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# Convention in Retrospect

THE Thirty-fourth Convention of Gamma Phi Beta is now only a matter of history, but the four days in November were full of joy and inspiration, and an outsider might surely have *seen* an answer to the time-worn question, "Are college women happier or unhappier than other people"?

The democratic intersorority spirit at Michigan showed itself as never before. Beta was overwhelmed with offers to assist in entertaining delegates and visitors. All superficial barriers were thrown down, and there was only the common effort of college women to extend hospitality to other college women.

Convention surely did not lack in enthusiasm, but if those new song books do not appear before our next meeting together, the singing will be open to even more criticism than was heard at this time. Gamma and Epsilon brought some new songs to popular airs, and these songs will live with Beta, at least, for some time to come. Chapters do not realize how much is gained or lost in Gamma Phi spirit by singing or not singing.

If anyone were to say the new chapters are not imbued with enthusiasm, just refer them to Lambda. Miss Eisenbeis and Miss MacDonald brought greetings from Seattle, and their presence made us wish all the more that Eta and Mu might have been represented.

It was a keen disappointment not to have our President, Miss Phelan, with us, but Mrs. Berry was "all things at all times" to everyone of us. Her accuracy of information, her complete familiarity with all things Gamma Phi, and her marvellous enthusiasm, tempered with wisdom, made her an ideal Vice Presi-

dent; no one could have been more efficient.

Most of the delegates had arrived on Tuesday, so the buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Douglas meant the real beginnings of the new friendships to be formed in Gamma Phi. There was no entertainment of any kind provided—a few Gamma Phi songs, and a great deal of talk, made the evening wholly informal, so that most of the new names were straightened out and attached to the proper girls.

There was less important business than usual to come before convention, and the question of biennial conventions was very informally discussed in the meeting of the Alumnæ Council. Of course, no vote was taken, but the general concensus of opinion was quite interesting. This time did certainly seem like the

"psychological moment" for such question to arise.

Following the first morning of business, the delegates and guests met at the home of Mrs. Kinne for a very beautiful luncheon, at which there were seventy-five chattering Gamma Phis. The soft candles and open fires added a charm to the

occasion which everyone noted.

The Alpha Phi tea on Wednesday afternoon was most delightful, and one of the delegates said: "Wasn't it fine that they didn't try to splurge!" The simplicity and cordiality was far more enjoyed by our guests than any real "function" would have been.

The reception and musicale on Wednesday evening was to give the faculty and friends an opportunity to meet the guests of whom Beta was so proud.

Mrs. Jordan, the Dean of Women, Mrs. Berry, and Mrs. Soule received with Beta. A large number of "old girls" who were not able to be with us at banquet, came to Ann Arbor for this evening.

On Thursday, the morning business session was held an hour earlier, because of not having an afternoon meeting. There was a hurried lunch at the chapter house, and the special car taken on the interurban road for Detroit, reaching there just in time for the vaudeville at the Temple Theatre. When the travelers arrived at the Country Club on their way home in the evening, they were tired and hungry. A huge fire was blazing in the club room where the tables were spread, and eighty girls sat down in groups of four or six, to make new friends with those of whom they had not had an opportunity to see much, or renew old times with girls just returned.

The Friday business sessions were crowded very full, but at four o'clock all cares were forgotten at the delightful tea given by Collegiate Sorosis in their beautiful new home. Aside from Gamma Phis, they had invited other women in the University, both independents and sorority women, and the occasion was charmingly informal and chatty.

In spite of banquet falling upon Friday, and the thirteenth, and the committee at the eleventh hour being forced to abandon the cherished plan for holding banquet, all the girls seemed to feel our truest and best Gamma Phi time was around that "festive board."

Long baskets filled with pink carnations and maiden-hair ferns tied with pink tulle were most effective, broken by crystal candle-sticks holding pink candles of the same shade. Eighty-six sat down, but a few had to leave early, so our final circle numbered only eighty. The place cards bore only our monogram in silver, and the toast cards were typical of Ann Arbor—tiny squirrels

perched on one side of a two-fold screen, decorated in long gar-

lands of wee pink roses.

So many delegates and visitors had to leave by a very late train, the travelers all went to the chapter house where banquet was discussed, and a general "post-mortem" held in true girl fashion. Just before leaving, they all had hot chocolate together, and one last Gamma Phi song for "Auld Lang Syne."

"BETA."

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# Roll of Delegates and Nisitors

ALPHA.—Christina McLennan, delegate; Mary Perrin, delegate; Jessie Truman, delegate.

Syracuse Alumnae.—Sarah O. Avery, delegate; Deidré Mace, delegate.

Beta.—Nellie Connor, delegate; Emily Ely, delegate; Gladys Lewis, delegate.

GAMMA.—Hazel Driver, Ruth Allen, delegate; Mary Allen, Marie Carey, delegate; Winifred Coon, delegate; Maud Terry, Jean Williams, Marie Mabis.

Delta.—Helen L. Byrne, delegate.

Epsilon.—Grace Adele Berry (Mrs. T. L.), Charlotte Lyford Boyd (Mrs. J. M.), Elizabeth Davidson, delegate; Louise Stolp, delegate; Edna Luke, delegate; Persis Rollins.

CHICAGO ALUMNAE CHAPTER.—Lillian Thompson, delegate; Esther Rich Reilly (Mrs. L.), delegate; Alice Hosmer Preble (Mrs. A. B.).

ZETA.—Anna Blanton, delegate; Mary Christie.

THETA.—Kittie Lee Bishop, delegate; Mayme Gallup.

DENVER ALUMNAE.—Inez Ridgeway, delegate.

IOTA.—Gertrude Hulse Beakes (Mrs. C. J.), delegate.

Kappa.—Helen Riheldaffer, delegate; Ethel Cosgrove, delegate.

MINNEAPOLIS ALUMNAE.—Alice Redfield, delegate.

Lambda.—Helen McDonald, delegate; Lillian Eisenbeis, delegate.

### Beta Cirls Back

Zaidee Vosper, Winifred Hubbell, Lorett Sherman, Minnie Hamilton Grosvenor (Mrs. E. O.), Bess Ryder Symons (Mrs. J. S.), Clara Davis, Frances Brown, Kate Ballentine Heavenrich (Mrs. Theodore), Helen Hoover, Frill Beckwith, Esther Braley, Emma McMoran Murphy (Mrs. J.), Isabel Hosie McKay (Mrs. John), Sarah Hardy, Gertrude Burdsal Arnold (Mrs. D. D.), Vera Lay, Florence Brownell, Patty Bancker, Augusta Durfee Flintermann (Mrs. Rudolph), Emilie Flintermann, Katherine Ostrander, Ada Gilbert Close (Mrs. Fred), Eleanor Thompson, Marion Brownell den Bleyker (Mrs. Walter), Marion Hubbard, Carrie Hosie, Margaret Cahill Bartholomew (Mrs. H.), Esther Rich Reilly (Mrs. Leigh), Lillian Thompson, Alice Hosmer Preble (Mrs. R. B.).

# Impressions of Convention

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By an Epsilon Delegate

T is hard to compress all the effervescent enthusiasm of a returned delegate into a staid article for The Crescent. One Epsilon girl realizes that "Oh, girls, they were grand, simply grand! You don't know all it means to be a Gamma Phi till you go to convention!" may do for her own home chapter, but not for the critical inspection of the sorority at large. And so, hence frivolity and lack of system!

First of all, one delegate must announce that this Gamma Phi convention has reinstated for her more than one ideal of womanhood which she had rather neglected in the careless past. highest mental and social culture" has ceased to be a hollow phrase, for it has assumed a new and living meaning; it has become a vital part of her faith and pride in the sorority.

The good which this convention did her has very nearly caused her to desert her principle of biennial convention; if our enthusiasm is always renewed as hers has been, can this great event

come too often?

She also realized many a fault in her own chapter. Comparisons may be odious, but they are often healthful. The glorious enthusiasm of Alpha made her regret the occasional lethargy of Epsilon, and the business-like methods of procedure which made Mu the pride of the convention filled her with a secret sense of shame. And above all the system with which the Beta girls conducted every detail of business, never neglecting the least item, called forth a letter home. "Oh, what will we do when we entertain convention!"

When a certain friendly delegate remarked to her, "You do have the most pretty hats!" she smiled inside to think of her borrowed plumage. (What would we do without our sorority sisters! The sisterly spirit has its advantages!).

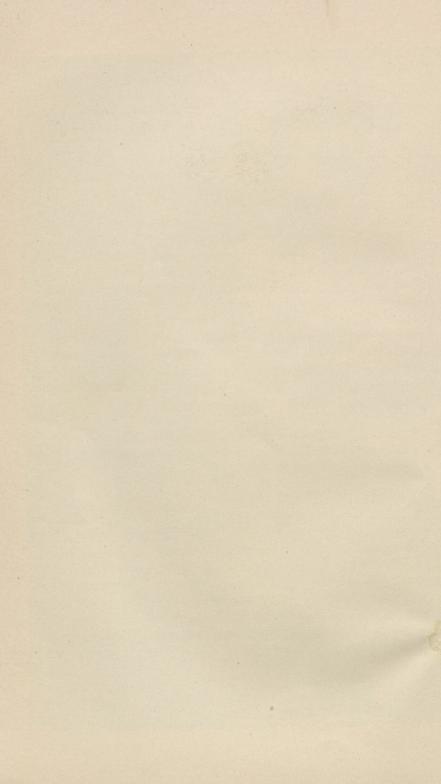
The Epsilon girls have not yet ceased to tease her about her "cases," and she is still firmly convinced that she will hear from this or that "grand girl" at some future date "when she has time

to answer my letter."

But whether she ever does receive those replies or not, the spirit of convention will always linger with her-the spirit of fellowship—the glow of warmth in her heart which a wider knowledge of Gamma Phi's meaning has brought there.

For such is the power of a Gamma Phi convention.





THE program of convention and banquet menu and toast list that follow give those of us that were unfortunate enough to be unable to attend all the festivities a faint idea of what we missed.

### Program for Convention Week

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

7:00 P. M.-Informal buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Douglas.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

9:30 A. M.-Alumnæ Council.

10:00 A. M.—Business meeting.

12:30 P. M.-Luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. D. Kinne.

2:00 P. M.—Business meeting.

4:00 P. M.-Reception given by Theta of Alpha Phi.

8:00 P. M.—Reception and musicale at Woman's Gymnasium.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 A. M.—Business meeting.

Afternoon in Detroit.

7:00 P. M.—Informal dinner at the Country Club.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

10:00 A. M.—Business meeting.

4:00 P. M.—Tea given by Collegiate Sorosis.

7:00 P. M.—Banquet at the Woman's Gymnasium.

### Banquet Menn

ITALIEN HORS D'OEUVRE

WAFERS

CREAM OF CHICKEN

CELERY

RIPE OLIVES

LOBSTER NEWBURGH IN TIMBALE CASES
BROWN BREAD SANDWICHES

BROILED SWEETBREADS

DUCHESS POTATOES

FRENCH BEANS

ROLLS

Individual Aspics with Celery Mayonnaise Toasted Cheese Wafers

LONDON PUDDING

CAKES

COFFEE

### Toasts

ToastmistressMargaret Cahill Bartholomew
"Let peace abound in our small company."
The Family
"Children, we are, children we shall be till our mother, the earth, hath fed upon our bones."
Song"We Thy Children, Gamma Phi"
Modernity vs. Maternity
Song"Gamma Phi Carissima"
The True Romance
So shalt Thou rule by every school Till love and longing die."
Song
The Uses of Adversity
Song
Old Wine in New Bottles
Song""We're Gamma Phis Forever"

# Letter from Our Intersorarity Conference Delegate

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: If every Gamma Phi chapter could feel the seriousness and earnestness with which the Seventh Intersorority Conference attacked Pan-Hellenic problems, I am sure she would read the report contained in this issue of The Crescent with a new interest. There is much for all of us to do in order to make local Pan-Hellenic conditions conform to the ideals which the national conference has for the Greek world. The desires of the delegates seemed to be primarily to eliminate objectionable rushing, to promote harmony in interfraternity relations, to improve the feeling between non-fraternity women and "Greeks," and to increase the confidence of college authorities in fraternity organizations. I hope you will all study the recommendations of the Pan-Hellenic Conference with a view to following them, and encourage discussion of Pan-Hellenic problems, so that Gamma Phi Beta may do her share toward making this national effort for improvement successful. I wish for every chapter a pleasant and successful school year.

LAURA B. HUTCHINS,

Gamma Phi Beta Delegate to National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

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Report of Seventh Intersorarity Conference, Hotel Stratford, Chicago, Minois, September 10–12, 1908

### FIRST SESSION.

THE Seventh Intersorority Conference was called to order Friday, September 11, 1908, at 3 p. m., by Miss A. W. Lytle, Pi Beta Phi, presiding officer. Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, acted as Secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

PI BETA PHI.—Miss A. W. Lytle, State Normal School, Lewiston, Idaho.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.—Miss L. P. Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y.

Kappa Kappa Gamma.—Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Ave-

nue, Kansas City, Mo.

Delta Gamma.—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 225 Greenwood Boulevard, Evanston, Ill.

ALPHA PHI.—Mrs. C. A. McElroy, 153 East Fifty-fourth

Street, Chicago, Ill.

GAMMA PHI BETA.—Miss Laura Hutchins, Marengo, Ill.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

Delta Delta Delta.—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 755 Greenleaf

Avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA XI DELTA.—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington Street, Springfield, Ill.

CHI OMEGA.—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Fayetteville, Ark.

SIGMA KAPPA.—Mrs. K. B. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA OMICRON PI.—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 172 South Francisco

Street, Chicago, Ill.

The minutes of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were read and approved.

Each delegate presented a report upon the action of her fraternity on subjects of intersorority interest; Pan-Hellenic difficulties and suggestions for future intersorority coöperation.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee on recommendations to which all recommendations in reports should be referred. Committee—Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma; Miss Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Then followed the report of Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi, Secretary of the conference, 1907-'08. Her summary of the year's work follows:

### I. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the year just closing, the advance in inter-fraternity relations has been manifest in two noteworthy instances. First, no complaint or Pan-Hellenic difficulty has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of the Intersorority Conference for investigation. Second, no group of chapters has applied for admission to the conference.

Eight hundred copies of the report of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were printed and distributed.

Soon after the Sixth Conference, the Pan-Hellenic Association of Michigan sent to the Secretary a statement of the position of Sorosis, together with a request for special dispensation. The Secretary sent to the Grand Presidents the following query: "Are you willing to grant a special dispensation to your chapter at the University of Michigan, allowing them to pledge Senior high school girls"? All eight Grand Presidents concerned agreed to grant the dispensation for the college year 1907-'08. The Pan-Hellenic at Michigan was then notified that a special dispensation was granted it until the Seventh Intersorority Conference convened.

Representatives of the Intersorority Conference were invited to meet with the Conference of Deans of Women in State Universities for one session, Friday afternoon, December 20. Each fraternity was notified of the meeting and sent a representative when possible. (A report of this joint meeting appears elsewhere in this report.)

The question of pledge day seems by no means settled, some schools which have had a late pledge day even agreeing to try matriculation day for next year. In view of the difference of opinion upon this question, and considering how thoroughly the matter has been discussed, one delegate makes a timely suggestion that attention be turned to the amelioration of faculty conditions common to all fraternities.

According to the direction of the Sixth Conference, Miss

Thompson compiled and distributed a report on the present condition of Pan-Hellenics in the United States, a most valuable article for the use of all chapters.

Later a letter was written to inform alumnæ more definitely in regard to the purposes of intersorority. Four hundred copies of

this were printed and distributed.

As directed by the Sixth Conference, the Secretary has printed two hundred blanks for presenting matters for the vote of Grand Presidents.

The Secretary has had constant demand for the names of secretaries of Pan-Hellenics. She had printed five hundred blanks to be filled with name, address and fraternity of Pan-Hellenic secretary. These blanks were sent to colleges and returned so that there is now on file for the use of the incoming Secretary a complete list of Pan-Hellenic secretaries.

The manner of exchange of magazines has proven unsatis-

factory.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Intersorority Secretary.

Adjournment.

### SECOND SESSION.

This session was called to order at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, September 12, 1908.

# I. PAN-HELLENIC AT WISCONSIN.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the committee on Pan-Hellenic conditions at Wisconsin State University, continued by the Sixth Conference, reported as follows:

Since Wisconsin State University is providing adequate supervised homes for its women students, and, since interscholastic has been abolished, there is no pressing reason for continuing to pledge preparatory students at Wisconsin. Moreover, some fraternity chapters there do not desire to pledge preparatory students any more. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic has presented no petition for renewal of its expired dispensation.

In view of this report, the Seventh Intersorority Conference is proud to announce that henceforth Wisconsin fraternity chapters will conform to the Intersorority Conference rule prohibiting the pledging of non-matriculates.

### 2. PAN-HELLENICS.

The committee upon present condition of Pan-Hellenics presented its report—which was printed and distributed to the conference fraternities early in 1908. Attention was called to the fact that the variation in time of opening of our colleges—from August first to October first—results in some cases in longer compacts than the report's enumeration by date of pledge day makes evident.

Motion carried to accept this report with hearty appreciation of Miss Thompson's fine work.

# 3. Intersorority Conference Constitution.

Alpha Omicron Pi reported an affirmative vote upon the proposed constitution. As all the other represented fraternities had endorsed this constitution at the time of the Sixth Conference, a motion was carried that the official organization for Intersorority Conference shall be the constitution as printed in report of the Sixth Conference.

# 4. PAN-HELLENIC AT MICHIGAN.

A petition for a renewal of its special dispensation to pledge preparatory students was presented by the Michigan State University Pan-Hellenic.

Since the local Sorosis continues to refuse to coöperate in the abolishment of such pledging, it was deemed expedient that this dispensation be renewed, in order not to handicap the nationals at Michigan.

Motion carried that this conference recommend to the Grand Presidents of fraternities represented at Michigan State University, that a dispensation be granted to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic for one year, provided only Seniors in the high schools be pledged and the pledge be withdrawn if the pledged girl does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging; this dispensation to expire September, 1909.

Motion carried that the Intersorority Conference Secretary convey to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic our sincere congratulations upon the progress of Pan-Hellenic ideas in its University.

# 5. Exchange of Fraternity Magazines.

This subject was fully discussed. There was unanimous agreement that the present plan of exchange is unsatisfactory and that the ideal plan of exchange with all chapters is impractical because of expense. It was reported that the chapters of some fraternities subscribe for the magazines of other fraternities, and also that some Pan-Hellenics do the same. The following action was taken concerning exchanges:

Carried that the Intersorority Conference Secretary prepare a journal exchange list, said list to include three national officers of each Intersorority Conference fraternity (these three officials, in each case, to be designated by their fraternity), and the delegates to the Intersorority Conference. This official exchange list is to be sent each fraternity editor, who shall be responsible for the mailing of her magazine to all addresses on the list.

Motion carried that each fraternity editor put the library of every university, where her fraternity is represented, on her mailing list and notify her chapters of these fraternity libraries; this library exchange to supplant the former Pan-Hellenic exchange.

Carried that each fraternity editor be asked to keep an accurate list during 1908-'09 of the subscriptions received from Pan-Hellenics and from chapters of other fraternities, and, through her intersorority delegate, submit a report of the same to the next Intersorority Conference. Each fraternity is asked to suggest to its chapters the value of subscribing for other fraternity magazines.

### 6. DEANS' CONFERENCE.

The following report from the Conference of Intersorority delegates with Deans of Women in December, 1907, was submitted:

The Deans of Women of State Universities were in substantial agreement on the following topics of interest to fraternity women:

Chaperones.—The office should be dignified by better definition, and more authority. One way of doing this is to make the chaperone a member of the committee of the chapter, whose duty it is to formulate suitable house rules, and to secure their observance. Such a committee should be of great assistance to a chapter in determining its social activities, etc.

Rushing.—This way of recruiting the chapters is deplored. Sophomore pledging is approved, and a scholarship standard of eligibility is advocated.

Parties.—The use of university buildings for parties is advised wherever this is possible, as opposed to clubs and halls not located on the campus.

Scholarship.—The practice of some fraternities in securing from the deans periodic reports of individual grades for each chapter is believed to encourage scholarship.

VISITING DELEGATES.—The deans are glad to meet these ladies, and welcome conferences with them early in their visits to their respective chapters.

This report was followed by a discussion of chapter houses and chaperones. Mrs. Tennant reported her list of eligible chaperones as very small, but that, if a small salary was connected with the position, more chaperones would be available.

Motion carried that the president appoint a committee to consider with Deans of Women the position of the fraternity chaperone in college life, also the functions and qualifications of chaperone. Committee—Alpha Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega.

Adjourned for the annual luncheon of Intersorority Conference delegates. The luncheon was at the College Club, which kindly gave us the use of their rooms for our last session.

### THIRD SESSION.

The session opened with a continuation of the discussion of the meeting of fraternity women and deans. Particular attention was called to the fact that the deans had concurred with former Intersorority Conferences in recommending a Sophomore pledge day.

Motion carried that the Seventh Intersorority Conference again

urge a late pledge day, preferably a Sophomore pledge day.

The committee on recommendations then presented its report, which included all recommendations from delegates' reports to the first session.

7. PAN-HELLENIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are submitted to local Pan-Hellenics with the request that each Pan-Hellenic give them careful consideration, and, as far as practical, adopt the principles of each recommendation.

- A. Every Pan-Hellenic MUST conform to the by-law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenics by one active and ONE ALUMNA member. It is urged that alumnæ members be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their university's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with Intersorority Conference ideas and work-upon which they should be well informedshould be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient alumnæ members is also deemed advisable.
- B. Pan-Hellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite scholarship attainment in the University, as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.
- C. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and

engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

- D. We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions,
- E. Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities.
- F. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which ALL fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss Intersorority Conference reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.
- G. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnæ of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and university problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the concensus of opinion in this conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every university where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic the alumnæ members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

### 8. Fraternity Recommendations.

The following recommendations are submitted to each fraternity with the strong hope that each Grand President will urge their adoption in the policies of her fraternity:

- A. That each fraternity hold its intersorority delegate responsible for the distribution of Intersorority Conference reports and papers, and also for instructing chapters as to the use of the same.
- B. That each fraternity include in its chapter examinations a question concerning the present procedure and possible penalty in case of the breaking of a Pan-Hellenic contract.
- C. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

D. That each fraternity devise a method of informing its alumnæ of Intersorority Conference principles and policies, so that an alumna teaching in a preparatory school will not thoughtlessly take steps that will disrupt years of cordial feeling between her chapter and other fraternities in her Alma Mater.

E. That each fraternity instruct its visiting delegate to impress upon the chapters the need not of a higher standard of scholarship than they already possess, but a high standard irre-

spective of their present standing.

F. That each fraternity endeavor to make the position of chaperone in its chapter houses one of definite duties, powers and dignity. That if possible, the positions be filled by alumnæ of experience and judgment.

9. Intersorority Recommendations.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Seventh Intersorority Conference:

- A. That a committee be appointed to investigate the "no rushing policy" of the famous societies of Yale and Harvard. Committee—Alpha Phi and Sigma Kappa.
- B. That an enumeration of concrete results of Intersorority be printed in each fraternity magazine. This enumeration to be compiled by the Secretary of intersorority to insure uniformity. Fraternity editors are also urged to give prominence and active, continued support to Intersorority Conference interests.
- C. That a committee be appointed to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges. Committee—Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Delta Delta Delta.
- D. That the name of this conference be changed to National Pan-Hellenic Conference.
- E. That a committee be appointed which shall make the 1907-'08 letter to alumnæ organizations the basis for a similar letter this fall. Committee—Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta.

A vote of thanks was given the College Club for courtesies extended.

Some desultory discussion followed upon the situation of fraternities at Barnard; written replies to invitations to join a fraternity; need of constant effort to keep fraternity women informed on Intersorority Conference matters; high school fraternities; indefiniteness of Pan-Hellenic constitutions; fraternity presidents as delegates to intersority; and plans for the next conference.

Motion carried to assess each fraternity five dollars (\$5.00) for Intersorority Conference expenses, each delegate to instruct her Grand Treasurer to send the assessment direct to the Conference Secretary.

The Intersorority Conference was declared adjourned until September, 1909.

L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, Secretary of Seventh Intersorority Conference.

# Value of Conservative Expansion

T would seem that the demand for active chapters of Gamma Phi Beta in new colleges and universities somewhat exceeded what our organizations feels is best to admit. This naturally, in my mind, leads to the question "In what type of university or college do we, as a whole, want representation?"

We should work in harmony upon this question, as in all others, for it is a vital one. Gamma Phi Beta assuredly wants the best for it knows only the best so far. Yet it is inevitable that each chapter should have individual ideas as to what is best, just as the branches of a tree vary in size and arrangement, though each is a part of the whole, each bearing the same variety of fruit.

We find, that, as we travel from one Gamma Phi center to another, we enjoy the cordial friendship so generously extended to us—and we enjoy, also, extending to others, who visit us, the same glad, sisterly welcome which makes our oneness in Gamma Phi so dear and true. For the present as well as ultimate good of Gamma Phi, this must continue to be. It therefore devolves

upon the individual chapters to develop loyalty and strength and to use wisdom and impartial judgment that new branches may spring naturally from the same trunk.

Our sorority has now reached such prosperous dimensions that it precludes the necessity of new branches, unless admitted and welcomed enthusiastically and unanimously.

In speaking for San Francisco Alumnæ, I feel sure I voice the chapter sentiment in saying that, as we have had a season of expansion, it would seem best to let the new crop draw strength and vitality from the trunk, the while, that it may bear the fullest fruitage. Thus we may continue to point with sisterly affection and enthusiasm to each and every branch of Gamma Phi Beta, laden with sweet blossoms, the promise of rich harvest. Thus the same unity of purpose and accomplishment of ideal becomes more deeply rooted in the hearts of all.

On account of the years that I have been an active Gamma Phi, in the college, and in the alumnæ chapter, I am able to look back into both and trace, almost step by step, as year follows year, more unity, more joy, more true spirit, and more real strength. As a new chapter is necessarily not so showy as an older one, for experience is a great teacher even as loyal alumnæ a great strength, I would recommend that we wax internally, for a period, stronger and more fruitful, concentrating our energies on perfecting our inner organization, assisting our baby chapters, through example rather than precept, to a maturer strength. Thus we become ourselves, more interested and loyal in our chapter and sorority relationships, having the welfare of the whole primarily, in our hearts (thereby unconsciously blessing the chapter), and alternately enriching and enlarging the whole of Gamma Phi Beta, in their due seasons.

LILIAN PARKER ALLEN, Eta, '98.

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Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta that will be installed at Oregon State University on the eighteenth of December.



In retiring from the presidency of the sorority, Miss Phelan leaves behind her a record of several years of service on the Executive Board. Such service as this is never, perhaps, fully estimated, at least the appreciation can never be adequately expressed in cold print. Nevertheless, in our hearts, more deeply than we can express, we admire the loyalty and unselfish devotion that prompted the untiring efforts of our President, and we wish to assure her of our great appreciation of her capable work for the sorority.

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THE Crescent has for some years past been fortunate enough to be able to present in its pages the likeness of each new Sorority President in turn. This year the modesty alone of our new President prevents us. We are none the less hearty in congratulating the sorority upon the very able leadership it will have for the coming year and in assuring Mrs. Berry of the cordial and loyal support of all Gamma Phi Betas. The task is no easy one,—that of keeping all the varied interests of the sorority in their proper courses for a year, but with the coöperation of each chapter, both Greek letter and alumnæ, as well as the alumnæ not connected with a chapter, it becomes a task not arduous and laborious but worthy of the efforts of one as capable as our presidents have invariably proven. We would wish Mrs. Berry, and the sorority, a prosperous year full of opportunities well-taken for the good of Gamma Phi Beta.

NCE more the time has come for us to welcome the chosen Freshmen into our fold. From a glance at the letters one easily gets the impression that this has been an unusual year for Gamma Phi Freshmen both in the East and in the West. We congratulate our upper classmen on their successes that spell good luck not only to their own chapter but to the sorority at large as well.

We also wish to extend to the new initiates our very best wishes and sincerely hope that they may not only grow into the true type of Gamma Phi Betas, but that every service they render to the sorority in and out of college may tend to bring them more close to the fulfillment of that high ideal.

Above all, let us remember that our sorority presents us an opportunity for loving service to those within and without our circle, upholding always her high ideals.

We ask each Freshman to read the excellent editorial from the Phi Gamma Delta that will be found among the exchange clippings in this number of The Crescent.

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GAIN the old, old plea comes to you Alumnæ Chapters. Make a more active, personal campaign for Crescent subscribers among those of your chapter and frien is of other chapters who are not affiliated with any alumnæ association. It is high time that more of our unattached alumnæ were coming into closer contact with the general sorority, and we are positive that they will feel grateful to you if you interest yourselves sufficiently in them to write and ask them to come in touch with you and their many other Gamma Phi friends through the pages of The Crescent. Would it be asking too much of any one of you to get just one new name for The Crescent list?—and what a list that would be! Why not try it, both for the good of those who are now disinterested and for the sake of your pride in your college chapter's loyalty. Take it up systematically in your chapter meetings, if you will.

We are glad to note the laudable efforts of our Minnesota

Alumnæ Chapter to increase its membership among the out-of-town members and keep in close touch with all the Gamma Phis in that region. As thorough and methodical a campaign on the part of every alumnæ chapter would not only be the means of putting our sorority journal in the place it should be, but the added inspiration and enthusiasm of interested alumnæ could not help but be felt throughout the general sorority affairs.

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T may sound like a useless reiteration of a very old request to beg that the correspondents write on one side of the paper only. But some of the girls are thoughtless or careless about the matter. I am quite sure they all know better by this time. The unusual number of letters that had to be partly rewritten by the editor for this issue is the excuse for ever again calling attention to the oft-repeated request.

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In accordance with the action of the Intersorority Conference recently held, the library of each college and university in which Gamma Phi Beta has a chapter will be supplied with a copy of each issue of The Crescent in place of the very unsatisfactory arrangements that formerly were tried in the effort to establish Pan-Hellenic libraries at all the colleges. The editor urges that each local editor of The Crescent make it one of her duties to see that The Crescent is in evidence in the files of the library or notify the editor if such is not the case explaining the reasons for its non-appearance.

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E regret very much that after having been provided with a picture of our Eta Chapter, we were unable, on account of the quality of the print, to reproduce it in the pages of the last issue of The Crescent. With one exception, it would have completed the list of active chapter groups that appeared in the June number. It was evidently no fault of the chapter, and we can only hope that we will be more successful next time.



### ALPHA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Alpha has another Freshman to introduce to you, Genevieve Joy, who was initiated some weeks ago with our other pledglings.

To tell of our happenings since the last letter will take us back into October. One day about the middle of the month thirty of us went into the country on a picnic. The day turned out fair and ideal, as everything does for Gamma Phi. Three o'clock came and found a busy lot getting dinner for a hungry bunch of girls. With the aid of "Kath" Sibley, who has had a great amount of camp life, we soon sat down to a most hearty picnic lunch. After eating, we took a tramp through the country, which couldn't have been more beautiful than it was then decked in its fall colorings.

In order to do away with the "company air" and to get acquainted in a sisterly way with our Freshmen and they with us, Marian Scott very generously opened her beautiful home on Summit avenue to all Gamma Phis. We spent a very informal evening in which our alumnæ met the pledglings, and all had a glorious time. Marian, with her charming hospitality, gave to the Freshmen a sample of Gamma Phi spirit.

Election night the girls had a masquerade party at the chapter house. The evening was spent in dancing and topped off with a "sing."

Monday evening before election the girls of the University gave a fake election in the gymnasium. Several of our girls were on the ticket, and Olive M. Hunt, as J. V. Debs, made a startling hit. The candidates and families were assembled at a banquet where each gave his political speech.

The Alpha delegates have just returned with enthusiastic accounts of convention. They report a most enjoyable time and all agree that the Beta girls are delightful hostesses. The University of Michigan proved very interesting as a college. In fact, convention as a whole furnished many helpful and stimulating ideas to the delegates. The Alpha girls were especially pleased to hear of Tau Pi's charter and send heartiest congratulations.

Our annual fall banquet was held Friday evening, November 20, at the chapter house. There were present about seventy-five alumnæ and active members. It was one of the most successful banquets we have ever had, and much praise is due the banquet committee. The guests were seated at five long tables, decorated with ropes of smilax and pink carnations. The same decorations were used in profusion throughout the house. Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86, made a most charming toastmistress, and called for the following toasts:

Our Coach—Grace Webb Edgecomb, '93.

Our Captain-Katherine Sibley, '09.

Our Stroke-Oar-Florence Dale, '10.

Our Coxswain-Louise Lee, '11.

Our Crew-Rachel Bulley, '12.

The Athletic Governing Board—Christina McLennan, '09.

As this will be our last letter before the holidays, Alpha takes this opportunity of wishing to each one of her sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### BETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Beta sends her heartiest greetings to all her sisters. The week of convention with all its pleasures has slipped by, all our sisters from east and west who came so far to help us make it a success have left us and we are again in the old harness, making up our old work and keeping up with the new. Our only regret is that convention did not last at least two weeks, that we might keep you all longer, for nothing is better than to have a crowd of Gamma Phis together, but nothing is worse than having that crowd broken up.

We are now planning for our Christmas tree which is always a brilliant spot in our school year. We have no other social functions planned as yet.

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### **GAMMA**

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma was very sorry not to have had a letter ready for the last issue of The Crescent, because of the fact that the University did not open this year until October first. Because we had no letter last time, we will have to tell in this one some of the things which would have gone in that one.

Four of our girls were Seniors last June. At Commencement time a great many alumnæ were back. Our banquet, at which Carrie Morgan was toastmistress, was attended by sixty-eight. At the Senior class opera, "The Mikado," Winifred Coon acted as accompanist.

Our rushing, which occurs during the opening week, consisted, this year, of a formal dinner, a breakfast at the home of Mrs. Brittingham, one of our alumnæ, a dance at the lodge, driving and some less formal entertaining. We pledged thirteen girls, Nora Buoll, Lila Emery, Ruth Cotten, Alice Ringling, Marie Mabis, Gladys Hayden, Helen Scofield, Edna Howard, Marian Deming, Verona Pratt, Edith Brook, Amanda Barkhausen, and Edith Winslow. They were initiated October 20. Edith Bowen, ex-'09, was toastmistress at the initiation banquet. Later, we pledged Augusta Stiles, who has not yet been initiated.

The convention visitors have not ceased telling, since their return, of the good times they had at convention, and of the fine hospitality of Beta. Those of the active chapter who went were: Marie Carey, Winifred Coon, Ruth Allen, Mary Allen, Marie Mabis, Hazel Driver, Maud Terry,

and Jean Williams.

On December 5, we are to hold a reception for Miss Hancock, our new chaperone. December 4, the Freshmen are to have their annual party.

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### DELTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Rushing, that absorbing season when Freshmen are so all important and interesting, is well over. Three weeks was the length of it, with two organized parties a week, and in the intervals between we were just as nice as we knew how to be to the entering class. An enjoyable party at Mary Taylor's and one at the sorority rooms were the first week's events; the second week we went to Mrs. Philbrook's in Lynn, the mother of one of last year's Seniors, who never loses interest in Gamma Phi. Friday afternoon of that week our alumnæ gave us a delightful party at Marion Dean's in Melrose. We always expect a fine time, and we are never disappointed when the alumnæ entertain. The Freshmen enjoyed it, too, from all accounts.

In the last strenuous week we took a number of girls to the Food Fair, and for our final party, we had an attractive tea at the Delft Tea Rooms, and then adjourned to the sorority rooms to play games and sing. We had good hopes of a successful result of our efforts, though rivalry was strong, and we were not disappointed when nine splendid girls "rallied to our call." Delta is proud and happy to introduce to all Gamma Phis Celia Marshall, Frances Huntington, Alice Moulton, Susie Williams, Mabel Page, Eda Tarbox, Florence White, Helen McNeil, and Elizabeth McClelland. Last year we had the Freshman Class President, and this year we congratulate Celia Marshall on the same honor. Six of our pledglings were initiated November 7 at Katharine Whitings, Boston.

Our initiation banquet at Hotel Nottingham was a great success, when fifty-four of us, alumnæ and active girls, gathered together. Eugenie Ward was a grand toastmistress, and toasts were responded to by Mildred Thorndike, '09, Belle Dayton, '11, Frances Huntington, '12, Grace Newhall, alumnæ, and Eda Tarbox, '12.

Helen Byrne, our convention delegate, has come home with such glowing accounts of the hospitality of Beta, the grand good time, and the inspiration of convention as a whole, that it makes us wish more than ever that we could have attended in a body. As we couldn't, we are glad we were able to send Helen.

Friday afternoon, November 20, our Freshmen showed their upper-class sisters how well they can entertain when they gave us the annual Thanksgiving spread at the sorority rooms. Vague rumors of a mysterious something floated round for several days, and we were surprised and delighted indeed at the novelty of the entertainment given before the spread. The menu presented five courses: 1. Soup, "'Tis Hot. It Smokes," and on going into the room we were given clay pipes, to take part in a bubble-blowing contest. 2. Fish, when we each had a line and drew candy from a "pond." 3. Roast, namely, roasted peanuts. 4. Light Entrée: six burning candles which blindfolded, we attempted to blow out.

Then came the dessert and even after so many other courses, it was a most bountiful and delicious spread. We're more in love than ever with these new sisters.

Everything goes well at college. Many of our girls, including Freshmen, are much interested in the Young Women's Christian Association work, in which organization several Gamma Phis hold office. The college is planning a Latin play soon in which a number of our grils will take part. Then Gamma Phi will give a play next semester, which we mean to make successful by beginning to practice right away. We have several plans in mind for a mothers' tea, Christmas trees, etc., and that reminds us that by the time we receive our next CRESCENTS Christmas and New Year's will have come and gone. So we extend to every one best wishes for a joyous Christmas and the brightest and happiest of New Years.

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### **EPSILON**

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: After a very successful rushing season we have again settled down to regular work. This year matriculation day was pledge day, which was an entirely new plan for most of the active girls. We found it most satisfactory and now have nine pledges—Susan Moore, Moselle Weld, Laura Hall, Gertrude Smith, Helen Greene, Frances Fischer, Zeta Murphy, Anna Davis and Lillian

Paulson. We cannot initiate the pledges until the second semester, which makes the active chapter rather small, although all but six of the old girls are back. Laura McCarty is attending school in Europe this year. Edwina Pope is teaching school in Montana. Magdalena Carpenter was transferred to the Gamma Chapter. Mary Skoning is on a ranch in Wyoming. Margaret Bierer is at home, but will probably return second semester, and Janet Childs is at home on account of poor health.

On November 20 we gave an informal at Kenilworth and were glad to have Mary and Ida Bierer, two old girls, with us. Miss Alice Redfield, of Kappa, stopped to visit with us for a week and was also at the informal. Three Kappa girls, Alice Redfield, Helen Riheldaffer and Ethel Cosgrove, stopped off to visit us on their way to convention and then went on with our delegates.

About a week ago our delegates came back from convention, full of enthusiasm about all that had occurred. They had been delightfully entertained and were very enthusiastic about the Beta Chapter and the representatives of all the other chapters. They had enjoyed every minute of the time spent in Ann Arbor, their only regret being that not more of the chapter were present.

This year we have a spread every two weeks after sorority meeting. A number of the alumnæ attend, thus bringing them closer to the active chapter, and a pleasant evening is spent. We have also tried to meet at the home of some Gamma Phi every Friday, and this has proved very successful in giving the girls a stronger feeling for the sorority and for one another.

We were surprised last week at receiving a short visit from Kathryn Gustine, formerly Kathryn Crawford, who was married November 16. Several of the girls attended her wedding in Detroit. We are sorry not to have her with us longer, but her home will be near Chicago, so we hope to have her with us more often this winter.

In closing, Epsilon sends her best wishes to each and every chapter for a prosperous year.

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### ZETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter, which was written the day college opened, we have been very busy, for, besides all the interests of college life, we have had a most strenuous six weeks' rushing season. At the end of that time, however, we pledged four fine girls—Ethel Jane and Mabel Haskins, of Sioux City, Iowa; Faye Myers, of Sheldon, Ill., and Matilda Ornwake, of Waynesboro, Pa.,—so we are very well satisfied with the results, though not with the methods of this

year's rushing. As we initiated two Seniors, Katharine and Marion Scranton, earlier in the fall, we have in all six new Gamma Phis to introduce. We held initiation at Ethel Shriner's home the Saturday before Thanksgiving and were so glad to have with us Mary Colt, of Iota. Though she had been in the city all fall, this is the first opportunity we have had of seeing her.

Thanksgiving holiday came at a most opportune time, for we were all tired out and ready for a rest. Most of us did not go home, but just loafed here at college or took short trips to friends in the neighborhood.

Since it is now only three weeks before the Christmas vacation begins, and since there is such a lot of college work to be done, we are all buckling down and studying hard. The Seniors especially are having a strenuous time, for "Senior dramatics" is to come off the two nights before the vacation begins, and they are rehearsing for it every day. The play is to be "The Merchant of Venice," and five of our Seniors have parts. Katharine Scranton is to be Bassanio; Marion Scranton, Old Gobbo; Sara Turner, Tubal; Jean Thoburn, Salanio, and Kezia Manifold, Stephano, while Caroline Kline is chairman of finance committee, so we are, of course, very much interested. The class of 1909 has inaugurated the plan of charging admission to the performances in order to defray the expenses, and this is arousing much interest as to the result.

Our delegate, Anna Blanton, came back from convention most enthusiastic over Gamma Phi Beta in general and Beta Chapter in particular. She had a most delightful trip and has made us all envious of her good times. We wish that just for next fall Berkeley might be moved a little nearer to Baltimore in order that we might attend our next convention in a body. However, as it is to be in the East the following year, we are living in hopes of having a large delegation there.

Christmas will be a thing of the past before this letter reaches you, but just the same Zeta will wish each chapter, and especially Nu, though belated, still the heartiest greetings for a merry Christmas and the happiest kind of a New Year.

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#### ETA

G REETINGS From Eta to Her Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter to The Crescent we have spent a very busy two months in college. They have been very happy ones, too, for we have had many pleasant affairs at the chapter house this semester. Early in October we had our annual reception to introduce our Freshmen, and we were very proud of the fine girls who made up the class. Another custom which we

have and which we consider well worth the pains is the informal entertainment of all the sorority Freshmen by those of Gamma Phi Beta.

A great many of our girls went down to Stanford for the Freshman football game between Stanford and California and enjoyed the hospitality of Mu Chapter. We certainly do have splendid times when we visit the Stanford girls. For the Inter-collegiate 'Varsity game quite a few of them came up and stayed with us for a day and a night or two.

In a week we are going to have our Thanksgiving dinner, which brings the alumnæ and the active girls together. We have this dinner at the Gamma Phi house on the Monday after Thanksgiving, and we make the

walls ring with Gamma Phi songs.

On the 8th of December our final examinations begin, and we are already beginning to study hard. This means that the semester is nearly over and before long we shall be leaving for Christmas vacation.

So we close, with best wishes and love for our sister chapters.

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#### THETA

THETA takes great pleasure in introducing to you all her new initiates, Julia Worth, Belle Connor, Irene Poole, Eunice Robinson and Eleanor Reynolds, and our pledges, Ann Henry, Gertrude Wolfe and Marie Seaman Shaw, all three sisters of Theta members. We regretted so much that Marie Seaman could not be initiated, but she remained in college only a few weeks and upon her marriage moved to Chicago to live. We are justly proud of these, our new Theta girls, and feel confident they will bring more glory to Gamma Phi Beta.

Our rushing season closed September 31, and we held our initiation Friday, October 23, at the home of Miss Webb, twenty-eight partaking in the ceremonies, an unusually large number for our small chapter.

Wednesday evening, October 28, we had a "Dutch supper" at the home of Lucy Moore, to bid our bride, Marie Seaman, goodby and to toast to her future happiness. It was a delightfully jolly affair in spite of the

pangs we felt at parting with our dear pledge.

This year the football team of the University jumped from the foot of the Colorado League to the head and won the state and Rocky mountain championships, the first time in ten years. Of course, college spirit and pride have run riot ever since the first game was won, and Theta has been striving to do her share. Each game the chapter, both active and alumnæ, went en masse. On Tuesday evening, December 8, we will entertain the members of the team at a "football party" at the home of Irene Poole. Very elaborate plans have been made for the affair, and each one

is anticipating the event with great pleasure. Many other entertainments have been planned by the college, so Gamma Phis will share in them also.

Miss Barbee has consented to write another play for the chapter to present in February, and our plans are about completed for its production. This will be the fifth annual play the chapter has given, and we are justly proud of our efforts. Further than this, Theta has made no plans for future events.

November 27 May Schiffer entertained the chapter at her home, and we had a delightful evening of visiting and singing. Several of our older girls, who have been teaching in the state, were home for their Thanksgiving vacation and enjoyed with us the gossiping and general rejoicing

over our success this year.

In closing, Theta wishes you all a very merry vacation and a happy New Year.

# IOTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Iota has been and is so busy rushing our old rushees and getting acquainted with a new set in the Freshman class that we have scarcely time to draw a long breath and tell you about it. Our season started with a bowling party and informal supper in October. Everyone had a good time and renewed friendships that had been inactive during the summer. The formal invitations for the first of our subscription dances were sent out that same night, and our fifteen Sophomores accepted to a girl. The dance itself was a great success. The brothers present—both our own and our prospective brothers—did very good work for us. A large reception is now pending, to which we have invited both Sophomores and Freshmen. Individual rushing out of college is encouraged under the present regime, and small teas are very prevalent. We envy the Pacific coast their early pledge day and sincerely congratulate them on their flattering success.

Local Pan-Hellenic is very much occupied in framing a constitution. We are always on the verge of completion, but never quite complete it. The practice of parliamentary law involved in amending and re-amending the object of our endeavors is much appreciated by all the delegates, I feel sure. No rushing rules are to be made by Pan-Hellenic; the only restriction is Sophomore pledge day, the faculty regulation.

It has been our very great pleasure to have a number of foreign Gamma Phis with us at one of our meetings. Lambda, Eta, Zeta and Mu were represented. Those of us who could not go to the real convention got a good deal of convention spirit from the meeting. We were very happy to have them with us and wish we might see more of them; indeed we do.

Mrs. Beakes, our delegate to convention, has come home from Ann Arbor with enthusiasm, which will keep us active long after next November.

Iota sends Yuletide felicitations to all her sister chapters and wishes them happiness and success in the New Year.

# KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: How glad we are to be able to greet you from our own cosy little chapter house. For the first time in our history we have a home all to ourselves, and what it will mean to us in the future we know by the delight we find in it now. We feel closer with this added bond of fellowship, and have already enjoyed such good times and pleasant "evenings."

Helen Riheldaffer and Ethel Cosgrove attended the national convention the past month with our Beta sisters at Ann Arbor. We all wish we might have been there, but through these sisters of ours we feel anew the enthusiasm and inspiration of that delightful gathering. What

hostesses our Betas are, and what good times they gave us!

On November 6 we gave our "football informal" in Alice Shevlin Hall, our beautiful Woman's Building. This was on the eve of our game with Wisconsin, so the great rooms were decorated with Wisconsin and Minnesota emblems. Professor and Mrs. Schlenker and Professor and Mrs. Nachtrieb were our chaperones, and surely Gamma Phi sisters and husbands make the very best kind. I think they enjoyed the dancing and the pretty chafing dish supper as much as we did.

On their way to convention Helen McDonald and Lillian Eisenbeis, both Gamma Phis from Washington, made us a little visit. It is ever so

nice to have our sisters from away drop in and see us.

Ruth Tallant entertained a house party consisting of a dozen young people at her summer home at Lake Minnetonka over Thanksgiving. We Minnesotoans have been having the most perfect Indian summer imaginable, so the friends had a glorious time.

Plans are brewing for our Christmas festivities, and we are beginning to think of mistletoe and holly.

Best wishes to all, and may every Gamma Phi have as happy a Christmas as Kappa anticipates.

## LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our rushing season is over now, and we take pleasure in introducing our nine Freshmen—namely, Emma Dalquist, Mary White, Wilhelmina Schumacher, Carrie Gillespie,

Alice Courtney, Nell Frater, Florence Lewis, Gertrude Crites and Louise Richardson. We are all looking forward to the day when we can initiate our little Freshmen, although this day is far distant. On account of the new faculty ruling, no Freshman can be initiated until he or she has twelve credits at this University. This rule was passed to prevent girls and boys coming to college, making a fraternity and then dropping out. This same rule forbids Freshmen to go to any university or sorority function until their initiation, when they will be permitted to attend the parties given by their own sorority. This will keep the Freshmen from taking an active part in the social life, but better class and college spirit will be created, so we are reconciled to it.

The big social event of the season, the 'Varsity ball, will take place on the 4th of December, and rumor says that it will outclass all others that have been given. We are very proud to have Helen Urquhart, one of our Juniors, on the 'Varsity ball committee, and also on the committee which is planning a vaudeville "stunt" for the benefit of the Women's League building fund. Several of our girls have been asked to take part in this performance, and we are sure that they will make us proud of them.

Pauline Ederer is chairman of the decorating committee for the Woman's League booth at the 'Varsity ball, and many of our other girls are prominent in student activities this semester.

We are all anticipating the Thanksgiving holidays, which will bring the final football game of the year. This game alone stands between Washington and the championship of the Northwest.

Well, girls, best wishes for a very pleasant Thanksgiving, and may you all enjoy the good things that go with it.

# MU

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: All of you must be back from convention, gathered again in your separate chapter groups, with a fresh and added loyalty for our national. A new year is beginning for Gamma Phi, not a college year or a calendar year, but one calculated from the founding of our sorority. This one is going to raise the crescent just a little higher, bring us just a little closer to our ideals. Mu feels particularly happy over the admission of Tau Pi, and believes that this link in the chain of our sisterhood will extend us just that much further towards our aims and hopes.

Rushing season ended October 15, and that night no other house on the campus was any happier than ours. The nine new pledges satisfied our wildest dreams, and this month we want to introduce the same girls, now enthusiastic initiates of Gamma Phi. Ruth Hutchinson, Edith Englehart, Grace Southard, Eleanor Deane, Hazel Gilbert and Grace Childs all come from the southern part of the state, and Anne Louise Hardiman, Esther Show and Caroline Squire live in Palo Alto. We felt mighty proud of Eleanor Deane when we saw her take the part of Louka in Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man," which the English Club presented. Each of the other Freshmen, moreover, is as positively, if not yet as actively, interested in college affairs.

The week after initiation we gave a reception to introduce the Freshmen. Over four hundred invitations were issued, and since it was the first large affair that we have given in this house it stood in the nature of a house warming. An informal dance for the "favored few," who

were asked to stay, wound it all up merrily.

The "big game" at Berkeley on November 14 took Mu in a body to swoop down upon Eta, but they made us as individually welcome as if there'd been only one, instead of seventeen. Stanford won her seventh consecutive victory; yet, though Mu and Eta sat on opposite sides of the gridiron during the contest and cheered their respective heroes, that night they all gathered together in the Berkeley house and sang Gamma Phi

songs with a unity that bore no note of rivalry.

But the game is a thing of the past, and now the Thanksgiving recess is just over. Several of the girls went home for that, but we managed to have a "festive board" of sixteen on that night, and the proverbial turkey and plum pudding made us feel the hominess of a chapter house. However, final examination week will soon be upon us, and then the term will have ended. Next semester we expect to have Winifred Higgins and Susan Davis both back with us, and six of the Freshmen will come into the house, so, except for losing Rachel Beard and Elise Owen, the Christmas vacation will be no break. We hope, then, that this time is being as happy for all of you, and that January will find you together, with few vacant places.

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#### **CHICAGO**

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: The Chicago Alumnæ Chapter began the year with an enthusiastic meeting at Mrs. L. W. Parker's home in Evanston, Illinois. Although it was late in October, the weather was like June, and we held our meeting on the spacious veranda of Mrs. Parker's beautiful home on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Miss Lillian Thompson was elected our delegate to convention. The Chicago Alumnæ Chapter was well represented at convention by Mrs. Leigh Reilly, Mrs. Alice Preble, Miss Hazel Driver, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. Berry, our Grand President. The meeting was exceedingly well at-

tended, and we were very glad to have with us Mrs. Honta Smally-Bredin, who is well known to all Gamma Phis.

We are proud of the enthusiasm of our chapter, and hope to make it one of the most prosperous years of our history. A town as central as Chicago ought to boast of a good strong chapter, and we propose to make ours such. We will gladly welcome all Gamma Phis passing through our city, and if they will communicate with our Secretary, Miss Vena Brunk, 6543 Ellis avenue, Chicago, by letter or telephone, she would be glad to help her to get into communication with our Gamma Phi sisters.

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#### SYRACUSE

EAR Sisters: Tell it not outside the family, please, but this letter which makes its bow and wishes you a happy New Year and is as full as it can accommodate of January first resolutions, is really written on Turkey and Mince Pie day, "Anno Domino" 1908. Why? Just because our chief has sent out her proclamation: "Your letter MUST be in my hands December 1."

For once she'll smile upon us so approvingly that the mercury will rise up and run over the top.

In the fall the alumnæ chapter was invited to Marion Scott's home on Summit avenue for an evening with the active chapter to meet the pledglings.

At the initiation seventy-five were present to witness the solemn rites, our resident founder. Mrs. Curtis, among the number.

The first chapter meeting this year was with Mrs. Belle Gage Dibble, '03. All present had a fine time, but, as our wishes and duties had a fight, we speak by faith and not by sight.

The next one was at Mrs. Helen Graves Sprague's, '01, a tearful day as to weather, cheerful as to company. About twenty enjoyed her hospitality, her dainty lunch, her pretty little daughter and little daughter's dolly.

Our delegate, about to embark for convention, was "showered" with credentials, instructions and benedictions galore as she fared forth on her momentous journey to Ann Arbor.

(We heard from Ann Arbor again last Saturday, when Syracuse successfully entertained Michigan's eleven in the Stadium.)

The next meeting is at Mrs. Gertrude Fuller's, '85, December 5. Please come. Sorry it will be pluperfect tense when this invite reaches you.

Miss Jennie Lewis, '02, has been teaching for three years in an English government school at Mariasburg, South Africa. She is making a brief visit home and was with us at the last chapter meeting. Though there

were many Canadian teachers in the service, she was the only one from the United States. She says the work is interesting and the salaries good. Every five years a leave of absence is granted on half pay. On her return to Africa in April she is to be married to Lieutenant Augustus H. Gay, who was in the late English-Boer war. They are to have a trip through the Kaffir country and make their future home on a gold mine fifty miles from Pretoria (where the large diamonds are found). Johannesburg, their nearest city, is eight miles away. We have the promise of a descriptive article for The Crescent soon after her return to that country.

In September Mrs. Georgia Taylor Carpenter, '94, gave a musicale at her summer home at Glen Summit Springs, Pa. It was a benefit for a young lady anxious, but unable, to attend Wyoming Seminary. The offering amounted to one hundred dollars. Mrs. Austie Taylor Goreth, '92, went from South Orange to help with the program, and the old friends of the two sisters would have enjoyed hearing them sing once more "Schneider's Band," which the next day's papers approved as having been rendered "with rare swing and spirit."

In reply to a request for news of herself and family for The Crescent, Mrs. Bertha Bannister Buckman, '86, of Kingston, Pa., writes that in October she and her husband visited President and Mrs. Alice Bannister Race, '81, of Grant University, at Chattanooga. They spent a most delightful week in that historic place and found a few Gamma Phi Beta friends, among them Miss Edna Borcherding, '04, of the Zeta Chapter, who is spending the winter at Missionary Ridge. Two Gamma Phi girls, Mrs. Ruth Piatt Lewis, '04, and Mrs. Ethel Wells Welsh, '06, are living near Mrs. Buckman—the former on Pierre street, Kingston, the latter in Barnum place, Wilkesbarre. Mrs. Buckman has two daughters in high school and a little son at home. She is most lovingly remembered in Syracuse, and in spite of home cares, many church and charitable enterprises, she is most loyal to Gamma Phi Beta and sends loving greetings to you all.

And now, since the dismemberment of turkey has been peacefully accomplished (though we haven't seen it in the European papers of November 26), we can settle down to a calm and Christmas-y time.

It seems the natural thing to say, "What can I make for that man," but our tenses are dreadfully mixed, and we just have to twist this old quill entirely around and make it say, "We hope you had a merry Christmas, with peace on earth" (your corner of it) "and good will toward men" (likewise women).

And now, as we don't just know what to say next, we will add that "the remainder of this highly interesting and instructive story will be found in the next number of THE CRESCENT."

#### BOSTON

(No Letter.)

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#### NEW YORK

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: A careful search through the directory gave me a list of sixty-five girls who had been members of Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Zeta and Iota living in and around New York. So I sent cards of invitation to all of them for our first annual meeting, which was held the 10th of October at the home of Letetia Simons, at Port Chester. About twenty braved the ordeal of finding the New York, New Haven and Hartford train, and after an hour's journey we reached the station. We were met there by Miss Warr, with several automobiles, in which we were whizzed to our destination. Among new members we welcomed Mrs. Jessie Gore Frost, Zeta, who is now living in New York, and Carol Hammond, Alpha, who is teaching in Mount Vernon. After a most delectable luncheon, we had a business meeting, and then were taken for a long country ride in automobiles along the shore of the grand old Hudson, which was certainly majestic. When winding in and out of the curving roadways of Greenwich, we wondered how we would be able to find our way home, for we seemed to be making strenuous efforts to attend a fashionable wedding at one of the large houses. We were apparently unable to get away from that neighborhood, but finally escaped by following some carriages going in the direction of the railway station. We asked the chauffeur if he would take us to New York if we missed the 5 o'clock train, which question seemed to arouse him to a sense of danger and high speed, and he landed us at the station just in time.

Since the October meeting we have heard of several Gamma Phis who are spending the winter in New York, a number of whom have signified their intention of becoming active members this year. Florence Stott Sullivan, Gamma; Helen Thoburn, Mu, and Josephine Stone, Zeta, have accepted the invitation to the luncheon at the home of Mrs. Frost, at The Langham, Saturday, December 5.

Our dates for meetings for the next year are January 9, February 6, March 27, with the banquet some time early in May, and we shall be most happy to welcome any Gamma Phi at any of them. The places of the meetings may be learned from the corresponding secretary, whose address is to be found on the front page of The Crescent.

We wish a most merry Christmas season to each Gamma Phi sister and a very happy and prosperous New Year to each chapter, both Greek letter and alumnæ.

#### MILWAUKEE

THE Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter has held no meetings during the summer, but has opened its year with a gathering at the home of Mrs Fred Peterson. These afternoons once a month are greatly enjoyed and looked forward to by all the members.

Besides our regular gatherings, we have an opportunity of seeing one another the first Saturday in every month at the meeting of the Milwaukee branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, of which we are all members. Gertrude Ross is president of this organization, and it is due to her untiring efforts that the A. C. A. has been able to offer each year scholarships to the University of Wisconsin and University of chicago, awarded to the two ranking highest in the competitive examinations.

The Wisconsin Teachers' Association, which held its annual meeting here the second week in November, brought back a goodly number of Gamma's alumnæ. We celebrated with a most enjoyable Gamma Phi luncheon at the College Inn.

And now, since this letter will not reach you in time to say "Merry Christmas," we wish you all a doubly happy New Year.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: There have been several small and cosy gatherings among the San Francisco Alumnæ since last you heard from us-not the kind of functions that sound well when written up for publication, but the kind that brings together a few enthusiasts to get busy over their cups of tea. I do believe that tea is the official beverage of the San Francisco Alumnæ—those cups of tea that warm one so gently toward pleasant memories of days gone by and toward hopes of happy days to come. Happiness in general seems to focus on Gamma Phi Beta, and we go away feeling that we belong to the chosen few.

There have also been some larger affairs. On the afternoon of November 3, we had been hastily gathered together for a special meeting at the home of Bertha Knox, to transact the convention business which had come to us and to hear the report of the committee of two who had been sent up by our chapter to visit the University of Oregon. What was our surprise to find that Miss Knox was giving us a fête of the five senses. There were violets everywhere to gladden the sight and to please the nose. There were delicious and plentiful things to taste. There were countless good sentiments to hear. And we were deeply touched by the good fortune that is ours to have Miss Knox in our chapter. A large number of girls were present.

And then, last Saturday, there was another affair of the same sort given by Margaret Webb to welcome back Evelyn Glenn Johnson, who has come to spend the winter in Berkeley. We are most happy to have Mrs. Johnson near us again. And her little daughter Glenn, age six, is the sweetest of coming Gamma Phis. To our great sorrow, most of the second generation of Eta are boys. But, then, not the worst part of it is that men can care a great deal for Gamma Phi too.

There are two engagements to announce. We are all delighted to extend our best congratulations to Mr. Robert Coke Hutchinson, a member of the well known Louisiana family of the same name. He and Grace Wilson are to be married next year. But, sad to relate, he is planning to take her to Texas to live.

Terminating a charming romance of love at first sight comes the announcement of the engagement of Ethel Hartson to Captain Thomas Caldwell Turner, U. S. N., of the battleship California. The wedding is to take place next Easter time.

One sad event we have to chronicle, and that is the death last month of Marion Bybee Lacey. This is the first break in the ranks of the Eta initiates.

How rapidly the time passes between Thanksgiving and Christmas! Already the holiday spirit seems to have taken possession of us. The shops are gay, and the florists' windows are beginning to look festive with madrone and laurel berries, and we are all taking on that air of business that goes along with shopping and gifts. We wish you one and all the greetings and good cheer that belong with the present season.

# DENVER

IF HE who has no history is happiest and the uneventful life is most to be desired, then Denver Chapter is singularly blessed, for so little has happened since the October Crescent appeared that the editor finds herself at a loss for material for the chapter letter desired. Lack of news, however, does not indicate lack of interest, for our last two meetings have been well attended and enthusiastic.

In October, when we met with Mary Crary Moore, we had the pleasure of meeting the new pledges, who, with two active girls, were the guests of the afternoon. We have been hoping ever since that we made as favorable an impression upon them as they did on us.

Our November meeting, called a week earlier than usual on account of convention business to be discussed, was held with Edith Wallace. By unanimous vote of the chapter, Inez Ridgway was chosen to represent us at convention. We are eagerly looking forward to our next meeting to

hear the report of our delegate, for those of us who have been fortunate enough to see her since her return say that she is very enthus'astic over her visit to Ann Arbor.

The only social event in which the chapter has participated was the open meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Association, held in October. Kappa Kappa Gamma was the entertaining sorority and gave us a most delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. C. Greenlee, the president of the Pan-Hellenic. Gamma Phi was represented in the receiving line by Grace Evans Shannon, the secretary of the association, and many Gamma Phis were among the guests.

The coming of December reminds us that the holiday season is at hand and that holiday greetings are in order, so we wish you all a very merry 'Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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#### MINNESOTA

EAR Sisters: I am sure no one will read the chapter letters this month, when there is so much to hear about convention. Our delegate took the opportunity immediately after convention was over to visit on her way home, so we are still waiting to hear "all about it."

Since our last letter we have had two meetings. We plan to have a business meeting the second Tuesday in each month and another meeting the last week in the month on the same day with the active chapter in the Gamma Phi house.

Our first two meetings have been well attended Mary Norton Sudduth opened her house for the second regular meeting, at which we adopted by-laws and made plans for the year.

We have been kept very busy helping out with the furnishing of the new Gamma Phi house in the past month, and it will be some time yet before we can say that all is done. I think the alumnæ are getting as much pleasure out of the realization of this long cherished dream as the active chapter, and we all feel that it will hold us closer together than ever.

Minnesota Chapter feels that its special mission this year is to keep every alumna in touch with Gamma Phi. To this end letters have been written to every alumna of Kappa Chapter, urging her to become a non-resident member of the alumnæ chapter. Another committee has been appointed to call on all resident alumnæ and secure their interest in attending the meetings.

We should like very much to hear from some of the other chapters whether they have worked out a successful plan for giving wedding presents. We have had some difficulty about it in the past and are trying to arrive at a solution that will fit all cases.

Along this line we have a new bride to introduce, Mrs. Fred Clarence Keith (Georgianna Campbell), of Princeton, Minn. "George" has always been a prime favorite in Gamma Phi, and we hereby present our congratulations to lucky Mr. Keith.

Our good wishes go with Helen Wald Finney (Mrs. Harry Finney), too, who was married late in October and went to Hamilton, Ohio, to live.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all and goodby until we next meet in the pages of The Crescent.

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#### Personals

#### Alpha

Irma Schoefflein, '03, of Hamburg, was back for our banquet.

Louise Knapp, '05, of Utica, was here for the banquet and stayed several days.

Mary Morgan, ex-'09, of Auburn, was among the many girls back for the banquet.

Louise Jenkins, a Kappa girl, who is now at Wells College, visited us Saturday and attended the Michigan-Syracuse game.

Irene Baltzel, '10, won out in the final trial for "Half a Rogue," which will be presented by the dramatic club of the University in the near future.

#### Reta

Elsa Stanley, Beta, '06, has matriculated in the Sorbonne, at Paris.

Sarah Hardy, of Toledo, has been up to visit us several times this year.

Marion B. Denbleiker, Florence Brownell, Marion Hubbard, Kate B. Heavenrich, Frances Brown, Bess S. Rider, Margaret C. Bartholamew, Winifred Hubble, Lorette Sherman, Helen Hoover, Sarah Hardy, Zadie Vosper and Alice Preble were at Ann Arbor visiting Beta during vacation.

#### Gamma

Effie Whyte, '07, is doing post-graduate work here.

Grace Steiner, ex-'09, is at Smith College this year.

Irene Wilson, ex-'11, is at the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Elliot Bright (May Pratt, '95) is now at 80 Wadena street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dorothy and Beatrice Barnes, ex-'10, are attending Trinity College, at Washington, D. C.

Mae Rowe, Jean Williams, Maud Terry and Edith Bowen were the alumnæ present at initiation.

Lenore Horan, '08, and Marjorie Durkee, '07, were back for the Wisconsin-Chicago football game.

Mrs. W. N. Smith (Clara Kemler, '05) has changed her address from Galena, Ill., to Platteville, Wis.

Hazel Houser, '10, was obliged to go home on account of illness. She expects to come back for the second semester, however.

Norma Haugen, ex-'11, spent Thanksgiving vacation in Madison, visiting friends and Gamma girls, before leaving to spend the winter with her father, Congressman Haugen, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. F. Case (Nell Smith, '89), who has been living in Manila for the last ten years, left there in August and went to Europe by way of the Siberian railroad. She is now in Southern France.

Thanksgiving house parties were held at the homes of Ethel Clarke, McGregor, Iowa, and Alice Ringling, in Baraboo. The girls who remained at school had dinner at the home of Emily and Edith Winslow, who live in Madison.

Those girls who are teaching this year are: Mae Rowe, '07, who is teaching in Milton High School; Lenore Horan, '08, at Eau Claire; Clara Jenson, ex-'09, who is teacher of English and history in the J. A. Preuse Lutheran Academy at Albion, Wis.; Ann Martin, '08, is at Ashland, and Elizabeth Whitney at Brodhead, Wis.

#### Zeta

'06. Ethel Carr has been visiting Nell Watts in Baltimore.

'07. Ethel Shriner is spending two weeks in New York.

'07. Caroline Smith spent a day in Baltimore just before the Thanks-giving recess.

'09. Jean Thoburn visited Jessie Wilson at Princeton over Thanks-giving.

'07. Josephine Stone is studying at the Y. W. C. A. Secretary Training School in New York.

'00. Jessie Gore Frost is to entertain all of the Zeta Gamma Phis in New York at a tea during December.

Bess Brown, '03, Belle Baker, '05, Nell Watts, '05, and Caroline Smith, '07, attended the Army and Navy game in Philadelphia.

'02. Margaret Axson has started on a nine months' tour of Mexico and the South. While away she will visit Adeline Webb Sibley at her home in Long Beach, Cal.

#### Cheta

Mamie Gallup spent convention week in Ann Arbor.

#### Карра

Helen Riheldaffer and Ruth Tallant attended the national Y. W. C. A. Senior girls' council at Chicago on their way to convention.

#### Tota

Lisbeth Zangler is teaching in Minnesota.

Helen Gray is spending the winter in Sullivan county.

Florence Nye Whitwell is in New York this winter.

Sadie Holt is back taking courses in philanthropy. She stays at Brooks Hall.

Miss Hersey, of Theta, has been to several of our meetings and attended our dance in November.

Gene Bruce, Malvina Peters and Ellen O'Gorman are on the faculty at Normal College, New York.

Bess Gatch, of Zeta, came over to New York for that occasion and received an enthusiastic greeting.

Malvina Peters and Florence Nye Whitwell represented Iota at the Y. W. C. A. tea to the Freshmen.

Mrs. Daisy Stott Sullivan, of Gamma, is staying in New York this winter and was kind enough to chaperone us on November 13.

Miss McGregory, of Beta, is taking courses at Barnard and Teachers' College, and we have seen quite a little of her in school time.

Miss Kaufman and Miss Olney, of Lambda; Miss Hincks, of Eta; Miss Thoburn, of Mu, and Miss Stone, of Zeta, were present at one of Iota's regular meetings.

#### Lambda

Mrs. Cyrus Drew has moved from Seattle to Walla Walla, Wash., where she will reside permanently.

Mrs. George West, formerly Jessie Mosgrove, spent a few days in Seattle on her way to her new home in Portland, Ore.

Lura Pendleton, of Everett, one of our last year's girls, visited us this week at the chapter house. We are very glad to hear that she will attend college again in February.

#### mu

Rachel Beard, '08, will be graduated at Christmas.

Elise Owen, '07, completes her post-graduate course in December.

Anne Williams, Zeta, '07, spent the evening of "bidding day" with us.

Mu enjoyed a three days' visit from Jeannette and Charlotte Perry, Lambda, '04 and '10, who stopped off at Stanford on their way south.

#### Chicago

Mrs. Norman Anderson, of Beta, has a new son.

Miss Laura B. Hutchins, an Epsilon girl, is teaching school this year in Marengo, Illinois.

We are glad to welcome Majory Rosing, Beta, into membership. She is continuing research work at the University of Chicago, begun in Berlin, Germany, a year ago.

#### Suracuse

Mrs. Alice C. Mott, '98, is about to move to Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Clara Worden Wilcox, '76, recently spent a week in New York and Bridgeport, Conn.

Chancellor and Mrs. Day, with their daughter Emogene, '00, are on a trip around the world. They expect to be gone several months.

At the recent cat show in Syracuse Millicent Hinckley, '94, took two first prizes and two special prizes with her two black five-months-old Angora kittens.

Miss Eva Seymour, '85, who is in California, has been ill in a hospital at Los Angeles. She is better and is at present with friends at Pasadena. She would be glad doubtless to meet any Gamma Phi Beta sisters who may be in that locality.

A large gathering of the late Rev. George Lansing Taylor's family was held on Thanksgiving day at South Orange, N. J. There were present Mrs. Taylor, the ten children, and fourteen grandchildren. Two of the daughters, Mrs. Georgie Carpenter, '94, and Mrs. Austie Taylor Goreth, '92, are known lovingly to you all in Gamma Phi Beta.

#### Milwaukee

We are very sorry to lose one of our most active members in Mary Pratt Bright, who has taken up her residence in Cleveland, Ohio.

Pauline Richardson is attending the Art Institute in Chicago to continue her work along the lines of domestic science and the arts and crafts.

Mrs. Minnie Knox Kreutzer, of Wausau, one of Gamma's charter members, spent some time in Milwaukee the early part of November. She was, as usual, as enthusiastic as if she had graduated only last June.

#### Denver

Winifred Chase is spending the winter in Baltimore.

Helen Garrignes McGrew passed through town recently.

Mary Crary Moore is spending a few weeks in New York.

Mrs. McCreary is visiting at her old home in Lincoln, Neb.

Mary Way has accepted a position to teach in Lafayette, Colo.

Mame Gallup and Emma Laubman Griffin attended convention.

Mary Way, Eva Davis and Blossom Henry came in for initiation.

Louise Iliff has returned from her summer home at Santa Cruz, Cal.

Edna Myers Allen has returned to Salida and will make her home there.

Daisy Dillon has entirely recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

Emma Stover Putnam spent a few days in Denver on her way to Los Angeles.

Blossom Henry is to give an address before the teachers' institute at Central City, Colo., December 4.

Mary Wheeler Shattuck was in town a few days to attend the golden wedding of Judge and Mrs. Shattuck.

#### Minnesota

Olive Brooks spent the fall in California.

Sara Marshall is teaching in Potlatch, Idaho.

Cora Taney is still in St. Joseph, Mo., visiting relatives.

Margaret Downey made an extended visit in Missouri in the fall.

Maude Hyser is teaching in the North Side High School in Minneapolis.

Myrta Rodearmal, with her mother, spent several weeks of the fall in Iowa.

Edith Todd Jones, '01, with her two little girls, is spending the winter in Minneapolis.

Helen Hendrix spent a week in November with Ruth Spear Newkirk, of Wolverton, Minn.

Alice Redfield represented us at convention and spent some time in Chicago on her way home.

Margaret Bell, Rewey Belle Inglis and Sara Preston spent the Thanks-giving holidays in the city.

Mary Ives came up from Mason City, Iowa, and spent two weeks in Minneapolis with her mother.

Sara Preston was home from Chippewa Falls, Wis., for the Wisconsin game and the Gamma Phi informal.

Eleanor Peabody Benton is slowly recovering from an operation, and we hope will soon be among us again.

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In the Hamilton College awards for the various prizes, scholarships, etc., last commencement time, we note with pleasure that the first Tompkins mathematical prize is given to Mr. F. D. Willoughby, the son of Mrs. Minnie Bingham Willoughby, one of our Gamma Phi Beta founders. However, not only does he win this prize, but the Edward Huntington mathematical scholar is named as Mr. Francis D. Willoughby. We add our congratulations to those of Mrs. Willoughby's other friends on the successes of her son.

#### Births

Born, to Mrs. Mary Pratt Bright, Milwaukee Alumnæ, a daughter.

Born, to Mary Palmer Babcock, Epsilon, a son, Frederick Palmer, on October 26, in Berlin.

Born, to Mrs. Barbara Curtis Rose, Milwaukee Alumnæ, a daughter, Harriet Louise, in July.

A daughter, Lois Gail, was born to Edith Reese Veatch, Denver Alumnæ, on October 9.

Born, to Katherine Taney Silverson, Kappa, a son, on November 16. Born, to Ruth Drake Drysdale, Theta, a son.

Two bright babies have arrived in the Gamma Phi Beta circle—Marian Geneive, at the home of Mrs. Grace Leslie Paltz, Alpha, '96, of Syracuse, and a small son at the home of Mrs. May Hamblen Eaton, Alpha, '87, of Warren, Pa. Baby Marian smiled when Gamma Phi Beta sent its love to her, and as to Master Eaton it is chronicled that even Solomon in all his glory could not hold a candle to him.

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### Engagements

The engagement of Grace Wilson, Eta, and Mr. Robert C. Hutchinson, of Louisiana, has been announced.

The engagement of Norine Graves, Mu, '10, to Mr. Robbins Little, Beta Theta Pi, of Stanford, has been announced.

Announcements has been made of the engagement of Sue Smith, Alpha, '08, to Carle Miller, ex-'09, Psi Upsilon, Syracuse.

Rose Wald, Lambda, '04, is to be married to Mr. Klingenberg, Sigma Nu, in December. They will make their home in San Francisco.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Hartson, Eta, and Captain Thomas Caldwell Turner, U. S. N., of the battle-ship California.

The engagement of Bernice Miller, Gamma, ex-'10, to Mr. Augustine H. Ayers, Sigma Chi, a former instructor in hydraulic engineering at Wisconsin, has been recently announced.

The engagements of Etta Findeisen, Gamma, '04, to Hudson Werder, Sigma Chi, and Florence Findeisen, Gamma, ex-'10, to John Conzilman, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have been announced lately.

### Marriages

Adelaide Davis, Beta, was married to Dr. Don D. Knapp, at Fenton, September 17.

Margaret Higgins, Mu, ex-'05, was married November 19 to Walter Stokes, of Astoria, Ore.

Hazel Patterson, Mu, '06, and John Stuart, who were married this month, will make their home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. A. B. Seaman announces the marriage of her daughter Marie to Edgar Shaw, on Wednesday, November 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. E. Atkinson announce the marriage of their daughter Carrie to Mr. Bruce Shorts on November 28. Mrs. Shorts is a Lambda girl.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Georgianna Campbell, Kappa, '06, of Princeton, Minn., to Mr. Fred Clarence Keith, also of Princeton.

Cards have been received announcing the wedding of Mary Rachel Reed, Gamma, ex-'08, and Noah Williams, Jr., at Ida Grove, Iowa, Thursday, December 3.

On Wednesday evening, September 9, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, Wisconsin, occurred the wedding of Florence Kaestner, Gamma, ex-1910, and John Harmon Wheeler. The bride was attended by a maid of honor and six bridesmaids, among them, Adelaide Krumrey and Ruth Allen. Several other Gamma Phis were present.

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On September 9 occurred the wedding of Florence Daisy Stott, '05, to Arthur George Sullivan, Phi Delta Theta, at the home of the bride in Winona, Minn. The Misses Jeanette Scott, ex-'07, Grace McDonnell, ex-'06, acted as bridesmaids, Miss Florence Sullivan, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and Mrs. Edward Wakefield Hoffmann, '06, as matron of honor.

Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of Wisconsin and is completing his studies in medicine at Columbia University. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are making their home for the present in New York City.

The editor appreciates the thoughtfulness of her friend, Mrs. Theiss, the editor of *The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*, in sending to The Crescent the clipping from a local paper telling of the marriage of one of our Zeta girls. Dr. and Mrs. Nisbet will be at home at 11 West 81st street, New York.

#### Nishet-Hapes Nuptials

The marriage on Thursday evening, October 22, of Miss Emma Beulah, Inst. '95, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hayes, to James Douglas Nisbet, M. D., of New York City, was the occasion of a brilliant social event in Lewisburg.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. E. Thomas, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of about forty relatives and friends, and was followed by a reception to about one hundred and fifty

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, rendered by an ochestra, the bridal party entered the front parlor and took their positions before a bank of palms, the minister leading, and the others following in order-Dr. A. E. Davis and Mr. M. C. Hayes, ushers; the bridegroom and his brother, Dr. Vernon Nisbet, who acted as best man; the Misses Emily Blair, Frances Connor and Emma Nisbet, bridesmaids; Miss Edith Orlady, maid of honor, and then the bride, accompanied by her father.

After a fine wedding supper the bride and groom departed amid a shower of confetti for Williamsport, where they went to Washington and the South for their wedding journey.

A rare display of elegant presents attested the esteem in which the bride and groom are held.-Lewisburg Journal.

### Our Contemporaries in Black and White

E acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges be sent to these addresses:

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

Miss Mabel E. Stone, 410 University avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

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

Miss Laura Hutchins, Marengo, Ill.

#### For September—

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Chi Quarterly, Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

#### For October-

The Journal of Omega Upsilon Phi, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Kappa Triangle, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

For November-

The Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Anchora of Delta Gamma, Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Beta Theta Pi, The Delta of Sigma Nu.

For December-

Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

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The Anchora of Delta Gamma for November contains an excellent article on the movement toward the segregation of women students at Wisconsin University. We regret that it is too long to admit of its being reprinted.

Chapter correspondents are also advised editorially that-

- (1) Chapter letters are due the first of October, December, March and June.
  - (2) Two articles must reach the editor not later than January 1.
- (3) Each chapter must send to *The Anchora* \$10 in advertisements or its equivalent in alumnæ subscription.
- (4) Money and names of subscribers are to be sent to the business manager.
- (5) Chapter letters are for publication and should therefore not be written on fashionable note paper on both sides of the sheet, but on one side only and in a clear, legible handwriting, and headed as they are in *The Anchora*.

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### The Much Criticised Chapter Letter

IN OUR fraternity journals there are many subjects so often discussed that, from being constantly harped upon, they strike the senses as trite and wearisome. Even so unpleasantly does the practice of scales and arpeggios fall upon the ear; yet the skillful organist must submit to the tiresome repetition if he is to make his technique admirable.

It is scarcely with the officious aim of perfecting the technique of our chapter correspondents that I rewrite what has been written so often and so well; but it is rather because there are at present new chapter editors who may welcome a few timeworn suggestions in regard to their work.

The main function of *The Alpha Xi Delta* is to carry an account of each chapter's progress to our whole fraternity. Accordingly, we recog-

nize the fact that the chapter letters are really the most important part of the journal, and we seek to make these letters of a type to perform worthily the service for which they are intended.

If the letter achieves its actual aim, first of all it should touch upon the basic activities of chapter life, telling what the group from which it comes is accomplishing as a whole, and what the individual members are doing in relation to the chapter. At this point we should distinguish between the items that belong to the letter and those that should form a part of the personals. Any bit of news at all affecting the whole chapter should be given in the former, while only that belonging to life outside fraternity circles should be put among the latter. If May Brown has won an honor in college or is about to continue her education by travel, the chapter correspondent should record the fact in her letter. On the other hand, if May Brown has friends visiting her at the house, or is spending Junior week at another college, the editor may place the item among the personals. We make this distinction in order to increase the importance of the subject matter of the letters, which are getting to be shorter and less interesting than the personals. The letter is the place for an account of the achievements of the chapter, for its hopeful plans and successful methods. During the quarter its writer should take notes of every point of interest to her fraternity in other colleges. She should not for an instant consider her work of slight value, but should think that upon her skill in expressing chapter life and enthusiasm in her letter depends the real success of The Alpha Xi Delta.

To add one "do not" to all the above "do's," the chapter correspondent should be careful that her work is simple and sincere, and free from expressions like "the sadness of commencement," the "cold world," and "a perfectly delightful time." Such merely sentimental forms of phrase-ology are sure to obscure the really good thought that the writer is trying to put into words.

Perchance some inexperienced editor may want an illustration of a fairly good chapter letter. I have at hand only one fraternity journal besides The Alpha Xi Delta, and so am forced to limit my choice to the letters in that—the June Crescent. The first letter quoted below seems to express the life and spirit of the chapter from which it comes. It records no university news, possibly because at that time there was none of interest to the national fraternity. The second mentions both chapter and college events, but it fails to show their significance. It casually mentions what I personally know to have been an unusually clever comic opera, and one well worth a few lines of description. It says, "The Schoolmasters' Club met here . . . and we had a jolly household

for a few days." That sentence means nothing to the girls of other colleges unless they are made to understand the nature of the club and its educational value to all Michigan."—Alpha Xi Delta.

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The Alpha Tau Omega Palm gives these "Don'ts" for correspondents:

Don't "send greetings to sister chapters." Your letter is a greeting.

Don't tell the fraternity about the campus in spring time. Every campus has its quota of "budding trees, green grass and singing robins."

Don't write, "In college affairs our brothers are holding the high standard that has always characterized Alpha Tau Omega." It isn't necessary. The fraternity knows that; otherwise your charter would have been withdrawn.

Don't say, "We have the finest chapter in the institution." Somebody may deny it. If you must say it, be sure your *Palm* taxes are paid in full.

Don't say, "on the 16th." There are twelve dates of that number in a year.

Don't let the editor do your punctuating. He's a little shy on English grammar and might do you an injustice.

Don't compel the compositor to guess at your proper names. He's a poor guesser.

Don't use the Egyptian system of chirography. Use a typewriter if you can't write a legible hand.

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The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi has a symposium on the Pi Phis who are engaged in social work in and out of college, principally through the medium of the Young Woman's Christian Association. It is inspiring to note the enthusiasm and the large number of their sorority girls interested in this work.

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Just now the Freshman looms large on the horizon. The shadow cast by his imposing figure probably appears even greater to him than to the onlookers. And is it not natural? Have not the indifferent Sophomores, the haughty Juniors, the mighty Seniors, and even occasionally a dignified faculty member, bent the suppliant knee—or at least extended the gladsome hand—to welcome him? Men of more worldly experience than he might well be dazzled under the circumstances.

Shakespeare wrote of the seven ages of man; but that was before

Greek letter fraternities were invented. Now we can assign at last four ages to each fraternity Freshman. First, the age of humiliation, when he arrives in college unknown and realizes the unimportance of one small atom in the great college world; then the age of exaltation, when he is noticed by the upperclassmen and is the recipient of their attention and hospitality; then the age of subjugation, when, as a pledged man, he is put through the trials preliminary to initiation; and, finally, the age of satisfaction, when, the initiation safely passed, he can look on the little universe around him from the vantage point of a fraternity man.

It is while you are mentally luxuriating in this period of satisfaction, my dear Freshman brother, that the editor feels called upon to break in upon your reveries long enough to tell you a few facts gleaned from some years of fraternity experience. Fraternity life is much like matrimony. All the difficulties of the latter do not disappear when the recessional march is played and the happy couple leaves the altar. Nor have you achieved your ultimate goal when, the trials of the initiation over, you are privileged to wear the pin. The pin will help you over many rough places; it will guarantee to you the active support of the others who wear the same emblem; but it can never serve as a substitute either for your character, your ability or your energy. It will help you to make use of these cardinal attributes so as to achieve the best results; but the working out of your destiny is a problem for you, not for the pin. Your failure may tarnish the reputation of the pin, but the pin will be in no wise responsible.

It is an unfortunate experience that many a Freshman, dazzled by the position in which he finds himself on being honored with admission into a fraternity, stops on what seems to him to be the pinnacle of achievement to survey the landscape behind him, while in front the unscaled mountain peaks still beckon him on. Duties to the fraternity; opportunities in college, athletic, official and scholastic; and duties to his fellow students, all call loudly for the willing worker and tell him that there is no time to loiter if he would not fall behind in the race for the goal of real worth. Self-complacency and solid achievement never go together—at least in the young. The present and the past may suffice for the patriarch; for the youth there is but one tense—the future.

In a word, my Freshman brother, when you enter Phi Gamma Delta, you do not belong to the class of those who have achieved; you have simply begun to live, and the record of the future will decide

whether you have been a credit or a disgrace to your badge.—Phi Gamma Delta.

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Alpha Chi Omega announces the establishment of Omicron Chapter, at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., September 16, 1908.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity announces the re-establishment of the Miami Chapter at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 28, 1908.

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How much of Mr. Baird's assertions are wise and how much foolish we will leave our readers, who have opinions on this very subject, to judge.

Recently we received a letter from a young alumnus of the fraternity enclosing some personals about men cotemporary with him in college and concluding with the following sentence: "I hear that the fraternity at the convention granted charters to the petitioners from the Colorado School of Mines and Tulane University. I am very sorry that this is the case. I think the fraternity ought to devote its energies to internal improvement rather than the acquisition of new chapters."

We have more than once called attention to the misconception embodied in this statement. For the past thirty years the fraternity has devoted none of its energies to expansion or the securing of new chapters. Under our system of procedure it is impossible that it could. It is true that applicants for charters must devote considerable energy to the persuasion of the fraternity that it is to its interest that charters should be granted to them, but the work is all done by the applicants, and none of it is done by the fraternity as a whole or its chapters.

Just how a failure to listen to applicants for charters could assist in the internal improvement of the chapters is difficult to say. The two subjects seem to be entirely unrelated. Suppose that it should occur, however, that a chapter was much interested in the extension of the fraternity to a neighboring college. Such interest, even if it went to the extent of entering into a wide correspondence with the other chapters, or even making visits to other chapters with the idea of persuading them to vote in favor of the proposition, would certainly not prevent the chapter from improving its internal management or organization. Rather it would tend to such improvement because of the fact that its members would be more interested in the fraternity as an organization and especially in their own chapter because of their mutual interest in what they were trying to do.—Beta Theta Pi.

The Kappa Chapter at West Virginia University writes of experiments in rushing that most sororities are too timid to attempt.

Through our Pan-Hellenic Association we have tried to formulate rules to govern judiciously the practice of rushing. We permit no rushing whatever during registration week. During the four succeeding weeks we allow rushing, but limit each sorority to four rushing parties. Then, during the fifth week of school, we may send invitations to membership. The girl is then allowed two weeks in which to answer this invitation. During this time it is considered dishonorable to do rushing of any sort; no fraternity girl is to influence in any way the rushee's decision.

We then thought we could solve the difficulty by having one large party each term and asking to this party all the nicest non-sorority girls, new and old. We tried to make these parties interesting, and endeavored to eliminate from them all fraternity features. We thought that we were being very unselfish; that we were providing a pleasant social evening for many girls who were debarred from many of the college pleasures. And great was our disappointment when we learned that the outside girls considered our parties as "horse shows," where every non-sorority girl was on inspection.

We decided, then, to give no more such affairs. And this last spring quarter we gave no parties whatever; in fact, we did no rushing. Obtrusive rushing had become so repulsive that we limited ourselves to the little courtesies that we were able to do in the classroom and on the campus and to the sending of the invitation. In this way only did we express our desire to have the new girl join us. Our final plan, I think, met the approbation of the non-sorority girls, and we were much pleased with their approval, for there has been during the past some evidence of friction between the fraternity girl and the outside girl.

But, somehow, I feel that this plan lacked a certain degree of warmth and cordiality. The new girl, often homesick and disappointed, appreciates a rather generous amount of friendly association and solicitation, provided it be not too obtrusive and monopolizing.—

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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