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# Welcome to All

TA is looking forward to November with a great deal of pleasant anticipation, for besides the regular convention festivities, we are planning to show you all the interesting places. We want all of the delegates and visitors—and we hope there will be a great many—to see, first of all, our own campus and the Greek Theater. We only wish we could order a special moonlight performance for your benefit.

Of course every one will want to go to San Francisco, and you will have the opportunity of seeing three cities in one—Old San Francisco, Burned San Francisco, and New San Francisco, for there will be still many places where the ruins will be lying, great holes filled with hopeless-looking piles of charred bricks. We will take you out through these three cities to Golden Gate Park, and around the cliff side, skirting the Golden Gate itself, to Ocean Beach.

You should plan on one day for the trip to Mill Valley, Mt. Tamalpais, and Muir Woods. It is a beautiful trip and the view from the summit of the mountain is wonderful. On one side stretches the wide ocean, and on the other lie the bay and the Berkeley Hills, with the mountains away to the north.

Another day must be given to Stanford. You will all want to go down there, I'm sure. Besides the university itself is Mu and Mu's chapter house, which is one of the most attractive I have ever seen, and I'm sure the girls will want to show you around the campus.

So you see you must plan to be here some time, because the three days of convention will never leave room for all of these things, besides the trip to Santa Cruz, Montery and Del Monte, which some of you will doubtless want to make.

Several of the girls have pleasant homes in Berkley and Oakland, and so we will have room for all that can come. Here is a welcome to you all-we hope to see and know many of our sisters by the time those convention days are over.

# 12 Three Pictures

A strip of coast by a slumbering sea Whose dreams are known to none, Whose rippling laughter drowsily

Mocks at the loitering sun.

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A long, low beach where the lazy tide Glides slowly up the sand,

And a flock of sea-birds circling wide O'er the lonely island strand. \*

The pallid sun has plunged in rage In the gloomy, threatening west, And the wind an angry challenge roars To the ocean wrath-oppressed. The sullen and tumultous clouds Shudder with fiery snakes, And cowering nature at the crash Of Storm's hoarse war-cry quakes.

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a foreign element was engaged to coach. "The Kingdom of Heart's Content" was no less a success than the others, but we missed the vital interest and enthusiasm that Beulah put into it. No outsider can do for Theta what one of her own members can.

This year it was with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation that Theta looked forward to February 19, when for the fifth time Gamma Phi Beta appeared on the stage in the Woman's Club Building. Lindsey wrote us "At the End of the Rainbow." The plot, like that of all before it, was laid at University Park, and although the main plot concerned two uncomprehending lovers, the sub-plots dealt with college life, fraternity life and football victories.

The plays have grown as the successes have. "At the End of the Rainbow" was remarkably better and bigger than "A Leap-Year Cinderilla." Lindsey has in every case met the needs of the chapter and has suited characters to the girls who were to play them. The expenses have grown, the demands have increased, but under the excellent management of Fern Mitchell the receipts have not lessened.

When Theta first undertook this work she did not foresee the benefits that would result. How could one predict that a little farce begun in so small a way would become an annual event in the college year, and make the sorority well known in the outside world? Moreover it has become an excellent "rushing stunt." Many high school girls who do not know Kathryn Allen, know well "the girl who took the part of Kitten" in "Minerva Versus Venus."

Since the proceeds of each play have been turned over to the university, we have been able to give some real substantial evidence of the loyal, helpful, spirit all Gamma Phis have toward their University, and the bringing together of sorority and college interests is of as great value to the sorority as it is to the university.

One absolutely unexpected benefit has developed from the play. The power and individuality of girls have been revealed to a surprising extent. Irene Poole, a Freshman this year, showed a composure, a power of personality on the stage which her natural reserve had never before let appear. Cool-headedness, business ability, unselfishness, the spirit which submits selfinterest for the good of the sorority—all these qualities are revealed and developed.

Miss Sprague, our coach this year, said: "My idea of a sorority has been infinitely raised. I never before saw so sweet a spirit in a group of girls." And this spirit is dominant. Alumnæ are interested and help in every possible way. They are drawn closer to us; and we who are within the chapter cannot but feel the broadening that subjecting self-interest gives and the well-earned success gives us a self-reliance and self-respect that is worthy the name—Gamma Phi Beta.

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## Announcements

THE Gamma Phi Beta chapter house at the University of Washington will be kept open during the exposition. The house is only four blocks from the fair grounds.

Any one wishing further particulars write to Florence Lewis, 4524 Seventeenth N. E., Seattle, Wash.

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# The Song Book is Published

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# The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity\*

#### (Continued from the March Crescent)

### FROM JAMES B. ANGELL, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**N** O ONE familiar with the present condition of things in the fraternity houses can fail to realize that special effort is needed if the fraternities are to hold themselves up to the high reputation for scholarship and character which they formerly had before fraternity houses were established. The great dangers obviously to the residents in those houses arewaste of time, substitution of social life for hard study, and, if the upperclassmen are not of a high moral strain, the lowering of the moral character of the members. I sincerely trust that your efforts may prove beneficial to the fraternities generally. I am convinced that as a rule there is need just now of strenuous effort on the part of the members who are rightminded to hold the fraternity life up to a higher level than in many cases we observe at the present time.

#### FROM W. P. FAUNCE, DELTA U, PRESIDENT OF BROWN UNIVERSITY.

I HAVE no short and easy method to propose for dealing with the chapter-house problem. On the contrary, only the long and difficult method of experiment can give us a solution. I heartily believe in the college fraternities of America. I believe that on the whole they make for character. There is no way in which a college faculty can so easily deal with a student who is lax in scholarship or conduct as by dealing with his fraternity. The group is usually sensitive to the disgrace of any one member.

But the chapter houses, while making for refinement of life, introduce serious problems of oversight. Can the college resign all oversight to fraternity alumni, as a German university ignores the social and moral environment of its students? That can never be in the American college, whose aim is largely the provision of suitable environment. It is doubtful if any general rule of procedure can be outlined. But a general discussion will evoke suggestions and experience of great value to us all.

# FROM E. BENJAMIN ANDREWS, DELTA U, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

I ENDORSE without reservation the article of Professor McDermott on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity." The publication of this article cannot fail to do great good.

FROM PROF. ARTHUR R. PRIEST, PHI DELTA THETA, DEAN OF COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

C OLLEGE fraternities are associations of college men who are interested as a rule in all that goes to make up college life. Any discussion of fraternities, therefore, that leaves out of consideration the

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tendencies of modern education will inevitably fail to get at the true explanation of the present ideals of fraternities.

In New England the fraternity men constitute 60 per ent. of the total college enrollment; in every other section they form less than 50 per cent. of the total, frequently much less than fifty. In the north central states, where their percentage runs lowest, they form approximately 20 per cent. Taking the United States as a whole, we are safe in asserting that fraternity men constitute not less than one-fourth of the total regular enrollment in the institutions where four-year fraterniies exist.

Now whether this fourth of the student body be the upper or the lower fourth matters not a great deal; the members of it will reflect the sentiments and ideals of the institution in which they are registered. In point of fact, however, the fraternities usually comprise the natural leaders in college and they are, therefore, more likely to typify the spirit of their institution than are the same number of non-fraternity men.

That a change in fraternity standards has taken place no student of the subject will deny. Has the chapter house been a contributing cause of this change, and if it has, to what extent has it contributed? Manifestly the mere fact that a number of men live together in one house cannot be assigned as a serious cause of the lowered scholarship. During the first two periods of fraternity history, pointed out by Professor McDermott, the men who constituted a given chapter frequently lived together in the form of a club; and in almost every case the men of any one chapter lived near each other. Furthermore, in the early history of the chapter house was known as the home of the New England colleges\* the chapter house was known as the home of the "grinds," and the more frivolous, the fellows who were looking for a "good time," refused to live in the houses. Again, in colleges where the men still live in dormitories, and chapter houses have never been permitted, the fraternities show a decadence of scholarship; and in colleges where some of the chapters live in houses and some are still unhoused the differences in standards of scholarship are as often in favor of the housed chapters as against them. In other words, the chapter house does not seem to be even a concomitant with poor scholarship.

Nevertheless, I believe that the chapter house has added to the burdens of the undergraduate, and that it has been a positive detriment to the scholarship of individual members in the chapters. The business of conducting a successful rooming and boarding house cannot be carried on without a serious drain on the time and energy of some one. I admit that the gain is an experience not to be regarded lightly, but it is not a gain in scholarship, and just here is the trouble with present-day college and educational life. Too many such elements as the chapter house have entered into our complex education. Time was when Latin, Greek and mathematics held sway with but few competitors for the student's time and attention. The students as a body gave their sanction to things intellectual. Now conditions have changed, the business enterprises conducted by the students in an institution registering eleven hundred young men and women frequently amount to thirty thousand dollars and more each year. Such enterprises include all forms of athletics and music, daily newspapers, comic newspapers, co-operative stores, balls, circuses, theatricals, debates and oratorical contests. This condition holds true in

\*Notably Wesleyan, of Connecticut.

the high school as well as in the college, so that the boys and girls from the beginning are taught to develop school and college spirit about something extra-academic. Young men will sit on the bleachers two or three hours every afternoon for three months as a proof of college spirit, but no one has yet dared to assert that such conduct is proof of scholarship or in any way conducive to scholarship. I am a friend of proper athletics, but think that we should be perfectly frank; athletics and outside activities generally have been overdone in American college life, and we are reaping the fruit of such excess. To attribute the decadence in scholarship to the chapter house is to strain at the gnat while we swallow the camel.

As college men we should begin by reforming educational ideals. We should seek to have our student bodies honor scholarship and intellectual attainment equally with athletic prowess and good-fellowship. This can be done in part by having magnetic teachers who are as much interested in men as in making names for themselves through publication or research. Such instructors can get near enough to their students to have a powerful influence on them; and such instructors, exerting that influence beyond the lecture room, will mold the lives of the young people intrusted to their care.

As a small part of the larger problem, the chapter house should receive proper attention. The business care of the house should be taken, so far as possible, by resident alumni. Supervision of the scholarship and conduct of the chapter should be had by the alumni and faculty working through the upper class delegations of the chapter itself. Every effort should be put forth to impress upon the chapter that it is not of more importance than is the university as a whole, that the life in the house should help toward the true ends of university training.

But, I repeat in conclusion, the fault lies in the ideals of our student bodies, of which the fraternities are only small parts.

# FROM W.M. L. DUDLEY, SIGMA CHI, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY,

I HAVE been much interested in reading the article by Professor Mc-Dermott on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," which was sent to me by Mr. Newman Miller, editor of the Sigma Chi Quarterly, with the request that I write you my views on the subject. The article is a very strong and thoroughly sane discussion of the subject. It appeals to me not only as a fraternity man but also as a friend of young men. I have realized for a number of years that the tendency of active chapters was to drift slowly but surely away from the ideals of their fraternity and from the highest ideals of college life. I believe that the modern chapter house is in a measure, responsible for it, but we must remember that the spirit of the times must bear its share.

The chapter house is a great institution for the good of the active man if it is properly managed, but it may become an instrument for great evil. It is too great an institution for the active chapter to handle unaided. Young men inexperienced in the world's affairs cannot be expected to properly manage it, and the alumni must bear a large part of the responsibility or it will fail of good purpose. The alumni should take an active interest in the management of the chapter house and also in the work of the active chapter generally. It is their duty to do so, and they alone can save the chapter and the fraternity, as a useful adjunct to college life.

Occasionally some active man may have the feeling that the alumni are interfering with the prerogatives of the active member, but this is not true, and he should be made to so understand it. The fraternity is a brotherhood of the alumni and of the active men, individually and collectively, and the rights of one are the rights of all. In my opinion, the alumni are the salvation of the fraternity, and unless they actively guide the chapters, deterioration will be the inevitable result. I believe every fraternity should have alumni employed as agents and inspectors whose business it shall be to visit each chapter once or twice a year for the purpose of emphasizing the ideals of the organization, advising the active men concerning the many perplexing problems which are constantly arising, and to study the problems which present themselves to the fraternity as a whole, a wise solution of many of them being essential to the welfare of the brotherhood.

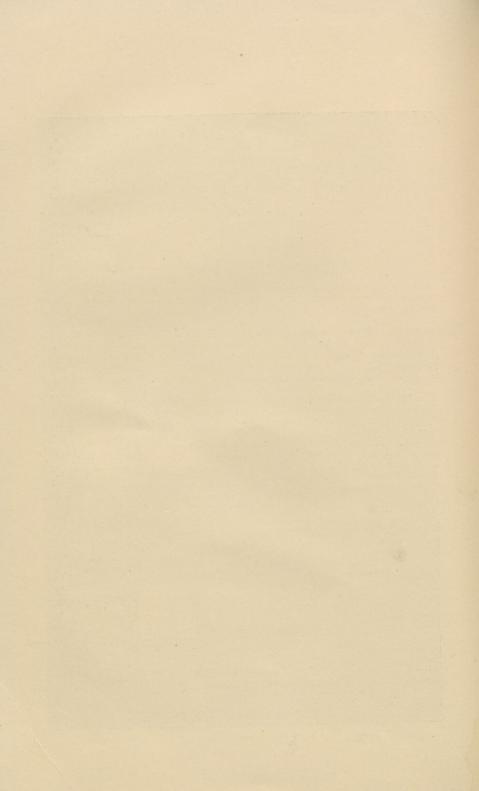
## FROM CARLTON H. HAYS, NATIONAL SECRETARY ALPHA CHI RHO.

J UST as my steamer was on the point of leaving New York, my brother in Alpha Chi Rho, Henry C. Staunton, editor of the Garnet and White, dashed down the dock and pressed into my hand a copy of your circular "To the Greek Press," containing the article by Professor McDermott on "The Chapter House and its Effect on the Fraternity," with the request that I send you my reflections on the same.

I certainly take pleasure in expressing some of my opinions on a subject which has been brought forcibly to my attention during five years' service as National Secretary of Alpha Chi Rho and also, though from a different point of view, through my experience as an instructor in Columbia University. And it is needless for me to add that the subject should interest every one who has the welfare either of the college or of the fraternity at heart.

At the outset let me say that I accept practically everything that Professor McDermott says. I do believe that there are dangers as well as benefits of student life in the chapter house, but that the former are outweighed by the latter. I do believe that scholarship is declining and social life rising in the universities, due (1) to the disproportionate attention devoted to athletics, (2) to the absence of personal daily contact between student and instructor, (3) to the lack of efficient faculty committees on curriculum and instruction (although I strongly dissent from Professor McDermott's implied definition of culture and his slighting remarks on the present-day university means for its attainment), and finally (4) to the misuse of chapter houses. The universities of the East, with which I am most familiar, are taking steps at the present time to reduce athletics to their proper position, to introduce tutorial or kindred systems of personal instruction, and to create efficient committees and advisors to superintend choice of electives and attendance on courses. I firmly believe that the fraternities must attend themselves to the chapter houses or suffer sad and serious consequences. There is talk now among members of the faculty at Columbia of "regulating" the fraternities—"regulation" by neutrals, by outsiders, will not be pleasant, profitable or nice.





We fraternity men talk too much and do too little. Of course, it is important in this case to call attention to the evils, but the undergraduates as a rule are quite aware of the evils, if not of the need of correcting them. Let us devote our appeals chiefly to the graduates-it is with the graduates that the future of the chapter house rests. And even while we are stirring the graduates to a sence of their great responsibility, let us take definite practical steps toward eradicating the evils which we all admit exist. I find that oftentimes it is easier to do a thing and tell people about it afterwards than it is to talk a thing up and then do it—it is more apt to be done. If we are sincere, we shall work until our national organizations have adopted reform measures and officers have been elected in the fraternities and in every chapter to put such measures into force.

National workers in Alpha Chi Rho are aware of the chapter house problem and are working for its solution. I will give you a brief outline of what we are now doing in this matter. Most of our ideas have come from other societies, but a few of them are our own, and the application of the system is already, we believe, bringing good results.

Every chapter has a committee on scholarship, consisting usually of two upperclassmen and one graduate—preferably a junior instructor at the college or university—whose duties are to keep a list of cuts or debars and a full record of term standing in every course, to counsel on choice of electives, and to supervise whatever tutoring may be necessary. Furthermore the members of this committee confer with the instructors each term on the work of every underclassman in the chapter.

Our graduate organization is intended to coöperate constantly with the undergraduate chapters. When a man leaves college he becomes a member *ipso facto* of his graduate chapter, and each graduate chapter elects not only a president and a secretary-treasurer to perform the routine duties usually pertaining to similar organizations, but also a resident, who resides with the undergraduate chapter wherever practicable, and is its adviser, counsellor and special friend. He makes reports in addi-tion to the regular undergraduate reports to the secretary-treasurer of the graduate chapter and to the national organization. Of course these residents have to be chosen with great care—they must know and love the fraternity well; they must have the confidence of the younger brothers; they must be resourceful, tactful, optimistic and yet firm. They have a wonderful opportunity, and although the system is as yet hardly more than in embryo with us, we nevertheless have the right to expect, I believe, that it will give us great and good results.

Then, too, there are compulsory annual visits of inspection by the president of the fraternity, examination by the national council of house rules and national oversight of their general enforcement. These measures would amount to little were there not several energetic graduates in each chapter thoroughly imbued with the principles of the fraternity who make a special point of associating with the undergraduates at the house, drawing them into truly serious conversation, interesting them in the arts and sciences, in the things of the mind, endeavoring to make of them cultured university gentlemen and brothers. And even this graduate work will amount to little in Alpha Chi Rho or

in any other fraternity if ideals are laughed at or lost. It is quite the thing nowadays to scoff at religion, morality, and principles of conduct; people prefer to substitute for them a blind and pleasant opportunism. The university and college have now usually made this substitution and our younger brothers who are divorced from home and in large measure from its influences, who are not taught principles of conduct or ethics by their instructors, who scorn—and often justly—such religious adjuncts as the Y. M. C. A., these younger brothers are left to build ideals in their most impressionable years from their student associates alone. That means the college fraternity and implies its most important mission. Our younger brothers must have ideals they must be taught that study and culture are valuable, that religion is not self-condemned, that time is not to be wasted, that honesty and temperance are virtues and not drawbacks, that the social evil is an evil.

One other thought I should like to leave with you. I believe there is too much false modesty among the fraternities. Why should we stand on etiquette, if we know positively that a certain chapter of a certain fraternity is corrupt, that it is inculcating vice and bringing reproach on our whole institution? Why should we not call it by name, publish it in all our magazines and create such a hubbub that the national organization of that fraternity will take notice and be forced or shamed into remedying the evils? I know now of a certain chapter at Columbia which holds a drunken meeting every week, which is said to entertain street women now and then, and whose daily table is the place for continuous obscene jests. The good chapters and the bad chapters have occasioned the different estimates of the benefits and dangers of the chapter house to which Professor McDermott has so well called our attention. We need publicity.

#### FROM JOHN H. DE WITT, PRESIDENT OF PHI DELTA THETA.

**T** HE problem of attaining the ideal in student life—a desirable life in a chapter house—involves nearly all the essentials to the perfect development of the fraternity. It is a matter of the proper conception of the true objects of the fraternity and placing the right values upon many things in college and fraternity life. The fraternity exists for pleasure, sympathy and mutual improvement. It is intended to develop the gentleman and especially the man. It should be the co-adjutor of the college in every good work which the college does for the student. It should never do anything for the student which is contrary to the serious purposes for which he comes to college; and, on the other hand, it should do for him many useful and wholesome things which the college cannot undertake to do.

Fraternity life is yet immature and the system is yet imperfect, because its possibilities have not yet been understood by many members of the fraternities and by many who are in charge of the institutions in which they exist. Whenever the college authorities will properly employ the fraternities as the handmaids of their administration, and whenever the fraternity men will endeavor to make of their chapter life a reasonable substitute for home and a mutual incentive to development in manhood, then the system will have eliminated nearly all legitimate basis of criticism. Certainly, if this status could be reached, there would be little, if any, opposition to fraternities anywhere. If it is possible of realization, then it is worth striving for with all of our earnestness and determination, for the end attainable is important and inspiring enough to enlist the efforts of any man.

In judging of the chapter house and its effect on the fraternity, we must be careful not to mistake the causes of some evils. If there is dissipation or waste of time or snobbishness or other misconduct, it may possibly not be due merely to this association, as it is easy to conclude that it is; but it may be a manifestation of unworthy traits or of evil associations that existed previous to college days. These objectionable qualities or habits may not justly be ascribable to the present environment, but they will be very much accentuated by bad tone and loose restrictions in the chapter house, just as they will grow less in a high moral atmosphere and under the proper supervision by alumni and upperclassmen.

This brings us to the fundamental proposition that, just as the moral tone and the culture of the home depends upon individual character, so does that of the chapter house. Every fraternity should endeavor unceasingly to have each of its chapters deny membership to those who do not possess good moral character and a proper sense of values in life. It should insist everywhere upon the initiation only of young men who have come to college with some serious purpose, and this should be its very esprit de corps. The fraternity that will lower the standard of morals or scholarship or manhood for the sake of gaining popularity or wealth, even though it may help to relieve some local financial strain, is horribly unworthy of its professed ideals and deserves little respect. The fraternities will never justify themselves when they do not prove that they are striving to develop a strong manhood by insisting on the simple virtues and a serious purpose as requisites for membership. There should be no difference as to this among the chapters constituting any given organization. It should be emphasized and reiterated as the basic ideal, put everywhere into operation, and all the force and power of the execu-tive and administrative agencies should be exerted to have this policy everywhere abound. Whenever the snob, the idler, the dissipated and the empty-headed irresponsible will be denied membership under all circumstances, then this chapter house question will be much less difficult. This policy will be successful if the fraternities will in all their conventions and through their officers resolutely seek to put it into effect. A close supervision of each chapter as well as supervision of individuals in the chapter is very necessary.

Whether the members of a chapter, or any of them, were originally possessed of unworthy traits or habits that thrive with the association, or they have acquired them after entering college, two things are absolutely necessary:

First. Chapter houses must not be extravagantly maintained. They should not be acquired by incurring an enormous debt which the chapters and their alumni cannot reasonably undertake to pay; and they should not be so sumptuous that their occupants will live in a style very disproportionate to their means. If this is not regulated by the college authorities, it should at least be closely regulated by the chapters, their alumni and the officers of the fraternity supervising the chapters.

alumni and the officers of the fraternity supervising the chapters. Second. Life in a chapter house and the college work of each member of the chapter should be under close supervision. This supervision should come from within the fraternity. The practice of self-regulation and self-restraint and a mutual stimulation will go farther than anything else toward developing the man and the gentleman. This is also the spirit of true brotherhood put into practice. Competent and influential upperclassmen should carefully supervise the younger members and the management of the house should be in part by the alumni. Every chapter house should be governed by a set of sensible and reasonable rules which should be enforced as a part of this supervision.

If all this is only theory and impracticable, then our faith in the strength and loyalty of much of the flower of American young manhood is misplaced. What are the requisites for its success but diligence and devotion? Are not the purposes and traditions of the most strongly organized and best governed fraternities entirely in consonance with it? If there is real brotherhood in the fraternities, is not this the most inspiring way to make it truly and permanently beneficial? Surely they are fortunate who can be instrumental in the thorough consummation of such a programme; who will labor to make this the essence of the life of every chapter and to cause its alumni to become always interested in maintaining it. If they can be deeply impressed with their opportunity, surely they will not confront it with indifference. They will stand most earnestly for these simple and familiar propositions with the glow of a great enthusiasm. They will adhere to them insistently because they will realize that such principles, when duly applied, will operate for the promotion of brotherhood, the development of manhood, and the contribution of a larger strength of intellect and character to society.

#### FROM E. P. LYON, WORTHY GRAND CHIEF, ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

I N OUR universities generally, outside as well as inside of the fraternities, there is more or less of an inclination to believe that scholarship is not the principal thing for which one goes to college, and that what might be termed "learning to live" is the real object of one's spending four years in an institution of learning. However much we may agree with this proposition, still it seems to me that "learning to live," in its best sense, means the acquisition of that power which only comes from a thoroughly disciplined and well-informed mind, and is derived from thorough attention to scholarly attainments. I believe that Prof. McDermott's statistics express a lamentable fact as to the present tendency of fraternity life.

Now, as to remedies which may be applied: I will state that I have for two years been laboring on this same problem in connection with my work in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The most important step which I have taken is one which Prof. McDermott emphasizes, and which in the end is bound to produce the best results, although perhaps for a time the results seem meager and intangible. I mean the creation of a different sentiment and spirit among the undergraduates in regard to this matter, and the revival in them of the idea that scholarship should be the principal aim of the student in college. I have attempted to arouse this spirit by means of circular letters to all the chapters, by addresses at banquets and other fraternity meetings, and by urging prominent members of the fraternity on all occasions to speak in favor of higher scholarship. I think a great deal has been effected through our province chiefs in this direction. In addition, I have instituted several minor methods of directing the attention of the men in the chapters towards scholarly attainments. I have had prepared a form of honorary certificate, which is granted to every Alpha Tau, who, on graduating from college takes distinguished rank in scholarship, oratory or debate, or who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa or to any of the other honorary societies. The winners of these certificates are mentioned in my circular letters to the chapters and in the fraternity's journal. I have also instituted a semi-annual report concerning scholarship, which each chapter is required to make through the province chief to me. This report contains the names of all undergraduates, who during the previous semester have been conditioned or who have failed in any subject. The province chiefs and myself then do all we can to imbue the delinquents with the idea that they must do better.

Still a third method which is assisting us in getting an improvement along scholarship lines is that of inspections. Our province chiefs are required to visit all chapters at frequent intervals, and when on these visits they are required to call upon the president or registrar of the institution and inquire into the scholarship and behavior of our men. We also urge each chapter to have a committee of upperclassmen to watch carefully over the younger and see that they attend to their work. By all of these methods I feel that we are getting considerable improvement, and I hope that before many years have passed by we may have quite different ideals in force in regard to the desirability of high scholastic achievement.

#### FROM WESLEY E. KING, FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

A S a result of rather close association with several chapters of my fraternity in the Middle West and through having come in contact with many chapters of other fraternities in these institutions, I am enthusiastically a supporter of chapter houses. There is little question but that the chapter house method of living and of chapter conduct is a distinct improvement over the old system. By living their daily lives together the members of a chapter house become more thoroughly acquainted, they have many more opportunities of noting the individual character and conduct of each other and, if their intentions be good and their purposes honest, they are thereby enabled to be of more assistance to each other from week to week and month to month, and the opportunities are greatly enhanced for making the fraternity, its principles, its precepts and its examples more certainly a part of their own lives.

sprecepts and its examples more certainly a part of their own lives. Speaking from experience, I am forced to say that, living as the case suits, partaking of fraternity work and fraternity recreation at the clubroom semi-occasionally, hardly serves to make the fraternity, in the minds of its members, little more than a myth; a something that the old fellows have much to say about, a something that the member is supposed to be tremendously fortunate in having received and enjoyed, a something about which he is supposed to have an undying love and enthusiasm, and a something mysterious which the unfortunate "barbs" cannot comprehend. Yet, withal, this fraternity life is something outside of his regular school life; it is an extra, a luxury, an adjunct.

Since closing my own university career it has been my good fortune to all but live at a chapter house, the advantages of which have struck

me so forcibly, and they have remained with me so constantly that I found it a pleasure to do all in my power that one chapter might procure and maintain a permanent abode of its own, which I could not have done but for the deep conviction that such a life has for the individual member a multitude of advantages, and I am convinced that the frater has abundant opportunities to become thereby a better frater, the chapter a stronger chapter, the fraternity a more useful element and a more salutary influence in university and college life.

## FROM WALTER J. SEARS, GRAND HISTORIAN OF SIGMA NU.

I HAVE read with deep interest and great profit Professor McDermott's splendid paper on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity." I do not hesitate to pronounce it a most timely and stimulating contribution upon what I believe to be the most important question now confronting the American Greek letter societies. As I have sought for some time to quicken the thought and conscience of my own fraternity in its relation to chapter house life, I am glad of this opportunity to join in a Pan-Hellenic expression regarding a problem whose right solution is of vital concern to all fraternity men.

Accepting as conclusive Professor McDermott's analysis of the evils which exist more or less generally in our chapter houses, let us consider briefly the remedies and reforms which it is believed will raise our fraternity life to a higher level of character and influence.

At the threshold of this discussion let us set up the standard by which these social centers of collegiate life—these fraternity houses—are to be measured. Shall we consider and judge them as club houses, as commons or as bachelor quarters? That they have been so considered by a large and influential class of fraernity men there seems to be no question. Whether or not they have realized the best ideals of the club house and such social centers, it is difficult to determine, since it is difficult to find a standard of excellence for them. If, however, we judge them by the standard of the best city club, with its atmosphere of gentle manners and good breeding, and its traditions of culture and courtesy, many of them, I fear, would suffer by the comparison. The unhappy truth is that many of them would fail to measure up to this ideal. But there is even a higher standard of judgment by which they ought

But there is even a higher standard of judgment by which they ought to be measured. The best club house, the one most distinguished for noble and kindly fellowship, is not the highest type of social intercourse and effort. The highest type is the American home, and I make bold to exalt it before every Greek letter society as the standard and the ideal by which every chapter house ought to be judged and measured. The American home is and has ever been something more than a club house. The best qualities of the club, its freedom and frankness, its fellowship of congenial spirits, the home has all these; but it has what the club can never have, it has at its center the truth of all social human effort, the active love and conscience of the family, which together form the law of the household, the authority of the father and mother. This is something more than a fellowship; it is a communion, whose first obligation is service and whose ultimate purpose is character. How is this high ideal to be realized, do you ask? How is it possible even to approximate

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it among a company of young men, free from all parental restraint, responsive to the natural impulsiveness of youth, and not careful to discriminate between a wholesome college spirit and a vulgar Hooliganism?

I reply: Give these young men the proper leadership; not the leadership of the society exquisite or the roisterer or the spendthrift; not the leadership of the club, but the leadership of the home; not the leadership of the spoiled boy, but the leadership of the good man; not the leadership of ignorance or prejudice or evil or snobbery, but the leadership of culture and democracy, morality and brotherhood—a culture that is genuine but not exclusive; a democracy that is brave but not brutal; a morality that is upright but not pious; a brotherhood that is tender but not sentimental.

The typical home is strong in its development of two distinctly different but vitally important qualities of leadership. One concerns itself with the material welfare of the household; the other with its spiritual welfare. So the first duty of the chaoter house is to find for itself the proper leadership for its business affairs; its second, to find the proper leadership for its spiritual affairs.

Like the good house builder and provider, it will set about conserving its material wellbeing. It will understand that it cannot hope for the highest spiritual development if it is burdened with debt. Every dollar of its obligation must be able to say, "I know that my redeemer liveth." There can be no moral solvency without financial solvency, and the chapter house that seeks to realize a high ideal of manhood must rest it upon the law of prudence and thrift, of commercial honor and rectitude. Therefore, each house should begin its life by placing its material welfare in good hands. There should be a house manager, a house steward and a committee on audit and finance. These positions should be filled by higher class men, or better still, by postgraduate men who are especially fitted by experience or natural aptitude for the management of business affairs.

The love and conscience, the law and authority of the home must find expression in the chapter house. These will stand for its wise discipline and government, representing at once its sanity and its respectability. To these essential requirements will be added the refinement of cultured men; and uniting all will be found the kindly and sympathetic fellowship of congenial spirits.

How shall this ideal of the chapter house, which is the ideal of the American home, be broadly and richly realized in all our societies? I repeat, give our chapter houses the spiritual leadership that is sensitive to the meaning of this ideal, and that is willing to dedicate itself loyally to its fulfillment.

First, an effort should be made to develop this leadership in the chapter itself. If some higher classman has grown in love of his fraternity and its faith, and in a warm affection for its members, eager to give himself in service to them, then such a man ought to be a fit leader of the higher life of the chapter house.

Second, whether the chapter develops this leadership or not, its spirit should be represented by the alumni. This is now the one supreme duty resting upon all our old men—to guide and direct the young men into paths of Hellenic honor. To this end the alumni of each chapter should select some one of their number, or perhaps a committee, to coöperate with the management along all its lines of spiritual and material effort. My own fraternity has, during the past year, appointed in one of its divisions, as an experiment, alumni counsellors, while several chapters have chosen from their own members alumni secretaries.

Third, this leadership should lay its demands upon the general organization of every fraternity, and every fraternity should devote its thought and means to its highest realization. There are several excellent plans now in operation or being considered, (1) One provides for a field sec-retary, who shall visit all the chapters and seek to give them all a common ideal as well as a common interest. (2) Another suggests an alumni visitor, who shall be appointed by the general fraternity and reside near the chapter over which he is to have oversight. (3) Still another contemplates the founding of scholarships, open to members of the fraternity, the recipient to live at the chapter house during his college course, and to act as the proctor or leader of the house.

For the last-named plan I have great hopes, provided our men could For the last-named plan I have great hopes, provided our men could be induced to endow these scholarships as richly as they have given of their substance to build the chapter houses. And I hold that they ought to give even more richly, because I hold that any sort of a chapter house, great or small, is a mighty poor investment if its moral and spiritual standards of life and conduct are low or ignoble. What can it profit a college man if he live in a palace and lose his own soul? I believe the time is coming, if it not already here, when our societies will be judged, not by the size and value of their chapter houses but by the character not by the size and value of their chapter houses, but by the character of the men produced in them.

To say this is to say what all Greek letter men are coming to realize that all our fraternity groups are beginning to respond to the infusing and uplifting spirit of a new ideal. It is this-a conviction in the heart of every fraternity man that his own society must be something more than an exclusive social club, something more than a clannish secret order, something more than a selfish brotherhood; a growing sense of their high and important place and in the educational system; a con-sciousness that they are a vital co-ordinate and co-related part of it, being a permanent force for its spiritual endowment in short, an American institution for the training, aye more, for the making of strong, manly and capable men.

The higher and nobler conception of Hellenic duty lays upon every group these well-settled demands: (1) That every group shall provide clean and wholesome fellowship.

(2) An environment that will be uplifting to the moral and spiritual nature, and that will produce men of character as well as men of scholarship.

(3) To win and retain the esteem of the college community, the student body and the faculty.

(4) To win and retain the loving interest of the alumni, of all the men who have lived the chapter house life.

The men of all societies are coming to see that the chapter house must be vitalized and consecrated as the central point of energy and dynamics in the social development of the fraternity life. More and more our men are coming to believe that these houses should be not only ornate in the graces of design, but rich in the achievements of manhood. More and more our men, old and young, are coming to realize that the house and the alumni, the home and the life, the faith and the leadership, the

law and the spirit, the ideal and its fulfillment, the young man and the old man—these are one—these must be one in the development of our fraternity men.

## FROM RALPH S. KENT, SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

**P** ROFESSOR McDERMOTT concludes from his investigations that the standard of scholarship among fraternity men has been lowered with the growth of chapter houses, and while he does not directly charge that the one is the effect of the other, he, nevertheless, creates that inference. The real question, however, which you ask me to deal with and to answer, if possible, is—"In what way can the chapter house be made to increase the scholarship of fraternity men so that they will more nearly approach the ideal?"

In dealing with this problem certain facts must be borne in mind. First, that there has been a growth in the classes of students now acquiring a so-called college education, and that scholarship has no certain, definite standard. Also, that the ability to do and be is entirely a question of individuality. So scholarship is a question of individuality. Environment, of course, has an influence, yet the individual is the final test, for it is he who must always overcome environment.

Invitoiment, of evaluation must always overcome environment. I cannot believe that the chapter house is in any way responsible for any lack of scholarship that may exist. During the last twenty or thirty years the class of college students has changed with the spirit of the times. Then students went to college to study and fit themselves for professions. Very few went to fit themselves for a business career. Today, however, many future business men are in college merely for the education obtained from contact with men. Such an education is not given credit in the technical term "scholarship." Furthermore, owing to the very fact that success is now, rightly or wrongly, large measured in dollars, many young men feel that text-books do not hold the secret of success, and that *cum magna laude* is not worth while for a business career. One of my acquaintances in college who intended to enter his father's factory to learn the business from the bottom up, put it this way: "What good will a bunch of Greek do me when old Dan Maloney tells me to 'strip the uppers from that pile of calves'? A little philosophy will do me more good." Consequently he registered in the "cinch" course.

Another change which has occurred in the class of students is due to the fact that many parents send their sons to college today because it is the thing to do. Such students do not have a clear conception of "Why are we here?" Mother and sister want them to go and expect to make Sigma Doodle Psi, so that sister can come to the Junior Prom house party and have a "darling of a time." With such ambitions back of him, it is not surprising that the boy does not achieve prominence in scholarship. Yet it is safe to say that most of this class get into a fraternity, and, of course, affect the scholarship of the whole. In such cases the problem seems to be, how can the fraternity be made a power in correcting home training?

The following instances briefly illustrate my point that scholarship is a matter of individuals. Similar ones can be recalled by an observing college man, for these are only three that have come within my own experience. Two men of the same class joined the same fraternity and lived throughout their college course in its chapter house. One of them played football, was a candidate for the track team two years, was a substitute for the crew another year, was a member of two or three social clubs, and in his Senior year was elected to both Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa. The other did nothing and failed to graduate. In another house seven men out of one class were dropped or "busted" after final examination. The next year not a one was "busted" from that house. In still another chapter house lived a man who had played football every season, making the 'Varsity team, was on several oratorical stages in college, an intercollegiate debater, actively engaged in his fraternity's affairs, belonged to clubs and honorary societies, was a class-day orator, an active member of several student committees, and with all was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the close of his college course. A classmate of his living in the same house failed to graduate. Neither of these men was dissipated. It was simply a case of individuality.

These observations have convinced me that if the fraternity man is in college with a serious purpose and a definite aim in life, there can be no more broadening, helpful, stimulating influence surrounding him than arises from the daily life and contact with his brothers in the chapter house. The young fellow in college merely for the sake of being in college, will usually make a worse failure outside of the fraternity than he would inside. An idle purpose creates only an idle man.

With these considerations in mind, you can much more readily appreciate the suggestions which I have to offer for making the fraternity an active power in developing the Freshman into a cultured, polished, selfreliant, educated gentleman, which to my mind is the real purpose of a fraternity and the real problem before the Greek world. To this end three things are essential: First, the right kind of man to start with; second, a proper point of view for each initiate; and third, interested and active alumni who have a genuine love for their mother chapter.

Some may say that the first essential is all-sufficing and that the great difficulty is in getting the right kind of man. By the term, however, I mean a man who is not essentially bad, not incapable of assimilating fraternity ideals and not irresponsive to good influences. Where many fraternities make mistakes is in endeavoring to pledge star prep-school men, regardless of their personality. Some of these stars are modest and unassuming, but the vast majority of them are boastful, conceited and possessed of the idea that they are in college for their athletic prowess alone —which too often is true—and, because of their athletic ability, they think they are amenable to no laws and owe no consideration to anything or any one except their own pleasures and themselves. Such a man has a very bad influence upon weaker members of the fraternity. He loves flattery and a following, among which his doings are considered all right. The "grind" or "shark" is equally undesirable because he is, as a rule, so inordinately selfish that there is no comfortable groove in the fraternity life that he can fill. The man who will reflect the greatest glory upon the fraternity does not, as a usual thing, belong to either of these classes. Rather is he the one who is modest, unassuming, of good morals and capable of a healthy ambition to make his life worth while to himself and to others in this world. I do not wish to be understood as urging the selection of only goody-good boys, or anything of that kind.

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but the man must be congenial, he must be temperate, of clean halds, capable of appreciating the best in men while overlooking their weak-nesses, and possessed of a purpose to obtain some definite advantage from his college course. Such a man is fertile soil for fraternity ideals. Second. Each initiate should have a proper point of view. Every active member of the chapter should make it a point to be agreeable to the candidate and to draw him out of himself naturally, so that his true personality may be known. In turn the candidate will thus learn the personality of each member of the chapter. When the invitation is ex-tanded be should be given a correct statement of what the fraternity tended, he should be given a correct statement of what the fraternity stands for. Its aims and ideals should be set before him, so that he will get rid of any false notions which he may have acquired from friends or enemies of fraternity life. The majority of failures among fraternity men are traceable directly to an initial wrong conception of fraternity life. Likewise most of the criticisms that are made concerning fraternity life have as a basis the failures and not the successes among fraternity International and the failures and not the successes among fraternity men. The candidate should also be made to realize that if he does join he will be expected to add his share of good to the general welfare. He should understand that his fraternity cannot carry "dead wood" in any branch of college life, and that, on the other hand, he will receive that kind of assistance which does not destroy self-reliance and indepen-dence, but creates and builds it up. He should be made to appreciate the heigh a first of the provide the college life appreciate dence, but creates and builds it up. He should be made to appreciate that he is being offered at the very beginning of his college life an oppor-tunity to have developed the best that is in him, but that success de-pends very largely upon how much he yields himself to good influences. With such a point of view from the beginning, the men who accept the invitation will do so without any doubt as to the outcome and will be ready to join heartily in the work that is before them. Moreover, they will take great pride in their standing with the faculty and with their fellow-classmates, simply because they will be conscious that they repre-sent a fraternity which they love sent a fraternity which they love.

It very often happens that a candidate is attracted by the magnificence and splendor of this or that chapter house and judges the standing of the fraternity by that fact alone. In other cases he forms his judgment entirely by the number of athletes or prominent men in the fraternity. This is unfortunate, both for the man himself and for the fraternity that finally gets him. It likewise often happens that the glories and advanta-ges of the fraternity are set forth before the candidate in such glowing and brilliant terms that he receives a rude shock upon entering for the first time the intimate knowledge of a fraternity meeting. As a result his hopes are blasted, his enthusiasm dampened, and he feels as if he had purchased a gold brick. It behooves a fraternity, therefore, to be perfectly honest and perfectly truthful in the statements it makes in extending its invitation.

The one great question which the chapter should determine before ask-ing a man to join a fraternity is, "Can he fit in with the rest of us?" On the other hand, it should be spread broadcast among all Freshmen that the one question which they must answer in determining whether or not to accept the invitation is, "Can I fit in and be congenial with them?" If either question is answered in the negative, then that man should not be asked to or join that fraternity. Given the proper point of view, however, if he decides to start, he will start right.

Then comes the third essential: The duty of the faithful alumnus. This poor individual has been told so often what his duties are that I shall not add to his burdens. Instead of preaching to the alumnus it would seem that more could be done by actually doing things for him. Seek his interest and advice, while catering to his pleasure and happiness. Hold his interest by the methods used to gain it. At all times the chapter should be as considerate of an alumnus as if he were a likely "sub-fresh." A chapter house is a splendid aid to gaining and retaining his interest. It is something tangible connected with his fraternity and represents a money investment, the preservation of which requires that the personnel and morale of the chapter be kept at a reasonably high standard. Hence his interest.

One chapter has the following plan: A corporation owns the house, and only those who have contributed or invested a certain amount are shareholders. The house is rented to the chapter at an annual rental sufficient to pay expenses of the corporation and provide a sinking fund, etc. A board of nine directors, two of whom are chapter members, is elected annually by the shareholders, and this board has active supervision of the house. It meets at least twice a year at the house, and requires a written report from each chapter officer, and monthly reports from the chief financial officer of the chapter on a special form. The meetings of the board usually occupy two days at a week-end, and the active men carry their troubles, petty and great, to the board or to some member of it, and thus things are kept within proper limits.

This plan has worked admirably. The best traditions of the fraternity are kept alive, pitfalls are avoided, and older, more experienced men keep practical ideals before the younger men. What is equally desirable also results, viz.: it keeps the alumni interested.

The benefits to be thus derived are unlimited and need not be described here. As long as the alumni remember that their advice must be good and wholesome, and their acts worthy of imitation, only good results can follow.

This subject is one that can be written about at great length—and I fear I have exceeded the limit already—but, after all, the problem is the same one that confronts every home. Like every family, a fratmity has and will have "black sheep." But the ideal should not be scholars in the narrow sense—books, marks and keys; but men in the broad sense, trained along their life work—polished, cultured, refined and self-reliant gentlemen.

#### FROM MAYLIN J. PICKERING, PRESIDENT OF ALPHA CHI RHO.

I T MUST be admitted that the title to Professor McDermott's excellent article is somewhat of a misnomer, as the chapter house cannot affect the fraternity. The question his paper deals with is broader than that; it is, to my mind, the chapter house as a reflection of fraternity life. Is this reflection a complimentary one to the fraternity or is it sordid, vain and futile, as many of Professor McDermott's answerers believe? My interested observation has led me to think, from exoteric expressions, that every fraternity existing today is founded on the highest principles of morality, aye, even idealism. There is a very general feeling among college men, definitely expressed for the first time, I believe, in Professor McDermott's paper, that the high purposes laid down in constitution and ritual are looked upon too much as necessary fol de rol not to be taken too seriously by the fin de siecle college man. In fact, it was that very feeling which some twelve years ago led to the formation of the fraternity of which I am a member, and our extension has been solely to those institutions where it was felt there was a group of men strong enough not to fall away from the standard set. I say this in no spirit of boasting, as we have the same problems today and we have less excuse if we so quickly fall into the errors of our older brethren. We attempted to guard against those very pitfalls which under college life at the foundation of most fraternities had not developed, and so were not provided against, i. e., the tendency toward emphasizing "social" features. Now would seem to be the time for the alumnus at last to become imbued with his responsibilities and endeavor to turn attention to the principles of his order. If this is thoroughly accomplished nothing more need be done.

There is no doubt that there is less general culture among fraternity men today than twenty years ago, and that scholastic and literary activities do not occupy the very center of the academic stage. Yet when we take Professor McDermott's own statistics the total of what may be called "general culture activities" in the Eastern tables comes almost to the total of "social mention" and "athletic honors," although in the Western colleges the latter so outnumber the former as to be quite startling. Taking into consideration the fact that today the scientific and professional schools so predominate in college life these figures do not seem particularly foreboding. The engineer does not join the literary or debating societies; you cannot convince him that he should. Athletics have attained an important position as much through the modern idea of developing a man strong in mind and body as through anything else. The figures of "social mention" quite likely include school, sectional and other associations which have sprung up with the growth of the modern college or university. To my mind, the tone of the college life of today is independent, strong and healthy. Then the fraternities must reflect it. If they do not, believing as I do that they are built on strong foundations, I think it is time for the alumni to impress firmly upon the undergraduate mind the duty of keeping his house in order by a strict adherence to the principles of his fraternity, mouiding and adapting those principles so that they become working ones in everyday fraternity house life.

#### FROM GUY T. VISKNISKKI, EDITOR OF THE KAPPA SIGMA CADUCEUS.

**I** F I have read aright the article on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," its author's chief concern is about scholarship, and he bases his contention that fraternity scholarship has deteriorated on this fact—that an examination of various and sundry chapter letters revealed that "out of every 951 times that fraternity men deliberately call attention to their activities as things worthy of special consideration, 308 are social, 289 athletic 153 literary, 124 scholarship and seventy-seven public speaking."

To the author's mind, this proves bad scholarship. To my way of thinking, this proves nothing of the sort. I know of a man who went through college with only one mark below a "first"—that is, ninety per

cent.—and was looked upon generally as one of the best scholars of his period at his Alma Mater. I know of plenty of men who have done splendid work in the classroom—been the pride of their professors, and all that. Were these men—fraternity men all—mentioned in their chapter letters for their performance of an ordinary duty? No. Yet they were talked of in the letters when they ran third in the half-mile, were members of some prom committee, or went out with the football squad, that the first team might have something more or less beefy to go up against.

Why were they mentioned then? Simply because what they did in athletics, or in a social way, was out of the ordinary—was news, in the accepted sense of the word. But what they did in the classroom was not news; it was an everyday occurrence, something expected and done as a matter of course, and, hence, clearly not news. News is the chronicling of phenomena, and the college world rightly holds that it is not phenomenal to do good work in the classroom. When this does become phenomenal the colleges will close up shop. A good scholar is like a good man—he never breaks into print. Unless, of course, the good scholar becomes so phenomenally good as to rake in Phi Beta Kappa and other high scholarship honors; or the good man becomes so excessively good that he is "translated" of his very purity. These are phenomena—and news.

I am of the opinion that the author's scholarship contention falls because he overlooked this view of news that is more or less inherent to all of us, as is shown by the desire of the ordinary mortal to hear and tell about the unusual, no matter how trivial. And, further, I am of the opinion that an examination of the scholarship of fraternity men as it appears on the books of the colleges would compare favorably with the socalled lost, strayed or stolen scholarship of the glamorous past and with that of the non-fraternity man of today.

### FROM STEPHEN HART, DELTA CHI.

**I** T IS hardly necessary to acknowledge the value of the work done by Professor McDermott in his investigation of this topic and in bringing the matter so sharply to the attention of Greek letter fraternity men. This is evident to any one who reads his report, and I would not refer to it were it not that I differ so much from him in the interpretation of the facts which he has brought to light. In brief, Professor McDermott's conclusion is that owing to the influence of chapter house life, the present tendency of the college fraternity man is to a lower grade of scholarship, and that unless this tendency is corrected by the efforts of the alumni and of the college faculties, it will continue until the best men in college will refuse to join and only the intellectually inferior and the morally degenerate will be drawn into them. He establishes the proposition that there is a downward tendency in scholarship among fraternity men by an examination of conditions as they existed in 1886 and as they existed twenty years later.

The situation as to oratory and debate and scholarship at the University of Minnesota is certainly different from what it was at Northwestern University from 1896 to 1900, the date when I attended college, and I am inclined to think it much more unfavorable to fraternity men than 18 today the rule in our colleges and universities. At Northwestern during the four years referred to above, four men represented us in intercollegiate oratorical contests; three of them were fraternity men and one a nonfraternity man. Twelve men represented us in intercollegiate debate, four of them fraternity, six non-fraternity and two about whom I do not know whether they were fraternity men or not. In Phi Beta Kappa the honors were about even, though there were more non-fraternity men than fraternity men in the school.

If you admit, for the sake of the discussion, that Professor McDermott has established his proposition that there is a downward tendency in scholarship among fraternity men—and it seems to me to be fairly well shown—I can by no means draw such a pessimistic conclusion from it as he does. From my own observation I see no reason to believe the time is likely to come when any considerable number of the best men in college will refuse to join fraternities, or that the time will ever come when the fraternities will attract only the intellectual and moral scum of the universities. I have observed very few illustrations of the tendency which he speaks of on the part of desirable men to refuse to join fraternities, but, on the contrary, have known of a number of striking illustrations of men who entered college with previously formed opinions hostile to the fraternity system who were won over by their acquaintance with fraternity men. In my time at college there lingered a tradition of strong men of earlier days who were bitterly opposed to fraternities, but I am glad to say it was only a tradition. I never knew them as associates in college. One such man whom I knew very well as a man on the faculty confessed to me that his views had changed, and he wanted his younger brother to join a good fraternity, which, as a matter of fact, he did.

If scholarship and oratory and debate have yielded first and second places to social standing and athletics and have themselves been relegated to a lower position in the estimation of fraternity men, it seems to me that this change, insofar as changes have actually occurred, has been brought about in part and very largely by causes other than chapter house life. I should say that the men who entered college twenty or thirty years ago were on the whole rather less able financially to indulge in social pleasures. They came to college primarily to get an education; they felt that they had only a limited amount either of time or money that they could spend in college, and they consequently applied themselves more strictly to study. As the country has become more prosperous, the men coming up to college have come better able to spend their money in social and athletic recreation, and they have done so to a greater extent. That society and athletics may be too much indulged in to the detriment of sound scholarship I have no doubt, and I fear has been the case in some instances, but not to an alarming extent.

I believe the new state of affairs is in many respects better for the college men than the old. A very high average of scholarship does not benefit man greatly unless he continues for the purpose of teaching or of carrying on original research. An exact knowledge of all the subjects offered a man is of little value to him in business, but the people he meets or has to deal with after he gets out of college, like the men he meets in college, are social creatures, and by learning to get along with his fellows in the chapter house and in the social life outside of it he fits himself best to deal with affairs successfully after leaving school.

Again, it seems to be that while a very much larger amount of time is given to athletics in recent years, it is not on account of the fraternity or the chapter house, but that the fraternity has felt the effect of a larger movement which has influenced all our institutions of learning, the fraternity man along with the non-fraternity men, the faculty and the gen-eral public. It seems to me that while it may be the duty of fraternity men to coöperate with the college authorities and with other college men in whatever steps may be taken to put our college athletics upon a more rational basis, it is their duty primarily, not as fraternity men, but as college men and as good citizens, the same as it is the duty of all college men. In short, the evils of athletics are not chargeable to fraternity men any more than the non-fraternity nor nearly as much to either as to the athletic boards of control or to the college authorities themselves. Good athletic teams receive extended treatment in the daily papers, and success in athletic contests secures for a college the most effective advertising it can get. It is the desire on the part of college authorities to get extensive publicity of this kind that has led them, I fear in too many instances, to condone a poor grade of scholarship in their athletics. If it were not for this keen competition for new students, the scholarship and the amateur standing of our athletic representatives would be subjected to a much more rigid scrutiny. The evils of loose scholarship and profession-alism would be very largely eliminated. The responsibility for taking the initiative in measures to check the excesses to which college athletics have been carried lies with the college authorities themselves.

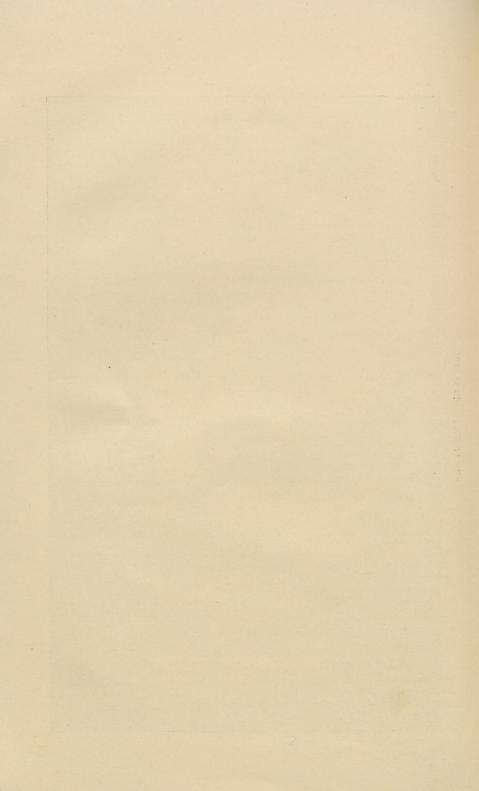
Again, I wish to dissent from one of the propositions laid down by Professor McDermott. I did not tind a low moral atmosphere in the fraternities at the university which I attended, either in my own under-graduate chapter, Beta, nor in my chapter of Delta Chi in the law school, nor, so far as my acquaintance has extended, in the chapters of other nor, so far as my acquaintance has extended, in the chapters of other fraternities. I found very little in the way of unfavorable influences which I felt called upon to combat, but, on the contrary, there is much to inspire and encourage a man so that I have always felt that the fra-ternity did me a great deal more good than I was ever able to do in return. This, so far as I am able to learn, is the common experience of frategrity mon. At the same time, I am annull to the fact that I wight fraternity men. At the same time I am sensible to the fact that I might have stood higher in scholarship had I been a non-fraternity man, for unquestionably fraternity life leads a man into other activities and leaves less time for study, but I believe most men would rather forego the advantages of high standing in scholarship than to lose the advantage of the association and training they receive in chapter house life.

There are some exceptions, but in most instances I believe the alumni and the upperclassmen in fraternities do, as a matter of fact, assume the responsibility of exercising over the chapter and the underclassmen such an influence as is for their good. They have their house rules fixing the hours of study and recreation and prohibiting certain graver abuses. These are enforced sometimes by the suspension or expulsion of refractory members, but more often by the example or admonition of fellowfraternity men whose good will and good opinion are a sufficiently strong incentive to right doing.

# FROM GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN, GRAND REGENT, KAPPA PSI.

THE fraternity system has come to stay, despite the opposition of certain prominent college faculties, and will continue to bring together men of congenial temperaments, just as sure as the colleges will continue





to instruct the youth of the country. Divide your student body into groups and place them in college dormitories and what have you got? A selected set of students working under a system similar to the fraternity groups, without the desirable features of congeniality, group endeavor and group responsibility. Which is the more desirable? A group, as above depicted, or one in which every member endeavors to maintain a certain standard of morality, has an interest in the welfare of every other member and in which he bears a certain brotherly affection for every other member. Organized effort is ever superior to effort without direction, and the fraternity chapter must necessarily be a greater power among college students than a group without a common aim.

#### FROM MISS INA FIRKINS, DELTA GAMMA.

**I** N PRESENTING Mr. McDermott's paper on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity" to the Greek press, the editor of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly evidently wishes to arouse the fraternity world to decisive action. The discussion will not bring about any sudden and beautiful reform in chapter houses, but it is a good subject to keep before the minds of the undergraduates.

That conditions in chapter houses can be and ought to be improved there is no disputing, but we do not altogether agree with the writer as to his facts, or the causes he adduces, or the remedies he suggests. In his letter to the editor, Mr. McDermott says that "it grieves him to see many of our strongest, ablest, cleanest, all-round young men *turn down* the fraternities because they think them effeminating." That statement cannot be sustained by facts. It is true that many students who develop into strong and able men are not fraternity members, but it is in ninetynine cases out of a hundred not because they have "turned down" the fraternities, but because they have not been asked to join them; the reason that they have not been invited to membership is the somewhat discreditable, although inevitable, one that fraternities do not deal in raw material. It is undeniable that personal attractiveness and good fellowship are the qualities for which members are selected in fraternities. That the possession of these qualities is not incompatible with force of character and sterling worth makes the strength of the Greek letter societies.

Mr. McDermott regrets that in the last twenty years the scholarly ideal among fraternity men has given place to one less worthy, and quotes figures to prove his statement. No doubt the figures are correct, but statistics have a way of proving a great many things that are not true. Within the last quarter of a century there has been a great change in academic conditions. When our fathers were young, for a youth to go to college was rather an extraordinary thing; unless a man anticipated a professional career for his son, he did not send him to college. Today a college education is considered a business asset, and young men and women continue their studies from the high school through the college with as little consideration of the value of the training as the child goes from the kindergarten to the primary school. Obviously our institutions must be flooded with less serious, less prepared, less capable students than the elder generation knew. There are only a few people in any community with the gift for real scholarship, but it is a talent that cannot be hidden, and every university and college cherishes a few choice spirits of this type. The proportion of scholars to the number of students is no doubt less, but their number is as great as ever. If they have the superficial graces also, they become fraternity members; if they lack them, their mere scholarship is not a reason for their reception into a group of friends whose first requirement is comradeship.

The age is a practical one; some of us may regret this fact, but we must accept it, and the thing for us to do is not to attempt a reversion to past conditions, but to so adapt training to present conditions that we shall be able to foster the humanities without jeopardizing the utilities. The college world is no longer a cloistered precinct, it is an integral part of the life of the community. Thirty years ago the members of the college faculties were selected groups of men, who by taste and custom kept away from the highway of life; today they rub shoulders with the crowd and are active workers in politics and civic life. The old order has changed and given place to new.

has changed and given place to new. The definite evils of chapter house life Mr. McDermott has very thoroughly investigated, also their advantages, and leave us just about where we started, rather uncertain as to whether they make for good or evil. The remedy for the defects, he suggests, lies with the alumni. Probably the alumni could correct most of the trouble if they would but they won't. It is only a few of the younger and less occupied alumni who are willing to give more time than it takes to write an occasional check to their fraternities. The salvation must come through the active chapters, whose interest in the matter is personal and keen. Our hope is in the upperclassmen. Juniors and Seniors can exert a much greater influence on the Freshmen than parents or alumni. With alumni sentiment, if not activity, behind them, the upperclassmen have the solution of the difficulty in their own hands. To foster the proper spirit of responsibility among them is the work of the fraternity conventions, of the journals, of the college faculties. Youth is strong to do what it desires because its faith is great.

## FROM MISS CHARLOTTE H. WALKER, EDITOR OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

**T** HE undue prominence given at present to social distinction, and the lack of vital interest in scholarship on the part of our fraternity undergraduates are but the natural reflection of the soirit of our times, and in particular of our alumni. As long as the chief efforts of our alumni are directed toward making Alpha Beta's lounging room more elegant in its appointments than that of Alpha Delta, so long will our undergraduates be chiefly interested in social rivalry. This we must expect until our alumni come to a realizing sense that it is the quality of the men graduated, not the cost of the house in which they live, which determines the superiority of one fraternity over another. Physical ease does not stimulate mental alertness. When our alumni

Physical ease does not stimulate mental alertness. When our alumni see that the luxuries, which their pride and generosity provide for the college youth of today, are a mere temptation to waste of time; when our fraternity houses become in reality a substitute for natural home life instead of pretentious clubs, then only may we expect a return to good scholarship.

But we need also a better mutual understanding between the fraternal organizations and the college faculties. On the university faculties, at

least, there are usually found several representatives of each fraternity. In such cases the fraternities should each elect an alumnus member of the faculty who would be responsible alike to the faculty and the fraternity for the scholarship of its members. Such an alumnus could speak with authority, but also with sympathetic understanding for the undergraduate. This the acknowledged duty of our alumni, i. e., to care for the scholarship of our undergraduates, would no longer be left to the haphazard oversight of chance alumni visitors and residents. It would become the duty of one man, elected for the purpose, and suited therefor by his special interest in, and knowledge of, the situation.

## FROM MISS GERTRUDE C. ROSS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GAMMA PHI BETA.

**P**RIMARILY it is the thought of our sorority that the nearest approach to a genuine life in the chapter houses will be found when we can place in them as chaperons members of our own sorority. By so doing we believe that the college chapters can more readily be made to feel the influence of the alumnæ, that the alumnæ will be more alive to their responsibility, and that this will result in maintaining the traditions and ideals of the sorority. With the judicious aid and supervision of one of their own number we think that the seniors will realize that they are the guides and examples of the underclassmen. When this responsibility is acknowledged it will, without doubt, create an atmosphere of pride in a well-regulated home life, a respect for authority, a proper seriousness towards college work and a loyalty to the institution, all of which will influence the newcomer and cause her to adjust herself more easily to her surroundings and to the demands of university life.

## FROM MRS. A. R. COOKE, GAMMA PHI BETA.

**P**ROFESSOR McDERMOTT'S article goes clearly to the root of the matter and voices the feelings I have had for a good while. It seems to me that the alumni who have the ideals and aims of their organization clearly in mind and who feel what should be the goal, should work with the members of the chapter who have some idea that a fraternity is not simply a method of social preferment. Try and impress upon them that proficiency in bridge and dancing and the ability to wear fine clothes well are not to be the first requisites in choosing new freshmen members. That being a crack football or baseball player does not presuppose high mental or moral development, suited to carrying out the best interests of the fraternity, though all of these things have their place. Let the chapter understand that the alumni consider it a disgrace to flunk, without exceptionally good reasons for so doing. Scholarship is not everything; many things go to the making of an all-around man. Teach the chapter to be proud of itself for its worth, for the place it holds in its fraternity, to keep its banner untarnished, its shield free from stain, its heart firm and impress a few men in the chapter, these can influence the others. If the chapter can be made what it should be, the house itself ought to give no trouble. If it is to be a drawback and hindrance to the best interests and development of the fraternity, it has no reason for its existence and should be abolished.

## In Memoriam

N the autumn of 1898, Epsilon initiated into the sisterhood five girls. Two of them have been claimed by the same disease—Lucy Lowe Traylor, who died December 29, 1901, and Mabel Johnson Mc-Creery on January 3, 1909.

Mabel Johnson was an active member of Epsilon for two years, and was the chapter's delegate to the Gamma Phi Beta convention held at Boston, 1899. She received her degree from the University of Nebraska in 1902, and the following year in June she married Mr. Earl McCreery. Soon after she left for Colorado and became identified with the Denver Alumna Chapter.

Her lovely, gentle, mild disposition made her a great favorite everywhere, and her many friends will always remember her for her thoughtfulness, for her sincerity, and for the sweetness of her character. So many beautiful things could be said of her—she was always so patient and uncomplaining, always generous and open hearted, and so loyal and staunch in her friendship, that to know her was to love her, and her death is keenly felt. To her family and to her husband we, her friends, send our tribute of sympathy, and, although we realize that their loss is very hard to bear, yet they may find much comfort in the thought that her life was so pure that the memory of it is as sacred as a blessing.

VICCI GAZZOLA DAPPLES FOR EPSILON CHAPTER.



THE college year is already at its close and while the senior is thinking of the "cold, cold world," the rest of the college is thinking of the seniors.

We do not intend to make the great blunder of saying goodbye to the Gamma Phi seniors, for we thoroughly trust that the sorority, if it has ever meant anything to them during their college life, has also taught them that they may not only be very helpful to their college and sorority after they go out from under their immediate care, (but though it may be hard for them to believe in these last school days), it is capable of growing more and more dear to them as the years pass. We say it is capable or this, for it all depends upon the senior herself after all. There are many Gamma Phi Betas scattered all over the country, and in foreign lands who are deeply interested in the growth and strength of the sorority and who attest that interest in many ways, lonely as they do feel at times and hungry for the mere sight of a crescent pin and the face of a beloved sister. These are the ones who gather greedily bits of interesting news of all their friends in every chapter and send it post-haste to THE CRESCENT so that those who are in the same predicament as themselvesmiles from a Gamma Phi-may share their pleasure. There are those loyal, faithful members of the alumnæ chapters who are wrapped up in the interests of the particular chapter that is under their wing, so to speak, and anxious for the welfare of the whole sorority.

We are not going to admit the size of the third class of which we are really ashamed. (Your editor has recently been going over the directory to get an estimate of the per cent of alumnæ who are either members of an alumæ chapter or subscribers to THE CRESCENT, and she finds the number pitifully small.) We only hope that the newly made alumna of every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta will resolve that as far as in her lies the interest in her chapter and the whole sorority will not be abated, but rather increased by the fact of her graduation. And we know both from experience and from the testimory of older alumnæ that this interest expended accrues in enormous dividends of pleasure and helpfulness to ourselves as the years pass.

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E were very glad to present in the March number of THE CRESCENT the excellent article on Chapter House Problems, by Professor McDermott, of Delta Upsilon. In this current issue of our quarterly our readers have on another page the symposium based on the article mentioned, and gathered together by Mr. Miller, of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, acting through the editors of the various magazines.

We are more than anxious that this very able article as well as the excellent and helpful comments upon it, will be carefully read by every Gamma Phi who sees THE CRESCENT, and thoroughly discussed in every chapter. Not only does this subject appeal to the girls resident in the chapter houses at present, but also to those who are contemplating a house, and above all to our alumnæ chapter members who have the welfare of our sorority close at heart in all matters social, mental and moral.

If the alumnæ or active chapters are anywhere sufficiently interested to make this a matter of discussion at their chapter meetings we sincerely hope that they will give the rest of the "unattached" alumnæ, who are also interested, the benefit of this discussion through the pages of THE CRESCENT in the next number.

S ENIORS! and those who do not expect to return to college next year! Do not fail, before leaving college, to send THE CRESCENT editor an address that will reach you in October. At the same time send the dollar for your next year's subscription (if you are not going to become a member of an alumnæ chapter) lest you forget it in the rush of things in the fall.

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THE editor would greatly appreciate it if this notice in THE CRESCENT would be carefully read and acted upon, and save an extra notification to each individual associate editor.

Please send the editor, before the close of this year, the name and address of THE CRESCENT correspondent, or Associate Editor, from your chapter for the coming year.

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## Chapter Letters for Year 1908-09

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### ALPHA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter which told you of the festivities of senior week and the winter sports and fun, Alpha has been leading a less strenuous life, though interspersed with plenty of pleasures.

February twenty-second the active girls entertained the alumni. The hostesses were quaintly dressed in the costume of "ye olden time," and the colonial idea was carried out in both entertainment and refreshments.

The donation party, given by the sophomores each year, took place March twenty-seventh, at the chapter house, and was a most cleverly arranged affair. After a laughable pantomine entitled "The Ballad of Mary Jane," and a cute little vaudeville sketch by the Gold Dust Twins, a very attractive Japanese play was given.

The last week in March the Fine Arts Fakirs of Crouse College gave their biennial Fake Show, which was a great success. This show is most unique and unusual, being the only thing of its kind given in any college.

Alpha wishes her sisters to know that she has changed her place of residence, having moved to a very attractive new home on Euclid avenue.

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(No Letter)

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#### GAMMA

S ISTERS in Gamma Phi: With the coming of spring, Gamma has to face the loss of her seniors. There will be five graduated from Letters and Science, three from the School of Music. Besides these, two finished in February. Even the presence of eighteen good freshmen scarcely makes up for the departure of all these seniors. Miss Winifred

Coon will give her commencement recital on May 18th. Allison More is to act on the Senior Play Committee.

Our annual formal occurred the twenty-fourth of April, and was a dinner-dance. The decorations for the table, pink roses and pink-shaded candleabra, were very pretty. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winslow and Miss Mary B. Hancock acted as chaperones. We had several out of town guests among whom were Miss Carolyn McCarty, of Epsilon, and Miss Elsa — , Gamma.

A recent University event of great interest was the original comic opera presented by the Haresfoot Dramatic Club. The entire cast was of men. The clever lines of this opera were written by Horatio Winslow, brother of two of our active girls, Emily and Edith Winslow. It is to be presented in Milwaukee and Chicago.

The alumnæ of the chapter who live in town had dinner with us and attended meeting on Monday, April 5.

In place of the usual interscholastic rushing, we are to have a house party. Although there can be no pledging on account of Pan-Hellenic ruling, it gives a good opportunity for girls who come back in the fall to become acquainted with us and for us to learn to know them. The guests will arrive Friday, May 28th, and remain till Monday. Friday afternoon there will be driving, Friday evening a formal dinner with an informal dance at the house following. Saturday the freshmen are to do the entertaining, and Saturday evening there is to be a dancing party. Sunday we are to hold open house.

Marie Carey was elected a member of the senior inter-sorority society, of which Margaret Ryan was already a member. Nora Buoll, Edith Brooke, Marie Mabis and Verona Pratt were elected members of Mystic Circle, the freshman society. Nora Buoll is now a member of the intersorority organization, Wislynx, which includes all classes.

The sophomores of all sororities were very pleasantly entertained by the sophomores of Kappa Kappa Gamma on Saturday, May 1st. The afternoon was passed in dancing.

Several Gamma girls attended the Epsilon formal given April 10th. They have many times spoken of the good time they had.

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#### DELTA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: As our last letter closed we were just about to have our valentine party on February 12. It's some time ago now, but we still remember the good natured slams which we gave and took.

Some time after this Delta held an initiation at the home of Helen Dame in Lynn, and we are so glad to introduce to you three new Gamma Phis, Flora B. Smith, 1909, Helen MacNeil, 1912, and Florence White, 1912. The last two were pledged last fall and we welcome them most hearily in the fuller joys of sorority life. Such a good time as we had after initiation, enjoying the delicious spread and later singing Gamma Phi songs.

"Are you going to rehearsal?" was a question often asked about this time, and on March 26 Delta, of Gamma Phi Beta presented "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar," a burlesque. A week later we gave the same play at the Central Congregational Church in Dorchester. Though rehearsing meant time and some sacrifice of other interests, we all felt that it had been worth while, after it was well over.

On the afternoon of April 7 we held a faculty tea at the sorority rooms. Such have been the principal doings of Gamma Phi Beta as a whole.

In the recent elections of the Young Women's Christian Association, Olive Marshall, '10, was chosen vice president, and Louise Nelson, '10, the chairman of the mission study committee.

This year again we are proud to have two proctors among our girls— Olive Marshall, who has been re-elected to the Senior proctorship, and Maud Hodges, who will be Junior proctor.

For the Gamma Delta play given April 17, Helen Byrne, '10, and Flora B. Smith, '09, were on the committee. The play, "A Doll's House," by Ibsen, was very well given and deserves much praise.

We are all looking forward to Junior week just now. A musicale, play, "Twelfth Night," dance, and picnic will be the events. Several Gamma Phis are represented on the committees.

Examinations are looming up in the distance, but before they come we are to enjoy our annual spring luncheon at the English Tea Rooms on April 24, and after they are over there is Senior week and house party to come; also some of the girls are intending to go to the Y. W. C. A. conference in June at Silver Bay.

Delta sends best wishes for a pleasant summer to all Gamma Phis.

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#### **EPSILON**

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Owing to the fact that Epsilon had no letter in the last issue of THE CRESCENT, the news this time will be somewhat old.

On February 19 we initiated seven Freshmen at the home of Elizabeth Davidson. Several Alumnæ and a few girls from other chapters were with us that evening. Adele Goble, one of our Juniors, led the Pan-Hellenic "prom" on February 12.

On the Saturday following there was an Alumnæ-active luncheon at the home of Mrs. Kraft, of Rogers Park. About thirty-five Gamma Phis were present.

On April 10 we had our formal party at the Evanston Country Club. Persis Rollins, a Senior, led the grand march with Ernest Dyrenforth. There were about eighty couples present.

Aside from a few rushing parties, that is all that Epsilon has done socially.

Helen Cowles was elected class prophet for Class Day. We will have three Seniors, Helen Cowles, Ethel Cowles and Persis Rollins, this year.

There has been some talk about sorority houses this year. The faculty has had several meetings with representatives of the different sororities, and there is some chance that we may have houses next year. If not then, we have more chance for them later. In that case, Epsilon will be better fitted to entertain Gamma Phis from other chapters.

Epsilon has been especially fortunate in having visitors from other chapters the last few weeks. This is probably the last letter that will go in THE CRESCENT this school year, so Epsilon wishes for all her sister chapters a happy and enjoyable summer.

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#### ZETA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: At last spring has arrived and with it the various class entertainments. On April 23 the Junior banquet to the Seniors, the most elaborate affair of the year, took place, and, since there are altogether eleven Gamma Phi Seniors and Juniors, we were well represented. As our Sophomores are busy working on the Sophomore Stunt to the Seniors, and the Freshman boat ride to the Juniors is to come off soon, the underclassmen, too, are having their share of work and fun.

The student organization elections for next year take place soon, and of course we are much interested in them, especially as two of our girls are nominees for offices. We already hold two offices for next year; for Anna Blanton, '11, has been elected art editor of *Donnybrook Fair*, the college annual, and Margaret Handy, '11, chairman of the summer conference committee of the Y. W. C. A. The latter expects to attend the student conference at Silver Bay and hopes to meet there many Gamma Phis from other chapters. A number of our girls are planning to attend the conference there or at Mountain Lake this summer. Flora Robinson, '08, is to have charge of the Student Volunteer Band at Mountain Lake Park, Md., and she, too, is in hopes of meeting Gamma Phis.

We are deep in plans now for our June banquet, which is to be held at the Hotel Rennert. We hope that a number of our Alumnæ will return for that occasion, for since we have our new song books we want to have as large a crowd as possible to use them.

After commencement we are to have our house party, probably at Rehoboth, Del., to which we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure. We had such a good time last year, and we have every reason to believe that this year's fun and good times will exceed even that.

We hope that every Gamma Phi may have as pleasant a summer as those who expect to attend the house party are looking forward to.

We are glad to announce the pledging of Isabel Kline, '12, who came to college in February. She is the sister of Caroline Kline, '09. We are very happy over our new pledge.

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#### ETA

D EAR Sisters: We send hearty greetings to you all and a great hope that we shall see you all—or at least very many of you—here with us next fall. Already our thoughts turn to the new semester, for we are on the eve of final examinations and therefore the close of this college year.

There have been many good times for Gamma Phi Betas since our last letter, among them Eta's annual banquet; also a very clever vaudeville given in the chapter house; the regular open house of Pan-Hellenic, held this time at our Gamma Phi house. Besides these, the upperclassmen in the sorority entertained the underclassmen, and the latter did the same in their turn for the upperclassmen.

But all of our energies, thoughts and money have been devoted to augmenting the house fund. It is Eta's pet dream to have a fine new house for convention, but we are afraid it is not to be realized. This last month our "house" enthusiasm culminated in the vaudeville show, to which our Alumnæ, mothers and relatives were cordially invited to come and to inadvertently be possessed at the same time with fifty cents. Such practicing and rehearsing as occurred the week before! We have one real Thespian in our midst, Alice Southworth, who was stage manager, actress and playwright combined. Everything was complete-programs heralding a "refined vaudeville," an orchestra and a capable troupe of stars, each excelling in a different line. And we must have been entertaining actresses in disguise, for such talent as was displayed was never dreamed of. It was a great success, and we made enough for some new shares, which was reward enough for all the work in preparation. After the vaudeville, the audience repaired to the "Gamma Phi Beta cafe," where coffee and cake were served.

And now we wish one and all of you the happiest of vacations.

#### THETA

W<sup>E</sup> wish to offer most humble apologies for the lack of a chapter letter in the last issue of Tur Coronne is it is play rehearsals the correspondent was unable to write herself or find another to do it for her.

The very first matter of importance to the chapter that we mention dates back to February 19, when our fifth annual play, "At the End of the Rainbow," was presented by the chapter at the Woman's Club Auditorium. How many, many times we have wished that each Gamma Phi chapter might share with us and with Miss Barbee the glory and praise we have received upon our last and greatest success in the line of dramatics! Financially, too, it was a huge success, and the receipts more than paid our expenses, and the remaining amount on our debt of \$1000 to the University Building Fund.

For six weeks we all devoted our spare moments to play rehearsals. Then, a tired but proud chapter of girls rested and lived on their glory, but the approach of spring awakened us to a realization of the fleeting time of this college term and of the courtesies we owed to others. So we planned a series of informal social affairs, all to be held at our Lodge in University Park.

The first, a luncheon for prospective Freshmen, the Senior girls from different city high schools. Next, a tea for the faculty ladies and the wives of faculty members, which was delightful to us all. Then, three little informal at homes to the fraternities-Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma. We were the guests of Pi Beta Phi at a reception recently and had the pleasure of meeting their province president, Miss Frye, of Seattle, who we were pleased to know has a Gamma Phi sister.

Mrs. Dr. Roberts and Mrs. McFarlane, the head of the English Composition Department of the University, entertained charmingly April 22 at a tea in honor of Theta, and we did have such a splendid time.

Our Seniors, Misses Allen, Hansen, Seaman, Tucker and Schiffer, were the guests at a luncheon given in their honor by the Alumnæ chapter April 3. We regret so much that Miss Allen and Miss Tucker have both been absent from college this term, although they will graduate with their class. Miss Tucker is teaching in the Leyden public schools and Miss Allen in the Golden high school.

April 30 is high school night at the University, and two of our chapters have been chosen to receive for their classes, with Chancellor and Mrs. Buchtel and Dean and Mrs. Howe; Miss Seaman for the Seniors, Miss Poole for the Freshmen. We have planned a supper at the Lodge the same evening for girls whom we wish to rush for next year.

On May 7 our Seniors give their "farewell" to the chapter, a dance at the home of Miss Webb. Although we anticipate the event with great pleasure, still we feel a tug at our heartstrings when we realize the real parting time is so near at hand, for on May 29 we hold our spring banquet, the chapter's goodby to its Seniors. The graduating exercises will take place on Thursday, May 28, earlier than they have ever been before.

The Senior play is to be a hugh success, we feel sure, and Theta is duly proud of the fact that one of her members, Miss Seaman, is one of the three playwrights who wrote it, and that another one of her Seniors, Miss Hansen, has a leading rôle in the presentation.

At a recent meeting we decided upon the two lots which we will buy as a building site for our new lodge. This is the first tangible result we have had since we began our building fund in 1906, and according to our agreement with Miss Iliff the house must be erected and furnished without the incurrence of debt by December, 1916, so we all feel rejoiced at the first step toward this end.

As yet we have had no Pan-Hellenic conference to agree upon rushing rules for next year, but we hope to be acting under the bonds of a written constitution formally adopted by the three sororiti s. This will ensure a definite understanding regarding matters of rule-interpretation and penalties attached to a failure to observe these rules, and also give us a foundation ison which to build new rushing requirements each year.

Theta, in closing, wishes all Gamma Phi Seniors success and prosperity and all active girls a delightful summer vacation.

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## IOTA

D EAR Sisters: Iota's letter will be very full of initiation this time, for, although the initiation will have been put in its proper place in the perspective of past events when you read this, as I write the ceremony is but just over and our enthusiasm still at its height. For two years we have been anticipating yesterday. We pledged eleven girls, and yesterday saw ten pledglings turned into fullfledged Gamma Phis. Let me introduce them all: Laura Bennett, Helen Brown, Ruth Carroll, Grace Gilleaudeau, Ruth Halses, Margaret Hart, Alice O'Gorman, Marion Pratt, Marguerite Reynar, Helen Wilkes. Aurill Bishop, the eleventh, could not be initiated because of mumps. So many foreign sisters came to help us that our circle numbered forty. Miss Olney and Miss Kaufman, of Lambda, succeeded in keeping our rather excited Sophomores quite quiet; indeed, Miss Kaufman inspired them with a great respect for her. Miss Thoburn, Mu, Miss McGregory, Beta, Miss Goodsell, Delta, and many dear Alphas were the decorating committee for both animate and inanimate. We could

not have done without them, and they enjoyed comparing notes on how they did this or that at home as much as we did. But most of all we were glad to have our new members meet them. The banquet was one hilarious roar of conversation, through which the toasts penetrated with difficulty. We lingered long to sing until the shades of evening threatened to fall, so loth were we to let today become yesterday.

Other chapter news fade to insignificance beside "the event." Rushing is a thing of the past. The local Pan-Hellenic survives only by virtue of the need of rushing rules for next year. We have for the last time rerevised a constitution, which has gone to press—to its grave, the delegates devoutly hope. A petition to the faculty for an earlier pledge day is now on the carpet.

As for matters of college interest, two of our girls appeared before the footlights as a marine and a captain of guards in the undergraduates' play. The marine was vastly complimented by being favorably compared to a Bowery tough.

The more serious side of college is now in the ascendant, with finals but three weeks off and innumerable papers to be in before that time; and also with teas and receptions to the departing Seniors to be taken in in the intervals between cramming.

We wish all of you a happy summer vacation, though the words come strangely so early in the spring, and that your rest be as fitting a reward for your labor as ours will be.

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#### KAPPA

D EAR Gamma Phi Beta Sisters: At last our long waiting is over, and we can present to you our ten new Gamma Phi Betas. They are: Hazel Strong, St. Paul; Katherine Sullivan, Stillwater; Louise Sumner, St. Paul; Kathleen Hart, Mankato; Florence Underwood, Fergus Falls, and Mary Jones, Ethel Robertson, Julia Barnum, Eva Wilkinson and Helen Little, all from Minneapolis. With what joy we took them for our sisters after having learned to love them through the whole long year.

We at Minnesota are now in the throes of a discussion over the proper length of the rushing season and the date for pledge day. In Pan-Hellenic conference all the sororities, with the exception of Kappa Alpha Theta, agreed to set pledge day at April 3, each sorority to be allowed one formal rushing party previous to that date, and the rest of the year to be spent in merely learning to know the Freshmen. There was to be no rushing whatsoever. This plan sounded splendid to us all, and a sigh of relief was heaved over the fact that there would be no rush and scramble at the beginning of the year. There is much to be said in favor of the

system, but it seems to be the general opinion of sorority girls here that it has not been entirely successful. We have learned to know the Freshmen, and scholarship has been held up as a standard, for no Freshman with a condition or failure against her was eligible, but the strain on both Freshmen and upperclassmen has been most trying. It seems to be the general opinion that some other system will have to be adopted.

Kappa is feeling very happy with her nice big family. There are twentythree of us now, and she sends love and greetings to all her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

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#### LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Since our last letter was written we have initiated two more freshmen, Alice Courtney and Wilhelmina Schumacher. They are both lovely girls and we are mighty glad to make them full-fledged Gamma Phis.

Also within the last two months two new national charters have been granted here—Alpha Gamma Delta and Chi Omega. This makes a total of eight national sororities at Washington.

The end of our college semester is drawing near and we are preparing to finish in a whirl of gayety. Only a month is left for the innumerable picnics, dances, and launch parties which crowd around commencement time. Junior week, senior week, and the "stunts" in between have completely filled the date calendar.

On April 8th the new A. Y. P. auditorum was formally thrown open to the university by means of a concert given by the combined musical clubs of the college. Six Gamma Phis—Hilda Eisenbeis, Inez Hadley, Therese Preston, Rosella Mohr, Alice Courtney and Nell Frater—sang in the Women's chorus and one little Freshman, Alice Courtney, made us all very proud of her with her pretty solo.

Other girls are prominent along other lines. Helen Urquhart has been nominated for senior representative on the Woman's League Board of Control, Edna Byrd is on the Senior Ball Committee, Grace King on the Junior Prom Committee, and many other juniors on the less important committees.

Now that commencement is so near we realize how we will miss our Seniors, Edna Byrd, Doris Best and Myrtle Powers, when they are no longer with us. We can only hope that they will visit us often next year.

Well, girls, we are hoping to see some of you at the fair this summer, so don't forget to look us up if you come west. A happy vacation to you all.

#### MU

T OO seldom perhaps in the strain of college work, and the worry of college and chapter activities, we remember that only a few months remain until we shall all be scattered our separate ways. But with spring well upon us and summer just a step beyond, we do realize far too poignantly at times that in only a few more weeks the house on the hill will be deserted and the girls gone their diverse paths. To a few, too, these will be the last weeks for graduation takes from us both Mabel Grav and Florence Forbes. Edna Earle will also receive her degree, but expects to pursue a graduate course here next year. But if sometimes we remember, if in the hour after dinner before we divide for our various studies or engagements, when the musical ones gather around the piano, the "athletically inclined" indulge in amateur imitation of baseball on the front lawn, fortunately secluded from the sight of the "the Row," a few may wander up the hill towards the sunset, and then, turning back to the home so dear to all of us, may glimpse in a flash the fleeting shortness of this college life, the realization is not for long and in a moment they, too, are hurried away. For surely more of gladness than of sadness shades the color of these last few weeks and although we are drawn together in a deeper way because of this consciousness of separation within us, at least we rarely have time to be depressed by it.

However, several weeks and even months have elapsed since Mu has greeted her sister chapters and an inclusive glance at the semester as a whole might be more appropriate than one long look at these last few weeks. We gave our largest social functions last semester and early in this, but the annual under-classmen dance is planned for April 30th. In March, the Pan-Hellenic Association entertained in our house in honor of the new chapter of Delta Delta Delta established here, and we have also received and given hospitality at various smaller affairs.

Junior day, according to Stanford custom, was set for the last day before spring vacation, and most of the girls attended the interclass athletic contests during the day and the prom given by the third-year class that evening. Eleanor Dean, one of our freshmen, took part in the opera given the night preceding this gala day.

Few of the girls went home for the spring recess, but were here the greater part of the week, thus accepting the opportunity to enjoy college life without the all absorbing demands of college work.

Contrary to all natural laws, the reaping season usually reaches its height in May. Then the conscientious students receive their well earned deserts and the girls active in the college world likewise reap their rewards. No Phi Beta Kappas were recruited from our ranks this year, but

Gamma Phi can boast a high standard of scholarship. For college distinction, however, several of the girls came in for their share. Ethel Palmer and Sarah Bundy, two of our juniors, were rewarded with the election to Cap and Gown, the senior women's honor society. They have both played a prominent part in the women's activities since their freshmen year and have recently been made, respectively, treasurer of Women's League, and vice president of the Women's Athletic Association, the two foremost organizations among the co-eds. Also, Miss Palmer has been elected vice president of the Students Guild, and president of the Pan-Hellenic Association for next year, and Miss Bundy has been re-elected captain of the 'Varsity basketball team, and played on both the tennis and basketball intercollegiate teams this year. Ruth Hutchinson, '12, is to manage the women's tennis team next year; Mildred Hayes, '11, has been made a member of the 1911 Quad Board, which edits the college annual; and in the dramatic line, both Florence Forbes, '09, and Eleanor Dean, '12, have been chosen for parts in the Senior Farce.

As a whole this year has been mighty successful internally and externally to Mu chapter, and will close with a happy feeling mixed with sadness. To every one of you we wish a most enjoyable summer and hope for you, as we do for ourselves, that next year will find you all back again.

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#### NU

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This is the quiet season of the year at Oregon. All social affairs are informal, the Senior play is in preparation, the new dramatic club is at work on small skits, the track and baseball teams are hard at work, and tennis and canoeing are also receiving a great deal of attention.

A dramatic club was organized the latter part of February, with Jessie Hurley, one of our Seniors, as president. There has long been a need for such an organization, and the work has been taken up very enthusiastically. A farce was put on April 14, in which Ruth Duniway and Edith Woodcock took part. There will be another one about May 13, the first night of Junior week-end, in which Helen Beach is to have a part.

On May 7 the Seniors will present "The College Widow." The cast is a splendid one, and we are all anxious for the night to come. A small part in this play has been given to Blanche Huston.

The Kappa Sigmas gave a party late in February, which everyone enjoyed very much. Most of the girls were invited, and we had also eleven house guests for the affair—Mrs. Zera Snow, Misses Louise and Evelyn Carey, Katherine Holbrook, Evelyn Ijams, Mildred Vail and Edith Sheehy, of Portland, Lueen Moreland and Althea Moores, of Salem, and two of last year's Alumnæ, Eda and Clara Caufield, of Oregon City.

One evening in March the men of the Delta Alpha Fraternity came over to the house, and we danced for a couple of hours. The whole affair was very informal, and if our guests enjoyed it as much as we, we will be perfectly satisfied.

Spring vacation begins April 16 and lasts a week. Nearly everyone is going home for it, and all are anxious for the time to come. We are almost as glad to come back again at the end of it.

Three weeks after vacation comes Junior week-end, the most important social event of the college year. The festivities will begin Thursday night with the farce given by the Dramatic Club; Friday morning all University men work on the campus, and at noon the girls serve a lunch for them in the men's dormitory. That night the Junior orations are given, and the next day there are two baseball games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Last and most important of all is the Junior hop, on Saturday night. Everyone in college and all their guests go to this. Every fraternity and sorority house is filled with guests for the affair.

Chi Omega has granted a charter to Zeta Iota Phi, a local sorority. The Zeta Iota Phis are a very fine crowd of girls, and we are very glad of their good fortune.

Nu wishes to you, one and all, the most pleasant summer vacation.

#### CHICAGO

(No Letter)

## SYRACUSE

DEAR Sisters: I wonder if you of summer clime can half fancy how glad we were to see our first robin the other day.

## "Wiser bird than all the rest,

Wears red flannel on his chest."

And on the strength of what he told us, we've packed away the cough syrup bottle in moth balls for the summer, put our sweet pea seeds a-soak; gotten down our biggest chopping bowl from the top pantry shelf and now—adorned with the fruits of the whole earth, they do say (as shouldn't) that it is the "very sweetest" hat we ever had. If you come to commencement you'll see it, sure!

Washington had his birthday party at the chapter house this year, on February 23d, and the alumnæ who were there enjoyed it so much-more even, than Washington did.

Our regular March meeting was at Mrs. Rosita Mones Brown's, and was largely attended, among the number being Miss Jane Lewis. On April

17th she sailed from Philadelphia for Johannesburg, where she is soon to marry Lieutenant Gray, a mining engineer, and they are to (literally) "live over a gold mine." Her sister, Mrs. Corrine Robinson, came from Washington to Philadelphia to see her off. As soon as she can she has promised to tell THE CRESCENT readers about her new home.

Saturday evening, March 27th, occurred the annual donation party at the chapter house. The sophomores entertained us by a clever Japanese play. The Gold Dust Twins were in evidence; the Gamma Phi orchestra discoursed sweet music and in every way the donation party was a success.

The April meeting took the form of a house picnic at Mrs. Myra Draper's. She has been in this country nearly six years educating her children, but is to return in August, with Dr. Draper to Japan, leaving one son and one daughter here in college.

At the recent funeral of Edward Smith, former superintendent of school, a majority of the teaching force of Syracuse was present. There were no sessions during that afternoon and the school flags were at half mast. Mr. Smith was the father of Mrs. Mary S. Hopkins, '09, and to her the sympathy of Gamma Phi is extended.

That women *can* saw straight, and hit the nail on the head, has been demonstrated by Milicent Hinckley, and two of her associate high school teachers. They are to be found many an afternoon evolving artistic furniture from rough lumber. It is even said that old warped table leaves are made to blossom into rose (wood) table, and without any bruised fingers, too!

The May meeting was last Saturday at Mrs. Flick's. Many items of business were attended to and later our Gamma Phi seniors were entertained.

At this late day, may Syracuse emphasize the welcome to our Nu chapter-even if it is No. 13.

We are proud that Gamma Phi Beta stands for high ideals for honor, for love to all, and service to as many as she can reach.

You who have commenced with Wordsworth, know how the youth was helped "who by the Vision splendid, was on his way attended." And so, whether in vocation or in vacation, can we who wear the pin do less than to try our level best, to measure up to the faith of our founders and their fine example in trying to make Gamma Phi Beta a real power in the Greek Letter world.

> SBOSTON (No Letter)

#### NEW YORK

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: We held our last meeting for the year on March 27 at the home of Edna Stitt, and were very glad to have an attendance of thirty-nine, representing eight Greek letter chapters. We welcomed several new sisters, among whom were Elizabeth Gatch, Zeta, '06; Helen Brown, Zeta, '05; Josephine Stone, Zeta, '07; Anne Goodsell, Delta, '08, and Edith Adams Finley, Lambda. We were delighted to receive the news that the song books were ready to send out and are planning to christen them at our banquet in May. Our membership is so necessarily scattered that we see little of each other between meetings; still we feel the strong bonds of Gamma Phi and have the most lively interest in all that pertains to her. We hope that every one of our girls may have a most delightful summer and return in the fall more enthusiastic than ever.

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## MILWAUKEE

S ISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Milwaukee Alumnæ's February meeting with Mary Lafin Jones and Bernice Hunter Hoffmann is long past. Today our thoughts are upon the gathering at the home of Julia Richardson McLenegan, on Saturday, April 24, when Mrs. McLenegan and Gertrude Ross entertained at a luncheon. With us for this meeting were Mary Knox Kreutzer and Florence Stott Sullivan, who in passing through our city revived their interest in sorority affairs.

A short business meeting was held, when a most gratifying report was read in Gamma's chapter house investment. We alumnæ feel rich beyond expression over our stock and the interest it is paying us.

There is one thought now uppermost in our minds—Gamma's spring banquet in June. On this occasion we forget the dignity of pedagogue or matron and are mere Sophomores.

At Wisconsin this year we are to have an innovation, for all the fraternities and sororities have united in setting aside the same day for their respective banquets, and now we shall rejoice in old college friends as well as in sisters.

Commencement this year brings with it an added interest—that of the unveiling of the Lincoln statue donated to the University by Thomas E. Brittingham, a Gamma Phi brother.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

(No Letter)

#### DENVER

C INCE it was only last Saturday, April 17, that the Pan-Hellenic Association gave its annual luncheon, it naturally comes first to our minds as something of interest to Gamma Phis outside of Denver as well as those in our midst. Readers of THE CRESCENT know how this association was formed a year ago to further inter-fraternity acquaintance. Our first year bringing us opportunities for philanthropic work, we determined, now that we are established on a firm basis, to make that in part our raison d'être. With that object in view we have doubled our annual dues in order to have a fund on which to draw when a call comes from any sorority woman in need of assistance. We hope that in time our fund may grow to such proportions that we can establish a scholarship for the aid of ambitious girls. About twenty Gamma Phis were present, nearly a fifth of the whole number, which included also representatives from Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta. Miss Frye, one of Pi Phi's province presidents, was a guest of the association. At the business meeting following the luncheon, Lindsay Barbee was elected to the vice-presidency, which the rotation of offices brings to us this year.

Another event of the spring was the Senior luncheon. It is our custom to entertain each year's Seniors in one way or another just before they take up their share of the world's work. This year the entertainment took the form of a luncheon at the Brown Palace on April 3. Unfortunately, not all of our Seniors were able to attend, but we confidently expect that they will join our ranks as soon as the possession of their coveted degrees makes them eligible. About twenty-four alumnæ were present, among them several out-of-town girls who were in town for the Easter holidays. To compensate in part for the absence of two of our guests we had with us Lois Miles Jackson, of Epsilon, whom we are very glad to welcome among us. Those of us who were present at the March meeting had already had the pleasure of meeting her, and we were very glad to extend that pleasure to others of our number. We hope that all Gamma Phi's coming to Denver will follow her good example and identify themselves with us promptly.

As June approaches our thoughts turn naturally to all our Seniors throughout the country. We wish them all a happy commencement, high hopes for the future, unfaltering courage to meet it and success in whatever they undertake. And to Seniors and alumnæ alike we wish a very happy summer.

#### MINNESOTA

O UR activities for this quarter were so fully merged into those of the active chapter that to write a letter containing news distinctly alumnæ in character is impossible. It is so easy to overlook the difference between active and alumnæ that we sometimes find ourselves trying to vote in active meeting.

The enjoyable frenzy, that we all know, over freshmen, pledge day, and initiation, became so tenaciously fastened upon us that we have been utterly blind and deaf to all other matters. Our first meeting was held with Mrs. Batson, and Freshmen and chapter houses were discussed. The next meeting, at Mrs. Jones' came nearer the date of pledge day, consequently the one topic under discussion was Freshmen.

A social meeting for both active and alumnæ members of Gamma Phi, held with Hazel and Helen Lovell, resolved into a mosaic, one might say, with groups of three or four enthusiastic Gamma Phis seeking corners in which to come to a conclusion regarding a small, but important point. Our last meeting, with Marion Jones, was a most joyous one of congratulation over the many fine strong girls Kappa chapter had won for Gamma Phi.

April third was pledge day and the active and alumnæ chapters received at Helen Riheldaffer's. We were a very happy group of hostesses to a happy group of guests. The dinner afterwards surely smacked of celebration!

On April twenty-first the ten Freshmen were initiated at the home of Lora Gooding. Marion Jones and Pearl Weston ably managed the initiation ceremonies.

We are now looking forward to the Gamma Phi formal. As soon as the formal becomes history, we will anticipate the banquet, and then the annual house party at Lake Minnetauka, when we are always sure of renewing old intimacies that circumstances have broken.

We wish a happy summer to all of you.

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## Personals

#### Alpha

Christina McLennan, '09, spent Easter in New York.

Dierdre Mace, '08, is visiting friends in Burnsville, W. Va.

Jess Trueman, '09, has accepted a position as science teacher in Colonial School, Washington, D. C.

Mildred Fulmer, '10, and Marion Beecher, '10, spent the Easter vacation visiting friends in New York.

Alpha wishes to announce the pledging of Emily Price, '12, Syracuse, N. Y., and Edna Brandt, '12, Ilion, N. Y.

#### Gamma

Elsa Costendycke, ex-'09, spent a week the guest of the chapter and attended the formal dance.

Bernice Dow Brush, '06, who has been living in Minot, North Dakota, is now living in Madison.

Marie Mabis, Magdalena Carpenter, Bess Newell and Ruth Cotten were at Northwestern University to attend Epsilon's formal on April 10.

Carrie Morgan, a charter member of Gamma, has been visiting at the home of Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, another charter member. She has called several times at the chapter house.

Mrs. Frank Case, formerly Nell Smith, who spent the winter in Southern Europe, is now in Italy waiting her husband's arrival from Manila. Together they will return to take up their residence in the United States.

#### Delta

Bertha Perley, ex-'09, is teaching kindergarten this year in Orange, Mass.

The Misses Anna M. and Elizabeth P. Putnam have just sailed for Europe.

Elsie Hatch, '08, who is teaching in Cliftondale, spent the spring vacation in Washington with the senior class.

#### Epsilon

Violet Dungan, Lambda, was also here on that date.

Hazel Driver, Gamma, attended our formal on April 10.

Sydney Hall, '05, spent the Easter holidays with her sister, Laura Hall.

Janet Childs, 'ex-'11, has returned from an extended trip through the South and East.

Bessie Newell, Magdalena Carpenter, Marie Mabis and Ruth Cotton, of Gamma, spent the Easter holidays with us.

#### Zeta

Miss Dame, of Delta, was in Baltimore during March.

Anna Blanton, '11, visited in Virginia during the holidays.

Faye Myers, '11, was in Chambersburg, Pa., for the vacation.

Jean Thoburn, '09, sails on June 26th, and will be abroad till September.

Helen Elizabeth Brown, '05, spent several days in Baltimore during April.

Kezia Warn Manifold, '09, has been called home by the illness of her father.

Katharine Scranton, '09, spent the holidays with Jessie Wilson, '08, at Princeton, New Jersey.

Sara Turner, '09, Mabel Haskins, and Jane Haskins, '09, spent their vacation at Timonium, Md.

Marion Scranton, '09, visited Margaret Handy, '11, in Newark, Delaware, during the spring vacation.

Mary Kendrick Christie, ex-'09, is visiting in Boston. She will probably reach Baltimore by commencement.

Anna and Alice Dimmick had the great pleasure of seeing Violet Dungan, of Lambda, during her short visit in Delaware, Ohio.

Violet Dungan, '09, of Lambda, visited Zeta chapter late in April. A small tea was given for her that she might meet the Zeta alumnæ.

Marion and Katharine Scranton, '09, will spend the summer in Switzerland, and in the fall they will return to their home in Scoul, Korea.

#### Cheta

Ora Bowman will spend the summer in Harrisburg, Va.

Mary Allen Green will spend the summer in Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth Stephenson will visit in Chicago during the month of June.

Angie Hayden has been forced to give up her college work on account of ill health.

Miss Seaman and Beulah Hood will spend the summer in East Aurora, New York.

Lucy Moore expects to visit in California and Seattle during the summer months.

Eleanor Reynolds is spending the spring months in Lexington, Mo., at Lexington College.

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs. Jackson, of Epsilon, at our chapter meetings.

Miss Kathyrn Allen is substituting for the last two months of the school year in the Golden High School.

#### Tota

Grace Gilleandeau, '11, holds the tennis championship.

A linen shower was given for Linda Savitz, '08, on March 27.

Anne Carroll, '07, and Ruth Carrol, '11, went home for Easter.

Ruth Halses, '11, spent ten days at Easter at home in Ilion, N. Y.

Helen Aiguier, '09, and Sara Rome, '09, took part in the undergraduate play.

Aurill Bishop, our pledge, was kept from initiation by a malignant case of mumps.

Initiation was held in Helen Worral's big home in Hackensack, on Saturday, April 24.

Miss Loud, Alpha, was present and we had an opportunity to thank her for our song books.

Mrs. Beakes, Alpha, gave the toast to the sorority at initiation. Mrs. Caughy and Miss Anna Cole, both Alpha, were also with us.

Miss McGregory, Beta, Miss Goodsell, Delta, Miss Olney and Miss Kaufman, Lambda, and Miss Thoburn, Mu, came to our initiation.

Of our own alumnæ almost all were present-Laura Van Cise, Hazel Plate, Ethel Knox, Vina Peters, Laura Matthews, Ellen O'Gorman, Elda Fink, Linda Savitz, Mrs. Grace Conover Ross, Edna Stitt, Louise Kimball, Helen Carter.

#### Lambda

We are glad to welcome Barbara Applegate '11, of Beta, and we hope to have her with us again next fall.

Jeanette and Charlotte Perry have returned from a trip through California, where they visited Eta and Mu chapters.

Florence Lewis gave a delightful house party at her summer home, "Kee Way Din," on Eagle Harbor. Twelve guests were entertained.

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Cecil Harrold, Eta, '07, spent a few days at Stanford in April.

Mu enjoyed a visit from Eunice Gray, Gamma, during April.

Caroline Benson, '08, was with us during March. She expects to take a position here next fall and in that case will live at the chapter house.

The intercollegiate athletic events between Stanford and California took many of us to the Eta house, where we received the usual cordial hospitality of our sisters across the bay.

Ruth and Winifred Gilbert, who have been traveling in Europe for nearly a year, expect to land at New York in June. After an extensive visit in the East they will return to Palo Alto, and Mu chapter is impatiently awaiting their arrival.

The Y. W. C. A. conference at Capitola this spring brought to Mut visit from two '07 girls, Pauline Gartzman and Elise Owen, who spent a week with the chapter. Although the Stanford girls are rather isolated from their alumnæ they have been especially fortunate in drawing "the old girls" back on visits.

#### Syracuse

Mrs. Myrta Kenaston Russell, '88, of Buffalo, visited in our city in February.

Miss Louise Knapp, '05, of Utica, recently visited Miss Jessie Page, on Waverly avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Leete (Gertrude Fuller), '89, are leaving the first of May for a three months' trip abroad.

Miss Sarah Avery, '98, is to spend her May vacation with Mrs. Corrinne Robinson, '98, in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Minnie Mason Beebe, '90, Professor of French and History in the University, is to leave soon for a summer of study abroad.

Mrs. May Hamblen Eaton, '87, recently visited Washington, D. C., with her small sons, and called upon President Taft at the White House.

Gamma Phi Betas are grieved to hear of the sorrow that has come to Lucy Smith Dawson, of Alpha, in the death of her father on March 26.

Emma F. Lowd, Delta, '87, and New York alumnæ, has been appointed first assistant in the English Department of the Washington Irving High School of New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Flick, '98, expect to conduct, through June, July and August, a travel-study club in Europe. One Gamma Phi, Miss Mary L. Williams, and perhaps others are to be of the party.

#### new York

Louise Putnam, Delta, '89, was the guest of Emma Lowd in March, and attended the alumnæ meeting at the home of Miss Stitt.

Carolyn Hammond, Alpha, '01, Grace Conover Ross, Iota, '05, Elizabeth Kaufman, Lambda, '07, were present at the March meeting.

Mrs. H. T. Dawson (Lulu Smith), Alpha, '81, was called to her home in Syracuse by the death of her father, Edward Smith, the former superintendent of schools of that city. Mr. Smith died the twenty-sixth of March at an advanced age at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Dalton. Two of his daughters, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Hopkins, are Gamma Phis.

#### milwaukee

Mrs. Catharine Moss and daughter are visiting in Neenah.

Mrs. Evan Jones entertained at a series of parties recently.

Mrs. E. P. Sherry recently attended grand opera in Chicago.

Miss Allison More, Gamma, was a recent guest of Milwaukee friends. Miss Grace McDonnell, of Evanston, recently visited Whitewater and Milwaukee friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Rose went to Madison to chaperon the Phi Delta Theta "Prom" house party.

Jean William, of Waukesha, spent several days at Easter time in Ft. Atkinson, the guest of Edith McMillen, Gamma.

Mary Knox Kreutzer, of Wausau, spent several days in the city on her way home from attending grand opera in Chicago.

Mrs. Florence Stott Sullivan, of New York, spent some time in the city the guest of Bernice Hunter Hoffman, prior to the establishment of her home in Madison. Gamma Phis will always be welcome and I am sure the Gamma girls will appreciate such an enthusiastic addition to their circle.

#### Denver

Edith Wallace is going east for the summer.

Elizabeth Church Grant will spend the summer abroad.

Esther Doll is recovering from a rather serious illness.

Marian Van Dyne has been spending a few days with Chellie Stevens Wright.

Louise Iliff has been very ill as a result of her trip to Porto Rico. She is slowly improving.

Katharine Allen, '09, has accepted a position in the Golden High School for the rest of the year.

Isabelle White will go via Galveston and New York to Boston, where she will spend the summer.

Edna Myers Allen recently spent a week with Florence Slocum Southard, who entertained a number of Gamma Phis at luncheon in her honor.

#### Minnesota

Margaret Bell, of Mankato, came home for a short visit and to attend initiation.

Clara Taney and Agnes Ives were visiting in the Twin Cities during Easter vacation.

Mrs. Fred Keith, of Princeton, Minn., is visiting Lora Gooding and Ruth Tallant. She was present at initiation.

Sara Preston, of Chippewa Falls, and Rewey Belle Inglis, of New Ulm, spent the Easter vacation in Minneapolis.

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## Births

To Mrs. Aileen Hard Carr, Alpha, '04, a baby boy.

Born, to Mrs. Bonnie Burton Dennison, Gamma, a son.

Born, to Mrs. Nellie Etter Royce, Gamma, a daughter.

To Mrs. Florence Worster Allen, Alpha, '91, on Easter Sunday, a little daughter, Mary.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Harsen (nee Una Winterburn, Iota, '02) a son, Frederick Winterburn Harsen, on February 3.

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## Engagements

The engagement of Janet Newkirk, Theta, '07, has recently been announced.

Laura Mills Latimer, Alpha, 1900, to Dr. William James Graham, of Brooklyn.

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Arte Viele Mead, '04, Alpha, to Frank Bohr, D. K. E., of Syracuse University.

Myrtle Hutchins, Zeta, '04, has announced her engagement to Dr. F. W. Kee, of Sheldon, Ill.

Mu announces the engagement of Minifred Gilbert, Mu, ex-'08, to Carl Braun, Sigma Chi, of Stanford.

The engagement of Adele Goble, Epsilon, '10, to Fred Callman, Phi Kappa Psi, Northwestern, has been announced.

The marriage of Jeanette Cole, Mu, ex-'09, to Herbert Gilman, of Rochester, Minnesota, will occur in June.

The engagement of Elizabeth Davidson, Epsilon, '11, to Ernest Barbour, Theta Delta Chi, Washington University, has been announced.

The engagement of Ora Bowman, Theta, 09, to Mr. Julian Moore, Beta Theta Pi, '07, is announced. The marriage will take place in the fall.

The engagement of Helen Lewis, Mu, ex-'10, to Ernest Dudley, Delta Upsilon, a graduate of Stanford, has been announced, and their marriage is set for this summer.

The engagement of Myrta Rodearmel, Kappa, ex-'10, and Donald Simpson, ex-'10, Psi Upsilon, is announced. The wedding is to take place early in May.

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#### Marriages

The marriage of Helen Wagner, Theta, '06, to Mr. James A. Hazen, is announced.

Helen North, Mu., '05, and Ernest Strout, of Los Angeles, were married in February.

Ino Proctor, Gamma, '97, was married on January 27th to W. Kimball Walker, Los Angeles, California.

Winifred Higgins, Mu., ex-'10, was married April 15 to Lieutenant Richard Parks of the Engineers Corps of the U. S. A.

Elizabeth Whitney, Gamma, '08, was married on the seventeenth of April at Dubuque, Iowa, to James Griswold Knapp. They will live at Ashland, Wisconsin.

The wedding of Florence L. Rhodes, Epsilon, '10, to James Chambers, of Savanna, Ill., took place at her home in Savanna on February 16. Her attendants were Epsilon girls.

The wedding of Mary E. Bierer, Epsilon, '07, to Elmer Albritton, Phi Delta Theta, of Northwestern, took place at her home on February 15. Her attendants were Epsilon girls.

## Our Contemporaries in Black and White

W E acknoweldge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that exchanges he sent to these odder

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

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

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, Delaware, Ohio.

For January-

The Arrow of Pi Beta Pi; The Kappa Alpha Theta; Sigma Kappa Triangle; the Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; Kappa Alpha Journal; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

For February-

The Shield and Diamond; Alpha Xi Delta; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Centaur of Alpha Kappa; Beta Theta Pi; The Phi Gamma Delta; The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma; The Trident of Delta Delta; The Cadeuceus of Kappa Sigma; Alpha Phi Quarterly; The Eleusis of Chi Omega; Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha; Delta Chi Quarterly.

For March-

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; Kappa Alpha Theta; The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Delta Upsilon Quarterly; Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; Alpha Tau Omega Palm; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

For April-

The Phi Gamma Delta; Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Anchora of Delta Gamma; The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; Kappa Alpha Journal; The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha; Beta Theta Pi: The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

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National Panhellenic Conference announces the admission of Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity to full membership in the Conference.

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INNESOTA Alpha of Pi Beta Phi has issued a carefully prepared program of chapter meetings for the current academic year. Business meetings are held on alternate weeks; the third meeting of each month is a social meeting in charge of a special committee; the first meeting of each month is devoted to topics of general fraternity and educational interest. In the case of the latter the speaker of the evening is always an alumna of the fraternity. The subjects are as follows: "Minnesota Alpha and Its Relation to National Affairs"; "A Fraternity

Girl's Experience in the Far East"; "The Fraternity Girl and Her Place in College Life"; "The Fraternity Girl in Her Chapter": "A Fraternity Girl's Experiences Abroad"; "Famous Pi Phis": "The Social Side of Fraternity Life"; "A Comprehensive Discussion of Our National Rules and Regulations"; "Do Good Work in College Activities." There is no doubt that such a program guarantees interest in college and fraternity, in both undergraduate and alumnæ members. Appended to the program, which is bound in the fraternity colors, is a list of the members of the social committee, the committee on college activities, the Christmas sale committee, the scholarship committee and the board of directors of the Minnesota Alpha Pi Beta Phi Association. It is of especial interest to note that on each committee there is an alumna as adviser, and that in the case of the scholarship committee not only is there an alumna adviser, but the chairman of the committee is an alumna and a "faculty lady." There is no need to wonder whether or not this chapter and the alumnæ pull together. Such careful planning, such wise selection and such prudent judgment guarantee the prosperity of the chapter. Verbum sapienti satis est .- The Arrow of Phi Beta Phi.

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THOMAS E. BRITTINGHAM, of Madison, has given to the University of Wisconsin a replica of Weinman's heroic bronze statute of Lincoln, the only replica of the one erected jointly by the United States and the State of Kentucky at Lincoln's birthplace, Hodgenville, Ky. It will be placed in the center of the court of honor on the upper campus, and will be unveiled at commencement.

After the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition closes next fall, permanent buildings valued at \$600,000 will be inherited by the University of Washington, on whose campus the exposition will be held. Three of the largest exposition buildings will become the university auditorium, mechanics hall and chemistry building. The university will also benefit by the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars in parking the grounds. The

stadium, built for athletic events during the exposition, will revert to the university.—Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

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1893	Α. Ξ. Δ.	14			6	6
1897	А. О. П.	11			3	3
1872	А, Ф,	14	3	1886	4	7
1885	Α, Χ, Ω,	14	1	1895	8	9
1874	Г, Ф, В,	12	4	1904	3	7
1874	Δ. Γ.	19	2	1901	13	15
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Chapter Houses Owned or Rented by Women Fraternities

Opponents of the chapter house system claim that it tends to degrade scholarship. Be that as it may, this objection seems to me infinitely less dangerous than other smaller evils, because it is tangible and one that the fraternity as an organization can regulate, if it will. Every fraternity not only has the right, but ought to consider it a duty, to make and enforce rules concerning this matter. \* \* \*

The fraternity can control many of the larger, more tangible matters. It is to the smaller, more subtle dangers, that we must look for the real enemies of the chapter house. No fraternity

government can by rule abolish snobbishness, narrow interest, gossip, an over-critical attitude, willingness to shift responsibility or bad political instinct. These we believe are the sum total of all the remaining evils charged against the fraternity house system. We dislike to admit even a trace of their existence but realize that most criticisms arise from some foundation. Sometimes the faults are the result of misdirected enthusiasm, sometimes of habit, sometimes of the community. Whatever may be the direct cause, they indirectly come from a wrong attitude, from a failure to realize that through the "eternal law of compensation" we get out of everything just in accordance with what we put into it, that the privilege of membership, itself, cannot be had for nothing, but brings with it additional responsibilities, that no member of a chapter can do anything without in a greater or less degree affecting every other member, and, that everything that is worth while is gotten by hard work.

But suppose that the chapter has this wrong attitude, you ask, how can they get rid of it? The means I should suggest is indirect, yet I believe it will serve its purpose. Organize the chapter so that there is no time or room for anything petty. Do something for somebody else.

The matter, to be considered properly, would require a long discussion. This, however, is suggestive of the idea. Make out a certain amount of philanthropic work that might be accomplished in your neighborhood. The kind of work will vary greatly according to the situation of the college and the ability of the girls. Care must be taken, of course, to regard the amount of time each girl has to spend, but even if it were only one afternoon a month, if three others were willing to do the same, an afternoon a week would be dedicated, in the name of the chapter, to some special charitable concern. College settlement, Y. W. C. A. work, Consumer's League, "Friendly Visiting," sewing for charitable institutions, reading in hospitals, entertaining by musical ability, are only a few of the kinds of work that might be mentioned.

The chapter house problem is a serious one; the system has had disadvantages and limitations—but can we fear for its future? Have not the measures taken by our recent conventions proved that the fraternity is fully capable of regulating the larger matters? And do we not have faith enough in every chapter to know that in their hands it cannot go wrong?—The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

Religious Educational Association Convention

THE most interesting paper of all to the fraternity women was read by Mrs. Cora A. Woodward, Adviser of Women, University of Wisconsin, on the subject of sorority houses. She first sketched the sorority and what it stood for, its organization, extent, governments and growth. Then followed a most interesting description of the building of the first sorority house at Syracuse by Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi in 1886. The cornerstone was laid with all the formalities and ceremonies attending the laying of any corner-stone. The alumnæ realizing the need of a home for the chapter, as well as increased comforts possible to the individuals, gladly contributed to the building fund and made the house possible. It was primarily a home for the girls during their college life and successive sorority houses have shared the purposes of the initial one.

The chaperon is often called "Mother," which shows the personal regard in which she is held. She is in a position to exercise much influence for good. The necessity of maintaining the honor of the fraternity and the house results in a high standard of conduct for each individual. The feeble sister is urged to live in the house that she may have the influence of the older and stronger girls. It has been compared to a church "Which takes what you have to give and gives what you need to have." This fraternity house life supplies valuable lessons in practical home making as well as self-government. In fact in many cases the freshman rules are stricter than those of the college dormitory. The rules are generally filed with the university faculty.

As a whole the attitude of fraternity houses is fairly sane and they give to the college alumnæ—endowed houses for the students.

Mrs. Woodward, however, does not advocate sorority houses to a university which can care for all its students in college dormitories, but advises them as a substitute for boarding houses. Certain reforms are advocated. First a larger chapter unit making it unnecessary to fill the house with freshmen. The benefits of such a plan would be three-fold, to the girl, the fraternity, and the college. The freshman would thus have time and freedom herself to learn her work and classmates, without having these determined for her. The chief objections to fraternity houses, the lack of democracy and tendency to too absorbing home life would be avoided. In time she hopes that the sorority house will be the reward of the later years of college life, after a girl's position and friends have been established.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

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## Additions and Corrections for the Directory

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Barrett, Clara De Yoe (Mrs. F. W.), 1908Poultney, Vt.	
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Brown, Cornelia L., 1884	•
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Clark Stephanie, 1910 Pottsdam, N. Y	•
Cole, Anne Louise, 1894, New York Alumnae,New York, N. Y	*
237 West 109th Street.	
Daman, Blanche Stevens (Mrs. C. N.), 1885-86Syracuse, N. Y	
908 Madison Street.	
Dodson, Bertha, 1911 127 College Place, Syracuse, N. Y	
Draper Winifred 1911	
Dunlan Beatrice 1912	•
Dunlap, Frederika L., 1911	
Eckersley, Edna, 1909	
Edwards, Marian, 1907	
Farquahar, May, 1910Cambridge, Mass	3.
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Frisbee, Josephine, 1908	7
Gordon, Olive, 1911	-
Granger, May J., 1910 Mayville, N. Y	
Hamilton, Ruth, 1911Syracuse, N. Y	

Hoyt, Mabel Van Winkle (Mrs. G. W.), 1899, Syr. Alumnae....Syracuse, N. Y. 613 University Avenue. Johnson, Mabel Jacoby (Mrs. L.), 1899...... 304 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Joy, Genevieve, 1912.....Cazenovia, N. Y. King, Ruth, 1912..... N. Y. Knapp, Blanche, 1905......R. F. D., Camillus, N. Y. Lee, Louise, 1911...... Maher Ave., Greenwich, Conn. Lewis, Ruth Piatt (Mrs. W.), 1904......Kingston, Pa. Mason, Mary Elizabeth, 1902......14 N. Church St., Courtland, N. Y. Morrison, Anna, 1912...... Upper Red Hook, N. Y. McLennan, Edith, 1909 ..... N. Y. Oakley, Doris, 1910...... Newburg, N. Y. Peck, Bernice, 1911.....Grand Rapids, Mich. Pierce, Olive, 1910...... 21 Brinckerhoff Ave., Utica, N. Y. Reynolds, Katharine Smith (Mrs. C. E.), 1883...346 James St., Syracuse, N. Y. Schoefflin, Irma, 1903......Hamburg, N. Y. Sprague, Helen Graus (Mrs. R.), 1901.....407 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Trowbridge, Florence, 1894......110½ Collidge Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Webster, May, 1912...... N. Y. Welsh, Ethel Wells (Mrs. G.), 1906 ..... Barnum Place, Wilkesbarre, Pa. West, Edna M., 1911..... N. Y. Whitney, Mabel, 1910......Madrid, N. Y. Wilbur, Katharine Parkhurst (Mrs. F. H.), 1909......Wilkesbarre, Pa. 161 Parrish Street.

Will, Mary J. Monroe (Mrs. P.), 1901.....109 Culver Road, Rochester, N. Y.

#### BETA

Bigelow, Elizabeth, 1909Oliver St., Owosso, Mich.	
Boynton, Lilian, 1910Saginaw, Mich.	
Connor, Nellie B., 1910Owosso, Mich.	
Ely, Clara, 1911 "Elycroft," Rutherford, N. J.	
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Hall, Lora, 1911	
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Kingon, Melinda, 1909Hill and Tappan Sts., Ann Arbor, Mich.	
Lowry, Edna, 1910 Ingalls St., Ann Arbor, Mich.	
Lewis, Gladys, 1910Ithaca, Mich.	
Lydecker, Margaret, 19091014 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.	
Maloney, Mildred, 1911Battle Creek, Mich.	
Meeker, Louanna, 1911Greenville, O.	
Rudd, Alline, 1909Division St., N., Ann Arbor, Mich.	
Sheldon, Meda L., 1910	
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Ryan, Margaret, 1909Waukesha, Wis.
Samuels, Marguerite, 1910 Wis.
Sanborn, Lorena Freeman (Mrs. R. A.), 18993230 Malden St., Chicago, Ill.
Schofield, Helen, 1912
Steiner, Grace 1000
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Stevenson, Florence Hoyt (Mrs. Barton), 1909Pittsburg, Pa.
502 Buckingham Apartments.
Smith, Clara Kemler (Mrs. W. N.), 1905108 Corell St., Platteville, Wis.
Smith, Ella K., 1899
Stiles, AugustaGrand Rapids, Mich.
Sullivan, Daisy Stott (Mrs. A. G.), 1905306 W. 56th St., New York City
Treat, Nellie Galusha (Mrs. B. G.), 1902
Walker, Ino Procktor (Mrs. W. K.), 1897Los Angeles, Cal.
Wheeler, Florence Kaestner (Mrs. J. H.), 1910Plymouth, Wis.
Williams, Jean, 1908 "Resthaven," Waukesha, Wis.
Williams, Mary Reed (Mrs. Noah, Jr.), 1908Ida Grove, Ia.
Wilson, Irene, 1911
Winslow, Edith, 1912
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Woodard, Jessie Bell (Mrs. G. L.), 1889Electra, Tex.
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Beiler, Mary, 1909	70 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.
Byrne, Helen Lane, 1910	20 Lambert St., Roxbury Mass
Dalton, Belle, 1911	91 Moraine St Brockton Mass
Eastham, Susie, 1911	16 Walden St. Lynn Mass.
Goodsell, Anne G., ex-1909	Now York M Y
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Hastings, Margreta, 1911	Brookfield Mass
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Marshall, Celia, 1912	Summer St., Everett, Mass.
Moulton, Alice, 1912	Union Terrace, Forest Hills, Mass.
Nelson, Louise, 1910	6 Parker Hill Ave., Roxbury, Mass.
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Green, Helen Gustine, Kathryn Crawford	Canton, O.
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Hall, Laura	Died March 13, 1908
Hall, Laura Kellogg, Antionette Shryock Luke, Edna	Pontiac, Ill.
Luke, Edna	1044 19th St., Des Moines, Ia.
Luke, Edna Moore, Susan	1327 Bryon Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Moore, Susan Murphy, Zita	Tuscola, Ill.
Murphy, Zita McCarty, Carolyn	Died January 3, 1909
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Blanton, Anna Treadwell, 1911......143 Eighth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. Cannon, Imogene Dobbins (Mrs. A. D.), 1900-02......Woodbury, N. Y. 34 Newton Avenue. Cawdrey, Mary Maxim (Mrs. Louis), 1904......Passaic, N. J. Connor, Blanche McCabe, 1904.....1224 Thirteenth Ave., Altoona, Pa. Connor, Frances Rowland, 1902.....1224 Thirteenth Ave., Altoona, Pa. Cookman, Alma Groves (Mrs. C. H.), 1896..2626 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Danna-Miller, Aida Burchfield (Mrs. R.), 1902-04......Canton, O. 824 Chance Avenue. Dingle, Helen, 1904......105 E. Twenty-fifth St., Baltimore, Md. Dingle, Mary Broad, 1897-99.....105 E. Twenty-fifth St., Baltimore, Md. Dodd, Elsie Robbins, 1903-04.....Greensboro, N. C. Frost, Jesse Gore (Mrs. A. V., Jr.), 1901......New York, N. Y. "The Langham," Central Park West and Seventy-third St. Gatch, Elizabeth Ingle, 1906......135 S. Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Handy, Margaret Irving, 1911.....Newark, Dela. Haskins, Ethel Jane, 1909......1517 Third Ave., Sioux City, Ia. Haskins, Mabel Ellen, 1909......1517 Third Ave., Sioux City, Ia. Hayes, Mary Connor (Mrs. W. V.), 1900..34 W. Fiftieth St., New York, N. Y. Johns, Louise Powell (Mrs. B.), 1906.....Lehman, Pa. Leary, Mary Stine, 1909.....Rock Hall, Md. McCurley, Mary Thomas, 1910...3711 Forest Ave., Forest Park, Baltimore, Md. Myers, Faye, 1911.....Sheldon, Ill. Nisbet, Beulah Hayes (Mrs. J. D.), 1901....11 W. 81st St., New York, N. Y. Norris, Lillian Horsey (Mrs. R. R.), 1904-05......Baltimore, Md. 1309 N. Charles Street. Ornwake, Matilda Mitchell, 1912......Waynesboro, Pa. Peters, Helen, 1897-99.....Clifton, Cincinnati, O. Porter, Helen Marguerite, 1911.....Clearfield, Pa. Porter, Ruth, 1910.....Clearfield, Pa. Pringle, Edith Powell (Mrs. F. D.), 1903......Punxatawney, Pa. Rice, Charlotte Yocum (Mrs. C. W.), 1896......Du Bois, Pa. Robinson, Flora Lois, 1908.....125 E. Twenty-seventh St., New York, N. Y.

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