time seem particularly short, for many of us were planning to attend. Since our return, we've found ourselves most popular. Each and every Gamma Phi wanted to hear all about our good times.

We have done some things since we last wrote you. On October 12 we held our first gathering for this year at the home of Mrs. E. L. Thorndyke. We had a fine beginning, and there is everything in that they say. Twenty-five were present, and we had the added pleasure of welcoming five new members into our ranks. It was also our good fortune to be honored with the presence of Miss Grace Foulds, the San Francisco Alumnae delegate, who had come East from Berkeley to attend convention. At this meeting, Mrs. T. H. Dinsmore, Mrs. E. J. Palmer and Miss E. W. Stitt were elected to represent our chapter at the thirty-third annual convention of our sorority.

Our second meeting was held at the home of Anna Louise Cole on November 23. Although there were not quite as many present as at our previous meeting, yet those that were able to attend were most enthusiastic, and we had a genuine good time. Convention reports were given and sisterly greetings from other chapters heartily welcomed. We enjoyed having with us Miss Barkhausen, from Madison, Wisconsin, who happened to be sojourning in New York for a few days.

At this time of the year, the Christmas spirit is abroad, so we extend to all our sisters our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and the happiest of all New Years.



SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SISTERS, All, Greetings: By the time this letter reaches you, Christmas joys will be passed, and the New Year, full of promise to us all, will be urging upon us new and weightier duties. It will be a year which we hope will mark the fulfillment of a long-cherished hope of active and alumnæ, a chapter house owned by Gamma Phi! So this spring will call for self-sacrifice and earnest labor and consideration, and each alumna, appreciating the debt of gratitude she owes to Gamma Phi Beta, not only for enriching her actual college life, but for the present tie that forever binds her to the past through the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

A sorority house, our very own, with an alumnæ room for our own use and enjoyment, will be the greatest joy of all, for it will be a source of strength to the active chapter and a unity of interest to the alumnæ, and an eternal tie for us all, and we shall be fulfilling substantially our ideal of being "founded on a rock."

We had our Thanksgiving dinner at the chapter house last night, full of enthusiasm, good cheer, personal attachment of young and "old," gladdened by song and turkey and toasts.

We, of the alumnæ chapter, who always meet at these affairs, enjoy ourselves more each time, laughing over our ancient history and imparting such of it to freshman ears as we think will be appreciated. But our chief joy is to bear witness to the growth of the sorority, not alone in numbers, but in strength of purpose and in adherence to the ideals and worthy traditions of Gamma Phi. Out of what now seems feeble beginnings has grown the ideal structure, and we expect the ideal to be now clothed upon with the reality—and the house will symbolize not only the working of love we owe our community, but will recognize the power and strength lent by the entire sisterhood in making the growth of this individual branch possible. And the attainments of any one chapter should be a joy to all, and in our prosperity we thank you all and rejoice with you in your own.



DENVER

ONCE again the Christmastide is with us, and in this season of peace and good-will we are trusting that the joys and blessings of our sister chapters may be as numerous as the berries upon the holly and the

mistletoe with which we deck our homes. So, first as a greeting—Merry Christmas to all! And after that—the happiest and most prosperous of New Years!

The history of the Denver Alumnæ Chapter is, of course, brief. Our first meeting was held with Lindsey Barbee, our next with Esther Doll; Louise Iliff was hostess in November, and on December 13 we are to be the guests of Mabel Walker Edwards. At this meeting we shall have with us again Isabelle White, who has returned to Denver after a half year in Paris.

Our new charter and the business for convention have claimed our time at these meetings. After four-thirty, two of the active chapter always join us, and with them we grow enthusiastic over their various affairs of college life. Socially, we have not been idle. In October, Edith Plested Avery, who has been visiting in the city during the summer, entertained us most charmingly. During the rushing season Louise Iliff opened her beautiful home to both active and alumnæ chapters, and together with the prospective freshmen we enjoyed a most delightful musicale.

Now that rushing is over, and all the desired freshmen are wearing the double brown, we are rejoicing with the active girls over the glorious result of the strenuous social season. The college girls may be physical and financial wrecks, but the fact remains that they have gained the day; and at the initiation soon to be, past, present and future will join in the chorus,

“Oh, you must be a good Gamma Phi,
Or you won’t go to heaven when you die.”

Convention by this time has been numbered with the beautiful memories of the past, and we are anxiously awaiting the report of our delegate, Grace Twombly Miller. May the convention enthusiasm and inspiration be ours during the coming year! May the memory of a happy past be with us in the life of this new alumnæ chapter; may the present hold naught but the best and truest; and may the future bring us all blessings for the sorority we love so well!



MINNESOTA

DEAR Gamma Phis All: Not quite two weeks ago came a telegram from Helen Weld, Kappa’s delegate to convention, announcing that our Minnesota Alumnæ Association of Gamma Phi Beta had been granted an alumnæ charter. In less than an hour the news had spread to all of us who were possessed of telephones, and such an exchange of mental hand-shaking as ensued! So here we are making our bow to Gamma Phi

and it takes me back about six years to the first letter that we, as an active chapter, wrote to THE CRESCENT.

Of those ten charter members, at least six are to be seen at the alumnæ meetings today, as well as our still loyal and faithful sister and champion, Louise J. Crooker. Added to this number are sisters from Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon and Mu, besides about twenty Kappa alumnæ who live in Minneapolis.

If we were a few weeks older we might tell you of our organization and plans for the year, but we have hardly had time to catch our breath as yet, so please excuse us.

Our alumnæ meetings this year have been most enthusiastically attended, and everyone has gone home from each one feeling a little happier, if that could be, that she is a Gamma Phi.

The fact that the University is situated here in Minneapolis keeps all Gamma Phis, active and alumnæ, in the closest touch with each other, and every standing committee in the active chapter has an alumna member. Our chief reason for existence is that we may be a strong and united organization to stand back of Kappa Chapter and not lend a helping hand to them, but be in their very midst with *both* hands ready to serve at all times.

The present problem is rushing, about which, under the new Pan-Hellenic rules here, you have read in a previous issue of THE CRESCENT. We are all in to win, and we feel every confidence that Kappa of Gamma Phi will be ready in April to introduce the finest freshmen in college as pledges.

I said that to strengthen our active chapter was our chief reason for existence, but we would be narrow indeed if we limited our interests to our own immediate circle, dear to us as it may be. There are so many spheres of activity in which the college-bred woman must take her place as a trained worker, and it is as such that we owe our first duty rather than as sorority women. Our lives are so full of things pleasurable and profitable that it is necessary for each one of us to decide for herself what is *most* worth while, and eliminate many things that are not.

It is my ambition for our alumnæ chapter, as for all others, that it may be an organized effort for things that count in the development of all that is good and uplifting, *especially* to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Surely this thought is not inappropriate at this season when we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—ours has already begun.

Personals

Alpha

Irma Schoepflin spent several days at the house after convention.

Mary Supplee, '07, spent Thanksgiving vacation at the chapter house.

Mrs. Ruth Piatt Wells, '04, was a guest at the house after convention.

Grace Zimmerlin, '06, was the guest of Laura Wilbur during convention.

Elizabeth Wildman, '06, was the guest of Bessie Bowe during the week of convention.

Lillian Titsworth, '06, was entertained by Mrs. Agnes Avery Millen during convention.

Mrs. Julia Babcock Dunkley, '04, of Kalamazoo, Mich., spent Sunday at the chapter house recently.

Invitations have been received for the wedding of Ethel Wells, '06, to George Welch, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the evening of December 4.

Mrs. Wilcie Dickerson Jones, ex-'09, of Birmingham, Ala., with her husband, Mr. Frank Jones, spent a day with us while on their wedding trip.

Beta

Adelaide Davis spent a week end with us this fall.

Sarah Hardy comes home from Toledo every week.

Vera Lay returned this month from a year's stay abroad.

Marie Shearer is now at their new home on Hill street.

Marion Dickinson is studying arts and crafts work this winter.

May Carpenter Taylor, of Detroit, visited us before going to Florida.

Isabel Hasie McKay, of Detroit, made a flying visit to Ann Arbor not long ago.

Florence Brownell is at home in Kalamazoo. She was also back for a few days.

Mary Putnam, of Ypsilanti, dropped in at the chapter house the other afternoon.

Frill Beckwith was back for a day or so visiting her sister, Alice Thompson.

Bess Rider Symons, '03, visited us for a few days this fall. She is now living in Saginaw.

Ada Gilbert Clos, of New Mexico, has been spending the winter with her mother in Ann Arbor.

Lulu Liessemer, '07, has a position in the German Department of the Battle Creek High School.

Patty Bancker and Loretta Sherman, of Jackson, spent an afternoon and evening with us a few weeks ago.

Jessie Herman is teaching in Howell High School, near enough to come back often. Irene Gilbert is also there.

We are glad that Marguerite Burdsall, a pledge from Three Rivers, is convalescent after an attack of nervous prostration.

We have enjoyed several visits from Mary Christie, Zeta, and Kathryn Crawford, Epsilon, both of whom are living in Detroit.

Zaidee Belle Vosper is teaching in Pontiac, near Ann Arbor. She has been with us twice this fall, the first time since she was graduated in 1904.

Born, to Marion Brownell, nee Blyker, '06, of Kalamazoo, a son, November 9, 1907.

Gamma

Bernice Miller, ex-'07, has been visiting Gamma.

Nelle Miller, '04, attended Gamma's initiation and banquet.

Marguerite Samuels, of Darlington, visited Gamma last week.

Clara Barkhausen, of Green Bay, attended convention at Syracuse.

Edith Bower, ex-'06, and Louise Durst, '05, spent a day with Gamma.

The Misses Prosch visited Gamma for a day on their way to convention.

Harriet Ludlow, of Monroe, was in Madison for the Wisconsin-Illinois game.

Myrta Rhodarmel and Pearl Weston, Kappa, of Minneapolis, came down for the Minnesota game, and stayed with us several days.

Delta

Florence Beiler is in Porto Rico, where she is teaching English.

Hannah O. Litchfield, '07, is teaching in Westbrook High School.

Edith L. Riggs is teaching in the East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island.

Elizabeth S. Hacker, '07, has a position in the High School in Glastonberry, Conn.

Katharine D. Hardwick and Helen F. Osgood are engaged in associated charity work.

Delta has been very fortunate in meeting Gamma Phis from other chapters—the Misses Prosch, Miss Hersey, Miss Barkhausen, Miss Heffron, Miss Allen and Miss Kimball.

Epsilon

Anne White is teaching at Greenville, Illinois.

Sarah Shute is teaching at her home, Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Florence Wallace is preceptress at Onarga Seminary, Onarga, Illinois.

Epsilon was grieved to hear of the death of Edith Monagon's mother this summer. Our sympathy goes out to her.

Zeta

Born, to Lucile Reilley MacDonald, a son.

Ethel Lee Carr, ex-'06, is visiting Bess Brown, '03.

Elizabeth Gatch, '06, attended convention at Syracuse.

Nell Watts, '05, has just returned from a visit to New York.

Mrs. Fay Turner Chase has been visiting her sister in Walbrook.

Ann Williams is spending the winter with her sister in Schenectady, N. Y.

Flora Robinson spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Jessie Wilson in Princeton, New Jersey.

Imogen Dobbins Cannon has returned from her wedding trip and is now in her new apartment in New York City.

Florence Oehm, '05, has been confined to her home on account of ill health, but we are glad to announce that her condition is much improved.

Ethel Shriner, '07, left recently for a visit to New York. After returning from New York, she expects to go to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Eta

Grace Foulds, '04, our convention delegate, is expected back in December.

Marin Waterhouse, ex-'06, has paid frequent visits to the chapter house during the past semester.

The engagement has been announced of Charlotte Hoffman to Professor Kellogg of Stanford University.

Esto Dunbar, '08, spent a delightful Thanksgiving vacation at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hutchins, nee Alice Singer, ex-'07, in Gridley, California.

Alma Brown, '02, was married on October 19 to Charles K. Lower, of Stockton, California. Mabel and Hazel Pierce, both of Eta, were in the bridal party.

Iota

Olive Dutcher, Laura Van Cise and Laura Matthews, Iota alumnae, attended convention.

Miss Barkhausen of Gamma and the Misses Prosch of Lambda visited Iota on the day of the reception.

Flora Robinson of Zeta visited Barnard as Baltimore delegate to the Y. W. C. A. Conference held there. Iota regrets so much that on account of the short time it was impossible for any of the girls to see her.

mu

Born, to Ethel Floyd Bosworth, Elgin, Ill., in October, a daughter.

Born, to Ethel Lloyd Bosworth, on October 2, a daughter, Barbara Lloyd.

Born, to Marion Junkins Skinner, Stanford University, in November, a daughter.

Elise Owen, '07, was down from Stockton for a short visit at the time of the game.

Jeannette Cole, '09, has been traveling in the East this fall. She visited Kappa for a time.

Pauline Gartzmann, '07, is spending the winter in San Diego. Her address is 2519 First street.

Helen Salisbury, '04, visited Mu for several weeks in November on her way from Lake Tohoe to her home in Los Angeles.

Syracuse

Mrs. Curtis' home is in the city, for which we are grateful, and we are especially glad of her loving counsel at our alumnæ meetings.

At one of the convention events we were pleased to see Clara Worden Wilcox, the sorority's first initiate, wearing her own pledge colors.

We are sorry to learn this morning of the death of Mr. Willis Merrick Gage, father of Mrs. Belle Gage Dibble. He is also brother-in-law of Mrs. Cora Willard Frederick.

We were all so glad to see Mary Edson, '93, at convention. It was her first visit to Syracuse since illness compelled her to leave college at the close of her sophomore year.

Julia Babcock Dunkley surprised us by a call late in October. She was in town but a short time. During convention week her sister Lucy was with us. Lucy is teaching in Kalamazoo.

During convention week, Mrs. Wilcox gave at her home on Castle street a dinner in honor of the founders, one of whom—Miss Helen Dodge Ferguson—she entertained during her entire stay here.

Mrs. Willoughby was the guest of Mrs. Fanny Cobb Stevenson, and Mrs. Moss was with her sister, Mrs. Mira Haven Draper. Mrs. Moss remained a few days for a visit, but has now returned to Illinois.

Jessie Hurlbut Hodge, '95, is pleasantly settled in her new home at Charlotte, North Carolina. She writes that she is enjoying the warm southern winter days, and that "Baby Helen is well, and good, a blessing and a comfort." Mr. Hodge has a fine position as electrician for a large concern in Charlotte.

Boston

Euretta Kimball of Gamma and Mary Allen of Lambda are making their way into our Gamma Phi hearts during their residence in Boston.

Boston girls were glad of an opportunity to meet Edith Prosch of Lambda again, and also her sister, Beatrice, who came to Boston for the first time, during their visit with Marion Dean.

Florence Sherman and Lida Harris, while traveling in Europe together this summer, had the rare pleasure of meeting a Gamma Phi, and of their own chapter, too,—Edna Hilton, now of Minneapolis, and a too infrequent visitor to Boston. On the street in Rome and again in a train, bound from Geneva to Paris, three three met and experienced the delight only a few of us, comparatively, ever enjoy, of seeing the face of a Gamma Phi in a foreign land.

New York

In October, a son was born to Mrs. W. E. Palmer, of Jersey City.

Jean May Bruce is teaching English and History in the Briarcliff Manor School.

Willa May Fricke is still pursuing her course of study at the Woman's Hospital in New York. She hopes to receive her doctor's degree next year.

San Francisco

Mary Le Conte, '04, now Mrs. Jack Hoffman, has a little daughter.

Della West Bassick, '03, attended the Thanksgiving dinner, December 2, and it was a delight to see her.

Amy Phelan, '98, paid us a short visit in October. She is teaching at present in the Sacramento High School.

Lena Redington, '97, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her classmate and sister, Agnes Helen Thomas, at Fresno.

The engagement of Charlotte Hoffman, '01, and Professor Kellogg of the English Department of Stanford University has been announced. Miss Hoffman is at present traveling in Europe.

Denver

Winifred Willard is spending the winter in Denver.

Ruth Wallace is teaching in Miss Nothcott's School.

Edith Reese Veatch is now located in Silver Plum, Colorado.

Born, to Edna Myers Allan, November 8, a daughter, Dorothy.

May Schiffer has spent the autumn months in Omaha and Chicago.

Isabelle White has returned to Denver after a delightful six months in Paris.

Ruth Drake Drysdale, of New Plymouth, Idaho, made a short September visit to us.

Carolyn Wolfe is studying the kindergarten course in the Normal School at Greeley.

Edith Plested Avery, of Ledyard, N. Y., spent the summer and fall with her sister in Denver.

Theta sympathizes deeply with Mary Wheeler Shattuck and Margaret Wheeler in the recent death of their father.

Our Contemporaries in Black and White

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