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## The Founding By a Founder

AMMA PHI BETA was the child of high ideals, and we who cradled its infancy, earnestly sought, and fondly anticipated their realization, while many staunch and influential friends, prominent among which were members of our own faculty of Syracuse University, gave to the young sorority their cordial support. Chancellor E. O. Haven (later Bishop), whom we as students greatly loved and revered, rendered valuable assistance in the selection of name and motto, and, after due deliberation, we adopted the name Gamma Phī Bēta, with the pronunciation herewith indicated. For our badge we readily agreed upon a monogram, Miss Bingham suggesting a crescent. to which the writer added the quaint Hebrew inscription, and the combination resulted in a monogram,—each letter bearing a different chasing,-set at right angles in a crescent. The whole was perfectly flat, and, attached to it by a chain three inches in length, was a guard-pin bearing in outline the letter S, for Syracuse.

It fell to my lot to draft the constitution, which was accomplished at my home, 610 Crouse avenue (then Chestnut street), where many of the early meetings were held, as we then met from house to house, and on November 11, 1874, four names were duly affixed to this constitution, and Gamma Phi Beta became a reality.

Those early days possessed certain advantages which present conditions do not afford. For instance, if any question of vital importance arose, we were able, upon brief notice, to summon in conclave the whole sorority in some convenient and secluded nook of the Hall of Languages. After a time we chose as our colors, two shades—a light and a dark—of brown. Our first song, "List the Watchword," was written for and sung at our first anniversary banquet.

"It appears in our song book in a badly disarranged and confused condition. This was soon followed by our "Initiation Song," which also shows serious errors and omissions, and, as in the case of the other, words and music are sadly at variance.

Our first piece of instrumental music was the "Gamma Phi Beta Waltz," composed by Dr. William H. Schultze, founder of the Germania Musik-Verein, and later leader of the Mendelssohn Quintette Club. Dr. Schultze was at this time Professor in the Fine Arts College of Syracuse University, and in recognition of his courtesy, Gamma Phi presented him a gold-mounted ebony baton. Figures indicating our growth, as a sorority, are not at hand. Being conservative, our membership increased slowly, but our progress from the first was steady and constant.

Gamma Phi Beta even had its share of college honors. A member of the class of 1876, classical course, was one of the ten selected to present a thesis on Commencement Day, and the basket containing the flowers which Gamma Phi presented to her first graduate, is today among my cherished possessions, for "the scent of the roses clings to it still."

After meeting from house to house for a time, we rented a parlor on University avenue, and later we gratefully availed our-

selves of Professor Brown's generous offer of the use of his own private study in the Hall of Languages for our weekly meetings, which were always held on Friday afternoons.

Two annual banquets were observed, one on, or as nearly as possible coincident with, the date of the founding of Gamma Phi, and the other at commencement time. Such in brief are the facts relative to the early days of Gamma Phi, and if, in seeking to comply with the request of the editor of The Crescent for a chapter from our genesis, we may seem egotistic, be it remembered that it is simply history which we have penned.

We were very jealous in those days of everything pertaining to the honor and well-being of our beloved sorority, and this is no less true of the present. Daily we wear the little badge which has become more dear by the lapse of years, and which means so much to every member of Gamma Phi. The *esprit de corps* manifest at our convention last fall was an earnest of still grander achievement, and, thus animated, let us strive for the realization of the highest possibilities; putting into life only that which is noblest and best, it will afford us a rich and satisfying fruitage. Thus, with our God-given powers fully consecrated to His service, our lives will ever grow richer and better as the years go by, until, at last, we shall "ring from life's conflict a triumphant close."

Helen M. Dodge Ferguson, Alpha, '76.

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# A Brief Record of the Reginnings From Alpha

THE Syracuse Gamma Phis have one advantage over their sisters elsewhere, they have access to original sources for the history of the sisterhood, for one founder, Mrs. E. Adeline Curtis, and the first initiate, Mrs. Flora Warden Wilcox, live in the city. Besides we have many secondary sources, those who have been identified with the sorority almost from its founding. This history, though unrecorded and passed from generation to generation, like tradition, is nevertheless authentic.

In the Greek letter world, Syracuse University is well known for a large number of fraternities and sororities have chapters here. Of the twelve sororities represented at Syracuse two were founded here, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. Three years after the university first opened its doors to students our order was founded, the date being November 11, 1874.

Fortunately, our four founders were present at our last convention, so the delegates can give their chapters livelier impressions of Helen M. Dodge (Ferguson), Frances E. Haven (Moss), Mary A. Bingham (Willoughby), and E. Adeline Curtis (Curtis) than can picture or history. From time to time The Crescent has served to make all Gamma Phis better acquainted with the four women who banded themselves together that, through mutual help, they might cherish the ideals of culture, moral strength, and true womanhood. All unconscious of the future of their organization, these women laid a sure and a permanent foundation. Their principles and their purposes were so well defined and so enduring that they made it possible for Gamma Phi Beta to grow into a national sorority with a chain of chapters from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

November 20, our sorority received the name it now bears. Gamma Phi Beta was chosen from a list of six names proposed by Miss Haven's father, Erastus Otis Haven, D. D., LL.D. He was at that time chancellor of the university and later became a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our founders, however, had not completed their task. Though organized and named, the order had no badge whereby the world might identify its members. Besides, the members themselves desired to have as a constant inspiration a visible symbol of their new purpose. Two sophomores, members of a local society which became the Pi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, were given the privilege of designing an appropriate pin. Charles Newell Cobb, at present inspector of the University of the State of New York, presented the design which was approved and accepted.

The first Gamma Phi Beta badge was somewhat different from the present official pin. It was slightly convex and was one inch in diameter. Then, as now, it consisted of a black enamel crescent enclosing the monogram, but the letters were chased and were not raised above the crescent. For nearly twenty years the badge was worn with a guard-pin attached to it with a chain. At first the guard-pin was the initial of the university with which the chapter was connected. After Gamma was established, the guard-pin became the initial letter of the chapter name, as the old English M and W are so similar as to be confusing.

Bertha Boomer (Brooks), '81, was the first to have a jeweled pin, the Phi being set with pearls. From that time until 1901, the pins were variously jeweled according to individual taste. The Phi or the monogram was set with turquoise, pearls, opals, diamonds, or rubies; sometimes each letter was set with different jewels; and frequently a diamond center stone was added. It is uncertain who had the first pin with raised monogram, but pins as early as 1890 differed in this respect from the original. They were also smaller, though larger than the present pin. Of late years, a reaction has set in and the jeweled pin, in the Alpha Chapter at least, is a rare exception, and the size has been regulated by the sorority.

After selecting a pin, the founders next chose the society color. Their first choice was light blue, but October 8, 1875, this color was changed for two shades of brown. Appreciation prompted the society to make this change in honor of Dr. Brown. The reason for thus honoring him will appear a little later. These new colors were first used that autumn at the public exercises of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Convention held that year at Syracuse.

For those who have known Gamma Phi Beta only since the chapter house life has been adopted, it is hard to realize that for many years, the sorority had only a chapter room. During the first year, the meetings were held at the homes of the members. The next year, Professor John J. Brown, LL.D., of the science department offered the society the use of his private study for

their meetings. Glad to accept this offer, the young women used this room for one year, even holding their anniversary exercises there on November 11, 1875. For the next three years the meetings were held in a private house near the university, a room being rented for that purpose. Later the society rented and furnished a room in the Hendricks block, a building in the business center of the city. Here, after the regular meetings, the girls had "a feast of wit and a flow of soul." For the feast, each one contributed ten cents. With this combined capital the freshmen were sent to purchase tempting foods. In the merry hour that followed, the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta became stronger through that close companionship. Those who remember those meetings are still enthusiastic over them.

There are two customs of the early years that deserve attention, for these customs are still followed, at least at Syracuse. These are the spring and fall banquets. At the close of the college year of 1874, Gamma Phi Beta held a banquet. There were five of the six members present, the smallest attendance Alpha has ever had at a banquet, but probably the largest in proportion. On November 11, 1875, the anniversary of the founding was celebrated. In the afternoon a banquet was held, only one of the ten members being absent and that on account of illness. For this occasion Miss Dodge composed a song, the first society song of which we have any record; in all probability it is "List the Watchword." There was an additional feature of that celebration which we omit today. In the evening Miss Curtis entertained at her home in honor of Gamma Phi Beta. To this reception, college and city friends of the society were invited. Accuracy requires that a change be recorded; the fall banquet, though still a celebration of the founding of the order, is held later than November 11, on the Friday immediately following the return of the delegates from convention.

The banquets of the early days were very different from the twentieth century function. They were simpler, though none the less enjoyable, except possibly to the freshmen who did the serving. The young women who lived in town furnished sandwiches, salads, cakes and other dainties; the other members paid for coffee, ice-cream and whatever else it was necessary to buy.

One entertainment of a less formal nature has also survived,—the peanut and olive spread. Eva Seymour, '85, invited Alpha to what she termed a "chocolatetaire." It is easy to imagine that chocolate in many forms was served. A few weeks later another member entertained the chapter informally. It so happened that one of the features of the refreshments was peanuts and olives. This function the guests dubbed a "peanut-tare." The combination so captivated the fancy or the appetite of these college women that they straightway adopted the peanut and olive spread as one of the features of their informal gatherings.

Meanwhile the membership had been increasing. When a year old, the society numbered ten members. During the first college year, there was added to the roll the names of two new members, both sophomores. March 19, M. Clara Worden (Wilcox) was initiated; and Barbara Crane (Van Wagner) on June 4. Mrs. Wilcox was not only the first initiate, but also the first Gamma Phi Beta wife, mother, and grandmother. Early the following fall, one sophomore and three freshmen were initiated. Until 1882, the number of initiates varied from three to twelve, so that in that year the total membership was fifty-nine. The membership at that time is mentioned because after June 7, 1882, Gamma Phi Beta was no longer a local organization.

Kate Gardner (Cooke), '86, energetic and ambitious, felt, even though she was a freshman, the need of expansion. With her, to see the necessity of action was to act. She wrote to a friend in the University of Michigan about establishing a chapter there. Her friend replied that she was a member of a sorority but she said that there was an excellent opportunity to establish a successful chapter and sent a list of six names of desirable women. This information was confirmed and the list approved by competent judges. When Miss Gardner made the suggestion that it was time that Gamma Phi Beta become a national organization,

the society was so pleased with the suggestion that she felt justified in presenting a plan which she had already formulated. This was enthusiastically approved. After the necessary correspondence with the young women at Ann Arbor, Ella French and Kate Gardner were sent to install the Beta Chapter, June 7, 1882.

It may be well to explain why Gamma Phi Beta is known as a sorority, since that name was given to the society at that time. When the delegates returned from Ann Arbor, Jessie Decker, '80, entertained in honor of the establishment of the Beta Chapter, and the event was announced in the city papers. On the way to college the next morning, some of the young women met Professor Frank Smalley of the Latin department, now Dean of the Liberal Arts College. He remarked that they were probably elated over being members of a sorority. Ever since Gamma Phi Beta has retained this term as an official name. Little did any of this group realize that in 1900, Dean Smalley's daughter, Bessie, would be initiated into the order to which her father had given an official title.

Chapters recently established will, no doubt, wonder at a proceeding so irregular as the establishment of the Beta Chapter. Their wonder may be increased when they learn that November 14, 1885, Gamma was installed in a similar manner by Beta. They will contrast this method with the present method which requires hard work and patience for a new chapter to obtain a charter. Conditions were different in 1882. Then Gamma Phi Beta was only a local organization, probably little known to any university except Syracuse.

Dignity, poise, and conservatism were three of the ruling ideas of the founders. These ideas they have transmitted by different means to every new member. The growth of Gamma Phi Beta, then, has been slow, but it has been slow from choice and principle. As many charters have been refused as granted. Our chapter roll, compared with that of other sororities, is short, but it is representative. Though the sorority has celebrated its thirty-third anniversary, there are only twelve Greek letter chapters.

The establishment of Beta and Gamma has already been recorded. Delta was installed at Boston University by Alpha, April 22, 1887; Epsilon, at Northwestern, by Beta, October 13, 1888; Zeta, at Baltimore College, by Alpha, November 24, 1893; Eta, at the University of California, by Beta alumnæ, April, 1894; Theta, at Denver University, by Zeta, December, 1898; Iota, at Barnard, by Alpha alumnæ; Kappa, at the University of Minnesota, by Gamma, May 23, 1902; Lambda, at the University of Washington, May, 1903, and Mu at Leland Stanford Jr., by Eta.

The chapter roll is increased to twenty by eight graduate or alumnæ chapters. These were established in the following order: Chicago, Boston, Syracuse, New York, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Minnesota, and Denver.

The first convention was held in Syracuse in the fall of 1883. Beta sent one delegate, Miss Isadore Thompson. Again, there is a sharp contrast between the past and the present. Judging from the minutes, the business sessions were less arduous than those of recent conventions. The festivities were far less numerous and of an entirely different nature. The convention closed, as is the custom now, with a banquet. Some of the fraternities expressed their good will by sending notes or flowers.

The second convention was held at Ann Arbor in 1884; the third, at Syracuse; and the fourth, at Ann Arbor again. Since then the conventions, with one exception, have been held with the chapters in the order of their founding. The one variation from this order was when Alpha, by its request was allowed to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the founding. Five years before, in 1890, the eighth convention was held at Syracuse. This convention was called the "Sixteenth Annual Convention of Gamma Phi Beta"; for it was decided that the number of years since the founding of the sorority should give the convention its name. This is customary in such organizations; in this case it might be said to be exact as well as customary, for reunion exercises had been held every year since the founding. One other convention is notable for an interesting fact. The twenty-eighth

convention with Eta at Berkeley, California, was the first Greek letter convention held west of the Rockies and the second, west of the Mississippi.

Until the convention of 1893, which was held with Epsilon, all general sorority business was transacted in convention. This method was no longer advisable for there were then five Greek letter chapters and three alumnæ. The number was to be increased, for arrangements had already been made to establish Zeta two weeks after the close of this convention. Accordingly, it was decided to appoint an executive board to transact the business. Not only would this method facilitate matters, but it would relieve the undergraduates of burdensome details, for the board was to be composed of alumnæ. The board appointed in 1893 was temporary; in 1894, the permanent board was organized. Ella French of Syracuse, Honta Smalley of Chicago, and Louise Putnam of Boston constituted the first board. Each one was president in the order named; the other presidents have been Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, Syracuse; Mary Wellington, Boston; Mrs. Alice Hosmer Preble, Chicago; Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, Syracuse; Emma Lowd, Boston; Lillian Thompson, Chicago; Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, Syracuse; Elizabeth Putnam, Boston: Mrs. Florence Clifford Savage, New York; Gertrude C. Ross, Milwaukee, and Amy Phelan, San Francisco.

For business purposes the sorority was incorporated under the laws of New York State. The legal transactions in this matter were carried on by Colonel Chamberlain, father of Julia Chamberlain (Alley), '81. The state granted Gamma Phi Beta a charter, October 8, 1880, and the charter was filed on the fifteenth of the same month. This charter requires that there be five trustees, all of whom shall reside in Syracuse. The first trustees were Ella French, '78; Emma Norton (Brown), '82; Lulu Smith (Dawson) of the Class of '81; Alice Bannister (Race), '81, and

Mary Whitford, '81. The present trustees are Mrs. Florence Palmer Baker of the Class of '81; Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86; Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe, '93; Mrs. Genevieve Ostrander Porter, '86, and Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh, '91.

The sorority has three publications, a song book, a directory, and a quarterly. The first song book was published in 1887, under the direction of Beta. Until that time the songs had been printed on separate sheets. That the new book might be a fair sized volume, all Gamma Phis who had any skill in composition were asked to write songs. Today, if orders were issued in this matter, they would read: "That the song book may be kept within bounds, write no more songs." The first song book was much thinner than the present book; otherwise it had nearly the same dimensions. The covers were of pasteboard covered with dark brown cloth and bore the title in gold. Our second song book was published under the direction of Delta in 1896. The third issue has been published under the supervision of Miss Lowd, Boston alumnæ.

Gamma Phi Beta's growth is recorded in its first publication, in point of time, the directory. The first directory was given to the charge of Alpha for publication and appeared in 1894. The second, prepared by Epsilon, was published in 1900; and the last, by New York alumnæ, 1907. Time will not permit counting the names printed in the fifty-six pages of the last issue.

With this number, THE CRESCENT finishes its eighth year. For three years Delta published the quarterly; then Zeta published it. Now, however, the sorority publishes the magazine. This official organ has shown commendable growth and gives good promise for the future.

Statistics end here. Their selection has been restricted by necessity, not by choice, for information concerning many of the chapters was not at this time readily available. Such as are given, however, show that the sorority is progressing along lines that are in keeping with our ideals. If it were possible to tell

what individual members are accomplishing and what each chapter has done, this progress might be made more evident here. No Gamma Phi needs statistics; without them she knows that her sorority is an inspiration to her, and helps her to realize her ideals. For our friendships and for practical help in right living, we can be none too thankful to our founders.

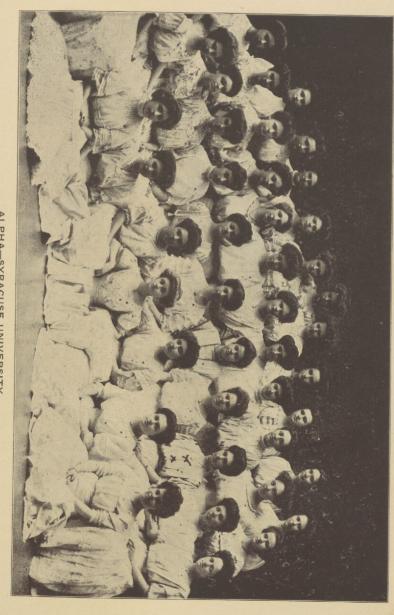
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# History of Gamma Phi Beta on the Pacific Coast

N 1893 the University of California register announced nine hundred and eighteen students. There were eight fraternities among the men, and one sorority—Kappa Alpha Theta—among the women.

Just before the close of the college year a group of three girls, all juniors, decided that there were certain lasting benefits to be derived from a sorority, and that there were at that time more girls in the university than could reap the benefits of the one chapter then existing there. But the summer vacation came before the three could definitely formulate their plans for action, and they separated for the summer. During these months the nucleus of the new sorority was busy getting ideas.

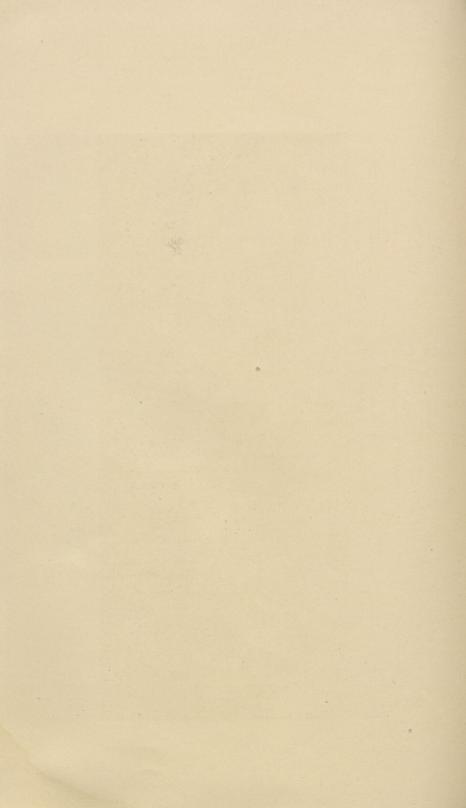
College opened in the fall with well-laid plans of organization. More girls were asked to join the project so that by the end of that term there were in all, four juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen. These eleven were known about college as Tau Deltas, and were ready to take the necessary steps to obtain admittance into some national sorority. But which one? Among those consulted was Mr. Leon J. Richardson, a Psi Upsilon of Michigan—a recent arrival in Berkeley as instructor in Latin. I remember his words yet. In answer to the question, "Nationally which sorority ranks highest"? he said enthusiastically, "Gamma Phi Beta, without question." His ardor kindled in the hearts of each one of us a burning desire to be Gamma Phis.



ALPHA-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Second row.—Betty Brooks, Olive Hunt, Marguerite Metzger, Helen Johnson, May Granger, Marion Scott, Christind row.—Sue Smith Bessie Bow, Joe Frisbie, Jess Truman, Christine Reed, Mary Perrin.

Third row.—Sue Smith Bessie Bow, Joe Frisbie, Katherine Sibley, Ruth Laycock, Emily Treadway, Deirdre Mace, Jessie Page, Bertrude Wafers, Marion Williams, Clara DeVoe, Bottom row.—Fredericka Dunlap, Olive Beane, Louise Lee, Olive Gordon, Edna West, Bernice Peck, Ruth Hamilton. Top row, left to right.—Irene Baltzel, Clara Ham, Winifred Draper, Gladys King, Mildred Fulmer, Olive Pierce, Marion Beecher, Eleanor Pendor, Mary Nellis, Bertha Dodson, Mabel Whitney.

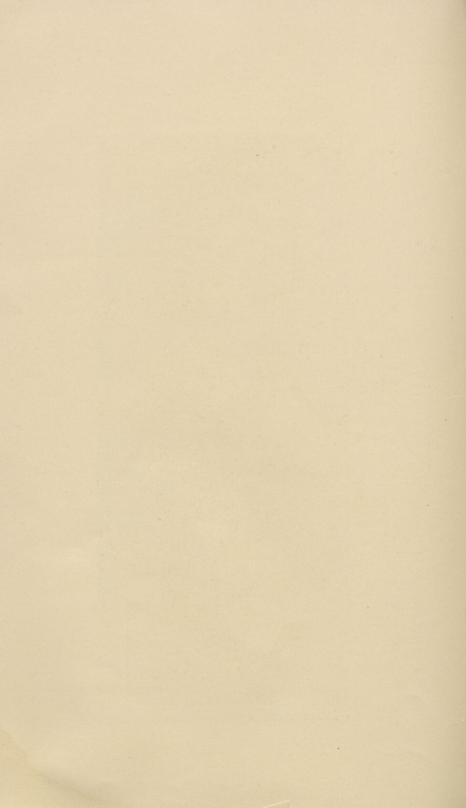


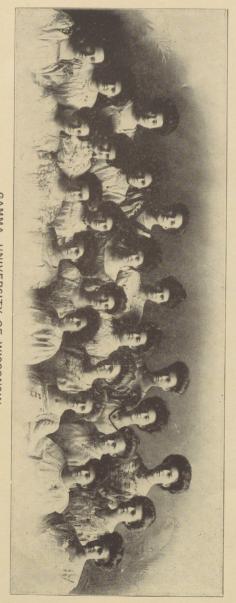


BETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Bottom row.—Allura Rudd, Helen Wells, Gladys Lewis, Laura Hall, Eleanor Thompson, Clara Ely, Edna Lowry, Middle row.—Paula Henze, Helen Gable, Nellie Connor, Mecla Sheldon, Helen B. Hicks, Madge Miller, Gretchen Top row, left to right.—Ellen Simarel, Emily Ely, Helen Barbee, Linda Kinyon. Lydecker.

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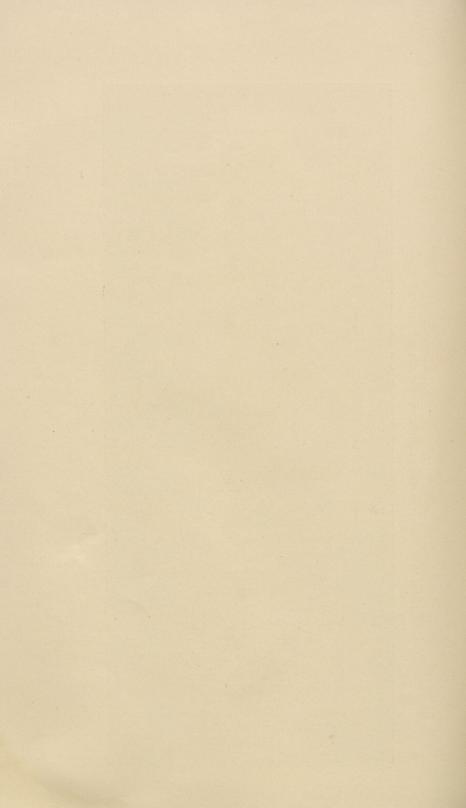


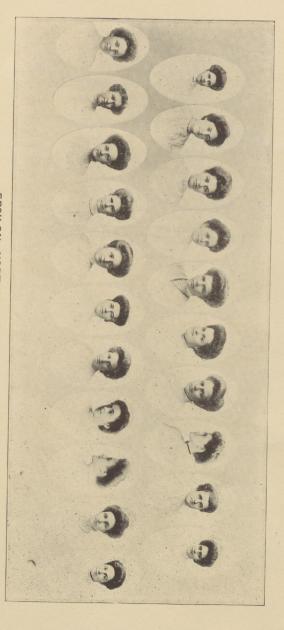
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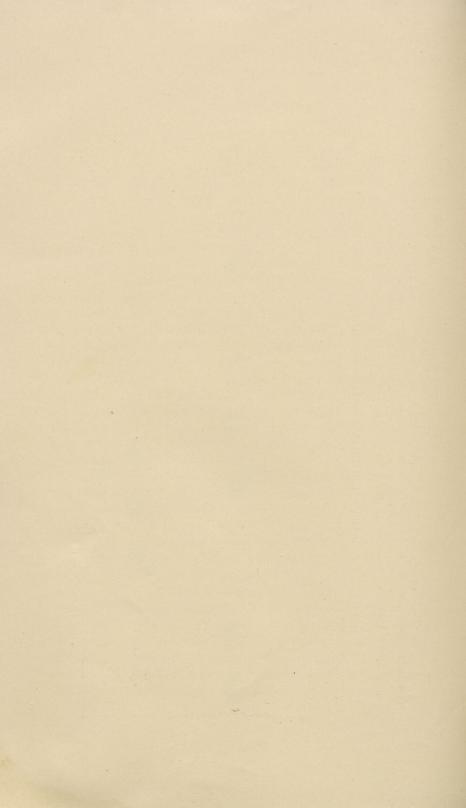
DELTA-BOSTON UNIVERSITY.





EPSILON-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Bottom row.—Mary Skoning, Helen Cowles, Florence Rhodes, Louise Stolp, Laura McCarty, Margaret Williams, Top row, left to right.—Dale Goble, Timberlake, Marguerite Brierer, Magdalene Carpenter, Persis Rollins, Bertha Gray, Agnes Bassett, Edna Luke, Ruth Falmer, Elizabeth Davidson. Caroline McCarty, Edwine Pope, Alice Jenks, Janet Childs, Ethel Cowles,



We sent a committee down to San José to see Violet Jayne and Nettie Daniels, both Beta girls whose addresses had been given us by Mr. Richardson. From these ladies we learned of the high ideals of Gamma Phi Beta, and that her reputation nationally was supported largely by her great conservatism. That awful project of sending a delegate East each year to Chicago or further, almost scared away our determination to make a petition for membership. But the effort seemed worthy of the cause, and in due time a formal document, expressing our aims and hopes, was sent to the Executive Board. This was in January, 1894. Then followed long weeks of weary waiting. Letters from the Executive Board saying that the vote was being taken by chapters. Hasty visits to San José for news and reassurance. At last—a telegram in these words, "All votes favorable. Congratulations."

We breathed never a word of our success to anyone in Berkeley except to Mr. Richardson, while several more weeks slowly passed in order to give the San José Betas time to get necessary documents and pins of trusting sisters-elect. On the evening of April 17, we were instructed in the holy mysteries by Violet Jane, Nettie Daniels, Ruth Guppy—all of Beta—and Jane Greenwood, Delta.

And great was the surprise thereof on April 18. At first we did not think that we could afford a house, so we rented a chapter room. From year to year the successor to this meeting place increased in size until we were able to point with modest pride to a little house occupied entirely by us, and serving very well for our simple entertainments. The wave of lavishness that has recently swept over the whole land had not yet rolled in. I wonder what we would have thought had a prophet informed us that as alumnæ we would one day be assisting at an Eta reception for which seven hundred cards had been sent out. But thus have great things ever their small beginnings, and thus shall that single eight-by-ten room evolve into that beautiful home we see rising before us as soon as a few more shares are sold of the

Gamma Phi Beta Hall Association, incorporated under the laws of California.

Convention met in Berkeley in 1901. One of its results was the beginning of the San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter, for it was then that its charter was granted. The purpose of this chapter is two-fold,—first, to forward the aims of Gamma Phi Beta; second, to enjoy those friendships begun in a happy past. For promoting these intentions meetings are held four times a year, with occasional extra sessions when special business demands them. The girls in this chapter live in various cities in California, but they keep the meeting dates in view so that there is always a full attendance of devoted members.

Everybody knows of the startling growth of Seattle, developing from a city of 20,000 to a city of 300,000 within ten years. It seemed as if in this very rapidly-growing section we ought to have a chapter of Gamma Phi. Upon Eta, as the nearest chapter, seemed to depend the personal inspection of those seeking entrance. A committee was sent up which reported most brilliant prospects from as fine a group of girls as had applied for a charter. The name of their local organization was Alpha, significant of the fact that they wished to be the first national society in their University. On May 27, 1903, Vida Redington, Bess Rothermel, Sue Dunbar and Greta Augustine, the four sent up by Eta, had the enormous pleasure of attaching formally unto ourselves twenty-five active and alumnæ members of the Alpha Sorority. We have heard much of the success of these girls in their college world, while those of us who have visited in the North can attest their great loyalty and extreme cordiality.

Several applications were made to Eta by different local groups of girls at Stanford University for a chapter there. Eta felt the responsibility of being the nearest chapter, so each time beheld with very critical eye the *soi-disant* worth which presented itself. While we wanted a chapter there very much, we did not want it until the right persons applied. At last they did, a local chapter known as Gamma Beta. There were five hundred women stu-

dents at Stanford at that time, the limit permitted by the trustees of the institution, with all the important sororities represented except Gamma Phi Beta. In the spring of 1905, the whole Eta Chapter, and many Eta alumnæ, went down to Stanford to do the proudest piece of work Eta has ever done,-to initiate our Mu Chapter. One naturally expects a young chapter to have a setback now and then, to lose a few girls or some other equal calamity. But the progress of the Stanford chapter seems to have been phenomenal. The girls ranked at once with the best sororities there, took immediately a large share of the college honors, and attached to themselves from time to time very valuable girls. They certainly understand the art of making one feel at home—an art of sweet and quiet ways, and an art that does not lose itself in the magnificent new home they have recently built for themselves

Eta is especially glad to have a large university near enough that she may have a sister for a close neighbor. She and Mu constantly exchange visits on the occasion of athletic meets and other college functions. It is regretted that Lambda is two days away, fast traveling, so that the members of the California chapters can only see their northern sisters on an occasional interchange of visits. LENA MARTHA REDINGTON.

San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter.

# The Syrens An Allegary

Cradled by the moon-washed seas, Of the lovely Caribbees, Where the long sea-grasses quiver, Syrens watch and wait forever, Beckoning from beds of foam To the sailors, where they roam.

Sapphire blue their sunny eyes,
Sapphire like the southern skies,
Never Helen in her glory,
Never maid in any story
Dreamed and smiled with face so fair
As the syrens, smiling there.

Old Ulysses, long ago, Heard them singing, soft and low. Never knew that care and sorrow From the earth they fain would borrow, For the syrens wed to men, Find a soul and live again.

So they braided golden hair With sea-jewels, rich and rare. Sang of life and love's completeness, Sang with all a syren's sweetness, But Ulysses turned his head, Never heard the words they said.

On their banks of tossing green, Where the white scud danced between, Still they watched the slow waves wrestling Into billows shoreward heaving, By the farthest coral gate, Singing songs of Love and Fate. Still they combed their braids and curls, Fashioned necklaces of pearls, Chanted legends quaint and olden, How to earthly love beholden, Syrens would immortal be When the Angel dried the sea.

Sailing slow at set of sun, With his kingdoms yet unwon, Fearless he as ancient rover, Young Ulysses, passing over, Furled his canvas all awing, Furled to hear a syren sing.

Straightway called her from the blue In the old, old way yet new; Wooed her there with accents tender, In the sunset's fading splendor, Till she followed where he led, Trusting every word he said.

And a mortal maid went she, Dowered with immortality; Left the old life, unregretting, Sailed out in the sun's slow setting, Through its gold and amethyst To the Islands of the Blest.

Now, if ever o'er the main, Young Ulysses sails again, Vowing he will love them duly, Vowing he will love them truly, Not a syren of them all But will hear and heed his call.

So they wait forevermore
By the low, moon-flooded shore,
Beckoning with foam flecked fingers
Where Ulysses haply lingers.
There they sing, and, singing, wait
For Ulysses coming late.

Purple night and golden day
Frame slow years and slip away,
Yet no gleam of pain or pleasure
Shines athwart their life's still measure.
Peace is theirs, devoid of pain—
Peace which earth-life cannot gain.

Fair College, goodby! 'Tis the turn of the tide,
And its setting will bear us from thee.

Then here's to thy memory, here's to thy pride,
And here's to thy children to be.

In the offing still flutters the flag of last year,
We are up and away with the dawn.

Then, comrades, goodby to the scenes that are dear,
With a sigh for the years that are gone.

Fair College, goodby! 'Tis the turn of the tide,
We sail for the ports of the world.

Then here's to the seas where our Argosies ride
And the winds where our sails are unfurled.

Blow they eastward or westward, we seek on our way
High honor and faith among men.

Then, fortune or failure, rich freightage are they
When our prows seek thy harbor again.

GLADYS WILTON, Delta, '08,

Senior Class Poet.

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#### The Songs of the Fawns and the Browns

NCE upon a time there were six small groups of girls known as the Fawns and the Browns. And these little girls lived all over a great country that was once inhabited by Red Men. For this reason, I suppose, the Fawns and the Browns loved a certain red flower which they called a carnation.

Now these girls were very fond of singing, but their only collection of songs was contained in a small black covered book that had been made by some older sisters. So these young Fawns and Browns decided to have a new song book, and one time when

they were gathered at the Hub, under the guidance of Florence, there were appointed Emma and Lavinia and Harriet to make a new song book.

These young sisters were few in number, and not very rich, but they were very loyal, so that in two years' time there appeared a beautiful new book with covers of fawn and brown, in honor of the names of the sisters. There were five hundred of these books, and the cost was five hundred and twenty-five dollars, but the little sisters paid the money. They were few in number, but they were rich in loyalty to their family.

Then it came to pass that in about eight years, when the number of the groups of the Fawns and the Browns had increased to ten or twelve, there was need of some new song books. So the sisters once more assembled, and considered the matter. Again, Emma was appointed to make the book, but this time without the assistance of Lavinia and Harriet.

In a short while the little sisters furnished contributions of songs, and made many promises to purchase the new song books. But these Fawns and Browns were not like the old Fawns and Browns. New generations are not always like old generations. And in all ages it has been impossible to make bricks without straw. So the years passed, as many as four, and still very many of the Fawns and the Browns had failed to keep their promises, so that it was impossible for Emma to make the books.

Those sisters who had increased so greatly in numbers had not increased in family pride. They had also become so very, very poor that they could not afford to keep their promises, but fortunately they were still able to have pretty clothes, and to go to parties, and teas, and such things. Some people would say that, knowing their poverty, and their weaknesses, they should not have made such promises. And this is very true.

Thus, in a little while, the purchase money will have to be returned to the few little sisters who were loyal enough to send it, and the Fawns and the Browns will not have any song book.

# The Chapter House

N universities where the dormitory system exists the chapter house is in many cases dispensed with, but when there are no dormitories it becomes an absolute necessity. Many girls would never be permitted to come to college if obliged to live in rooming-houses—a large number of which take in men as well as girls. The chapter house has a refined home-like atmosphere, far more pleasant than is to be found even in a dormitory, and the girls living in the chapter houses are drawn more closely together and know each other better than would otherwise be possible.

The chapter house is a center to which all the girls in town can come at any time and receive a most cordial welcome. The alumnæ should be made to feel that the chapter house belongs to them as well as to the active girls, and that they are free to come at any time and stay as long as suits their convenience.

The management of the chapter house is usually either in the hands of a matron, who also acts in the capacity of a chaperone or in the hands of one or more of the girls. Beta has tried both methods and the latter has proved the more satisfactory. At present two girls have entire charge of the house—the house stewardess attending to heating, lighting and repairs, and the board stewardess planning the meal, hiring the servants and having charge of the general management of the house. The board stewardess receives her board in return for her services, and in several instances this has furnished greatly needed assistance to girls who would otherwise have been unable to remain in college.

The chapter house usually plans only to meet expenses. It is advisable that the board and room rent be as low as possible for many very desirable girls feel that they cannot afford to join a sorority. If, however, the board and room rent are lower than that of most rooming and boarding house, the difference will more than cover the usual sorority tax.

If at any time there be a deficit in the household account, the extra expense should be borne only by those girls living in the

house. Very often the entire chapter is called upon to contribute towards that deficit, but it does not seem fair that girls not living in the house should pay for that which they do not consume, especially when they themselves are paying a higher price for room and board than the house girls.

The government as well as the management of the chapter house generally rests entirely with the girls. The only rules deemed absolutely necessary are that callers shall leave at a reasonably early hour, and that there shall be fixed study hours.

When all the power is thus vested in the girls the position of the chaperone is necessarily purely honorary, and considerable tact must be exercised in order that she may not feel herself to be a mere figurehead.

It is courteous to ask her opinion on little questions of etiquette and on any other little matters that are not strictly sorority affairs. Above all she should never be neglected at any social event, even though her presence may not be absolutely necessary. She should be made to feel that her presence is a pleasure, not a necessary evil.

With such conditions prevailing it is especially desirous that freshmen move into the chapter house as soon as possible in order to avoid the influences of a rooming house. During her first year at college a girl is most susceptible to influence—her character is easily molded. If this year can be spent in the chapter house the freshman will come under the very best influences possible and avoid the many unpleasant and often pernicious features of life in a rooming house.

Paula Henze, Beta.

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HE following letter and clipping bearing the sad news of the death of one of our much-beloved sisters explains itself. We would like to express our appreciation of the very kindly, even affectionate, feeling that existed between these two women of different sororities and the thoughtfulness of Miss Fitch in

sending this most appreciative letter to the editor of The Crescent. After the shock of sadness there comes the gratification that such deep friendship exists between Greeks of different names. We thank the editor of The Trident for her thoughtfulness.

GALVA, ILL., March 14, 1908.

My Dear Miss Dimmick: I am enclosing an account of the death of a Gamma Phi whom I knew and admired very much. Her home since her marriage has been in Kewanee, eight miles from here, where I spend a great deal of time. Perhaps you will receive the account from others, but she has been out of school so long, the chapter may not keep track of her. She attended a little company I gave her in January for the fraternity women of Galva and Kewanee, to meet our chapter inspector. She was very greatly admired by her Kewanee friends, one of whom is a Kappa and a very dear friend of mine. She was a Gamma Phi at Northwestern. All who know her here loved her dearly. Her death occurred on March 13. With good wishes to you. Very sincerely, R. Louise Fitch.

Stricken by an illness which rapidly became more serious and necessitated an operation Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. A. T. Kellogg passed away at 7:40 o'clock last night at St. Francis Hospital. Little expectation during the last two days that the outcome would be favorable, was possible, yet hundreds of friends hoped for word of improvement and were filled with sorrow when the tidings came of her passing.

Mrs. Kellogg's maiden name was Antoinnette Shryock. She was born January 20, 1869, at Foreston, Ill., and there spent part of her early life. Mt. Morris, this state, claimed her as a resident, and in that city she taught in the schools for a time. After a year spent in teaching at Harvard this state, she went to Evanston, where she taught for a number of years, giving special attention to instruction in history. She was very successful as a teacher and is well remembered there as a popular instructor who gave to her work the sympathy and interest which characterize the best teaching.

At the home of her sister, Mrs. Rank, in Rockford, she was married June 28, 1905, to A. T. Kellogg of Kewanee. Coming to Kewanee as a bride, Mrs. Kellogg soon made frends whose favorable impressions deepened as the few short years have passed. Her manner was pleasant; her expression ever cheerful. She was willing in whatever came to her hand, be it in the home which she loved, in her church or in her club. In all her relationships she was one to be depended upon and her passing is that of one whose place will not be filled.—The Kewanee Daily Star-Courier.

### In Brief

### By Helen Carter, lota, '07

The practise of writing a brief in "regularly tabulated outline form" is doubtless well known to all students of sophomore English.

### I Introduction.

A song of love demands
Incline to me thy face,
2 me intrust thy hands.
But nay, I will not ask

I favor on thy part.

Clear—shining truth make my appeal!

If love shall bear her shining seal,
ah love shall win the victory,
but I shall win thy heart.

#### II The Discussion?

Aye. Know then I love thee, sweet!

In my soul was born the love of heaven's pure gifts:

All light that from the great source sifts in golden grains

beauty each fairy—train-ed sense to greet incense of fragrant blossoms—dreamy strains

a windswept grove sets wandering.

2 me thou came'st and in thyself did'st bring all these:

a light in thy dear eyes to chase away all darkling thoughts, burdensome discontent and sorrow gray;

beauty—ah how I loved thy face fair-shining in its sweet sincerity—thine eyes how pure and true, and the light grace of that dear head. Thou were to me a flower—for

in that name did I confess, O sweetest flower, thy perfect loveliness.

Came music, dearest one, with thy advent—
ineffable dream-music low and sweet, for, thrilling to
love's power,

(a) ll discontent and jarring discord felt unmeet in thy dear presence, passed away for aye.

The Conclusion, then? In truth I love thee, sweet!

And all my argument is but a song:

I love thee, sweetheart, and had loved thee long in all the lovely things of earth, ere yet I knew thy worth.

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# A Plea for Expansion

Y theme is a plea for expansion. The position of Gamma Phi Beta is this: We are a national sorority, established in 1874. We consist of twelve active chapters and of eight alumnæ chapters. When an inquiry is made as to the policy that Gamma Phi pursues, we proudly reply: "We're very conservative." When others are asked about our policy, the answer is: "They're too conservative," and now a rapidly-increasing number of Gamma Phis are realizing the truth of this statement and are confessing, "Yes, we're too conservative!" Too long have we rested complacently and indolently on our oars, always looking backward over the peaceful streams we have passed, never glancing ahead to see if calm or stormy waters await us. Let us pause and consider the situation. We must not be content with small achievements. We must not contentedly permit our rivals to surpass us in numbers and in influence. To be conservative is to be opposed to change, and therefore often to be opposed to progress. Does Gamma Phi wish to stand for opposition to advancement? Is this the broad, free cultural spirit which is regarded as the most important essential of Greek life? Can this narrow national feeling be uplifting and beneficial to our local life? Realizing the high and lofty aims that inspired the four founders of our order, appreciating what earnest women have accomplished in this cause, how can we help but feel that we must exert ourselves to continue well their excellent beginning and grow as broadly and freely as they can wish?

You who favor conservatism, consider the advantages of expansion. Our chapters, especially those in the West, are widely separated and only through The Crescent and annual conven-

tions do they keep in touch with our national life. These are excellent means, but still the necessary intimate intercourse of neighboring chapters is missing. Personally, whenever I read in Beta's and Epsilon's letters of how they have interchanged visits for initiation, for games, for dances, and for house-parties, I always feel envious. We in New York have not so very much to complain of since we quite frequently have at our meetings girls from Syracuse, Boston and Baltimore who are passing through the city. We also have the opportunity of meeting in the New York alumnæ members of many different chapters. But these advantages cannot be enjoyed by those girls who have not the aid of a chartered alumnæ or of near active chapters. Some may say: "Gamma Phi wants nothing but the best!" True, but when good and bad are presented to us, surely we can with intelligent discrimination weed the bad from the good and add strong helpful chapters, of which we may be proud, to our sorority. Blind conservatism in not granting charters has led more than once to our losing excellent chapters that later went to do good work for rival sororities. All of us can recall with regret applications refused to local organizations; sometimes the refusal has been by only one chapter.

Another very important suggestion in favor of our development is the increase of the sorority currency that would result. The sorority taxes of a few more active chapters would materially swell our national treasury and the added subscriptions to The Crescent would support a magazine second to none in sorority journalism. Have you, supporters of conservatism, ever considered that aspect? Think of it, because it merits your thoughtful consideration.

Let us once be roused to the importance of the matter and I am confident that all Gamma Phis will favor expansion. Growth and progress should be our watchwords. It is axiomatic that in all human effort progress and decline are the sole conditions; there is no middle course. When we cease to advance we cannot long remain stationary and inert; that state is but the prelude to

retrogression. Then let us set definitely to work and adopt some fixed and settled plan. Let us not delay. While we ponder and wait, other sororities are quietly following a well-tried and successful policy of growth. A committee could be appointed by the national board to make a thorough canvass of the collegiate world; to make a list of all the colleges-those with national sororities, those without any charters. Consider those colleges where Gamma Phi is not represented, but where other national sororities have already entered. Wherever there is a group of strong girls, there is room for Gamma Phi, because the right kind of girls can successfully lead a chapter, though late in entering, to the highest place. Then canvass the colleges that have no sorority chapters. Here is the best field for Gamma Phi. Select the strongest local chapter, charter, and Gamma Phi is first on the field, and thus acquire a relatively secure and unassaliable position. But while eager to secure accessions to our ranks, we need not abandon our treasured safeguards. Let not the pendulum swing us from blind conservatism to headlong expansion. Our applicants must always measure up to the Gamma Phi standard. We desire chapters, but we only desire the best. We want Gamma Phi to be the best in every sense, and we want no other sororities forging ahead of us in the attainment of good, sound chapters. If our present policy continues, soon our alumnæ chapters will equal in number our active ones. Alumnæ help, but a sorority is judged by its active life and for that active chapters are indispensable. More chapters, good chapters, are needed for the support and permanence of Gamma Phi. Her sturdy roots have shot down deep-she is able to support many strong, broad branches. Let us see to it that she has them.

ELLEN K. O'GORMAN, Iota, '08.

# Thekla—A Drama By Aileen Cleveland Higgins

Boston: The Poet Lore Company

THE work of Miss Higgins in dramatizing the legend of Saint Thekla is very cleverly done. The author displays artistic instinct and literary finish in a marked degree. The story of Thekla will always be one of interest to Christian people. She forsook wealth, a lover of social position and all to become a disciple of Christ through the influence of the preaching of Saint Paul. She suffers much for her faith and, though she was cast into the arena among wild beasts, she did not lose her courage, and never for a a moment faltered under the most trying circumstances. The author pictures this highly dramatic scene in Thekla's life, when the beasts refused to touch her, and skulked away from sheer fear of the timid young saint, in a most delicate manner setting it forth with all the facts prominent, and yet not once allowing mere stage effect to influence her method. This is a bit of literary work which commends itself because of its sanity and strength. We will miss our guess greatly if the author is not heard from in the future, and if she does not find a conspicuous place in the literary world.

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# A Tempest in a Teapot

N April 15, the United Press dispatch sent out over the country the following bit of news: "Wooster, Ohio. The faculty of the university has practically abolished sororities in the college. They have decreed that there are to be no more initiations into the secret organizations. This means that the chapters shall die a natural death after the present members shall leave college.

"Two national sororities are represented here—Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Forty of the two hundred and fifty co-eds are members.

"A joint meeting of the chapters has been called for Thursday

night to plan resistance to the faculty order.

"Meantime the girls have induced the faculty to announce a special meeting for Friday night, when the pleas for the life of the sororities will be listened to. No order has been issued against fraternities of the men."

In order to get the correct status of the affair the editor of The Crescent wrote a student who is in a position to know all facts. We asked a number of questions, to which we received most explicit answers. We give the substance of the communication:

"The newspaper reports are absolutely ridiculous. The statement that the young ladies were going to strike was false. For many years there have been a few members of the faculty who were opposed to sororities. Since there are no sorority houses and all the girls live in two buildings—Hoover Cottage and Holden Hall—some members of the faculty have mistaken the rivalry between the two halls for that between the sorority and non-sorority girls. So far as we can tell the trouble was brought about by one member of the faculty. All but one man of the faculty belong to fraternities. The president was not responsible for the action of the faculty.

"The grades of the sorority and non-sorority girls were averaged, the result being one-sixth of a tenth difference between them, in favor of the non-sorority girls, but as this was

so slight it is hardly worth noticing.

"The faculty did not take any action against the fraternities. The sororities here certainly do not lower the standard in the moral standing, as out of about thirty-four sorority girls, all belong to the Y. W. C. A. except two.

"About the only complaint was in the social line. No sorority girls live at Hoover Cottage, and the social life there is very low.

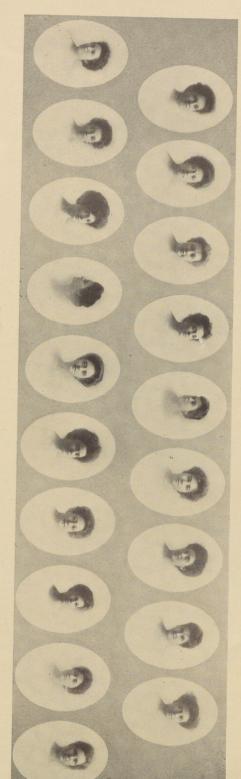


ZETA-WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Top row, left to right.—Sara Turner, Kezia Manifold, Wilhelmina Treide, Marguerite Porter, Anna Blanton. Bottom row.—Louise Tiedeman, Jessie Wilson, Flora Robinson, Mary Leary, Margaret Handy. Second row.—Elizabeth Barnes, Ruth Porter, Caroline Kline, Mary McCurley, Jean Thoburn.

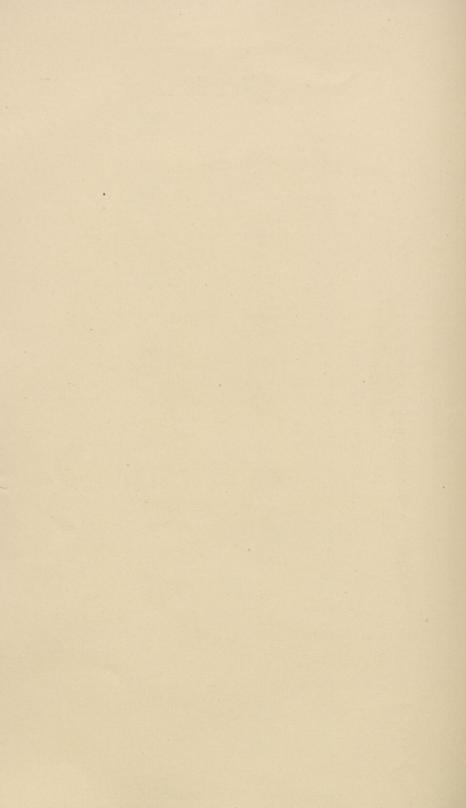
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THETA-UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

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Top row, left to right.—Helen Worrall, Helen Savitz, Helen Alguier, Edna Stitt, Helen Gray, Helen Newbold. Bottow row.—Elizabeth Zangler, Ellen O'Gorman, Linda Savitz, Elda Fink.



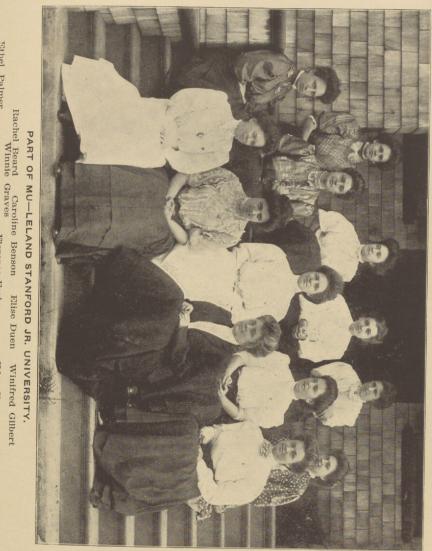
LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SEATTLE).

Second row.—Edna Byrd, Grace King, Therese Preston, Margaret Millard, Verna Abbott, Beatrice Prosch, Mar-Top row, left to right.—Myrtle Powers, Lura Pendleton, Hilda Eisenbeis, Marguerite Crosby, Adelaide Almand, Martina Henehan, Inez Hadley, Alice Payne.

garet Reilly, Sally Hill, Helen Urquhart.

Bottom row.—Pauline Ederer, Zella Steele, Imogene Carraher, Violet Magrath, Helen McDonald, Violet Dungan, Bess Clarke, Arlene Hasson.





Ethel Palmer Florence Forbes Edna Earle Mabel Gray Susan Davis Mildred Hayes Jennie Heartt Winifred Higgins Rachel Beard Caroline Benson Elise Duen Winifred Gilbert Winnie Graves 100 mg



GLADYS WILTON Delta, '08.



While at Holden it is not. One of the questions asked by the faculty was concerning any agreement between sororities and fraternities only to invite each other to their parties. This is utterly absurd, and we do not know where any such report could have been started, for at all the fraternity parties there are a number of non-sorority girls, and I know personally of my own sorority sisters going with non-fraternity men. I only say this to show in what a false light some one had presented the sorority question."

At a subsequent meeting of the faculty the former action was rescinded, and the Wooster sky for sororities is calm and serene again.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

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# A College or Kindergarten

C OME of our colleges for women and particularly some of the co-educational institutions so conduct the discipline of the girls that one is forced to the conclusion that the governing powers mistake a college and young women for a kindergarten and little children. There have come marked advances on the part of many colleges that admit women in the method of discipline over the old-time "Female College" system which was not far removed from a nunnery. Too much law and too many rules with multiplied restrictions are not conducive to wholesome character development. The trend in recent years has been away from the severe and legal methods to the more reasonable and sane enforcement of laws in the treatment of wards and criminals. The law in the past demanded an eye for an eye from every violator of the law. Today the appeal is made not to the motive of fear of punishment, but to self restraint for the good to one's self. We are depending more and more upon self government than upon the power of law to restrain wrongdoing. In the past children were governed by the will of their parents which was law. Now children are appealed to to use their own wills

and powers of decision of right and wrong. The same appeal to the individual is used by those who have charge of the insane. These used to be kept in close confinement, apart from each other, and under the most rigid surveillance. Now these patients are allowed very considerable freedom, and mingle freely with each other. There is nothing like showing a spirit of confidence in those who are under our care. Children should be taught to realize the responsibility of deciding for themselves concerning questions of moral conduct. The more responsibility for right action is put upon the individual, the better moral conduct you will have. A certain state capital grounds had been fenced about for a century and more. Some of the people began to ask that the fence be removed, but at once there was strong protest made on the plea that it would invite vandalism, but the fence came down, and the grounds never were as beautiful as they have been since. The people have not taken undue advantage of the liberty. We are satisfied that the girls attending our colleges are as competent as are the boys to practice self government. They should not be treated as children. The multiplicity of rules that prevail in some institutions are an incitement to the girls to violate them. A large part of education should affect the will and should teach young people self control and self restraint. College students should be treated as ladies and gentlemen, and when they show that they do not belong to these classes they should be dealt with according to their offense. Less rules and more reliance upon the natural moral ideals of girls would produce more wholesome obedience to moral standards and develop stronger characters. B. F. D.

# The Next Annual Convention

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

November 10-13, 1908

All Beta girls, both active and alumnae, urge large delegations from every chapter to plan on coming to Convention.

Ann Arbor is so favorably situated geographically, Beta hopes the Eastern and Middle West Chapters may feel they can have many visitors aside from delegates, without incurring enormous expense.

The names of all visitors and delegates should be sent to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, before October 10.

# MISS MARGARET LYDECKER,

1310 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Business sessions will be at the usual hours, and the banquet will be on the evening of Friday, November 13.

Definite hours and places of meeting can be announced in the next Crescent.

# MABELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS.

Chairman of Convention Committee.

MRS. HENRY W. DOUGLAS,

1620 Israel Hall Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich.



HE CRESCENT most sincerely congratulates every graduate member of our fraternity of this year's class. The editor feels a personal interest in each one for the fact that she has been so intimately associated with them, through the issues of The Crescent, during their four years of college life. We hope the new life upon which you are about to enter will have in store for you the largest possible opportunity for service, and the greatest measure of blessing that can come from duty well done.

# The New Alumnae

URING the month of June there will be a considerable number of Gamma Phi Betas who will change their relationship to the sorority from active to alumnæ. It is a critical step and one which will determine the future of these girls as sorority girls. They will miss the meetings of their chapters, participation in the activities of the chapter and, most of all, the society of their sisters of the chapter. What can they do to compensate for these losses? These graduates can continue to keep in touch with their chapter through correspondence, and, best of all, they can continue their interest in the sorority at large by keeping themselves informed through The Crescent as to the doings of the sorority. Any member who, after leaving college, neglects to show any interest in the chapter to which she

belonged and fails to continue to subscribe for The Crescent, and does not join an alumnæ chapter if there is one convenient to her, should thereby forfeit her real membership in the sorority. If it was any real benefit to you during your college course, much more can it help you after graduation. Let every new graduate of the class of 1908 determine to be loyal to Gamma Phi Beta in the future as in the past.

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# The Next Convention

HE national conventions of Gamma Phi Beta are events of more than ordinary significance. They are the occasions when the work of the general sorority comes up for review. They are mounts of vision, for an outlook of the sorority future. They bring together large numbers of delegates from active chapters and numbers of the enthusiastic alumnæ. One cannot help but have her own love and interest in the sorority stimulated by coming in contact with these warm-hearted Gamma Phis during the days of an annual convention. The social functions are always a feature of these gatherings, and are well worth the cost of going to the convention. Let our motto for the next convention, which will be held in Ann Arbor, be "The best convention in the history of our beloved sorority." Why not plan to make going to the convention your vacation outing?

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# Fraternities and the Social Life of our Colleges

RIGINALLY there was little attention given to the social side of the student's life by our colleges. The students were housed in large, unattractive dormitories, which were about as uninviting and barren as the ordinary military barracks. Such surroundings were not conducive to the development of the social side of student life. At the beginning of the last century most of the colleges that were founded made no provision for rooming or boarding the students; these lived in the homes of the towns

people where the college was located. Through the influence of fraternities the social life of the students was in a measure provided for. The college fraternities came into existence in response to a demand on the part of the social life of the student body. They have made large contributions to the social and intellectual life of college students.

The life and manners and customs of our people have greatly changed from the barren, rugged Puritan life of our fathers. The new social order of today is a part of the advantages conferred upon humanity by the advanced civilization of our times. Fraternities gave opportunity for kindred spirits to mingle together in the bonds of brotherhood, patterning after the family idea.

In recent years the colleges have felt the need of providing quarters for the students which should partake of the nature of homes rather than old barren dormitories. The fraternities were the first to answer to this demand, and fraternity houses sprang up in our colleges all over the land. No movement in recent years has done so much to develop the social life of the students as our fraternity houses. Many of our colleges have not been in a financial condition to supply these student homes, and the fraternities supplying them have come to the aid of the colleges and have made a contribution which is recognized by college authorities.

Dr. Henry Drinker, President of Lehigh University, expresses his judgment of the social value of fraternities in the following: "I speak for the trustees of the university when I say that Lehigh is very grateful to the fraternities for what they have done in the past in housing the students before we ever had a dormitory. The attitude of the university toward fraternities is simply one of impartial appreciation."

The University of Virginia encourages the fraternities to build houses. It has a loan fund, and will loan any fraternity twothirds of the amount necessary to build, providing the chapter furnishes one-third. The university further furnishes free of charge a site for building, retaining, of course, the title to the land.

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N May first, nine of the eighteen chapter letters due on that date were in the hands of the editor; four came to her on that day, and all of the nine happened to be from the active chapters. The other nine were evidently laboring under the impression that the first of May means any time from the first to the fifteenth, or perhaps not at all.

If at the close of this year the editor had the opportunity of preaching a little sermon to the various correspondents to The Crescent and also to those who contribute from time to time or are in one way or another responsible for something in our quarterly, it would be a little sermon of two words repeated and repeated for emphasis, "Answer letters! Answer letters! Answer letters!" etc.

Then in perhaps almost as emphatic tones (you can fancy the firstly yelled at you every time you receive a letter marked 'The Crescent'), she would call out her secondly, "When writing for publication write on one side of the paper only!" Then the refrain comes, "Answer letters!" If it's a shameful impossibility to you to be prompt, at least answer them somehow.

Perhaps there seems little connection between Crescent correspondence and the new song book, but to the editor it all comes under the same text, "Attention!"

You all know that the song book new and revised is brimming full of fine songs that each Gamma Phi, wherever two or three are gathered, should certainly have in her possession. What if you have an old one! Some of us have a copy of each edition and are proud of each one. You want all the news songs, and the clever ones of each chapter's choosing, so that your repertoire will be increased. Send in your name to Miss Emma Lowd, Chairman of the Song Book Committee,

601 West 148th street, New York City, at once with money for the copy or copies. Get some other Gamma Phi interested, too. Miss Lowd and the committee have worked hard and long and deserve not only the bare gratitude of the sorority but their loyal support. Do not delay in this matter. Be prompt for once in your (sorority) lives and give it immediate attention!

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E are proud to present to our readers in this issue pictures of all our active chapters with the exception of Eta and Kappa. Repeated requests for photographs of the chapter to each of these brought no reply whatever, so we are disappointed in being unable to show you the faces of all our actives. But we are none the less proud of those we see here, and are sorry that we will never again have the same faces in each group—we will miss the seniors.

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#### ALPHA

EAR SISTERS: One of the events for Alpha during the past month was the party given for us by our ever close friends, the Alumnæ. Mrs. Porter opened her spacious home on Orchard road, but, large as it was, we Gamma Phis nearly filled it. We had great fun opening our individual surprise boxes, which proved to contain rare but practical gifts, such as "tenpins," "Gold Dust Twins" and many other fakes of like nature. After watching some unique charades, we were served a very fine supper. We of course closed with a rousing good sing, and everybody came away filled to the brim with "Gamma Phi cheer."

We are now anticipating our next reunion, which will be at the time of our annual "donation party." The entertainment for this occasion is always planned by the Sophomore class. This year a genuine minstrel show is to be given, and we have little doubt as to its success, as we believe there is a lot of talent stored away in our under-classmen.

Just before the Easter holidays we gave a little bridge party for some sub-Freshmen, but that is about the only entertaining we have indulged in. The girls have, however, kept busy with other things fully as important. One of our Seniors, "Rege" Waters, won distinction for some good playing in the annual Senior-Junior basketball game. Other of our girls have been prominent in helping to form "The Woman's League," an organization whose purpose is to promote student government among the women of the University. Marion Williams, our one Senior in the Fine Arts College, appeared on the program of the April "Public" and won much praise for her fine work. Jess Truman, '09, is pledged to the Senior society of Eta Pi Upsilon.

With only a few weeks more of college, Alpha is beginning to realize that she will soon lose one of the largest and strongest Senior classes she has ever had. It is unusual for a class to remain so intact throughout the four years, there being only one out of the eleven who did not finish her course.

Alpha sends best wishes to each and every Gamma Phi.

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### BETA

S INCE the last CRESCENT letter lots of things have happened at Michigan. Junior hop, Sophomore prom and Freshman banquet are things of the past.

In February the men of the college gave a comic opera called "Michigenda." It was a great success, and every one agreed that it was better than anything they had given before.

Schoolmasters' Club met here just before vacation. A goodly number of the old girls were back, and we certainly had a jolly household for a few days. We gave a tea at the house for the girls and their friends in town and had a good time generally.

Now we are getting ready to give a little play at the spring banquet. The date of the banquet has not been decided upon, but we hope that all the Alumnæ who can will be here.

This year Beta is going to have the pleasure of entertaining all the girls at connvention. We take this opportunity to urge all to come. We trust that a great many more than the regular delegates will find it possible to visit Beta chapter. All Gamma Phis will be more than welcome.

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# GAMMA

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: During the Lenten season of this year we have done no entertaining, but now that Easter is past and spring is here we are busy planning for two of the most important social events of the year, our formal party on May 16 and our annual Alumnæ banquet June 13, during Commencement week.

On Washington's Birthday Delta Gamma entertained us very pleasantly at their chapter house with a play given by their Freshmen.

A short time ago "Red Domino" gave a play in which Gertrude Wright, one of our Freshmen, took a leading part. She also took a minor part in "Twelfth Night," given by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club.

The Attic Angels, a charity society of Madison women, are giving an entertainment in which Edith McMillan, Allison More, Gertrude Wright and Bess Newell have solo parts and several others have parts in the chorus.

Interscholastic rushing has been set this year for the last week in May.

We expect to entertain about twenty rushees with driving, dancing, a luncheon given by Mrs. Barnes and a Glee Club concert. This is the rushing of the year which we try to make particularly successful, and all our efforts are directed toward making this year's result more successful than ever.

Gamma extends a hearty invitation to all her own Alumnæ and all Gamma Phis to be with her at the banquet in June.

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### DELTA

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: We had just as delightful a time as we anticipated at our valentine party at Olive Marshall's and at our other party at Sue Philbrook's. On St. Patrick's Day our Alumnæ entertained us with a delicious chafing dish spread at the sorority rooms.

April 3 Delta gave two little farces, the proceeds to go towards scenery for college dramatics. Miss Kimball, of Gamma, very kindly assisted us by reading. On the 15th we had a very informal tea at the rooms for a few friends, mostly college non-frat girls. On the 25th the annual spring luncheon was held at the English Tea Room. Junior week has passed, with the musicale, play and prom, and the Junior prom approaches. To crown our gayeties, we are meditating a little dance. Our year is nearly over, even examinations ending May 27. After the Senior week festivities we expect to have our house party, as usual, but have not yet made any definite plans.

If this letter has seemed rather abrupt and jerky thus far, it is because the writer has been frantically trying to save the best for the last. We have a new pledgling—initiated she will be by the time her sisters in other chapters see this—Maud Hodges. We're feeling pretty fine ourselves and send lots of love and best wishes to all Gamma Phis.

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#### **EPSILON**

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Epsilon takes pleasure in introducing to you her new initiate, Janet Childs, of Evanston, who was pledged at the beginning of the second semester.

For some time we have been deeply interested in the discussion of the Pan-Hellenic Association as to whether we shall have a long or a short rushing season next year. Several members of the Intersorority Conference who have recently returned from their convention talked to us, and we were pleased to have Miss Lillian Thompson with us at that time.

For three years we have had pledge day within a month after school opened, but the system was not absolutely successful, more because the girls did not live up to the spirit of the rules than to the letter, and we are trying this year to get back to a starting place once more; so that we can begin on new ground.

Since our last letter we have had several visitors from Gamma and one from Kappa, and we were delighted to find that Winifred Wade, of Theta, had moved to Chicago and would be active in our chapter.

In the play given by the Junior class two of our girls—Helen Cowles and Edwina Pope—participated, doing credit to themselves and Gamma Phi.

We have had several parties in the last few months, more or less informal, and expect to give our annual formal party on May 13, when we hope to welcome many of our Alumnæ who are living in and about Chicago.

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### ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter, Senior Dramatics have come and gone, and to say that they were a success would be putting it very mildly.

Donnybrook Fair, our college year book, published each year by the juniors, has just come out and has been pronounced one of the best books ever published. Jean Thoburn, one of our juniors, was Art Editor of the book. The class of 1910 has just elected their Board of Editors for next year, and Mary McCurley, who is now president of the class, has been elected as its business manager.

Anna Blanton, '11, has been elected sophomore member of the Executive Board of Students' Organization for the coming year.

As the Misses Wilmot, with whom Zeta has had rooms for several years, have given up their house, the chapter is homeless. So we decided that upon getting new rooms, some new furnishings would be necessary. A shower was planned for the twenty-fifth of April and at the appointed time, the chapter girls gathered for the shower. To add a touch of realism there was a real sure-enough shower out of doors and the souvenir umbrellas were extremely appropriate. We found that our alumnæ had responded most substantially to our plan, with the result that Zeta will be able to have a new room in more than one sense of the word.

Zeta finally wishes to extend a hearty welcome to any Zeta alumnæ who are expecting to come back to the banquet in June. We are going to have our fifteenth reunion at Mt. Holly Inn on May 30, and we want to have a splendid time. If any of the alumnæ are arranging to come back accom-

modations could be obtained for them if they would only write to the chapter secretary.

In closing, Zeta wishes a most successful commencement season and a happy summer to each and every Gamma Phi.

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### THETA

THETA sends her greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters. We are more than busy with preparations for our play, "The Land of Heart's Content," by Lindsay Barbee, which we are to present at the Woman's Club Friday, May 18. Like all of Miss Barbee's productions, it savors strongly of college life, and we feel quite sure it will be a success.

As the spring advances we realize more and more the pangs of parting we all will experience when we bid our eight Seniors "Godspeed" on June 17. They are: Mary Way, Blossom Henry, Helen Carson, Mame Gallup, Eva Davis, Ona Bowman, Margaret Carman and Lucy Moore—nearly all of whom intend to teach next year in high schools about the state.

Already we are planning to introduce prospective Freshmen to our college and to Gamma Phi at a tea at "the Lodge" on May 8. This will be the first of a series of informal entertainments for the same purpose to be given before college closes in June.

One of our Sophomores, Lisle Brownell, has been critically ill with pneumonia, but, much to our relief, is now rapidly improving. Another one of our active chapter, Mildred Hansen, has been forced to leave school and accompany her mother to California in search of health.

Monday night, May 18, Theta will hold her annual reunion banquet at the Metropole Hotel. This is an event always pleasantly anticipated by both active and Alumnæ chapters, many of our Alumnæ coming from various points in the state to attend.

Recently a Pan-Hellenic Association for members of college sororities was organized in Denver for advancing social intercourse among sorority women "out of college." Gamma Phi Beta was voted the secretaryship of the Executive Board.

We are glad to have May Schiffer, formerly '07, in the active chapter again upon her entrance in college this term.

Theta took great pleasure in welcoming Fern Mitchell back after a year's sojourn in Seattle, where she took an active interest in all of

Lambda's affairs, and she delights us with glowing accounts of our Western sisters.

It is with regret that Theta bids adieu to her sister chapters for the summer, but she wishes them all a delightful summer vacation.

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### IOTA

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: For the last time this college year Iota sends greetings and congratulations on what she knows has been a most successful and enjoyable semester. We Barnard Seniors, owing to some new faculty plans, have our exams and commencement before the undergraduates. This arrangement frees us at about the middle of May, but keeps the other classes until June 8. So, since the only recent undergraduate activity has been the production of "The Taming of the Shrew," in which really excellent work was accomplished, we are eagerly looking forward to Senior week. During that time we have planned to hold our field day events, an undergraduate tea for our noncollege friends, a Senior farewell party to the college, Tree day exercises, Senior dance, Class day, commencement and Senior banquet. Then, too, we are entertained by the Columbia Seniors at their Class day "over the way" and by the Barnard Alumnæ at a reception. So you can well understand that finals do not appear so gloomy when we can see behind them such a glorious week.

Sorority rushing affairs took the shape of informal teas during Lent, and right after Easter we had a most enjoyable heart party. Our spring banquet, for which the New York Alumnæ joins us, is planned for a Saturday in Senior week at the Hotel St. Andrew, and after our luncheon we intend to have the Freshmen meet our Alumnæ at a reception. Then we shall say "Au revoir" to our rushees until college reopens, since the Pan-Hellenic compact forbids rushing during vacation.

Pan-Hellenic was very glad to have the opportunity to become acquainted with Miss Powers, the visiting delegate of Delta Delta Delta, at a reception given in her honor by the local chapter. Miss Powers met us again informally, and we had a very helpful little talk about Pan-Hellenics and sororities in the different colleges.

Our four Seniors feel rather depressed at the speedy coming of graduation. It will be strange to greet our sisters next year from under the protecting shelter of the New York Alumnæ instead of as active Iota girls, but our interest in Gamma Phi will still be as keen as it now is.

### KAPPA

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: After a long rushing season pledge day has come and gone, and Kappa is proud to introduce to her sister chapters Anne Hull, '11; Louise Jenkins, '11, and Ethel Cosgrove, '09. A few weeks before, we had pledged Catherine Crocker, '10. Our second rushing party was held March 27 at the home of Helen Hendrix. Dinner was served at 6:30 on the tearoom order. Screens and suggestive decorations were used to form the Dutch room, Japanese and college rooms, etc. The menu was most delectable, and several of the girls in neat black and white were dainty waitresses. The evening's entertainment was amateur vaudeville, the "Gammaphorpheum," with many clever stunts.

The pledge day reception was held at the home of Mrs. Suddeth. By rule of Pan-Hellenic, all Freshmen who accepted bids were to appear at the certain address given by the sorority between the hours of 4 and 5. Kappa is especially gratified with her new girls, who will be initiated April 29 at the home of Helen Weld.

Helen Riheldaffer entertained for Sarah Shute, Epsilon, '07, Sara Preston, '07, and other Gamma Phis who were in the city during their spring vacation.

Rewey Belle Inglis, one of our most loyal sisters and one who has entered into many phases of college life with enthusiasm and effectiveness, was honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

The Dramatic Club will give a campus production of "As You Like It" at the close of the year. Mary Heritage is to take one of the leading parts.

Several of the girls are members of the Girls' Glee Club, which will give a Japanese operetta, "O Hanu San," in the University chapel May 6.

We expect to give our annual formal May 13 at Glen Morris, a beautiful place near Lake Minnetonka. With our banquet at the close of the year, Kappa's activities will practically be over until college opens in the fall.

We wish a happy summer to every sister in Gamma Phi.

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#### LAMBDA

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: A bright and breezy spring-tide to you all.

During these balmy days our chapter house on University boulevard and its immediate surroundings stand out as a perfect gem in a gorgeous green setting and remind us forcibly of the verses dedicated to our campus by Professor Meany:

"Flanked by snow crowned monarchs,"
A girdle of shimmering shores,
Towering trees in the forests,
With paths o'er mossy floors.

Ravines with steep sides sloping Toward waters deep and blue, Edged with tangled foliage And wild birds darting through.

Shrubs toss blooms in billows
White as the ocean's foam.
Here our fond love lingers—
The campus we know as "home."

Our complex college life and its attendant responsibilities have been creditably participated in by our girls. The Sophomore class in English gave two Shakespearean plays recently, "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night." We were very proud of Helen Urquhart, who took the part of Viola in "Twelfth Night." The critic, formerly with E. H. Sothern, pronounced her interpretation and acting to be worthy of a professional.

Our Juniors are not to be outdone and are busy preparing for the Junior farce. One of the girls, Violet Dungan, is chairman of the committee and is also to be leading lady. Another Junior, Edna Byrd, is taking an active part in the "County Fair," which is to be given this com-

ing Saturday, April 28, for the benefit of the Women's League.

We are well represented in the University Glee Club this year. Zella Steele, a Sophomore, was appointed manager, and one of our little Freshmen, Therese Preston, was selected to give a song and dance specialty. Our girls have also been active in other student affairs, some being on committees for general merrymaking for the Woman's League, a flourishing society founded by one of our girls.

At the present time we are looking forward to a pretty cotillion we are to give on April 24. We gather together every afternoon to make chrysanthemums, sunbonnets, hand painted cardcases and the like to use for favors. We really enjoy the work, and every one is happy and congenial,

which is characteristic of a "bunch" of Gamma Phis.

We do not want you to think our life out here is one round of social events. On the contrary, if you could only have seen us about a month ago preparing for "semi-finals"! My, how we studied! But we are glad

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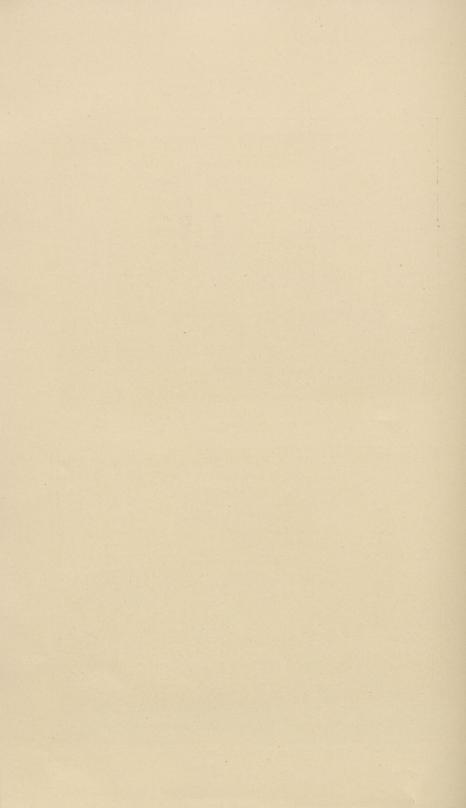




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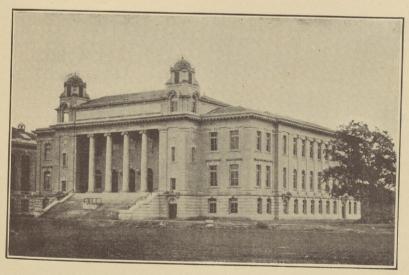


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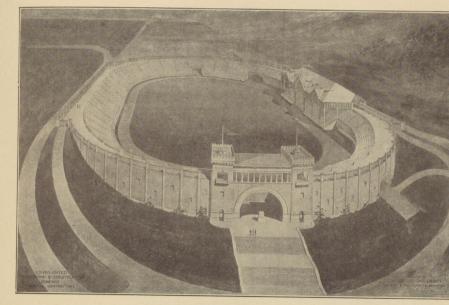


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we did, for we have come through with honors. Now we are facing another examination upon the constitution of Gamma Phi Beta, given by Mrs. Arthur Haggett, of Beta and wife of Dr. Haggett, one of our faculty. We keenly appreciate the fact that what is Beta's loss is our gain, for Mrs. Haggett fully exemplifies the words of the poet—

"A woman nobly planned
To warn, to comfort and command."

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#### MU

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Even as Mu is greeting the other chapters she is standing very near the final trial of the end—semester exams. They end May 13. College also practically ends then, as the Seniors have decided to dispense with Senior festivities this year. This action was taken as a token of sorrow over the loss of so many prominent Senior men in the recent misunderstanding between the faculty and the students.

This May marks the ending of our first year in our new house. As we look back to last August—the most strenuous year so far perhaps of our existence in college—we find that just this very strenuousness has drawn us closely together. With all our manifold duties of organizing everything on a smooth running basis this year, the girls have tried to keep closely in touch with college affairs and to devote a good share of their enthusiasm and energy to the demands of college life as well as to that within the sorority. The two things perhaps that I might be allowed to pick out as the results of good, hard work devoted to college interests are that Sadie Bundy has been elected captain of the girls' basketball team and Florence Forbes has made Cap and Gown. This last deserves a word of explanation. Cap and Gown is a society organized comparatively recently, composed of Senior women who have made good in some line of college work during their three years in college.

This spring a woman's dramatic society was organized. Winifred Higgins was made a charter member because of her excellent work in the Sophomore play this year.

Before going any further Mu would like to introduce a new sister to the readers of The Crescent. She is Della Barnhart, of Coyotte, Cal., and was initiated April 23. We had at the initiation banquet representatives from four other chapters—Mrs. Washburn, one of the founders of Beta; Miss Eunice Gray, of Gamma; Alice Hoyt, from Eta, and Rachel Beard, from Kappa, although she really belongs to us by adoption now.

Not so long ago, at the time of the intercollegiate track meet at Stanford, we had a house full of Berkeley Gamma Phis, and very fine it seemed

to have them down. We only wish more had come.

Our Pan-Hellenic contract 's in the process of making. However, the time as decided upon now is six weeks. A few weeks ago the Pan-Hellenic Association gave a picnic in the foothills to all its members. It really was very enjoyable and offered unlimited opportunities for making and renewing friendships outside of one's own sorority.

We are sorry to have to say that Winifred Higgins had to leave college

soon after Easter vacation, but we all expect her back next fall.

As Fortune takes away in one direction she restores in another by the law of compensation, so we are favored this spring by a month's visit from Pauline Gartzmann. We are also eagerly waiting for tomorrow to bring us Jeannette Cole for the rest of the semester.

Mu wishes every one of you all the tan, sunburn and freckles that a

jolly good time will give you this vacation.

CHICAGO
(No Letter.)

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### SYRACUSE

EAR SISTERS: As this is our last chance for this year, we send so much greeting in our letter today that the envelope will not stay sealed, and Oh, what if the postman should read it!

We had an "Old Time Party" recently, but don't you just guess for one minute that Syracuse is in the afternoon of her career or even in the pluperfect tense. We are mortgaged to the glorious tomorrow, and are already planning how, through the hammocky days of July and August, and even in the prickliest of dog days, we can be looking up and lending

a hand to help bring down that old millenium of which we read.

And now as I sit me down with a very beautiful bottle of ink, and a new spring style pen, have folded two of my hands, and am listening "for the low voices my soul hears," (so as to seem to you very wise indeed). I hear a tearful cry at the back door, "Want to buy any horseradish, mum?" Scarcely am I reseated and have begun to listen with my other ear, when at the front door a caller keeps me standing half an hour because she hasn't time to come in! From the only door that's left, loud and prolonged knocks from an agent. And presently I pause (the one occupation to which I lend myself with energy), and with a sweet smile, thunderstormy around the edges, I dispose of him. "Now," I think to myself, "Iv'e done it!" For one brief minute I write—this first paragraph the

result—(it sounds fairly calm, doesn't it?) when I'm called upstairs to see "if this shade of paint is about right." It was, but, Oh, where am I at, and where are Browning's "low voices" my soul ought to hear? I'll turn over a new leaf and try once more.

On March 7 we assembled, sewed, chatted, ate delicious things and (there is another knock), had a fine time generally at Mrs. Fish's. Going home, wasn't the skating good on the sidewalks?

Later in the month, Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke entertained the active chapter in honor of Miss Beth Cobb, of Albany. Miss Cobb's father is the designer of the Gamma Phi pin. The girls all love Mrs. Cooke, and are unanimous that they had the nicest kind of a time.

March 20, our Mary Whitford gave a peanut party and olive spread at the chapter house in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of her initiation. The active girls and fourteen of the alumnæ were to her as clover bees to a honey blossom, and she went home with a big bunch of carnations presented by them.

April 4, Miss Gowing pleasantly entertained the chapter. These meetings are usually well attended. This time we were glad to welcome two who for some time have not been able to come. Miss Florence Trowbridge and Miss Janet Kevand.

Monday evening, April 13, the alumnæ chapter gave a party in honor of the active girls at Mrs. Belle Yates Porter's, in Orchard Road. These are the occasions which help to keep us young, and the girls now in college are a bright inspiration to the more married ones with homes and cares, and all the "and so forths."

Last Saturday evening many of the alumnæ and friends of the girls attended the annual donation party at the chapter house, when "Miss Miranda Maryland" introduced her "Troupe of Colored Belles." The house was full, and the entertainment a great success.

Next Saturday, we meet at Miss Nellie Morgan's, and at tea-kettle time the active girls are to join us and spend a pleasant evening together.

So we keep busy and happy and gay— Loyal to dear Gamma Phi alway.

> BOSTON (No Letter.)

## NEW YORK

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Since we last wrote you we have held two meetings, both of which were well attended and most enjoyable.

In spite of the rainy weather, twelve of us succeeded in making our way to Brooklyn, on February 15, where we were most royally entertained at luncheon by Mrs. T. H. Dinsmore and Mrs. S. E. Whitaker, at the home of the former 387 Ocean avenue. As there was little business to transact, the afternoon was spent in visiting with each other in true Gamma Phi spirit.

On Saturday, March 28, Mrs. E. R. Smith opened her home to us at 160 Valley Road, Montclair. Miss Clara Whitmore entertained with her. Some surprises awaited us on our arrival. Mrs. W. L. Morgan and Mrs. E. W. Murray, of Alpha, had journeyed from Newark to visit us. We were so glad to have them with us. It was also a pleasure for us to welcome Miss Putnam, of Delta, who happened to be visiting one of our members in New York at that time.

We are now anticipating our spring banquet, which will take place on Saturday, May 23, at the Hotel St. Andrew. As is our custom, we unite with Iota in this annual feast. We are hoping that a large number of

our girls will be able to attend.

A pleasant vacation and a safe return with renewed health and strength, is the wish of the New York Alumnae Chapter for every sister in the bands of Gamma Phi.

## MILWAUKEE

EAR SISTERS in Gamma Phi: Once more we send greetings and good wishes to you all. And at this time the wintry snows have ceased and the cold spring rains are descending upon us.

In place of our regular meeting for April, we gave a luncheon at the Pfister Hotel. Several alumnæ from out of town were able to come in for the occasion and as the country paper frequently expresses itself upon similar events, "a very enjoyable time was had." In spite of the fact that the rain before mentioned, threatened to destroy our spring millinery, we voted the affair a great success.

We have but two more meetings this spring and then our members scatter for the summer. But it is only to come together again at the end of vacation with new enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta.

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AN FRANCISCO Alumnæ Chapter sends greetings to all her sisters S AN FRANCISCO Alto in Gamma Phi Beta.

During the last quarter the chapter has been rather quiet, our only meeting being at Lena Redington's. We met there with the distinct understanding that very little business was to be done, but that the babies were to amuse us. Needless to say, we enjoyed the afternoon of gossip and gurgles. Mrs. Hope Woodbury Gibson of Gamma Chapter, who is now living in Alameda, was with us, and, we are delighted to say, signified her intention of joining our chapter.

We have two new sons to our credit, one in Eureka, in the home of True Aiken Stern, and the other in the household of Della West Bassick.

Commencement at the University of California is drawing near, and we are already making preparation for our "Senior Luncheon" for the graduates from California and Stanford. The luncheon is always the last time we meet before our summer outings, and our adieux are mostly in the form, "Hope you have a fine trip," or "Be sure and get a good rest."

And this is the sort of thing we wish you all for the next few months.

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DENVER (No Letter.)

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## Personals

### Alpha

Grace Zimmerlin, '06, of Lyons, and Lillian Tittsworth, '06, of Montrose, Pa., were guests at the chapter house during the week.

#### Beta

Elsie McClain, of Dawagiac, Mich., visited us before vacation.

Agnes Wells plans to spend this coming summer in England.

Maude Hicks Haidle will be in Ann Arbor for a part of the summer.

Vera Lay, of Kalamazoo, has just recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

Honta Smalley Bredin plans to go with her husband to Paris this summer.

Born, to Margaret Shearer Willard, a son. Mrs. Willard is living in Alaska.

Isadore Thompson Scott and her family return from Europe this coming October.

Margaret Cahill Bartholomew and her family will spend the summer in Ann Arbor.

Cornelia Staketee Hulst was toastmistress at the Michigan Women's banquet April 4.

Jessie Horton Koessler and Eleanor Oliver went for a week together in Paris at Easter time.

Lulu Liesimer, of Ann Arbor, sails for Europe in June. She will visit Northhampton before she starts.

Born, to Mrs. J. N. H. Campbell (nee Marion Moulton, Beta), of Hartford, Conn., a son, on February 21.

Helen Douglas Creelman and her husband spend the summer in Europe. At present she is visiting her mother in Ann Arbor.

Beta girls, active and alumnæ, had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Anna Spencer Harrington (Gamma), of Lansing, a few weeks ago while she was in Ann Arbor.

Edwin F. Fay, now professor of economics at Harvard, has been appointed dean of the new Graduate School of Business Administration. He is the husband of Louise Randolph Fay.

#### Gamma

Elsa Castendyke is teaching in Peru.

Mrs. Brittingham has returned from her trip to South America.

Mrs. Nelle Etter Royce, of Superior, visited us a few weeks ago.

Daisy Stott, of Verona, visited in Madison during her spring vacation. Clara Jenson, of Edgerton, spent a few days with Gamma chapter before Easter.

Loretta Carey, who is teaching in Sioux City, spent her spring vacation in Madison. Margery Durkee, of Lake Geneva, and Vena Brunk, of Chicago, visited us at the same time.

#### Zeta

Born, to Jane Smart Allen, '04, a daughter.

Letitia Simons, '00, sailed for Europe in April.

Bertha Benedict, Alpha, '06, spent Easter in Baltimore.

Mary Sawyers, ex-'07, expects to sail from Paris for America the middle of May.

Elsie Robbins, ex-'07, is to be married Thursday, May 14, to Dr. Solon Arthur Dodd.

Edith Powell, '03, was married Tuesday, April 28, to Dr. Francis D. Pringle, of Punxatawney, Pa.

Anne Williams, ex-'08, has announced her engagement to Mr. Axel Oswald Appelberg, of Göteborg, Sweden.

Margaret Wilson, ex-'07, stopped in Baltimore for a day on her way home from an extended trip through the South.

Lillian Horsey, '05, has announced her engagement to Dr. Norris, of Baltimore. She is to be married in June and will make her home in Baltimore.

#### Tota

Ellen O'Gorman, '08, sails for Europe on June 20 to spend the summer. Elda Fink, ex-'08, intends to re-enter college in the fall as a member of 1910.

Helen Darlington Worrall, '10, plans to spend the summer on the Long Island coast.

The Misses Ely, Beta, and Miss Marshall, Delta, visited Iota during the Easter holidays.

Helen Gray, '08, was a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Lafayette College.

Mrs. Miller, Denver Alumnæ, was in New York for a few days and met some of the Iota girls.

The engagement of Lulu Jane Carpenter, Iota, '05, to Dr. Howard A. Bayles has been announced.

Helen Aiguier, '09, was absent from college for a month with an attack of mastoiditis, from which she has now entirely recovered.

Mrs. Arthur Whitwell (Florence Nye), '05, visited in town for a short time, and after a trip to Boston intends to return for commencement week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Winterburn announce the marriage of their daughter Una Adele to Mr. Otis Yale Harsen on Wednesday, April 22. Mrs. Harsen is an enthusiastic member of New York Alumnæ chapter and is chairman of the committee that published the last directory of the sorority.

#### Kappa

Lorena McFarlane, '04, is teaching in Virginia, Minn.

Sarah Shute, Epsilon, '07, spent Easter vacation in Minneapolis.

Mary Ives, '06, of Mason City, was recently in Minneapolis for a week. Eleanor Eaton, of Mount Holyoke, spent Easter at her home in St. Paul.

Jessie Mosgrove, Lambda, '07, spent a few days in Minneapolis on her way east from Seattle.

The engagement is announced of Millicent Lees, ex-'09, and Mr. Arthur Hoffman, Phi Gamma Delta, of Minneapolis.

Katherine Taney Silverson, '06, who was married in January, is still in Europe on her wedding trip and will return during the summer.

Clara Taney, who is teaching in Jackson, Minn., spent her vacation at

home in St. Paul. Agnes Ives, '05, who is also teaching in Jackson, was her guest.

Lella Albrecht, who has been Y. W. C. A. secretary at Kirksville, Mo., has accepted a like position with the University of Minnesota Association for next year.

#### Lambda

Born, to Mrs. Frank S. Horsfall, a daughter.

The Alumnæ gave a card party at the chapter house during the spring vacation.

Mrs. Florence Baker Hays, of Gamma, spent a few hours at the chapter house recently.

On May 12 Ava E. Dodson, '02, and Mr. William Stevenson, Phi Delta Theta, are to be married at the bride's home in Bellingham. In the bridal party there will be three of her sorority sisters—Edith G. Prosch, as maid of honor, and Jeanette Perry and Charlotte Blodgett as bridesmaids. We are glad that Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are to make their home in Seattle.

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Ruth and Winifred Gilbert start on an European trip May 5 with their mother.

Helen Thoburn is planning to go to Chicago this summer, where she may spend the next couple of years.

Mrs. (Marian Junkins) Skinner will take a trip east this summer with her husband, Professor Macy M. Skinner. They will attend the commencement exercises of Harvard and Radcliffe, where Mr. and Mrs. Skinner took their degree.s

#### Syracuse

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fuller, '85, are spending a few weeks in California. Miss Lillie Lewis, '98, has just received her formal appointment to a position in the Syracuse high school.

Mrs. Cora Willard Frederick, '81, of Buffalo, has been staying at Old Point Comfort, and on her return visited her mother here and many old home friends.

Miss Mary Moss, the daughter of Mrs. Frances Haven Moss '77, (one of our four founders), is to be married June 4 to Professor Wiley, principal of the high school at Mattoon, Ill.

Miss Helen Gowing, '00, enjoyed her Easter vacation in New York, and Miss Florence Trowbridge, '94, passed her's in Washington, D. C., as the guest of Mrs. Corinne Lewis Robinson, '98.

Our deepest sympathy is with Miss Margaret Caldwell, '87, Bradford,

Pa., and with Mrs. Anna Loomis Humphrey, '92, Columbus, Ohio. Within a short time each of these ladies has lost her father.

Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe, '93, and son have just returned from Savannah, Ga., where they have been guests at the home of Miss Eleanor Pudor. The latter is now a sophomore in Syracuse University.

Mrs. Howard, '83, now of the Woman's Department of Brown University, is to be next year at the high school and will occupy her new residence in this city. Her sister, Mrs. Hodder, '95, of Wellesley, is to spend her summer on the Maine coast.

#### new York

Laura Mathews has been studying music with Josephy this year. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to Stella McIntyre, who is mourning the loss of her brother.

Laura Van Cise, Lulu Carpenter, Jeannette Siebert and Edna Stitt spent a few days in Washington at Easter time. They had the pleasure of shaking hands with President Roosevelt in his private study in the White House.

On Wednesday evening, April 22, at the bride's home, 105 Riverside Drive, Una Winterburn was married to Mr. Otis Yale Harsen. Upon the return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Harsen will make their home in South Yonkers.

Alma Grooves Cookman, Zeta, is now residing in New York. Her husband has been appointed to the pastorate of Grace M. E. Church, in 104th Street West. She is to be present at our banquet and we are hoping to have her with us in the alumnæ chapter next year.

#### Milwaukee

Mrs. Elliott Bright and daughter have returned from a trip to California.

Miss Morgan, of Appleton, Mrs. Howard Cady, of Green Bay, and Miss Duncan, of Cedarburg, attended the luncheon given by the Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter on April 25.

## Our Contemporaries in Black and White

W<sup>E</sup> acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges be sent to the following addresses:

Miss Amy Louise Phelan, The St. Francis, Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. T. L. Berry, 1019 Hinman avenue, Evanston, Ill.

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, 283 N. Washington street, Delaware, Ohio.

(Please note the change of address of editor from Columbus to Delaware, Ohio.)

#### FOR JANUARY:

Beta Theta Pi.

Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

The Kappa Alpha Theta.

#### FOR FEBRUARY:

Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The Journal of Omega Upsilon Phi.

The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.

The Delta of Sigma Nu.

Kappa Alpha Journal.

The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The Phi Gamma Delta.

The Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The Shield and Diamond.

Delta Chi Quarterly.

Alpha Xi Delta.

Beta Theta Pi.

#### FOR MARCH:

Sigma Kappa Triangle.

Phi Gamma Delta.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Adelphean of Alpha Delta Phi.

Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

FOR APRIL:

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta. Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha. Anchora of Delta Gamma.

FOR MAY:

The Journal of Omega Upsilon Phi.

The wind bloweth, the farmer soweth,
The subscriber oweth, and the Lord knoweth
That we are in need of our dues.
So come a-runnin' ere we go gunnin',
We're not funnin', this thing of dunnin'
Gives us the everlastin' blues.

-Theta Delta Chi Shield.

The Woman's League of the University of Illinois has fitted up a room in the hospital for university girls and is collecting a loan fund for the benefit of girls making their way through college. The League at the University of Colorado and "The Girls' Club of Nebraska" already have such a fund.—The Lyre.

The University of Chicago has received another large gift from John D. Rockefeller. This time it is the magnificent sum of \$2,191,000. This brings the gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to this one institution to the wonderful sum of \$23,000,000, the largest sum ever given by one man to education in the history of the world. No wonder the name "Rockefeller" figures so largely in the yells of the students of Chicago University.—The Shield and Diamond.

In an address before the Association of Collegiate Alumni, at Boston, President Van Hise (Wisconsin University) presents the following interesting facts:

"In seven out of thirteen state universities the women outnumber the men; in the college of liberal arts, and in three institutions, they are nearly twice as numerous as the men. In thirteen state universities the women constitute 52.07 per cent. of the students in the college of liberal arts. The total number of women attending all educational colleges and technical schools in the United States in 1904, according to the report of the United States commissioner of education, was 45,692, whereas the total number of women in women's colleges was only 27,233. It is therefore clear that if opportunities for higher education are to be open to women, co-education must be maintained, or, if abandoned, provision must be made for a large number of first-class women's colleges."

He further states that under existing conditions a large number of men fail to take certain courses they had planned for owing to the large number of women who also select them, and vice versa. President Van Hise therefore suggests a segregation of courses, in order to maintain co-education at its best and be of the greatest mutual benefit.

In connection with the above we quote from Kappa Alpha Theta:

"Out of thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, either universities or land grant colleges, six have none of these departments: Domestic science, art, music, elocution and physical culture. Five of those six are Northeastern states; the other is in the South. Two Southern state universities offer one of the courses each. There are two other institutions, one of them in the West, which, while offering several of the courses in question, have none of the domestic science subjects. Thus in thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, ten alone are not teaching any of the domestic science courses. Five of those ten are in the Northeast, four in the South and one in the West."

—The Lyre.

The whirligig of time has not often brought in a more exquisite revenge than in the proposed official recognition and adoption by a great university of its illigitimate offspring. The stone which the builders rejected is to become the head of the corner. The abolished secret societies of a generation ago, reappearing as social clubs, are to be the saviors of the college and the seeds of a new and more vigorous academic life. But we cannot permit the other American colleges to join us in our fun at Princeton's expense. The joke is on all of them—those who have tolerated and those who have suppressed the societies. For they have all alike been blind to the fact which now emerges with startling vividness into the light of common day, that, with all their imperfections, the secret societies in our colleges have been the real homes and centers of the college life, the chief antiseptics to the disintegrating influences of growth in numbers and freedom of election, the principal conservatives of the human, vital influences which the official body of the college has lost the power to

apply. \* \* \* Here is experience combined with sympathy, and here is loyalty to the college fused by intimate association of teachers and students in a common life.—Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The following utterance by President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, is timely:

"For the evils of college fraternities, I know of but one remedybring in better men. These organizations are good or bad according to the aggregate influence of the men in them. If a college has a large body of young men in training to be gentlemen of leisure, idlers, triflers or snobs, it will have fraternities composed of just these fellows. If a college is determined to educate only men worthy of the money expended on them, it will make no provision for the idler. The 'gentleman of leisure' at the best is only dead wood in our body politic. But even if he is to be encouraged, the best training for his youth, as well as for all other youths, is to make him work. The best preventive for youthful vices is to keep the boys busy. If a college will drop from its rolls all who cannot or will not do the work expected of them at the time when it is due, and by the man himself, not a hired coach, then decent men will be left-all that are worth educating. If decent and industrious men are gathered into fraternities, these again will be decent and industrious, as well as democratic. There is nothing which so promotes democracy in college as to hold every man alike up to his work, while the rest, rich or poor, are led quietly to the edge of the campus, to be dropped off into a less strenuous life." -Sigma Chi Quarterly.

On November 27 Phi Delta Theta laid the cornerstone of its handsome memorial chapter house and library at Miami College. John W. Lindley, one of the founders of the fraternity at Miami in 1848, was present and took part in the ceremonies. Since then the fraternity has been saddened by the death of "Father" Lindley on December 16 after a short illness.

The Legislature of Ohio has passed a law abolishing high-school fraternities.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Eliza McMillan, Washington University, St. Louis, is now equipped with a girls' dormitory, accommodating about 125 students.—Themis.

Delta Tau Delta has rented a house at Washington and Lee. It is the only one of the fourteen fraternities there that occupies a house.

Although the most prominent sororities of the present time were founded in co-educational colleges where fraternities were already installed, it is interesting to note that the earliest secret societies among college girls were established at independent colleges for women-Wesleyan College of Georgia and Elmira of New York, Kappa Sigma at the latter being organized in 1856 under the guidance of the president, Augustus D. Cowles, D. D., Union, '41, and a member of what afterwards became a chapter of Delta Upsilon. The growth of the sororities between 1870 and 1880 was necessarily slow, for the higher education of women was scarcely an accomplished fact, but the quarter century since that period has seen the establishment of over two hundred chapters by more than a score of sororities. Profiting by the experience of their brothers' fraternities, college girls have been able to work out in a comparatively short time a splendid system of organization and have gone even a step farther in per fecting an Intersorority Conference, which, although still in its infancy, has much to its credit in the line of accomplishment and bids fair, unless all signs fail, to become a force of no mean moment in college and sorority life.-D. K. E. Quarterly.

Eleven hundred students have been enrolled at Indiana. A library building costing \$100,000 has just been completed.—Exchange.

The University of Illinois has fifteen hundred Freshmen. No room for reports of "scarcity of fraternity material" in that direction.—Exchange.

The Stevens chapter of Delta Tau Delta, after more than ten years of hard work, has secured a magnificent new three-story chapter house. The chapter at Stanford University has also completed a new home, which, "perched on the northerly end of one of the outlying spurs of the Coast Range," overlooks the valley and bay.

The general characteristics of the American college woman and the differences between her and the English college woman are so well and entertainingly given in an article on "The Woman's University Movement" in The World's Work (December) that we quote from it at some length:

"In America matters seem to arrange themselves better. It is a far more general thing there for girls in all positions of life to go to

college than it is with us. English women students suffer from the defects of their own virtues. They are over-conscious in their work: over-anxious to acquire a knowledge of facts; too desirous to stand high on the lists. They rarely seem to lose sight of the fact that their expensive education is merely a means to an end, and that they have gone to college to fit themselves to earn money. The American girl, on the other hand, far more frequently makes her college going an end in itself. She goes to have a good time (not necessarily a frivolous one), to mix with others, to get a broader view of life, to enjoy the college societies, and to obtain the prestige that a college course bestows. Incidentally, she manages to do most excellent and steady work, too, being helped by the system in vogue of giving her credit. for good work done throughout her whole time, instead of making isolated examinations at long periods a test. Though a large number of women students do eventually set themselves to turn their education to pecuniary advantage, yet the fact that so many others who do not are part of the college society and that class distinctions are almost non-existent, tend to make general culture rather than the possession of pure knowledge more characteristic of the finished product. American graduates have, on the whole, more charm of manner, more easy self-possession than their English contemporaries."

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