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Convention

Do Not Forget Convention Dates November 10, 11, 12 and 13

ETA'S invitation is far-reaching and she eagerly awaits the letters which will bring news of many enthusiastic Gamma Phis coming to Ann Arbor.

October 10 is the date set for the names of the delegates and other visitors to be in the hands of the chairman of the entertainment committee, and Beta hopes the remembrance of that date will save the re-making of many plans.

It is not possible to publish the official program in this number of The Crescent, as the magazine goes to press before the University opens, but a very embryonic idea may be of some interest, and it may call forth some very helpful suggestions.

On Tuesday evening there is to be a very informal buffet supper at the home of one of the alumnae, so all the girls may have an opportunity to come together before there are any business sessions. All the business sessions are to be held in the hall of the Woman's Gymnasium. All delegates are interested in seeing the University, and as the campus is most central, it seemed a fitting place for the various college women to come together. The Dean of Women was most kind in granting the request made for the use of this hall, and it is to be hoped that the sorority may send enough representatives to make an impressive number.

During the three days of Convention, both luncheon and dinner will be served at the house for both delegates and visitors, the visitors as usual to pay a nominal sum. Breakfasts will be served by those who entertain the guests during the entire time. Ann Arbor does not boast a very excellent hotel, there are fewer local alumnae than in any other chapter, so Beta must needs ask many favors of her town friends, and that is an added reason for each one carefully observing the date of October 10.

The purely social side of Convention is not definitely planned. Beta has had very heavy obligations during the past four years, so can not be so generous a hostess as have been some of her predecessors, but she does hope you will each one feel that her doors are open wide, and her welcome most hearty.

Then too, as you all know and feel, college women are the ones to set coming standards—people are looking at them, and particularly at sorority women, to see if they are strong enough and wise enough to be among the pioneers in a movement for a simple and sane way of looking at things. Beta feels very strongly, that even if her purse were full, it would be unwise to make the social features of Convention conspicuous.

Beta wishes the four founders might be with her and give an added inspiration to the banquet.

Come one and all, with newer and better ideas, more farreaching plans, and true Gamma Phi standards, and may this Convention mark a red-letter week in Beta's calendar of events!

An Old Church in Mexico

OOKING toward the south from the upstairs window of our old boy's school in the dusty city of Aguascalientes, one's attention is fixed by a very old Catholic church which is on the summit of a low hill, against a ragged horizon of small adobe buildings.

After night-fall, when shadows have blotted out all but a few scattered street lights and the dark lonely profile of these towers, I wonder if almost every one does not, without knowing anything about the building, feel the fascination and at the same time the repulsion that I experienced.

The church is "La Iglésia de la Encina," but it is popularly changed to the masculine "El Encino," signifying "The Oak." The name is derived from a belief that under an oak-tree upon this spot, very long ago, a miraculous appearance of some divinity took place: one of the injunctions left by this advent was that a church should be erected at this place, and this was carried out some two or three centuries ago.

To reach El Encino from the central part of the city, one has to pick one's way for many long blocks, keeping close to the unbroken chain of adobe walls, through a dirty section of the city; then mounting a gradual slope till the back of the church comes in view, and the refreshing little "Jardin de la Paz" facing its front. This garden comes within about fifty feet of the front of the building; there is a handsomely carved stone arch directly before the church-door. Passing through the arch and across a paved court, one approaches the church entrance, the carving of which is plain, old, and marred. High overhead where, ordinarily, in churches of this size there is a stained-glass rosewindow, there is an ugly empty place cut in the wall which is screened by coarse wire to keep out flocks of pigeons.

Upon entering, one sees in the distance the altar in gold and white. It is imposing, but is hopelessly marred by a black image

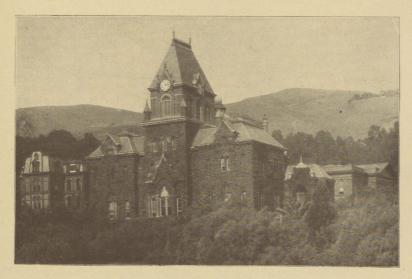
of Christ hanging upon the cross, horribly emaciated and with drooping head. There is a gilt crown on the image's head and clusters of artificial flowers in his hands.

Adorning the walls of the church are fourteen immense paintings, all but one of which are beautiful in color and conception. They illustrate scenes in the life of our Lord, from His judgment to the entombment. Thirteen of these paintings are signed "Andreas Lopez, 1798 or '99, Mexico," and are in a splendid state of preservation. The thirteenth picture, the odd one, is most singular. Undoubtedly it is much older than the others. It is a "Descent from the Cross;" the tone is harsh black and white, the figures stiff and unnatural. At the foot of the cross there are characters written in script together with a very prominent skull and bones, while in the upper corners of the canvas are two full, ghostly moons. In each moon is a face, the left one is masculine, and that on the right, of the Virgin, perhaps. As it was within the altar-rail, we could not decipher the full inscription; a priest whom we questioned could give no information. The artist's name was unreadable, but the date seemed to be 1639.

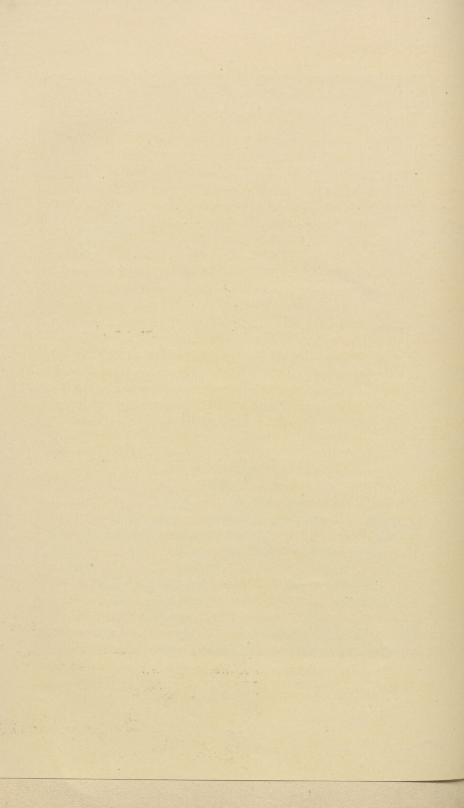
As we were leaving we noticed by the entrance the most remarkable object in the church. It was a slender green cross, six or eight feet in height, on a four-foot pedestal which was also green and octagonal in shape. In the four right angles formed by the cross-beams and upright there had been constructed pointed objects which were gilded and supposed to represent a star. Near the top a red heart with a tiny cross protruding from its upper part had been fastened to the wood. On the cross-beam in Spanish were the four significant words: "Death, Judgment, Hell, Glory;" while down the upright was the warning, "Christian, hold in memory." The cross was trimmed with pink paper flowers, and an alms-box was nailed to the pedestal.

Fastened at the base of the cross was a soiled placard which we translated as follows:





Views of the University of California



"Five years of pardon for each day that anyone recites three paternosters in memory of the Passion.—Leo XII."

"One hundred days of pardon for reciting one prayer, whatever it may be, before this same cross.—Pius IX, Jan. 19, 1851."

As we turned to leave, an old woman approached and kissed the cross. These were the man-made promises that gave to her sinful soul comfort—oh, the pity of it!

Near by was the door into the room where the church caretaker keeps for sale a supply of branches of the most cruel, double-barbed thornbush which is common on the rocky hills of northern Mexico. It is to El Encino that people come to do penance for days at a time. They are supposed to fast; but a friend, telling about having visited El Encino early one morning, said that there were a number of penitents there whose breakfasts were being brought to them by friends. At any rate they recite prayers and scourge themselves with these thorns.

Such is La Iglesia de la Encina, or El Encino.

MAUD McFie Bloom, Beta.

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Toast Given at Theta Banquet

BY LINDSAY BARBEE

The Playmright

All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players—
They have their exits and their entrances
And one man in his time plays many parts.

THE play of Gamma Phi is the only one that never loses its interest for us, that never fails to inspire our hearts and to kindle our enthusiasm. It has a part for each of us—and it lies with us to make or to mar the part; we are the ones to determine whether the curtain-call is to be ours—whether our interpretation of the character is to fall short of the dreams of our playwright.

Gamma Phi Beta dreams her dreams and sees her visions, and even as she dreams she takes her pen and writes, and still she writes; nor does she rest until she has inscribed the last line of the little college drama; a drama that has its comedy—perchance its tragedy—that sparkles with its sunshine even through the tear drops; that is a record of ambition gratified, ideals realized and hopes fulfilled. A drama that has its stars, its soubrettes, its ingenues, its scene shifters—but never its villain. A drama that holds love, happiness, pathos, trust, misgiving—but never defeat. A drama that is inspired by love, that is written for love, whose lines are read in love, whose influence in the years to come holds love, and only love.

The overture is finished, the curtain rises, there is a breath-less silence, the first act is on and the Freshman maiden holds the stage! Youthful actor indeed, but the eyes are bright and the cheeks glow with a brilliancy that rouge can never give. No faltering lines here, for the Freshman's blood is up and she will do or die. She will be true to her part, true to her audience, true to those who have gone before her, true to herself, true to her colors, true to Gamma Phi Beta. There is a buoyancy in every word, a freshness that tells of the newness of it all; there is no hint of disappointment, no threat of sorrow, only the glorious gladness of her care-free comedy lines. The curtain goes down to the sound of music. Gay is the music, and still gayer it grows until it ends in trills of pure, rapturous joy.

Again, the rising of the curtain, and the Sophomore makes her bow. The soubrette lines of the Freshman have become more self-confident, more personal; they are tinged with a certain sentimentality, for against the background of the stage masculine figures are often seen to pass. The plot thickens. Two acts of the drama have been finished. The threads of the story have been knotted perhaps; it is now her turn to solve whatever problem needs her care. And still the music goes on. Staccatos of arrogance, full chords of pride, soft pianissimos of love, but a mighty crash for the finale!

Enter the Junior—steady, steadfast and sure. The past has left its Freshman and Sophomore troubles, perhaps; the pres-

ent rests in the Junior's hand, and she it is who must bring harmony from discord, peace from turmoil. Little comedy here; it is rather the fulfillment of a trust, the glory in an ideal—the struggle for its realization. And still the music goes on. The Freshman trills have almost ceased. The confident chords of the Sophomore have merged into a firmer, sweeter strain. Allegro-andante, and yet moderato.

For the last time the curtain rises, and it is the beginning of the end. The tangled threads are unknotted, the problem is solved; sorrow is changed into joy, and all's well. The Senior is crowned with the laurel of achievement; content is hers, she has been made to realize the beauty of knowledge and the inspiration of life. For the little drama is almost played, it has been a happy one and she has had her part in it. She may not have shone as a star; the lover may not have been for her; she may only have cheered the others by her comedy lines; she may have been only a patient scene-shifter; but the part was hers, and she alone could fill it, and now she must leave it all; another will take her place-it can never be just the same. Only the memory—the memory! "Memory's eves are deep and tender and her heart is full of compassion, but the tears may start at her singing." It may be only the thought of the program of the Freshman; the faded rose of the Sophomore; the curtain call of the Junior; but the strain is plaintive, and so the music goes on, triumphant, sweet, majestic, glorious, yet with a sad and tender minor strain of farewell.

The curtain is rung down at last; the lights are out; the audience is gone; the music dies away. The curtain calls, the flowers, the hum of happy voices, even the actors themselves have taken their place in the procession of the past. Yet the drama of Gamma Phi is never ended. There may be interludes, but the play itself goes on and on forever; the inspiration, the enthuisasm and the endeavor is eternal.

And behind it all is the playwright. With the pen of love she is writing our parts, she is planning our exits and our en-

trances, she is keeping tender watch above her own. Shall we not pledge her tonight from our heart of hearts? Shall we not offer her the best that in us lies—our friend, our comforter—our inspiration—truest and best—dear Gamma Phi Beta?

Washington Banquet

UR annual banquet in June was a great success. It was held at the Lincoln Hotel in Seattle, where about sixty girls gathered from all over the state. The table was beautifully decorated with pink carnations and greens. The position of toastmistress was successfully filled by Edith Prosch.

The toasts were in the form of Mother Goose rhymes which brought in the different phases of college life during the year. There was a large hand-painted "Mother Goose" on each menu card.

Here is a list of the toasts:

EDITH PROSCH, TOASTMISTRESS.

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe"—Ava Stevenson.

"Mistress Mary, quite contrary"—Zella Steele.

"Simple Simon"—Therese Preston.

"Mother Goose Calendar"-Martina Henehan.

"There was a man in our town, and he was wondrous wise"—Beatrice Prosch.

"Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jump over the candle stick"—Edna Byrd.

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Alumnae Banquet at Fvanston

PSILON celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her founding by an alumnae banquet given at the Avenue House in Evanston, May the first. Covers were laid for fifty, and the active girls were delighted with the interest in the affair shown by the alumnae. We all sympathized with the naïve Freshman

who told one of '07's graduates that "she wished we had some of you grand old, old girls in the chapter now."

Anne White, '07, of Effingham, was toastmistress, and the following toasts were given:

"The Stage Setting"-Grace Lasher, 'o6.

"The Actors"—Harriet Durham Coffman, '03.

"When the Curtain Rises"—Edna Luke, 'II.

"Comedy and Tragedy"-Edwina Pope, '09.

"The Love Plot"-Ethel Works, '05.

"Music and Dancing"-Agnes Bassett, '10.

"Curtain Calls"-Florence Rhodes, '10.

"The Spectator"—Helen Cowles, '09.

"On the Road"—Sarah Shute, '07.

"The Last Act"-Laura McCarty, '08.

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Baltimore House Party

E had talked about it all year and hoped against hope that at least most of our active members besides many of our alumnae would be able to go, for as it was to be our first house party for a number of years, we wished as many as possible to join in the good time. When college closed, however, all but three of the active girls found that they must go home immediately and miss that fun, but as six of our alumnae and the sister of a Gamma Phi, who is loyal to the core to our sorority, joined us, we started out to have the best kind of a time—and we had it.

We left Baltimore the day after college closed, and surely the weather was ordered just for us. The Chesapeake Bay is beautiful at all times, but it seemed especially so that day. It was not too hot nor too cold, too sunny nor too cloudy, but just exactly right, and we had a lovely trip. We were not the only ones starting off on a good time, for the Kappa Alpha Thetas and the Delta Gammas from the Woman's College were also on their way to the Eastern short of Maryland for a week or so.

Strange to say, we had chosen the same locality for our house parties and were situated only a few miles from each other, so close, in fact, that hardly a day went by that we did not meet one crowd or the other.

As a couple of our alumnae were almost strangers to us active girls we determined to get acquainted on our trip to Claibornes, not a very difficult task indeed, for nicer or jollier alumnae than ours it would be hard to find. By the time we landed we were all ten as good friends as if we had known each other for years. A launch, just the right size for our party, met us at the landing and when we had said good-bye to our Pan-Hellenic friends, took us to our destination.

On our arrival we went straight to the supper table, for the trip across the bay had made us as hungry as bears. My, but that supper did taste good! I am afraid that the chickens did not get many scraps that night or, in fact, any time while we stayed.

After supper we, one and all, rushed down to the water for we wanted to get just as close to it as possible. There was a small pier on the place and this we took complete possession of. It became the regular thing to sit on it every evening watching the sun set across the water while we sang Gamma Phi songs.

Most of the time, however, we spent either in or on the water. Every day we took at least one sail and usually two, and our daily dip in the Chesapeake. In fact, we almost lived in our bathing suits, for as our sail boat was small and we might any time find ourselves overboard, we considered it safer to be prepared for all emergencies. Then, too, it was such fun to jump in the water when we returned from a sail and take a swim before donning our ordinary clothes.

Some of us, a little braver than the others, explored the neighborhood, but it was so hot that we found the sand down by the water much more inviting than that on the roads. But we all made trips to the country store which was also the post office, about a mile and a half away, and had lots of fun poking around

and seeing what queer things we could find. We bought large country hats, all just alike, but after we bent and trimmed them to suit our various tastes our country friends did not recognize them as the same kind they were wearing. These we wore everywhere, even over to see the steamer land, and I fear, quite shocked some of our friends by our appearance.

It was always after we had gone to the wharf that we had our most exciting times, for those left behind were sure to play tricks on the others, and as each one was anxious to get the better of every one else, it caused general confusion, and no one dared trust even her room-mate.

Our rooms were all communicating and so close together that we held lively conversations while dressing or at any other times we by chance happened to be in the house. At night when we finally tore ourselves away from the water, we gathered in one room, and as the bed was the only place to sit, there we all ten sat and had grand talks. Those beds were made for two and seriously objected to being sat upon by ten, objected so strenuously that they broke. However, we had five at our disposal and as soon as one went back on us we emigrated to the next and sojourned there until it too bade us move on.

Most of our stay we were manless, but on Saturday some of our friends came down from the city for the week-end. Of course they brought all sorts of good things which were especially welcome after our purchase at the local department store. While the men were with us we had a marshmallow roast on the beach, and who knows of anything nicer than a marshmallow roast with a driftwood fire in the moonlight? We took longer and more frequent sails, and vied with one another in making the men certain that they had never been on a more pleasant house party or with a jollier crowd.

One night we attended a regular country festival and indulged in country ice cream and cake. There were a number of country swains present, but we scorned them all and insisted on having only a hen party. We drove to and from the festival in a farm wagon and before we reached home became quite expert in jumping at just the right moment to avoid the ruts in the road. One of the horses was balky and such a time as we did have before we finally arrived at the fete. On the way back though, we fairly held our breath, for that horse seemed to feel that he had a most urgent engagement to keep at his stable and must waste no time in getting there.

So ten days went by, each one full of fun and pleasure. We all got dreadfully sunburned and most of us fought shy of the scales for we knew that alas and alack, we would have to add extra weights. One of us though, who had never weighed a hundred and who got on the scales at every opportunity, was at last overjoyed to find that she could tip the scales at a hundred without jumping up and down the least little bit.

The last night we were all together we had our final sing, a good long one too. We had learned to know and love our songs better during our trip and we had a grand finale.

We are all now more enthusiastic than ever over Gamma Phi Beta and our own Zeta Chapter, and are resolved, no matter what happens, to have another house party next June. There we expect to have just as good a time as we did this year—not a better one, for that would be impossible.

MARY McCurley.

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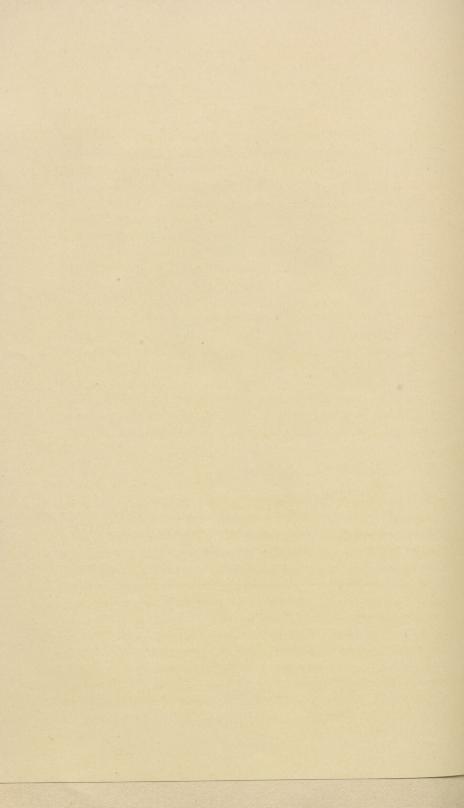
Class Day at the University of California

history, after its own ideas and traditions. One day, however, seems common to all—the celebration of Class Day. It seems, in all cases, to be a day of fun and frolic. Possibly it is a means of covering up and forgetting that one's college days are almost over—covering the fact by one last "good time" and together before that end of all things—Commencement Day.

Class Day at the University of California has its full measure of enjoyment and in fitting tribute to the proverbial smiling skies



LAURA McCARTY, Epsilon '08 One of Our Phi Beta Kappa Girls



of the land of the Golden West, is spent in the open air. Bright and early Tuesday morning, in spite of the Senior ball the night before the Class of 1908 gathered at Senior Oak for its fare-well pilgrimage to the loved haunts of the campus—haunts dear to every heart through the association of four happy years of work and play. Can you imagine a prettier sight than a procession of four hundred students all in white, save the red streamers which fluttered from the girls' parasols, winding its way among the beautiful oaks and the lawns blazing with yellow California poppies? The procession halted at the various buildings around the campus where farewell speeches were made by members of the class. This was the only sad part of the day, and yet, mingled with the sadness of parting, was the satisfaction that aims which had been sought during four years of faithful work, were at last realized.

Then in the afternoon every one, in gala attire, fared forth to join the throng at the brilliant fraternity reception. It was a case of "eat, drink, and be merry," for tomorrow is Commencement Day, the last of our college days. It was as though all the loose end of fraternity fun for the last year had been gathered into one big bundle for a final fling.

Before one realized it, it was time to scamper home to make ready for the triumph of all Senior week—the Senior Extravaganza. And surely it was extravagant—even to the size of the audience which filled to overflowing the great Greek theatre. The title: "The King and the Booster" may give you an idea of King Potayto, whose placid kingdom of Palenthia, is all upset by the curse of the evil genius. Or, it may enable you to picture the Booster, whose real name is Reginald Ruffneck Rahrah, from California. He, in searching for the man who stole the Greek Theatre, happens upon the King in Palenthia and undertakes to free him from the curse. Reggie follows the evil one to Finisterre, the land at the end of the earth, and there discovers him to be the man for whom he is looking—Gene, the Grafter, who stole the Greek Theatre. And again, this sketch

may enable you to imagine with what gusto the choruses sang, "On to Finisterre" at the finale of the first act. Only actual presence, however, could reveal to you the gorgeousness of the court chorus, or the gay and brilliant Amazons, the green Nile maidens in their graceful dance, and then in true extravaganza spirit the modern Automobile and Teddy Bear choruses. And last, but by no means least, came the Twins in their Buster Brown suits and the college girls in their sweaters, tams, and tennis rackets. All caught the gay and festive spirit of the one last "mardi-gras" together. It was nearly midnight when the last farewells were said.

Then Commencement Day dawned, that day to which we had all looked forward so eagerly and now wished was way off in the dim and distant future. The gay and fantastic garb of the night before was exchanged for the dignified cap and gown. The coveted degrees were given out, and the new graduates received by President and Mrs. Wheeler. Then the Class of 1908 scattered to the four winds—with the fervent hope that we might all meet at the first class reunion three years hence,

Banquet in New York

N Saturday, May 23, the New York Alumnae and Iota Chapter met at the Hotel St. Andrews to celebrate their annual spring banquet. The meeting was a very joyful one; friends who had been prevented from seeing one another during the winter siezed the chance to make up for lost time. So many and such long greetings were insisted upon by everyone that the luncheon was considerably delayed. When we finally entered the palm-room, we found a feast for our eyes awaiting us. At each plate a charming carnation in water color served as place card, and the menu and toast list were attached to the back of the flower. Real flowers were everywhere. The decorations, both artificial and natural, we carried home as souvenirs, you may be sure. Our appetites, though they needed lit-

tle tempting by reason of the delay, were nevertheless very carefully catered to.

MENU

Grape Fruit Mareschino

Chicken Okra

Celery

Almonds

Filet Flounder Jouville Pommes Percie

Tenderloin of Beef

Pommes Croquette
Lettuce

Fresh Mushrooms String Beans

Tomato

Bisque Tortoni

Assorted Cakes

Café Noir

Olives

The toasts were an integral part of the lunch and should appear on the menu, between the courses as they occurred. The scheme used was quite original; each toast answered to a different punctuation mark: the colon, comma, interrogation point, et cetera. Mrs. Whitaker acted as toast-mistress providing each response with an appropriate and clever introductory.

Mrs. Edith Wilder Whitaker, toastmistress.

- : Olive Strayer Caughey.
- ¶ Laura Latimer.
- . Sara Rome.
- ? Florence Heermans.
 - . Ellen O'Gorman.

At the close of the program Helen Aiguier read the history of Iota for the year and closed by announcing the engagement of Linda Savitz, to whose happiness and joy an extra toast was heartily drunk.

The table was hardly cleared before the freshmen, who had been invited to meet the members of the New York Alumnae, began to arrive. Mrs. Caughey, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Beakes, Miss Warr, Miss Stitt and Miss O'Gorman received; refreshments were served informally, and a good deal of miscellaneous conversation was indulged in. Very sorry indeed, we were that we could prolong the afternoon no further. It was our last meeting before the summer holiday, and gave us a very happy memory to take away with us.

The May Banquet

Ye who love the haunts of secrets,—
Love the sound of Gamma Phi—
Love the rushing of great spirits
Thro' the balustrades of stairways,
And the waiting in the hallways,
Whose innumerable echoes
Flap like eagles in their eyries.
Listen to these wild traditions,
To this song of Gamma Phi.
Long behind her is her record
Of bright girls and honors won.
Bright before her is her future;
Bright and shining is her light.

Up the subway to Saint Andrews, To the council of Gamma Phi, First came girls of dear old Alpha, Daughters of the Founders Four. If you listen to her counsels, You will ever be successful In the work of Gamma Phi,—For she urges strength of union, Large chapters, many girls, Who can win the painting prizes And other honors bold.

Next came girls of sober Delta Daughter of the classic Hub, Bringing from the stern New England Many a strong and hardy thought Of duty done, of service given, That make us proud we're Gamma Phis.

Then came girls of giddy Zeta,
Daughter of the Baltimore world;
Bringing from the sunny southland,
Many a warm and hearty greeting
To her sisters in Gamma Phi;
Ever urging, ever chiding
Lest we drop the Pan-Hellenic
And all the joys of rushing

Under strict and binding rules; For you cannot kill the hardy, You have put us to the trial, Now you see and know our courage, Quickly grant the prize of valor.

Next came girls of dear Iota, Daughter of Columbia's shade; With the prospect of rushing Freshmen, Till they are Juniors ready made. When next year has come to April, As the dears come down the hallway, Upon one knee uprising. Gamma Phi will aim some notelets, Scarce a book will move with motion, Scarce a leaf will stir or rustle, But the wary Juniors, startled, Will stamp with all their heels together, And, listening with heads uplifted, Will leap as if to meet the notelets: Ah! the singing joyful notelets, Like the spring they'll cheer and catch them, And the hearts of little Juniors Will throb and shout and ever glory As they bear the crescent homeward, And the hearts of older members Will hail their coming with applauses. For the rivals come no longer, And upon the field lies nothing But the spoils of Victory.

Lastly, came New York Alumnae,
Daughters of the crescent moon,
Star members from all the chapters,
Joining in this rush at noon.
Ever active, ever loyal
To the call of Gamma Phi;
True and constant friendship giving
To the girls of every clime.
Making plain to every sister,
The strength of the brown, both dark and light.
Today, the last of our meetings,

Brings its sadness with its joys;
For soon we'll all be scattered
Far and near o'er all the states.
Joyful be vacation pleasures,
Joyful all our days apart,
But when we join once more in Autumn
May our strong band not be broken,
May our hearts be still more loyal
To the bonds of Gamma Phi.

LAURA M. LATIMER, New York Alumnae.

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Book Review

THE attention of the Greek world is herewith called to an interesting brochure brought out by the author of The Sorority Handbook and intended as a supplement to the edition of September, 1907, which is thereby brought up to date in all essential particulars. A most attractive feature of this unique issue is the introduction of a number of new plates which include practically all badges that were not found in the Handbook itself. The Supplement is to be included gratis in all Handbook orders received during the present college year. When ordered separately the price is 10 cents.

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We are glad to note the two recent books by our Alpha Gamma Phi, Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond. ROUND THE CORNER IN GAY STREET is already published and on sale. It is a delightful account in the author's irresistible, bright style of the happenings of a gay young family in a little brown house in Gay street and how their influence helped to brighten and lighten the lives of the heavy family circle in Worthington Square, "around the corner." It is a charming young people's book.

The other new volume is not yet off the press. It is called Christmas Day in the Morning and promises to be one of those exquisite little gift books that are a delight both to the giver and the recipient. It will be beautifully illustrated by C. M. Relyea, but the story itself is the thing, as it is one of those simple tales that touch the heart of the reader and will undoubtedly become one of those little classics that every one, old and young, reads and re-reads.

Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. Round the Corner in Gay Street, \$1.50; Christmas Day in the Morning, \$0.75.

Chapter House Life*

The College Home Life as a Means for Securing a Right Moral Atmosphere for Students

THE activities of the college proper may be roughly divided into four coordinate classes—(a) finances, (b) pedagogy, (c) administration and (d) the student life.

(a) The finances are smoothly run by experts who are not pedagogs, and are out of sight and therefore out of mind, except in the treasurer's annual report.

(b) So, too, experts manage the pedagogical branch, and usually in a satisfactory manner, considering the constant evolution in what is taught and our failure to differentiate between pure pedagogy and the other functions of the college.

(c) The administration is still crude and unsatisfactory, chiefly because its true nature and functions are not understood. Like the finances, it should be nearly distinct from the pedagogic department and be dominated by administrative experts. As we get farther away from President Garfield's ideal of a university—himself at one end of a log and Mark Hopkins at the other—and number our students and instructors by the thousands, we face ordinary administrative problems, which must trouble us until we recognize that they are merely the questions which arise in factories and business and wherever else the clashing individual interests of thousands of men, engaged in a common pursuit, demand rigid system and organization. We cannot solve, by seventeenth century pedagogical methods, the twentieth century administrative problems growing out of the assembling of thousands of students and of scores of courses.

(d) The fourth factor is the student life, or that portion (about 90 per cent.) of the undergraduates' time not spent in recitations, lectures or other personal contact with their instructors. The shortcomings charged to pedagogy come frequently from our failure to differentiate and coördinate the administrative and student life factors in our college course. Let us then study briefly the student life and its dominant effects upon the higher scholastic, moral and religious growth of the individual undergraduate.

Christ devotes over 95 per cent. of his parable of the sower and the seed not to either the sower or the seed, but to the soil into which the seed fell and the relative failure of the harvest. He took for granted the goodness of the seed and the human frailty of the sower, but treated the ground as

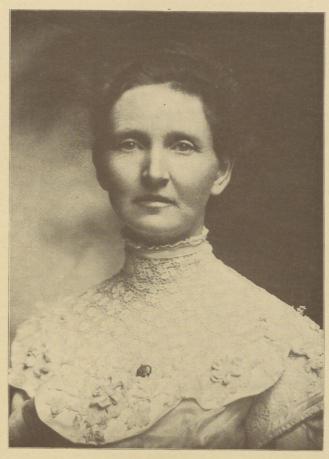
^{*}An address delivered on February 11, 1908, at Washington, D. C., by Clarence F. Birdseye, author of "Individual Training in Our Colleges," published by the Macmillan Company. From The Delta Chi Quarterly.

the variable yet remediable factor in the parable problem. In our colleges, pedagogy represents the seed—little else nowadays; the administration, the sower; while the student life largely determines whether the soil shall be that by the wayside, or stony, or thorny, or be good ground. We, too, may safely assume the goodness of the seed and the earnestness and devotion—but not the infallibility—of the sowers; and also that the average results of the harvest are relatively very poor, chiefly because we forget the lesson of the parable and give most of our time and thought to the seed, and a little to the sowers, but neglect to properly prepare the hearts and minds of our students by influence which act upon them when they are not in the presence of their instructors. It is with the mental, moral and religious preparation of the ground that we are concerned this time.

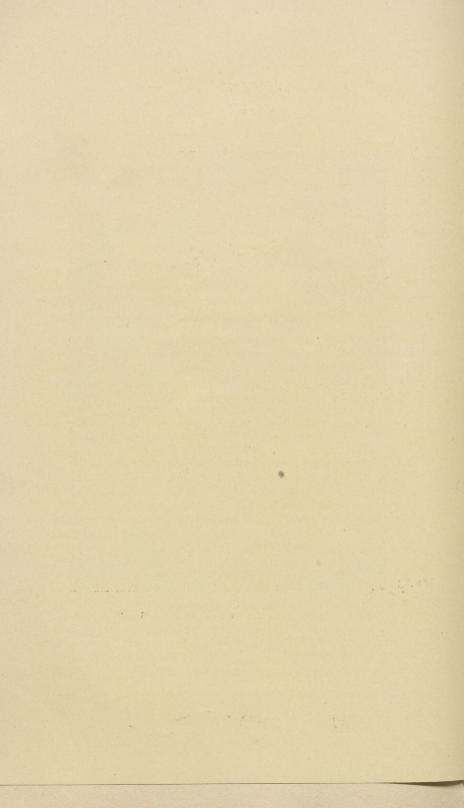
A moment's thought will make us realize that a college student must have some kind of home life during the four years which intervene between his parents' home and that in which he will be the breadwinner. Many things in college, which we loosely think of as social, are in fact elements of a home life. We must be careful lest we confuse the social and home factors in any instance. The college home life may be dwarfed, hidden, almost unrecognizable, but it will be there. It may be spent in luxury or penury, in a dormitory, in a village or city boarding place or in a fraternity house; it may be harmful, helpful or neutral—but it will be there, and essentially like any other home life in its nature and effects, and in the manner in which it can be affected and molded for better or worse.

The 90 per cent. of his time outside of recitations comprises that portion of the student's life in which he must do his studying and get his food, rest, recreation and exercise, and is spent partly in the larger college atmosphere and activities which environ all within the institution and partly in his closer association with his chosen comrades in his college home. Many feel that this 90 per cent, is the really important part of a college education; that it is not his scholastic attainments, but his contact with his fellow students in college and social activities which will make him a power in future years. No doubt this 90 per cent. contributes much of that indefinite something which makes an all around man of the college graduate, and surely we should make every effort to lift it to the highest possible plane. Most of the impurities and vices of college come from the student life rather than from personal contact with the instructors. Hence, if we would put down these evils, and improve mental, moral and religious conditions, we must do so chiefly in that student life where these evils have their source and strength.

But still let us further contract our field of discussion and consider that portion of this 90 per cent, which is spent, not on the campus or in athletics, or in touch with the main student body, but in the companionship of the



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student's intimates or the comparative seclusion of his college home, and which we shall call his college family life. In influence and effect this closely resembles his boyhood home, for it largely determines, possibly throughout life, the purity or impujrity of his thoughts, habits and language; his power over his fellow-men, or, in student language, his ability as a "mixer"; his intellectual and moral attainments, and his readiness to receive and assimilate religious impressions.

There is strictly family life for every college student which largely determines the character of the soil into which the good seed shall fall—especially when the seed is moral or religious in character—and it is the place where the earlier good influences of the parents' home are most frequently undone and destroyed. It will often depend upon his college family life whether the student is open to higher religious class-room or lecture, but which must come, if they come at all, through other agencies.

Unfortunately we still think of "college life" as a comparatively simple and homogeneous affair like that of our small boarding house colleges of the ecclesiastical period, where every effort was used to make the boys professing Christians, and if possible ministers of the gospel. Often nothing could now be further from the truth. The life of the average well-to-do or wealthy student is not one of laziness or idleness, but rather a round of outside activities and temptations, of distractions away from higher intellectual, moral or religious things, and often of lapses into evil ways. An awful idea of college morals is sometimes given when students will in confidence lift the curtain of their college home and disclose a view of college life which does not at all correspond with the view of the college authorities, but is far nearer the appalling truth.

The college family life must be affirmatively ennobling and uplifting or it will be quite contrary. It must be constantly affected by strong and usually older characters, whose influence must be exerted, silently but surely, within itself. It must have a power for good, inherent in itself, and must not expect to find any true substitute for this in some mystic influences that the college, or Y. M. C. A., or any extrinsic agency, institutional in its nature, can exercise from without. As no institution can or should usurp our place as parents in our own home, so neither the college as an institution, nor the faculty as a body, especially in the large universities, should be expected to control the college family lives of the students, for they can never take the place of an inherent and osmotic force working from within, and without which there can be no home.

But this force must be permanent—not shifting from year to year. It must have real authority—even if it uses only moral suasion. It must rule by the consent of the governed and because they appreciate

that it works for their best good. It must have power away from the home as well as within its walls—and follow the student, even to the strange city, and everywhere nerve him against the terrible temptations which constantly beset him. Whether it be good, bad or indifferent, there is a moral force at work in every college home. Except as this force is ennobled we cannot hope for much permanent religious improvement among our students.

The forefathers were right in believing that this goodness of the ground could be secured only through the direct and intimate touch of the older man upon the younger. But how, in our large institutions and under modern conditions, are we to bring about a close touch between the students and older men, which shall constantly uplift the younger men in their family college lives? Is there any agency through which this is being or can be done? Or anything to indicate that up to the present time only one such agency has been developed in a large way? If, under modern conditions, there has been any distinct and widespread development of the college family home, we should study it most carefully, and with an open mind, and, if possible, seek by it to improve the soil in which we are fruitlessly sowing so much good seed.

At first the Greek-letter fraternities were merely college secret societies. In their second stage they became social bodies, with a secret lodge-room and lodge night, but with few other cohesive factors within the chapter itself or between the various chapters. In their present and third period they have developed into home-building agencies, wherein many rich and influential alumni and earnest and energetic undergraduates are laboring together to erect college homes and thereby solve to a limited extent the modern problems in the college family life arising out of increasing numbers and changed dormitory and social conditions. Formerly the college homes of the strong upper-classmen were in the dormitories and the under-classmen roomed outside. Now the dormitories house the freshmen, while the fraternity buildings are the college homes of the influential upper-classmen, and thus the center of student sentiment.

We continue to give undue significance to the secret grip, password and lodge-room, failing to realize that these things, which appeal strongly to the adolescent mind, have become relatively unimportant matters in the thousands of college homes which are the successors of the dormitory homes of the ecclesiastical period; and further, that it is chiefly through improving the atmosphere of these homes—not because they are fraternity houses, but because they are the homes of four years of many of our most influential students—that we can hope for better moral and religious results among our undergraduates.

It needs no prophetic eye to see that the fraternities will soon fully enter their fourth or endowment period in which—their home-building

substantially finished—the wealth and energies of each college home, or series of homes, will be turned to establishing endowments for improving and conserving the higher home-making and educational functions of the fraternity. Already this movement is under way. Each home built and paid for is in the nature of an endowment. The properties of the eleven fraternities at Amherst are worth more than twenty times the amount of Yale's available funds in 1830; and the properties of ten fraternities at Columbia equal in value the total productive funds of all the colleges at the beginning of the last century.

One old and influential fraternity is annually spending thousands of dollars to secure the wise direction and constant personal touch in its lodges and among its alumni of a permanent and uniquely equipped field secretary, who seeks to insure that only the best fitted freshmen are admitted, and that throughout their course these students shall be in constant and close touch in their college family lives with strong and earnest alumni who are personally and intimately acquainted with each undergraduate, and who, through a long series of years, come to exert an uplifting educational and moral power from within the lodge which must greatly increase the likelihood that the good seed will fall into good ground. This feeling of direct responsibility for the college family lives of their undergraduate brothers is increasingly abroad in all the fraternities and will soon work out great results, and most fraternities have already partially endowed some portions of their work. The earlier colleges were largely schools of manners with distinct home-making functions, as shown by the freshmen servitude and other college rules governing personal conduct. Our fraternities are still absorbed with their home-building, but will soon assume and wisely exercise the homemaking functions that have now fallen from Alma Mater's hands.

No patent is claimed for the conception that strong, clean alumni, acting within their fraternity home, work powerfully for a better life therein. This has always been so—and would be in any home. But there is in sight an advance movement to further organize, develop and endow the fraternity as a home-making force, and such a movement, with our most influential alumni behind it, will be sure of success. A thoughtful student of modern undergraduate conditions must realize that our fraternities furnish the only—I repeat it, the sole and only—broad and effective means so far developed for permanently reaching the college family lives of any considerable number of students in any considerable number of institutions. I challenge you to name any other home-building force now at work among our American colleges in a large way, and along well-defined and philosophically correct lines. Consider also the non-fraternity colleges, and show me any agency therein whereby you can systematically put the alumni in touch with the family lives of the undergraduates. It is not a

question of the fraternity or non-fraternity home, as we superficially think. It is ever and always the question of the college family life for every undergraduate, whether a fraternity member or not. It is the question of whether we have failed to give due thought to one of the great departments of our college.

The fraternities, in their present shape, have grown out of the need for a new form of college family life; they have in part supplied such need and thereby have directed attention to it; but they have not created the need, and because they are homes they are largely limited, in supplying that need, to the good they can do within their own doors and to the example which they can set to those without. It is unfortunate, at this time, when we need to think clearly on the true meaning of the college home, that the question should be complicated by the high school fraternities, which are merely one of the pseudo-growths that accompany all important social or religious movements, and which bear about the same relation to the college fraternities that Mormonism does to Christianity.

The college family life, like that of any other home, is concealed from the public view and fully known only to members of the family. Otherwise it is not a true family life. But this very secrecy bands its members together to hide the shortcomings of their fellows, and makes it difficult to reform it from without. Its seclusiveness is now rather that of a well-bred home than that of a secret soicety, and shows that any reforms that may be needed must come from within the home itself. College sentiment has always delighted to thwart the efforts of the faculty to interfere in the students' family life. This was so in our own days and will always be so.

To be ideal and to give it permanence the college home should embrace the upper and lower class men, the graduate and the undergraduate, for all these can be educated and developed therein. Our children educate us almost as much as we educate them. The older brother is trained and developed through the responsibility of setting an example to and protecting the younger children, who look up to him as the "big brother." An only child is likely to be spoiled because he lives only to himself. Hence there are true educative conditions in the fraternity home where members of all classes are intimately gathered together.

President Wilson, in his memorandum concerning the proposed residential quads at Princeton, our chief non-fraternity college, voices this thought in the following significant words:

"It is clear to every one that the life of the university can be best regulated and developed only when the underclassmen are in constant association with upperclassmen, upon such terms as to be formed and guided by them." He states one of the objects of the Quads to be "to give to the university the kind of common consciousness which apparently comes from closer sorts of social contact to be had only outside the classroom,

and most easily to be got about a common table and in the contacts of a common life."

But Mr. Wilson is mistaken in thinking that this can be done in groups of one hundred or more students arbitrarily gathered together. His Princeton clubs might have taught him that. A college home, to be successful and permanent, must be small and congenial, because it selects and trains its own members.

But the fraternities have their own great problems to solve. They must thoroughly realize that they are no longer college secret societies, but important home-making agencies about to enter upon their endowment period and must brush away their earlier foolishness and frailties and rise to the height of the responsibilities which they have now assumed and to their place in one of the great departments of the college.

In many institutions the moral tendency of the student life as a whole is distinctly downward, and any fraternity chapter will encounter great difficulties which attempts consistently to raise its own moral or religious life contrary to the drift of the college itself, which is merely the resultant of the home life of generations of students. If you will show me the inner family life of the fraternity homes in a college I will infallibly construct therefrom the dominant moral influences that rule the 90 per cent. of student life in that institution, and thereby determine the true educational results of the other departments of the institution.

I am not here to plead the cause of the Greek-letter fraternities or to excuse their shortcomings, which, from careful study in many colleges and with the best inside opportunities, I know as well as any of you. But these faults and failures are partly inherent in any college education, and in any home with many members, and always have been, and are largely chargeable to the college authorities and alumni, who have regarded chiefly the financial, pedagogical and administrative departments and have neglected and misunderstood the college home life.

I urge you most earnestly to give attention to the student life, and especially to that portion of it which we have called the college family life, whether fraternity or non-fraternity, and to look upon the fraternities as logical growths—not as inherent evils, but as the line of least resistance and of the most immediate promise. But whether or not you agree with me as to the fraternities, I beg you to give immediate heed to the family life of our students. We shall be nearest the truth when we realize that at present the college family life is more nearly related to the parents' home than it is to the pedagogy of the college, and should be studied and treated accordingly. We must come to appreciate that the 90 per cent. of the student life, with all its activities and interests, may be greater, educationally as well as mathematically, than the 10 per cent. of pedagogy, and quite as well worthy of earnest and intelligent thought and action, and that the heart of that 90 per cent. for any individual is his college family life, whatever form that family life may take.

Report on Social Service Work

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER SORORITY CONFERENCE.

N February a letter accompanying a list of questions was sent to as many visiting delegates as had sorority representatives in the I. S. C. Besides these a few other letters were written to persons who were identified with colleges in such ways as to render a statement from them valuable.

The questions were these:

1. In places where Pan-Hellenics existed were compacts honored? If not, can you give definite reasons for neglect?

2. Where you found other organizations, as Leagues or Young Woman's Christian Associations, were relations friendly?

3. Attitude toward non-fraternity students.

4. Did you find any general and earnest desire to correct certain evils of rushing—for instance, the large expense account?

The responses from representative institutions throughout the country tell their own story and those which seem to cover common ground will be quoted.

1. Concerning Pan-Hellenics-

Most colleges now have a Pan-Hellenic. In some places the idea is new; it has never been thought of as a means of solving difficulties, of inspiring better methods, and of opening larger opportunities to the Greek world. In other places a conception of the possibilities exists and some effort has been made to use it as a living force in the greater college life.

Where Pan-Hellenic compacts have been agreed upon and then dishonored, thereby defeating their purpose, in every case, without exception the trouble has centered in a small selfishness that has justly brought criticism on the entire sorority body. In other words, individual chapters have adopted a watchword which reads "What good will it do us." There has been no care for "the greatest good to the largest number" and apparently no realization that principle should stand before individual preference. A rather surprising note comes from a great University of the Pacific coast saying,—"Our chapters are expected to see that their members do their share in the college life, but also that they are to do it as college women and not as fraternity girls. In other words, the fraternity is a thing for them and not a means of running the college." This may account for the extremely deplorable spirit reported found in this institution.

On the other hand where an earnest attempt has been made to follow a Pan-Hellenic agreement some things have been accomplished that augur a new and better era for the sorority world. Among these may be noted:
a. Snobbishness to a large extent dying out, as a consequence of a more

intelligent understanding of each others motives and standards.

b. An acknowledgment of certain evils. For instance, the large expense account connected with "rushing" and afterwards continued in order to keep up appearances regardless of good sense and good taste.

c. "A strong current setting in the direction of Alma Mater first, fra-

ternity, if necessary, second."

2. Concerning Relations Towards Other Organizations-

The Women's Leagues and Young Woman's Christian Associations are now generally recognized as factors of great influence among college women. "The sorority girl finds her social needs very adequately met in her own group and in the social attention which comes to her as one of her group-consequently she does not readily see the need of identifying herself with these larger movements. If she comes from a Christian home, where she has been sheltered all her life, she is not always conscious of what made the atmosphere of that home, so she transfers any personal obligation to the Y. W. C. A. to a sorority sister who may be elected to represent her in the Christian Association and quiets any conscience questions by occasionally helping in some "benefit" entertainment in which "all sorority girls" take part. Recognition by sororities of their own mistakes is the most promising sign of the times. In some colleges this awakening is being felt. "Noblesse oblige: noble birth implies responsibility." We believe the sorority was born rightly and to recognize her own powers is the present responsibility.

To further the democratic spirit a certain New England school fosters an "All-Around Club." This club has three general committees, the chairmen of which are selected in the spring when all officers of the club are chosen. The committees are: Student Government Committee, Social Committee, Athletic Committee.

The Student Government Committee coöperates with an advisory board consisting of five of the professors' wives to make and enforce such rules as will benefit all the girls.

The Social Committee plans the social work for the entire year. A luncheon is given each year, in Boston, to which alumni as well as active students are invited. The entertainments consist of lectures, readings, class plays, the colonial dance.

The Athletic Committee endeavors to interest every college girl in athletics. It keeps in condition golf links and tennis courts.

This seems a suggestive program for our smaller colleges and there is a point or two that would certainly be helpful if practiced by our universities. 3. Concerning Attitude Toward Non-Fraternity Students-

There is a rapidly growing sentiment of kindliness toward the independent.

4. Concerning Desire To Correct Evils of Rushing-

In the reports from about 85 institutions there are a few Edens where the "simple life" obtains. From the great majority there is an earnest expression against over-elaborateness of entertainment, neglect of regular college work, and unwarranted expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend-

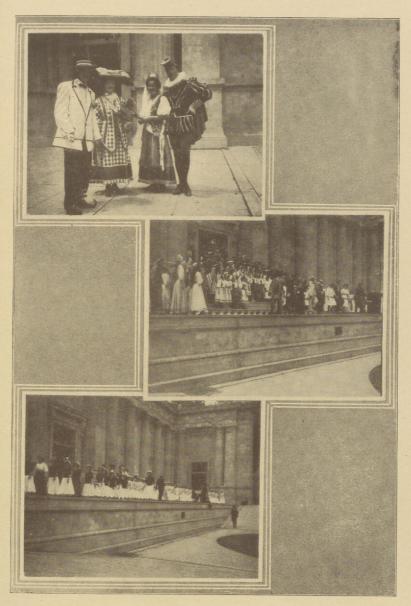
- 1. That Pan-Hellenics adopt a simple, business-like constitution.
- 2. That Pan-Hellenics have meetings twice a month.
- 3. That Pan-Hellenics have a conference with Deans of Women and other faculty members at least once a semester.
- 4. That Pan-Hellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.
- 5. That heads of chapter houses confer twice a month with Deans of Women or faculty members concerning the management of houses, and at all times keep in close touch with alumnae.
- 6. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnae that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

In concluding this report, we believe, with the Adviser of Women in the University of Wisconsin, that when the great group of cultivated women comprising the sorority alumnae are informed of the situation they will be aroused to the opportunities of the relation.

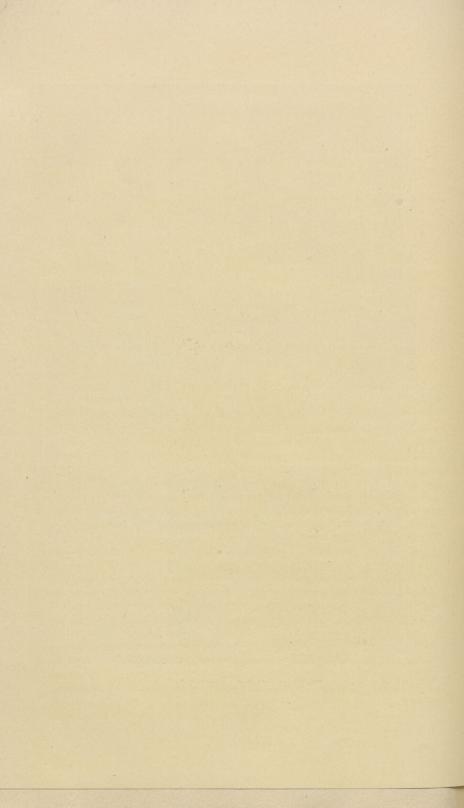
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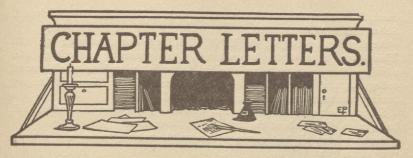
MARY L. TENANT,

Chairman of Committee.



Senior Extravaganza, University of California





ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Alpha is very happy to return to college after a most enjoyable summer and to most cordially greet you all again.

Even during our summer vacation Gamma Phi did not dispense with her much envied social good times. Some of us were so fortunate as to be at and near Chautauqua, which seemed a fitting rendezvous for Gamma Phi. One evening we held a genuine Gamma Phi chapter meeting at which there were three Alpha, two Zeta and two Theta girls.

Lulu Shearman, ex '06, of Jamestown, delightfully entertained the Gamma Phis who were stopping on Chautauqua Lake, at a very hand-somely appointed luncheon. "Lu" is the same cordial, genial girl that we have always heard her termed.

In the latter part of July Mrs. Bessie Cowles Gibson, one of our Syracuse alumnae, gave a very delightful Gamma Phi luncheon in honor of two Alpha alumnae. There were present four Syracuse alumnae, two Zeta and one of our own active girls. The afternoon was happily spent in talking over college days of '95 and our present chapter.

Pledge day opened this year with matriculation day, as it did last year. Rushing now is the all-absorbing task. Although we have been here scarcely two weeks, yet we have met with the greatest success. Our rushing has not been very strenuous or tedious, but we look upon our Freshmen with pride and know that we have the cream of the hill. This only goes to show that Gamma Phi does not have to lavish outwardly, but she is known by her sterling true worth. How happy we all should be to rank as one of her numbers, and each and every one ought to take it upon herself ever to uphold Gamma Phi's banner.

Our list of Freshmen is not complete, but we take pleasure in introducing to you our present list: Ella Brooks, Syracuse; Rachel Bully, Syracuse; Stephanie Clark, Potsdam; Beatrice Dunlap, Holland Patent; Ruth King, Ilion; Margaret Lighthall, Syracuse; Edith McLennan, Syra-

cuse; Anna Morrison, Red Hook; Doris Oakley, Newburg; Irene Schattel, Solvay; Mae Webster, Ilion.

At the first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. here the attendance was 230. This shows a rapid development along this phase of our college life, which, without a doubt, is an essential factor in the making of all-around college women. Gamma Phi is well represented in the Women's League, having two members on the executive board.

Syracuse is proud of its new and well-equipped gymnasium, which will be open to classes about the first day of November.

Alpha wishes all her sisters a successful rushing season and a most prosperous year.

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(No Letter.)

∌ DELTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Just before we left college for the summer vacation came Senior week with all its festivities, the Faculty Reception to the Seniors at Hotel Vendome, the Senior Banquet, the Baccalaureate Sermon by President Huntington in Jacob Sleeper Hall in the college. We are more than glad to say that four of our girls, Sue Philbrook, Leona Chandler, Gladys Wilton and Mary Poor, received Phi Beta Kappa and were duly initiated. The Senior play, "Esmeralda," was next in order, then Class Day with Gladys Wilton's poem and ode. The alumnae banquet followed and Commencement exercises in Tremont Temple, convocation and Senior picnic at Blue Hills. During the week Gamma Phi gave a farewell spread to our Seniors at the rooms.

We are proud of our girls this year. Marion West, who was Junior Proctor last year is Senior Proctor, and Olive Marshall has the Proctorship of the Junior class. Belle Dalton, '11, has become a member of the Historical Club and Mary Poor was made graduate secretary and treasurer of the class of 1908.

Before we finally parted for the summer we spent such a happy week together at Plum Island, near Newburyport. We had a very pretty cottage, which was well filled with fourteen of us, but more would gladly have slept on the floor if it had been necessary. It was very warm so we lived out of doors, roaming over the sands, watching the ever-changing ocean, rowing

and bathing. Some of us were in the boat every moment while the tide was in, not on the ocean, but in the basin, a small body of water where there is no surf. Every evening one class provided the entertainment. There were some marvelous feats performed, interesting, amusing and instructive. Then when we did finally go to bed we did not go to sleep immediately, but midnight revels took place, games of buzz, smothered laughter and whisperings. One afternoon we were entertained by Olive Marshall's uncle, Professor McWaters, at the new summer home he has been erecting on the Merrimac river. We did our own work, taking turns, and some of the meals were surprises indeed, as when the girls ordered pork roast and brought home pot roast. Such sings as we had out on the piazza and how well we learned "Boston University, Our Hearts Beat for You," not to mention several others.

The summer has flown and we are back in college again ready for work and rushing, though I'm inclined to think it may be rushing and work for a few weeks. We begin rushing the twenty-eighth. There's a very large entering class this year, many nice looking girls. As one girl said, "Seem's though there might be enough to go round." The Gamma Phis are all back except Anne Goosell, who returns in October, and we are glad to have Florence Barbour, '09, with us again this year. We miss the Seniors. Our new room is on Huntington avenue, No. 84, conveniently near college.

The Y. W. C. A. gave a social the other afternoon, to which all girls, especially Freshmen, were invited. Every one had to wear her name pinned in a conspicuous place. In that way we know many names and faces. We are all anticipating a happy year and wish the same most heartily for each and every Gamma Phi.

EPSILON

T HE University will not open until September 28th, so this letter must be of the past rather than of the present.

Commencement was a great success at Northwestern this year. The examinations for undergraduates were postponed until the festivities were over, and as a result all the students were in Evanston to participate. The graduating class numbered over six hundred, so at the many events caps and gowns were numerous. On Saturday, May 30th, we had the interscholastic field meet, with an old fashioned barbecue in the evening. Sunday we listened to the baccaulaureate sermon. Monday was class day, and the Dramatic Club presented "Comus" in the evening, under the direction of Mr. Donald Robertson. Tuesday was carnival day with a field meet in the afternoon, and a brilliant torchlight parade in the evening. Wednesday was alumni day, and a luncheon was served at noon in a huge tent that had been erected on the campus. President Harris entertained at his

annual levee at Orrington Lunt library that evening. Thursday morning the seniors received their degrees at the Auditorium, in Chicago.

In spite of these numerous University affairs, Gamma Phi had several of her own during the week. Our annual formal party was given at the Evanston Country Club on Saturday evening, May 30th. The dancing room was decorated to represent a garden, and a pretty feature was the Gamma Phi Beta promenade, when favors were given to the dancers. We gave our alumnæ banquet on Monday evening, June 1st, and Tuesday the alumnæ and active girls enjoyed a picnic on the lawn of Grace Lasher's home. Wednesday afternoon Janet Childs gave a reception in honor of Laura McCarty, our one graduate.

Pan Hellenic was unable to agree upon a contract for this year's rushing, since in past years the rules have been flagrantly broken by a few sororities. For this reason matriculation day will be our pledge day.

A dramatic club was organized in June. Helen Cowles and Edwina Pope, both '09, and Laura McCarty, '08, were charter members. Mrs. Edith Patterson King, Epsilon, '96, Ethel Works, '05, and Laura McCarty, '08, were elected as the three women members of the governing board, which is made up of three alumni, two faculty members and two active members. Only juniors and seniors were eligible for charter membership in the organization.

We expect the chapter to start with fourteen active girls this year, and doubtless we shall be able to introduce some pledges in our next letter. A faculty ruling has deferred initiation until the second semester, by decreeing that no girl may become a member of the sorority until she has ten hours of credit.

We hope that each chapter may have an exceedingly successful year.

≯ ZETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Just an even dozen of us are back, which means that only one of our number, Louise Tiedeman, 1911, did not return. We have all had a most enjoyable summer and are ready once more for college work and to do our best for Gamma Phi Beta. As college has just opened, it is too soon to say anything about rushing, but as nineteen twelve seems to be a very fine class we are most hopeful.

Pledge day is to be the seventh of November, which gives us six weeks for rushing and the rules are practically the same as last year's—two functions, teas every other week, two dinner engagements with each freshman and calling only in specified hours.

In June we held our fifteenth reunion and enjoyed so much having our alumnæ and sisters from other chapters with us. Among the latter was Mrs. S. A. Savage, whom we were especially glad to meet. As she is living in Washington we hope that she may come over often to see us.

At the alumnæ meeting held during commencement week Marie Connor Hayes, 1900, was elected one of the trustees of the college. We are doubly glad of this because, besides the honor which it brings to Gamma Phi Beta, it will give us the opportunity to know her better for she will come to Baltimore often to attend the meetings.

After the reunion we held a house party and had a most delightful time. So delightful, that we hope to have another next year with twice the number of girls along.

Flora Robinson, one of our last year's seniors, is now a secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement. She is working in the north, west and northwest, and we hope will meet many Gamma Phis at the colleges she visits.

In closing we wish each and every Gamma Phi a most happy and prosperous year and trust that for each chapter it may prove as successful as we feel sure it will be for us.

ETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Eta sends heartiest greetings to one and all of you. We are now fairly started on our regular college work for we have been back some two weeks and are settled again. These first weeks have been busy ones for, of course, we have had plenty of rushing to do besides our college duties. But we have been well repaid for our efforts, for we shall initiate a splendid freshman class on Friday, September 4th. We have pledged nine girls—Josephine Le Conte, Mildred Le Conte, Pra Muir, Loraine Andrews, Carmelita Werner, Ellen Ord, Elizabeth Bridge, Eleanor French and Ina Hailes. Our rushing season has been a very pleasant one this year for the Pan-Hellenic rules have been very satisfactory and we are not all worn out with a long and hard season before pledge day.

We have had many pleasant Gamma Phi gatherings this summer. At a tea at the home of Sarah Morgan there were girls from five different chapters of the sorority and we were all busy comparing notes.

We are fortunate in having nearly all the old girls back this year and two of last year's seniors have returned. Two have left us, one to be married and the other to travel in Europe. Another one of our girls, Florence Hincks, who would have been a junior here this year, is going to leave us to go east to study.

And now we send our best wishes to each and every chapter for a prosperous year.

THETA

THETA has had a quiet and rather uneventful summer. The meetings were held but once every two weeks instead of weekly, as heretofore, and the attendance was often very poor as many of the girls had gone to the mountains to escape the hot weather. However, our spring affairs were delightful.

The chapter presented the annual play at the Women's Club, May 15th, and it was even more favorably received than ever before, besides paying over one hundred dollars of the one thousand dollar pledge we gave the University Building Fund a year ago.

May 18th we held our annual "spring" banquet and bade a formal farewell to our seniors. The toasts were all based on theatrical lines, the ap-

plication being strictly Gamma Phi.

The social whirl of commencement week soon followed, then our seniors reversed the usual order of things and gave the chapter a farewell dance at Miss Hersey's, to which were bidden several of the prospective freshmen.

We all rested until the latter part of July and then gave our first rushing stunt, "A Flower Party," at the home of Miss Gallup, and met for the first time several girls from this year's large freshman class.

Theta regretted so much that Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond, Alpha, was too ill to attend the luncheon given in her honor by the chapter at the Tea Cup Inn, August 22d. Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Richmond at all during her visit in Colorado. At the luncheon, however, we did have the pleasure of entertaining Miss Dame, of Dalta Miss Wells of Pate and Mrs. Japan of Masses.

Delta, Miss Wells, of Beta, and Mrs. Jones, of Kappa.

The Pan-Hellenic at the Denver University lasts until October 1st, so we are in the midst of a strenuous rushing season, with many fine freshmen to choose from. Each sorority is permitted to have two formal affairs, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening; further than that we are not allowed to have any stunt where more than two persons and a rushee are present; this we have found rather disagreeable, for it has been our practice to rush with the whole chapter.

We gave our dance Friday evening, September 18th, at the Woman's Club. Miss Seaman and Miss Webb each entertained rushees and their escorts at dinner before the dance. Thursday afternoon, September 24th, we have invited the rushees and their mothers to a "Musicale" at Miss Bishop's, and this will conclude our rushing parties.

Naturally, we regret we cannot name our new pledges in this letter and you can all imagine our state of anxiety with pledge day only a little over a week off. However, we can wish all our sister chapters a most successful season and congratulate most heartily those who have already pledged themselves to wear our "Crescent."

IOTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Iota sends cordial greetings and hopes all Gamma Phis are as plump and brown and happy as she is. It seems a long way to look back from October to June to recount all the doings of senior week and what happened at the spring banquet. Iota, as usual, joined the New York Alumnæ in the banquet. After a most enjoyable luncheon, a reception was held for "our" freshmen in order to have them meet the alumnæ. Both the lunch and the reception were great successes. The banquet formed one of the gaieties of senior week for the active girls, coming, as it did, right in the middle of that week. The first event, a dance, was held in Earl Hall on Wednesday, the 20th of May, where our chapter was particularly well represented-but one member was unable to attend. Barnard's annual interclass athletic meet occurred Thursday afternoon and was followed by a formal tea for the friends of the whole undergraduate body at Brooks Hall. As this was the first opportunity for the non-resident girls to show their friends the dormitory it was very well attended. On Friday the seniors planted the classtree in Milbank Quadrangle with many attendant ceremonies and later gave a reception for the college where the active girls had the pleasure of talking with a Gamma Phi from the Minnesota Alumnæ chapter. The seniors listened to the Baccalaureate sermon on the twenty-fourth. Monday morning the college and a crowd of friends assembled in the large Columbia gymnasium for Class day. Ellen O'Gorman, the Senior president, delivered the address of welcome. Wednesday saw commencement, the Alumnæ reception, and the class supper, with which the week closed. A very busy week it was, with no time for cramming for the undergraduates, whose finals began on Thursday. But we weathered the storm and separated on the eighth of June for our long vacation.

As summer rushing was forbidden by Pan Hellenic nothing could be done, except in letter writing through vacation—but we kept in touch with the freshmen and hope for a successful rushing season this year. Matters will be somewhat complicated, however, by having both Sophomores and Freshmen to rush.

The college year opened on Wednesday, the twenty-third of September. There is one new rule and a very stringent one—there is to be no unlimited cutting for Juniors and Seniors and all cuts are to be recorded at once with sustaining reasons. We are still Dean-less, Mr. Brewster of the English department will continue for another year in the position of acting dean. The college work has begun with startling promptness; we carried home a list of books with

lessons therein the first day, and now, after three more days, feel quite in the swing of work again.

Iota wishes for her sister chapters all success in college and sorority enterprises during the new year.

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KAPPA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Greetings from Kappa and best wishes for the happiest and most successful of college years. We are all so glad to be back at work—all of us together—but such a good time as we did have all summer! Our annual house party was at Lake Minnetonka during the second week of June. The Delta Gamma Chapter had a cottage near ours, and we entertained each other with various serenades and moonlight marshmallow roasts. And then there were the happy times when, just with each other, out on the water, around our camp fire, or in our cozy little cottage, we sang our grand old Gamma Phi songs or "did stunts!"

Ethel Cosgrove had a two day's house party at her home for about twenty-two of the girls.

We had the usual number of picnics and informal parties besides weekly, social get-togethers during the latter part of the summer.

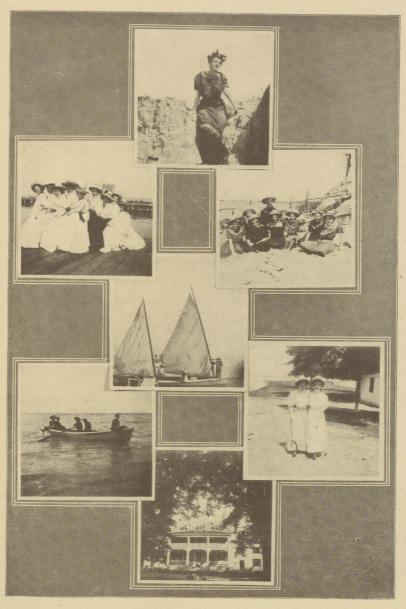
Life is calmer and quieter than ever at "Minnesota" this year, even more so than under last year's Pan-Hellenic regulations, as under our new "compact" agreement, there is to be "no rushing," with the exception of one big party. Each sorority is to interpret "no rushing" according to the individual conscience of its members, as there are no specific by-laws this year. The college world as well as town people generally are eagerly watching for the developments which are sure to come.

Pledge day will be as it was last year, on the second Saturday of April. Kappa Alpha Theta, alone, of our Minnesota sororities, did not enter the late pledge day compact. She will pledge at the end of the second week, this date being set by Pan Hellenic.

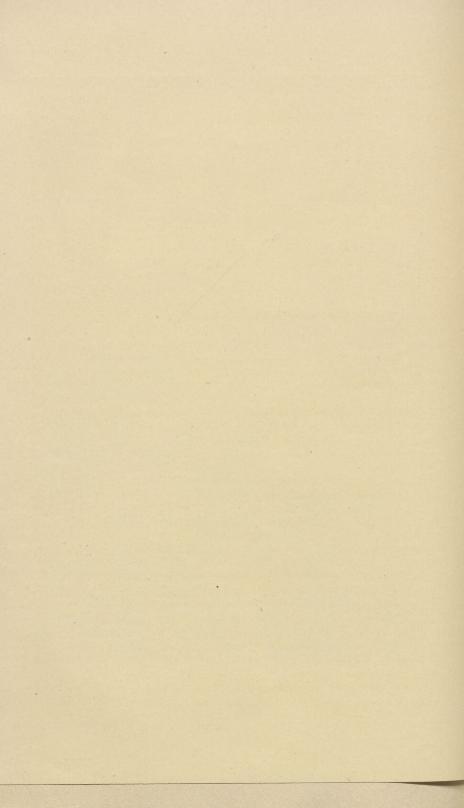
A leaflet explaining the situation and containing advice about sororities, was handed to the freshman by the Dean of Women, during registration.

We have two pledges over whom we are all joyful—Helena Fitzsimmons, whom according to compact rules as to sisters and daughters, we were allowed to pledge during the first two weeks, and Agnes Maloy, a Sophomore.

We send you all very much love and our very best wishes that you are all as happy as we are.



Bits of Zeta's House Party



LAMBDA

EAR Gamma Phis: Lambda sends greetings from out the midst of a very strenuous season, namely, "rushing" season. There are endless teas, spreads and dances intermingled with studies and home duties. However, this year Washington has matriculation bidding and we hope in a few weeks to be pursuing the "even tenor of our way." We have pledged four freshmen already, namely Wilhelmina Schumacher, Mary White, Carrie Gillespy and Alice Courteny-the fact that they were "rushed" madly by the other sororities proves that Gamma Phi is in the lead here at Washington. There are others we are still rushing, for whom we gave a large formal dance in our spacious home Wednesday evening. The color scheme for the dance was pink and green and our house certainly looked like a "fairy bower" with Oregon grape strung around the room intertwined with pink blossoms-then the soft mellow glow from the pink shaded lights together with the beautiful gowns of the girls and the sombre dress of the men, as contrast certainly made an exquisite picture long to be remembered. Then followed a Japanese dinner the next evening. The dining room was strung all over with Japanese lanterns and parasols, and four of our girls served, dressed in beautiful satin kimonas. The place cards and menu cards were of Japanese handwork and were sent us from Japan by one of our "alums," Zoe Kincaid, who is teaching English in the University of Tokyo. The end of this week is devoted to a house party at Mrs. Haggat's pretty summer home across Puget Sound.

We are very fortunate in having Doris Best, of Theta, who enters as a senior here. It is needless to say she has already won our hearts.

We are very sorry to lose Alice Payne, one of our juniors. Alice has gone to the Orient for a year.

We were all overjoyed in the nomination of Samuel G. Cosgrove for governor of Washington. He is the father of one of our girls, Mrs. Kinnear, formerly Myrn Cosgrove, of the class of '07. Mr. Cosgrove has all the chances of being elected, as he was nominated on the Republican ticket and Washington is decidedly Republican. Everything for the Fair of 1909 is about completed and we girls of Lambda will be delighted and pleased to see any Gamma Phis who come to Seattle during that time.

Best wishes for a successful rushing season.

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MU

OLLEGE has swung into its conventional routine again, and after a glorious summer of varied good times, thirteen girls find themselves once more in the sway of the chapter life. From there they send greet-

ings and best wishes to all the other chapters, with the hope that this summer has been as truly happy to all of them as to each member of Mu.

Yet they are all glad to be back, perhaps gladder than ever before, because each of the thirteen knows that this year is going to be more really worth while than any one before, and every one of them hopes to do her share to make it so.

Just now rushing is the all-absorbing interest, and for three weeks more we have this strenuous season to occupy our time. The Pan-Hellenic contract for this year has lengthened the period quite considerably beyond the customary time here, and having "bidding day" in the middle of October is an altogether new departure. However, it is proving quite a successful venture to all concerned and we hope by the next letter, to be able to introduce some new little pledglings.

Perhaps one of the greatest disappointments to Mu this year came in not having Winifred Higgins and Susan Davis back. Both of them, however, we hope to have with us again after Christmas, but until then they leave a vacancy which no one else can quite fill. It is hard, too, to give up Caroline Benson, who was graduated in May, and we are not going to give her up, either, but just insist that she come back "home" for a good long visit this year.

The semester, though well under way now, is still very young, and college affairs are, as yet, only at the mere beginnings. One of our juniors, Norine Graves, however, has been honored with the appointment to the "Quad Board," the staff of the college annual which the third year class publishes in the spring.

Mu regrets that so few of the interests of this campus world have reached the stage where they bear chronicling, but she can at least send the wish that to every individual Gamma Phi this year may prove as happy and successful as it must to each particular chapter.

SYRACUSE

EAR Sisters: From a cosy spot besides the prettiest lake in New York this letter comes to you today. It will just enjoy its ten mile ride in the little steamer before it reaches the protection of Uncle Sam's mail bag, and the tiny craft is puffing its best, that our dearly beloved editor may not be reduced to despair because we are late.

Sometimes we fear you might call our letter a "wireless"—so many words over nothing, you know. We have to record this time, no big event where we all stood about in the regalia of full dress and a carnation, but we have individually had good times and rested a bit. We just had to, for the equator has been in sight of our house all summer. We've

tried to draw the effacing sponge of forgiveness over it, but that only made it act the worse.

On May eleventh, a little daughter—Deborah—came to live with Mrs. Hattie Budd Wadleigh, '91. Another little maid came later to Mrs. Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt's, '99, home, but her name (at this writing) has not yet arrived.

One of our "Founders," Mrs. Frances Haven Moss, '77, of Urbana, Illinois, had a wedding in her family on June 4, when her daughter, Mary, was married to Professor John Frederick Wiley, the recently elected principal of the Urbana schools. The ceremony took place under a wedding bell of white peonies, and the rooms were elaborately decorated with palms and ferns. The bride and maid of honor were in white; the bridesmaids and ribbon girls in white with blue trimmings. The presents were very elegant and valuable.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. E. O. Haven, was present at the wedding, and at eighty-three years was so fresh and fair as to almost rival the bride in attractiveness.

The Commencement exercises passed off as usual. Among the girls who were back then and later, were Mrs. Alice Oliver Gere, '97; Miss Ethelwyn Osborn, '96; Mrs. Jessie Hurlburt Hodge, '95; Mrs. Clara Bingham Collins, '99; Mrs. Louise Blaine White, '86; Mrs. Florence Farnham Osgood, '88, and Miss Ella Bohr, '04.

Mrs. Osgood came to her twentieth class reunion. It is some time since Mrs. White had been back to her Alma Mater. She has a daughter entering Syracuse this fall, coming here from the Baltimore Woman's College.

During their stay here, Mrs. Hodge and Miss Osborn visited Mrs. Bessie Cowles Gibson at Clyde, and also Mrs. Clara Bingham Collins at Cortland, N. Y.

The annual Gamma Phi luncheon at Skaneateles during Commencement week was, as always, a success. Over fifty took the pretty trolley ride and enjoyed the feast, which with Mrs. Krebs as caterer, was the best ever.

Mrs. Ella Boomer Howard, '83, has had a year's leave of absence, and to the satisfaction of her friends, is now back in our high school. She has a pretty house here, and we are glad to say "Welcome Home."

During July Miss Deborah Coe had a genuine Gamma Phi house party of the second generation. Her guests were: Mrs. Gertrude Leete's two daughters, Mrs. Mary Fearon's daughter, Gladys; Mrs. Anna Terry Whitford's daughter, Marion, and Ruth Rodgers. These young girls enjoyed it hugely, and reflected credit upon their Gamma Phi mothers.

During the vacation Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, '83, of New York, visited her father at Onondaga Valley, and there she entertained several of her Gamma Phi friends.

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86, also entertained for Mrs. Dinsmore. These gatherings are always delightfully informal and cosy, olive and peanutty, too.

Professor and Mrs. Flick, who personally conducted a party of thirty-seven to Europe this summer, have just returned. The Misses Nettie and Nellie Wilmot, '89, from the Latin School, Baltimore, were with the party. All speak pleasantly of the trip, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the company as they railroaded and navigated the globe. It is with the Misses Wilmot that the Zeta Chapter met for several years.

Several Gamma Phi's summered or spent some time at the Thousand Islands. Among them, Mrs. Leete, '89; Mrs. Fearon, '86; Mrs. Whitford, '89; Miss Mary Whitford, '81; Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, '98; Mrs. Jessie Groot Richardson, '97; Mrs. Corinne Robinson, '98; Mrs. Jessie Wheeler Lewis, '96. Mrs. Fearon and Mrs. Whitford have very pretty summer homes there.

Since our last letter Mrs. Nellie Morgan's father passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Page, long a resident of Syracuse, and who had been ill many months, died yery recently. She was the mother of Mrs. Laura Flick, '98, and Miss Jessie Page, '08.

On September second was held the funeral of Mr. F. L. Wilcox, M. A. In 1876 he married Miss Clara Worden, '76, Gamma Phi's first initiate, and their home has been for many years in Syracuse. Mr. Wilcox graduated from the University in 1876, and was a member of Zeta Psi. He was a successful lawyer, and had much to do with shaping the "Good Roads" laws, serving also abroad, as special commissioner of the National Good Roads Association. He was identified with many public organizations.

May we offer to each of our sisters in their bereavement the deep sympathy of Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter, and assure them that their sorrow touches the heart of Gamma Phi.

And now a shrill whistle clears the air, and rouses us from our inky meditations.

The steamer puffs around the corner and here comes a King Charles Spaniel leading a gilt edged lady toward the boat.

The large crop of Catawba grapes on her Merry Widow appears to be ripening fast, and we suspect she is hurrying home to can them for winter. It makes us think of our own (which, however, are growing on a vine) and if you will excuse us, we will go and gather ours too.

CHICAGO
(No Letter.)

BOSTON

WE believe with our esteemed President, Mr. Roosevelt, that two terms of office are enough for any man—or woman. To be sure, we have not had the same precedent established for us, but if Boston Chapter had not re-elected the present incumbent a year ago, The Crescent might have received a letter from the chapter for the June number. But that oversight will not occur again, we promise you, because Boston Chapter will have a new corresponding secretary elected at her next meeting—we will see to it ourself.

Our chapter has not met together since May, for our first meeting of the season of 1908-'09 occurs after this letter goes to press, so we cannot chronicle any "live news" for our reader's edification. Suggestions for enlarging the scope of alumnæ chapters were asked for in one of our letters, but failing any response, we have kept along in the same established rut of meeting, greeting and parting, with lots of chatter thrown in.

However, that serves the end of keeping alive the fraternity spirit most successfully and what better end can there be? Delta has asked us to give a rushing party for them this month and their request was clothed in such flattering terms that we at once agreed and we are sure when we line up before the select few of the invited freshmen that they will succumb at once—that is, if Delta wasn't giving us "blarney."

During the great convention of women's clubs held in Boston last June, rumors came to our ears of Gamma Phi delegates among the thousands of visitors and it seemed such a pity that all did not make themselves known to the Boston girls, who would have enjoyed adding a special welcome to that of the club women. Sarah Shute renewed her frendship with Delta freinds at this time and it was the privilege of a few to extend sisterly sympathy to her at the time of her sad bereavement.

A brief glance in response to a stranger's question, a second glance on recognizing the crescent pin, a warm handclasp, and that was the whole story of a Delta girl's meeting with Marie Godman, Beta Chapter, during the convention.

When Gamma Phis come to Boston do look up your eastern sisters who will always welcome you.

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NEW YORK

NEW York Alumnæ Chapter sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters, and starts the year with the wish that all may be prospered more than ever.

Since the banquet in May, which we enjoyed with the Iota girls, we have seen little of each other, as we have been widely scattered, but are

looking forward to a most pleasant reunion in October, when we will make plans for the winter.

The scribe for the chapter went to Chautauqua this summer and thought it quite the proper thing to sign her name in the Pan-Hellenic register, but discovered only men's names appeared there.

She was thinking about this when she met Louise Iliff, of Theta, and the two made up their minds that the women should have a book as well as the men. Accordingly the book was purchased, and seven Gamma Phi's wrote their names in it before it was put in the registry room. The names were as follows: Florence Seeley, Alpha; Florence Taylor, Alpha; Jean Thoburn, Zeta; Nellie Talley, Zeta; Louise Iliff, Theta; Winnifred Chase, Theta: Laura Latimer, Alpha.

There was a large number of Kappa Kappa Gammas, Pi Beta Phis and other societies, so the Pan-Hellenic register for women was voted a decided success.

Jean Thoburn, who has a cottage at Chautauqua, announced that we were to consider her home headquarters for Gamma Phi's, whenever they happen to be on the assembly ground. She invited us all over for a meeting one evening, and we carried it on in the most approved style, following all the rules and regulations of Gamma Phi Beta. We had a most interesting visit concerning methods of rushing, and carrying on affairs in our respective chapters, and were even more enthusiastic than we had been before we met.

We of the alumnæ chapter feel very grateful for the opportunity we have of seeing each other during the year, and wish to extend the heartiest invitation to all Gamma Phi's who are in New York even for a short visit. We will be most delighted to greet you, for we feel that Gamma Phi means a great deal more to us than it did when we were in college, and it meant a great deal then.

Remember that our latch-string is always out for the sisters in Pi Kappa Epsilon.

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SAN FRANCISCO

EAR Sister in Gamma Phi Beta: The San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter are individually very brown as to complexion and very reminiscent as to the joys of the summer vacation. Collectively they are filled with an effervescent enthusiasm that seeks its expression in what is technically known as "a good time"—i. e., something to eat, a few good stories, and a lot of girls to talk to and about.

An opportunity for the exchange of gossip and news on Pan-Hellenic was provided early in August, when Bertha Knox invited us all to spend the day at her country house on the skirts of Mt. Tamalpais. We took

an early boat and arrived in Mill Valley about eleven, when we hastily counted the lunch boxes and babies and found a pleasing number of both. The trail up the mountain proved long enough to stimulate the powers of the athletic, and short enough to keep the weaker sister from utter discouragement and despair. Inez Whipple Davis quietly hired what is known as a vehicle and arrived with her small son, Cyrus, a good half hour before the rest straggled in.

The Match Box is about a third of the way up Tamalpais, just below the famous double bow-knot. From the front porch there is an eagle's view beyond the marsh that stretches to Sansalito far out across the bay to the cities on the further side. Behind the house rises the great, dark mountain, with its ever changing shadows. Every one took sides at once on the question of view and the merits of the hill view and the bay view were discussed at some length. But there was no possibility of settling the discussion as it was soon discovered that every girl changed her opinion whenever she took another sandwich. For not even the view could delay the preparations for luncheon.

There may have been more ceremonious feasts, but surely there was never one with a greater variety of cake, and on the crispness of the salad the reputation of the sorority could have been staked with impunity. The tea flowed like water.

Afterwards there was a business meeting and I know I would have remembered what was done if Elizabeth Fryer had not told me so many funny stories. But I am sure there was a business meeting and no doubt it was largely concerned with the question of wedding presents.

Such a lot of us were present at this meeting, and we have talked so much about it ever since that the few unfortunates who remained at home are making anxious inquiries as to when our president will graciously invite us again.

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MINNESOTA

EAR Sisters All: That dreadful "Minnesota, No Letter," of the June CRESCENT has hung over us like a pall, but let me explain that the person who was delegated to write the letter was so busy getting married that someway, amidst laces and pretty gowns, it was lost. We really can't blame her. It was such a pretty wedding, that of Edna Elmer to Edward Salter Smith, the twenty-third of June, and I'm sure she wishes that all the Gamma Phis could look in upon her when she has her first "at home" next week.

We brought our year to a happy close with the banquet and the days of the last week of May arranged themselves so fortunately as to allow us

to celebrate our birthday (and I see by The Crescent that Iota and New York Alumnæ banqueted on the same day).

The committee had arranged for letters from all the absent charter members and those who were present gave little responses. It seemed very nice to me, at least, one of that number, to hear from all the "original ten." It was a lovely family party and we had greetings from our relations brought us by Edna Hilton, of Delta, whom we all love. Rewey Belle Inglis, one of the older children, who was about to start out into the world to seek her fortune, gave some parting advice to those who were left, and Anne Hull, who, with the other freshmen had hardly been in the chapter long enough to say Gamma Phi "Agoo," surprised us by telling all the family secrets. (Oh, these precocious children!) Then Edna Elmer, with true big sisterly concern, besought all those who were keeping secrets from us to open their hearts and one bright diamond was fished out from a sleeve and slipped on a finger for our inspection. At the head of the table sat our chapter mother, Louise J. Crooker, and the family circle was nearly complete.

The summer has slipped past so fast and so many of our girls have been away that those who were left of both active and alumnæ chapters had their good times together. One of these was a day at Minnetonka, which we spent with Ethel and Bernice Works and Thekla Rompel, of Evanston,

who were in town for a few days.

The opening of school activities has brought some of us back but seen more depart. Among the former, we are so glad to have Lella Albrecht, who has been at Oberlin all summer and has now taken up her duties as Y. W. C. A. secretary at the University.

I might divulge some engagements, but I have been sworn to secrecy. I should like to take each Kappa alumna aside, however, and tell her to begin to save her pennies, for there will be seven or eight pairs of candlesticks to be purchased in the near future.

We are all looking forward to our first full year as an Alumnæ Chapter and after our first meeting we can tell you more of our plans and doings.

A busy, happy and prosperous year to you all, whether you are teaching school or rocking babies and don't forget to look for our delegate when you go to convention.

DENVER

W HEN the June number of The Crescent was issued and the humiliated editor of Denver Alumnæ beheld "No Letter" under the name of her chapter, she was overwhelmed with contrition. Examination papers, together with the manuscript of the Gamma Phi Beta play had

proved her undoing, and she was so addled that her contribution came too late. And thereby hangs the tale. Will the Gamma Phi Beta sisters be lenient and let her tell it all over again in this September letter?

Back to February is a long jump, but we must mention our valentine party for the active girls, which was our first opportunity of becoming well acquainted with the new freshmen—all of whom we immediately and enthusiastically declared "true Gamma Phis." The March meeting was held with Mabel Walker Edwards and we had with us Edna Myers Allan and Marian Van Dyne. The discussion of the organization of a Woman's Pan-Hellenic was our chief matter of business, and Grace Evans Shannon reported upon the several meetings with representatives from other sororities. In April we were the guests of Theo. Price Hough, our Alpha member, and at this meeting we elected Inez Ridgway as delegate to the Pan-Hellenic conference in regard to rushing, and Grace Evans Shannon as our representative upon the board of the Women's Pan-Hellenic Club of Denver.

Are we confusing you by our numerous Pan-Hellenic affairs? It will perhaps simplify matters if we tell you of our luncheon on April 11, at the Brown Palace Hotel. One hundred and thirty sorority women met together and after an informal time in the reception room, sat down at a table gay with spring daffodils. After the luncheon election of officers was held and the organization completed. Mabel Walker Edwards acted as chairman, Grace Evans Shannon was chosen secretary and Isabelle White was made one of the committee upon constitution, so Gamma Phi was well represented. At the May meeting which was held with Grace Evans Shannon, the constitution was discussed and accepted. This provides for an informal meeting in the fall, at which the sorority holding the presidency acts as hostess. Then a more formal affair in the spring. There has been great enthusiasm over the movement and we all anticipate much pleasure and profit from this association with other sorority women.

The spring banquet which was held May 18 at the Metropole Hotel, brought many active and alumnæ Gamma Phis together, and we had a most inspiring time. At our June meeting with Mabel Johnson McCreery, of Epsilon, we welcomed as new members of our alumnæ chapter the seniors—Lucy Moore, Margaret Carman, Ora Bowman, Mary Way, Mamie Gallup, Eva Davis, Blossom Henry and Helen Carson.

In July were held the national conventions of Phi Kappa Psi, and Kappa Sigma—both in this city and at the same time—and Gamma Phi Beta was well represented in the attendant social functions. Our July meeting was held with Margaret McNeil, but this was the week of the great Democratic convention in Denver and our attendance was small.

In August we met with Lindsay Barbee, and planned for a luncheon in honor of Grace Smith Richmond, of Alpha. This luncheon was held at the Tea Cup Inn, and would have been a great success had not our guest of honor been prevented from attending on account of a sudden and serious illness.

At the September meeting with Fern Mitchell we elected new officers and devised various ways of aiding the active girls in their three weeks of all-absorbing and nerve-racking rushing.

So vacation is ended and Denver is sending a greeting to her sister chapters with the hope that September will usher in the brightest, happiest and most prosperous of years for Gamma Phi Beta.

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Personals

Alpha

Born, to Harriet Budd Wadleigh, a daughter, Deborah. Born, to Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, a daughter, Barbara Ann. Bessie Bowe, '08, is abroad visiting friends in England and France. Jennie Oliva Lewis, '02, has just arrived from Southern Africa, where

she has been for the past four years.

The engagement of Mary I. Nellis, ex-'10, to Robert Fraser, Psi Upsilon, of Hamilton College, has been announced.

The engagement of Deidre F. Mace, '08, to Howard Gowing, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Syracuse, has been announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Christine Reed, ex-'09, to William Townsend, Delta Upsilon, Syracuse.

The marriage of Clara H. DeYoe to Fred Barrett took place at Paterson, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett will make their home at Poultney, Vermont.

Birgitta Moran, '06, who having won the Hiram Gee scholarship, studied in France a year, is now filling a very responsible position in our college of Fine Arts.

Katherine Parkhurst, ex-'09, was married to Frederick Wilbur, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Syracuse, at Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur are at home in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Delta

Elsie E. Hatch is teaching chemistry and English in Cliftondale, Mass. Florence Beiler, '07, returns to Porto Rico, September 19 to resume teaching.

Sue Philbrook, '08, will teach English, French, Latin and History at Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Bertha Perley, ex-'09, was graduated last June from Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten School.

Mary M. Poor, '08, has accepted a position as teacher of French and German in Merrimac, Mass.

Mary Beiler, Mary Taylor and Maud Hodges attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay in June.

Elizabeth Merrill, ex-'08, and Mildred Fisher, ex-'09, were graduated in June from Salem Normal School.

Edith L. Riggs, '07, returns this month to East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island, where she has a position as teacher of mathematics and Bible.

Epsilon

Edwina Pope, '09, will spend the winter in a mining camp in Montana. Matilda Gage, ex-'09, will teach near her home in Aberdeen this winter. Ethel and Bernice Works, '05, spent a part of the summer in Minneapolis.

Jeannette Timberlake, ex-'09, will resume her studies at the art institute this year.

Elizabeth Davidson, '11, has spent the summer at Little Point Sable, Michigan.

Epsilon is so unfortunate as to lose Magdalena Carpenter, '09, to Gamma this year.

Helen Cowles, '09, has been spending the summer in the Catskills with her brother.

Thekla Rompel, '05, will teach German in the Lakeview high school of Chicago this year.

Florence Wallace, '07, will again fill the position of preceptress at Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga.

Florence Rhodes, '10, and Ethel Cowles, '09, spent several weeks with Ruth Palmer, '10, in Algona, Iowa, this summer.

Marguerite Bierer, '11, will not return to the University until the second semester, as her sister, Mary, ex-'07, is in very poor health.

Sarah Shute, '07, who had the sad misfortune of losing her mother this summer, will spend the winter in Des Moines with her sister.

Carolyn McCarty, who went to the hospital with scarlet fever at the beginning of the second semester last year, will return to the University this fall.

Sidney Hall, '05, has removed with her family from Danville, Ky., to Prairie du Chien, Wis. This year she will again teach in the high school at Quincy, Ill.

Persis Rollins, '09, visited in Boston and other places in Massachusetts and Maine this summer, stopping on her way home for a few days in

Detroit with Kathryn Crawford, ex-'09.

Kathryne Crawford, ex-'09, of Detroit, announced at the alumnæ banquet her engagement to Clifford Gustine, Phi Delta Theta. The wedding will take place November 16th, at the bride's home. They will live in Canton, Illinois.

Laura McCarty, '08, will sail for Europe, October 7th. She expects to spend a year in Europe and on the continent with the Thompson-Baldasseroni School of Travel. Laura McCarty, Epsilon's only graduate this year, was honored by election to the Phi Beta Kappa society.

Zeta

Winifred Chase, Theta, expects to spend the winter in Baltimore. Ethel Shriner visited Caroline Smith for the month of September. Caroline Smith is visiting Ethel Shriner for a few days in Baltimore. Bell Baker, '05, spent six weeks touring the British Isles this summer. Bess Brown and Nell Watts visited Ethel Carr in Durham, N. C., during June.

Aida Burchfield, of Canton, Ohio, was married June 24, to Robert Dannemiller.

Frances Connor and Nellie Powell visited Helen Murray at her home in Clearfield, Pa., in July.

Adaline Webb Sibley, Long Beach, Cal., visited her parents in Bell Buckle, Tenn., during the summer.

All the decorations were in white carnations and white hydrangeas, making the house a perfect bower of beauty.

May Christie, ex-'09, visited friends in Washington and Baltimore during May. Later she spent part of the summer in Massachusetts.

Zeta extends the deepest sympathy to Anna and Alice Dimmick and Helen Brown, in the loss of their fathers during the past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Laban MacDonald (Lucile Reilley) and baby, of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few days in Baltimore during July with Ethel Shriner.

A number of Zeta girls were present at this unusually pretty wedding ceremony to offer their cordial congratulations to the bride and groom. They are now making their home in Baltimore. Jean Thoburn, '09, attended the Student Conference at Silver Bay and had the pleasure of meeting a number of Gamma Phis. She later went to her summer home at Chautauqua, N. Y., where she met eight others.

Josephine Stone, '07, who has been studying in Berlin for the past year, has returned to her home in Battle Creek, Mich. While abroad she had the pleasure of meeting a number of Gamma Phis, among them Misses Nellie and Jeannette Wilmot, Alpha.

Blanche Connor, '04, Bell Baker, '05, Myra Maniford, '05, Cornelia Webb, '05, Helen Armor, '07, Ethel Shriner, '07, Mary McCurley, '10, Anna Blanton, 11, Minnie Treide, '11, and Louise Treide were the members of Zeta's house party at Kemp's, near Clariborne, Md., during June.

Lillian Horsey, Zeta, was married to Dr. R. R. Norris, Theta Delta Chi, on June 24, 1908, at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. Atkinson (Comptroller of Maryland) in Cresfield, Maryland. The bride wore a messaline gown trimmed with duchess and old point lace and carried a huge shower bouquet of lillies of the valley. After a beautifully appointed wedding breakfast, Dr. and Mrs. Norris left for Old Point Comfort and Virginia.

Eta

Ione Garnett, ex-'08, spent the opening weeks of college with us.

Marguerite Daniels, '08, has announced her engagement to Mr. Hall.

Sue Ross, '06, and Julia Dixon, '06, paid us a short visit at the beginning of college.

The engagement of Esto Dunbar, '08, to Mr. Ernest Linscott has been announced.

We are fortunate in having among us this year Alma Eastin, '08, as a post graduate.

Edna Gearhart, '01, stopped in Berkeley for a week on her way home from her summer vacation in the Sierras.

Marguerite and Lucile Daniels have left for Europe, where they expect to spend two or three years studying and traveling.

The Eta girls and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of Marin Water-house, ex'06, at a house party at Bolinas during the summer.

Florence Hincks, '10, is now with her sister in New York, where she will remain for a year, attending Pratt's School of Architectiure.

During the summer the Gamma Phis around Berkley had the pleasure of meeting Nell Miller, of Wisconsin, and Elizabeth Church Grant of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis announce the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Pearl, to Mr. Carlton Edgar Durrell, on June 2, 1908. Mr. Durrell is head master at St. Mathew's Military School in Burlingame, where they will make their home after a trip in the Sierras and the Mt. Shasta region.

The Collegiate Alumnæ held their annual convention in San Francisco this year and among those who were here were Ruth Guppy, of Wisconsin Chapter, and Jeanette Perry, of Lambda.

Cheta

Miss Dame, of Delta, paid us a short visit in August.

Mary Way expects to spend the winter in Salt Lake.

Helen Wells, Beta, '12, will spend the winter in Denver.

Miss Mosgrave, Lambda, visited with us one day last May on her way to Seattle.

Winnie Waid, formerly '12, has entered Smith College this fall as a sophomore.

Helen Carson, '08, was recently appointed principal of the high school at Bedford, Iowa.

Lisle Brownell has given up her college course to devote her time to the study of music.

Mrs. Jones, formerly of Kappa, is now making her home in Denver at 1426 Milwaukee street.

Helen Hersey, formerly '10, will spend the winter in New York, pursuing her study in vocal culture.

Doris Best, '10, has moved to Seattle, Washington, and will enter the University of Washington this fall.

Ora Bowman and Carolyne Wolfe, both of '08, are teachers of kinder-garten work in the Denver city schools.

Mildred Hansen and May Schiffer have both re-enetered the university and will complete their college course in June.

Helen Barbee, who finished her sophomore year at Ann Arbor last year, is taking a college course at the University of Denver.

Tota

Helen Newbold spent August at Peak's Island on the Maine coast.

The Savitz sisters were in the Pocono mountains through the whole summer.

Ellen O'Gorman has returned from Lucerne and is teaching English in the Normal College in New York.

Helen Aiguier passed the vacation at Asbury park, and visited Edna Stitt at her summer home in Sound Beach during September.

Helen Carter, whose position last year was at Huntington, Long Island, expects to teach in New York and the chapter hopes to see more of her this year.

Miss Turner, of Baltimore, attended summer school at Columbia, and

we hoped very much to have her with us this fall, but she has returned to Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter announce the marriage of their daughter, Lulu Jane, to Dr. Howard A. Bayles, on Tuesday, September 15, at Port Chester, New York.

At the Seniors' field day exercises Iota had an opportunity to meet a member of the Minnesota alumnae chapter, and to send congratulations to the chapter on the receipt of their new charter.

The engagement of Linda Belle Savitz to Mr. Robert Craig Thompson was announced on May 23 at the spring banquet. Miss Savitz expects to teach this winter in one of the New Jersey high schools.

Kappa

Ruth Fagundus visited in Iowa.

Juila Bell will visit in California.

Helen Riheldaffer attended the Lake Geneva Y. W. C. A. Conference with Lella Albrecht.

May Clark will teach in Eastport, Idaho, this winter; Rewey Belle Inglis in New Ulm, Minn.

Mary Heritage visited relatives in London and Wales during the summer, and traveled on the continent.

Rewey Belle Inglis camped at Lake Sarah, Ethel Cosgrove at Taylor's Falls, Frances Young was at Green Lake, Anne Hull at Smith Lake.

Mary Haupt spent the summer at Camp Corliss, on Battle Lake; Ruth Tallant and Katharine Crocker at their summer homes on Lake Minnetonka.

Lambda

Arlene Hassen is teaching in Valdez, Alaska.

Beatrice Prosch has gone to Tappenish, Wash., to teach.

Florence Beech, of Iota, spent a few days with us last month.

Jeanette and Charlotte Perry have gone to California for the winter.

Alice Payne, 1910, sailed from Seattle on the Minnesota for the Orient, August 30.

Katherine Kerr sailed for Europe last June and expects to be in Seattle by December.

Imogene Carraher left last Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where she will enter Trinity College.

Bess Kaufmann, of Marshfield, Oregon, who finished in the class of 1907, enters Simmons College, Boston, this fall.

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Emma Charlebois, '06, is teaching this year in Pool, Arizona.

Susan Davis is not in college this semester, but is near us in San Jose, California.

Winifred Higgins, '10, who is not in college this year, is at home in Astoria, Oregon.

Ruth and Winifred Gilbert, both '06, with their mother, are spending the winter in Germany.

Ethel Palmer, '10, spent a very enjoyable summer with her mother in the South Seas, visiting Tahiti and New Zealand.

Helen Thoburn, '07, has taken the position of business secretary with the Y. W. C. A. Training School for General Secretaries, in New York.

Syracuse

Miss Sarah Avery visited Bennington in August.

Miss Millicent Hinckley was also at Star Lake with friends.

Mrs. Mabel Jacoby Johnson spent July at Henderson Harbor.

Miss Janet Kevand has gone to Ridgewood, New Jersey, to teach.

Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh was at the Thousand Islands in August. Miss Edith Hamlin spent the summer here with her sister, Mrs. Foster.

Mrs. Merriam Ernhout Barnes has moved from Utica back to Syracuse.

Mrs. Luella Palmer Ford visited this summer at her old home here in the city.

Mrs. Genevieve Porter spent the summer at her camp on Fourth Lake, in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Florence Worster Allen enjoyed a delightful automobile trip through New England.

Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe summered at Skaneateles, and had a fine trip on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Belle Yates Porter, Mrs. Lucy Yates Manning and Miss Helen Gowing were at their cottages at Star Lake.

Miss Florence Trobridge and her mother spent the vacation with her sister, Mrs. Molly Trobridge Watkins, at Otsego Lake.

Miss Mary Whitford, '81, spent part of August with her brother's family at the Thousand Islands, also some time at Fourth Lake and in Saratoga county, New York.

Mrs. Florence Bailey Crouse, with her husband and daughter, has taken many automobile trips this summer, visiting Providence, Boston, Springfield and the Berkshires. Later she went to New York and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke took a long automibile trip through Chenango and Otsego counties; spent a week at the farm of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hamilton at Owasco, and another week with Mrs. Genevieve Porter at Fourth Lake.

Rev. Gideon F. Draper, of Japan, is spending a few months in this country for his health and is with his family on Westcott street, Syracuse. Mrs. Draper is a daughter of the late Bishop E. O. Haven, and an early member of Gamma Phi. Their daughter is now in college and of our active chapter.

Miss Jane Lewis, '02, who has been teaching in Africa, has returned for a year's furlough. Her sister, Mrs. Corinne Lewis Robinson, '98, also visited her parents in this city during the summer, and both Miss Lewis and Mrs. Robinson spent a few days with Mrs. W. W. Porter at Fourth Lake, also Thousand Islands and Greenwich, Connecticut.

Boston

Rachel Bessom has accepted a position in the Needham High School. Marion D. Dean, ex-'04, is teaching in Miss McClintock's school, a private school for girls in Boston.

The engagement is announced of Helen Burgess Flanders, '06, to Mr. Francis Post Allen, '05, Harvard.

The engagement is announced of Annie Rachel Bessom, '06, to Mr. Thorndike Ladd. Mr. Ladd is a brother of Emily Ladd Butler, '03.

Mary E. Shepherd, '05, is teaching in the Lynn English High School. There are now six Gamma Phi's teaching in the Lynn High Schools.

Denver

Marion Moore is now located in Cincinnati.
Isabelle White spent her vacation in Los Angeles.
May Schiffer is registered at the University for the year.
Ruth Wallace will teach in Ossining, New York, the coming year.
Carolyn Wolfe is assistant kindergarten teacher in the Clayton School.
Inez Ridgway attended the reunion of her class at Vassar College in June.

Eleanor Leonard, Delta, visited her brother in Denver during the summer.

A little son, Thomas Edgar, was born to Mary Crary Moore on May 11, 1908.

Grace Twombly Miller and Beulah Steele Jenness were in Denver during the summer.

Grace Smith Richmond, of Alpha, spent several weeks in Denver and in Eldorado Springs.

Lindsey Barbee spent the month of June in Ann Arbor as the guest of Mabelle Leonard Douglas.

The Denver Gamma Phis had the pleasure of meeting Helen M. Dame, of Delta, on her Western trip.

Mary Crary Moore, Grace Evans Shannon, Mabel Walker Edwards and Lucia Patterson Young spent the summer at various mountain resorts.

Louise Iliff and Marion Moore attended the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in May at Baltimore. Miss Iliff also spent a delightful season at the Chautauqua, and is now at her summer home in Santa Cruz, Calfornia.

The Gamma Phis of 1908 have begun their new work. Lucy Moore will be an instructor in the Preparatory School of the University; Blossom Henry has a position in the Wheatridge High School; Ora Bowman will teach in Denver, and Eva Davis in Lafayette, Colorado; Helen Carson has gone to her home in Iowa; Mamie Gallup will study music in Chicago, and Margaret Carmen will have the English department in the Telluride High School.

San Francisco

Grace Wilson is living in St. Helena.
Florence Ewing is not teaching this year.
Tallulah LeConte is traveling in the East.
Alice Rorer is building a house in Claremont.
Edna Gearhart was in Berkeley during August.
Wanda Muir Hanna came down for Eta's initiation.
Mabel Pierce is the secretary of the Collegiate Alumnae.
Bess Patton and Carmel Riley are teaching in Berkeley.
Rachel Colby is our delegate to the meetings of Pan-Hellenic.
Cecil Harold is teaching in Miss Ransom's school in Piedmont.
Vida Redington Volkhardt has recovered from a serious operation.
Elizabeth Rothermel will move in October to her new home in Berkeley.
Louise Kellogg has just returned from a three months' visit to Alaska.
Mary Randall was the custodian of the LeConte Lodge in the Yosemite this summer.

Florence Stone remained in the South this summer. She visited the Grand Canon.

Della West Bassett spent the summer in Mill Valley with her young son, Frederick.

Elizabeth Sanderson Fryer came out from Montreal to spend the summer in San Francisco.

Lena Redington is the president of the board of directors of the Gamma Phi Beta Hall Association, Incorporated.

Charlotte Hoffman was married to Mr. Kellogg of the faculty of Stanford University. The wedding took place in Rome.

Minnesota

Cora Taney has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., to make an extended visit. Ruth Hall spent a few days in July in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Van Sant.

Lora Gooding was graduated from Wellesley College in June and will be at home this year.

Katharine Taney Silverson motors up from New Ulm, Minn., frequently to see her old friends.

Ruth Spear Newkirk came home for the banquet and spent most of the summer with her mother.

Pearl Weston went East in the early summer to attend her cousin's wedding and Wellesley College commencement,

Mrs. H. S. Nachtrieb and daughter, Margaret, and Marie Moreland of St. Paul, took the lake trip to Buffalo in August.

Hazel Lovell, Florence Snook, Margaret Marshall and Grace Moreland were at Lake Sara a good part of the summer.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman and family were out of town all summer, spending their time in Sioux City and in northern Minnesota.

Ethel and Bernice Works and Thekla Rompel spent a few days in Minneapolis on their way home to Evanston from Winona.

Helen Griffith, ex '04, spent most of the summer in the East after attending the Bryn Mawr Commencement and her class reunion.

Ellen Brooks, who has attended Smith College the past two years, will be at home in Minneapolis this winter taking kindergarten training.

The engagement is announced of Florence Millspaugh to Mr. John Bortle of Spokane, Washington. The wedding will take place this fall.

Edna Elmer, '07, was married on the twenty-third of June to Mr. Edward Salter Smith. They are at home at 2401 Lake Place, Minneapolis. Edith Todd Jones and her two little daughters were very welcome

guests in the city this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are living at Mora, Minn.

Lella Hunter Albrecht is home from Oberlin, Ohio, where she attended summer school. She is secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University of Minnesota for this year.

Minnesota has quite a list of teachers this year. Margaret Bell is at Mankato, Minn; Eleanor Eaton, who was graduated from Mt. Holyoke last year, is in Miss Backus' School; Sara Preston is in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Eleanor Sheldon visited relatives in Canada for six weeks, returning just in time to take up her work in the English department of the University. Mary Gray Peck is another traveler who has come back to her teaching in the English department after a pleasant summer at her home in Seneca Castle, New York.

Professor and Mrs. Carl Schlenker had a delightful trip to New Mexico this summer. Dean and Mrs. Downey traveled north for their vacation, spending some time on Lake Superior. Some of our other travelers were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Batson, who joined a large family party and took the Yellowstone trip.

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Our Contemporaries in Black and White

E 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 Ave., Evanston, Ill.

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

For April-

Kappa Alpha Journal, Tau Kappa Pi Quarterly, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Phi Gamma Delta, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Trident, Beta Theta Pi.

For May-

The Phi Gamma Delta, The Delta Chi Quarterly, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, The Triangle, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Kappa Alpha Theta.

For June—

The Sroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Shield and Diamond, Sigma Kappa Triangle, The Trident, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, The Adelphean, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Anchora of Delta Gamma, The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

For August-

Alpha Xi Delta, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Delta of Sigma Nu, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.

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Delta Gamma announces the installation of Omicron Chapter at Adelphi College on Thursday, May 7, 1908.

The Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Xi Chapter at Kentucky State University, September 11, 1908, Lexington, Kentucky.

Delta Delta announces the establishment of Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, Thursday, May 14, 1908.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Delta Alpha Chapter at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, June 8, 1908.

The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces the

installation of the Gamma Mu at The University of Washington on Wednesday, June 17, 1908.

The Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta announces the establishment of Alpha Lambda Chapter at Washington State University, Seattle, Washington, on Thursday, May 21, 1908.

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The Admission of Momen into Phi Beta Kappa

N this respect Phi Beta Kappa is absolutely unique among Greek letter fraternities. It was not of set purpose that the society thus broadened its ideas respecting membership. It is true that the original charters contained the bold statement that "it is repugnant to the liberal principles of societies that they should be confined to any place, men, or description of men, and as the same should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree and every country;"-but it is scarcely possible that the founders imagined that women would some time be included among the "wise and virtuous" to whom membership should be extended. However, as scholarship came to be the chief requisite, and as the privilege of pursuing full collegiate courses was granted to women, it was only a matter of time when their eligibility should be recognized, and they be admitted as a matter of right, not of concession. The problem was first faced by the Alpha chapter of Vermont at the University when, in 1875, two women attained the honor grade. As at the first appearance of woman it required a deep sleep on the part of man to prepare him to receive his helpmeet, so the Vermont chapter slept over the proposition, and the next day accorded the women the welcome to which they were rightfully entitled. The issue once decided, other chapters had less difficulty in adapting their practice to the changed conditions. In the Cornell chapter, which was organized in 1883, no restrictions as to sex have ever prevailed. As co-education has become established in some Eastern and practically all Western institutions, a large proportion of the chapters now admit women. Chapters also exist in five colleges for women, Vassar being the first of the class to win the coveted honor. Her charter was granted in 1898. The Columbia and Western Reserve chapters have each established a separate section for the students in the women's college affiliated with the respective universities. At the recent Council, President Mary E. Woolley, of Mt. Holyoke, was chosen a member of the Senate. Thus Phi Beta Kappa has eliminated all fortuitous distinctions. such as race, color, creed and sex, and selects its members primarily on the basis of scholarship. It is essentially democratic, while constantly recognizing the aristocracy of intellectual requirements. It thus enjoys the proud distinction of being, among American educational institutions, the chief "conserver and rewarder of scholastic attainment."-Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

Here is a suggestion for alumnae chapters' consideration:

All applications for Pi Beta Phi scholarships in Barnard College and Columbia University for 1908-1908 should be in the hands of the Grand Council by May 15, 1908. The value of the graduate scholarship is \$350. The value of each of the undergraduate scholarships is \$325. Each applicant should state what work she has already done and give her standings in that work; she should also state what work it is her intention to pursue should she receive a scholarship. Each applicant should send a photograph of herself and letters from her professors testifying to her scholarship, personality and character. In granting these scholarships the Grand Council will take into consideration scholarship, personality and fraternity enthusiasm. May Lansfield Keller, Grand President.—The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

The following editorial confession from Beta Theta Pi carries with it strong conviction that present conditions of an institution should not militate too strongly against consideration of a petitioning body which may have all other factors in its favor.

Some of us who were present at the St. Louis convention remember the rejection of the petition of the Beta Phi Society at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, for a charter. This rejection was largely due to the criticisms of one Beta alumnus who preached eloquently upon the text that the college had no adequate endowment. He admitted the fine quality of the students, the ample supply of material, the adequate equipment and competent teaching force but argued successfully that the college was doomed to failure because of lack of endowment. It will interest our readers to know that an endowment of about one million dollars has now been secured. Sigma Chi offered a charter to Beta Phi. It was accepted and we lost a fine chapter and Sigma Chi secured one with little effort. This was one of our mistakes.—Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

The Journal of Kappa Alpha nearing the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment urges many improvements and the one need that is the cry of our own editor.

What the Journal most needs, as we see it, in order to fully achieve the objects of its publication, is the hearty support of every loyal Kappa Alpha in furnishing contributions and personals and in securing alumni subscriptions. The importance of increasing the alumni subscription list cannot be overestimated. With an increased income from this source the Journal could be greatly improved in a mechanical way. We could use the best of paper, and would not be forced to restrict each issue to the present bounds. Cuts, which are so expensive, could be more freely used, and we could publish a magazine which, mechanically, would be without a superior. In college we aim

to be first. Why not be first in everything laudable? If we had more alumni subscribers to our magazine than any other fraternity, it would necessarily raise us in the estimation of other fraternities, and it would be the strongest sort of testimonial to the loyalty of our alumni. And conversely, an increase in alumni subscriptions would necessarily increase the interest of the alumni in the Order's affairs. With a sufficient increase, the Journal could be made self-sustaining from alumni subscriptions and advertisements, the active chapters would receive their magazines without cost to the Order, and the sum now expended by the Order on the magazine could be contributed to the chapter-house fund and the Memorial Hall.

All this can be accomplished by a united effort, and with the opening of the new year, let us all resolve to do our part.

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The Selection of Men

If I were asked to tell Delta Upsilon what it should do, I would say very briefly this: Never let any snobbery enter your chapter-house. Never think of taking a man in your chapter because of his father, or his family, or his wealth, or his good looks, or his clothes, or anything which is external. You can soon dissipate all your power and be reduced to the low level attained by those who fill our clubs and amount to nothing in making the world go round, if you lose the true spirit of Delta Upsilon, which takes the boy as he comes to college for what he reveals of himself in mental power, in moral purpose, in earnestness, in the desire to make the most of his college work. Fill your chapters full of these men and they will grow up to the other standards to which your expectations rise.

CHARLES E. HUGHES, Brown, '81.

(Governor of New York.)

—Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

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A matter about which many Gamma Phi Betas feel strongly we find is not disregarded in other fraternities.

We need not consider the withdrawals from active membership where the man has no choice in the matter—such as financial considerations or faculty request. But we do believe that each year our chapters suffer a loss in members, other than by graduation, that is entirely unnecessary. Unless there are some exceptional reasons, the man who drops out of college before completing his course is short-sighted in sizing up his own interests and he is not giving his fraternity full value for his privileges of membership.—Delta Tau Delta.

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