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The University of Oregon

DURING a session of the state legislature in October, 1872, an act was passed for the establishment of the State University at Eugene. Four years later the citizens of Lane county, of which Eugene is the county seat, presented to the board of regents Deady Hall, the first university building. In the fall of that year the University of Oregon formally opened its doors for the reception of new students. The first class was graduated in June of 1878. Meagerly equipped as they were, the courses offered were limited, but with the rapid growth in the student body came also the great growth in the curriculum. Scientific, technical and engineering courses were soon added, and with the increase came new buildings, new departments and new instructors. In 1883 Henry Villard made the first great gift to the university—fifty thousand dollars—utilized in the erection of the administration building bearing his name. The Law School was established in 1884, and then in 1887 the Medical School was added.

On account of the limited number of high schools in the state, it was necessary to offer academic courses, but with improvement and further development of the system of secondary schools in Oregon it was made possible for the university to drop this department. For some years past the work has all been of collegiate standing. Required work was the rule in the beginning, with an option on the language courses. Then it was made possible for the upper classman to choose his own courses, and finally all work was made elective with a very few minor exceptions.

The demand for higher education has come with the growth and increased population of the state. For many years the university was hindered by a small appropriation. This was gradually increased until June of last year, when the people of Oregon gave to their university the annual appropriation of \$125,000, a small sum truly, but in it lies the promise of better things.

Unlike many educational institutions, Oregon has had no period of depression in which the student body decreased in numbers and things were allowed to deteriorate. It has been a steady progress from the start—slow at times, perhaps, but ever onward. From 1901 until 1905 the student body doubled its numbers, and the increase from the years 1907-8 to 1908-9 was over 33 per cent. Surely there is no need to fear for the university's prosperity.

The state of Oregon is prosperous, its people are prosperous, and under such conditions its university is prosperous. Its success lies within itself. Backed by the people of the state, upheld in its standards by its professors and loved by its student body, it could not escape success. The professors especially deserve the admiration of the student body, for the life work of many of them has been to shield Oregon from unjust criticism, to raise its standards to be equal with the best in the country and to offer to the young people of Oregon an institution of learning in their own state so they will not have to go elsewhere to obtain their higher education. Finely educated, many of them with degrees

from European universities, they are first of all the students' friends, then their instructors. Personal contact, with all that it means to teacher and taught, can hardly be more perfectly approximated than it is here. This very feeling of friendship and personal association with the men and women in control of the university keeps down the opposition between students and faculty found in so many of our colleges.

The "Oregon spirit," the greatest factor in the prosperity of the University, grows with each succeeding year. Every Freshman enters with the hope of fully realizing it, and it is but a little while before he is imbued with this powerful enthusiasm. The "Oregon spirit" does not blindly support things Oregon simply because they are Oregon, but it attempts to reprove all tendencies which go to lessen the close contact and friendship among the students. During the recent question of the appropriation, which was held up for about eighteen months by means of the initiative and referendum, the whole student body threw itself into the task of overcoming the obstacles which prevented it from getting the money by which it could more easily realize its hopes for greater development. Only through the hearty coöperation of the students was it made possible for a majority to be gained for the university. This "Oregon spirit" is not lost by the graduates, but only gives each year greater numbers to the ranks of able, fair-minded citizens whose ambitions for the State University are unbounded.

Due perhaps to the favorable attitude of the faculty, there are a considerable number of clubs, fraternities and sororities. On the campus are the men's dormitory and the Mary Spiller House, a dormitory for women. This dormitory is on the cottage plan, and in the near future another will be erected. Oregon has but two national fraternities—Gamma Zeta of Sigma Nu, which owns a beautiful home, and Gamma Alpha of Kappa Sigma, which is planning a new house for next year. These chapters are both very strong and have a wide influence in the state. Of

the local fraternities there are Delta Alpha, the Beavers, Khoda Khan, Alpha Club, and the Tawah Club, all of whom occupy houses near the campus.

Nu of Gamma Phi Beta is the only national sorority in Oregon. Beta Epsilon is the oldest local sorority. There are two other locals, Zeta Iota Phi and Gamma Delta Gamma.

With such enthusiasm, loyalty and support of so many of the students and citizens of Oregon, the future for the University of Oregon seems bright indeed. As long as the enthusiasm lasts the university will progress, and the enthusiasm will last because the "Oregon spirit" cannot die.

RUTH HANSEN, '10.



The University of Oregon Campus and Gamma Phi Beta

A MORE beautiful setting than that seen from the university campus can hardly be imagined. Before one stretches the well kept lawn, broken with beds of vivid flowers, shaded by trees famous in the "Evergreen State." In front of the campus is the quiet, sleepy millrace, spanned by rustic bridges, and almost hidden beneath bowers of red and green leaves, vines and berries, which grace its shores. Just beyond the millrace, separated only by Lover's Lane, rolls the beautiful Wilamette, half a mile wide, hurrying to join the millrace, a mile away, and then on to old Portland and the Columbia.

Beyond the river every shade of blue and purple hangs low the coast range, shaggy with their masses of pine and fir. Above these are skies as famously beautiful as those in Italy. In such a romantic setting is our Alma Matter—our University of Oregon.

In the spring of 1904 six girls were wont to study and gossip beside the millrace, beneath my window. A more romantic study ground cannot be found. A wide expanse of lawn, shaded by pines and fruit trees, sheltered hammocks and swings, and a



ELANOR SHELDON

unique summer house, covered with grape vines. Here, April 24, '04, beside the old millrace, these six great friends decided to organize a society whose mission would be to promote the highest ideals of refined and useful womanhood, and make more lasting their good friendship.

Thus began Gamma Phi Beta at Oregon, then Tau Pi. Carolyn Benson (who later became a member of Mu) was chosen president. The other five were: Helen and Bertha McKinney, Gene and Mary Gray and Mary Stafford, then Straub. During the rest of the year the girls held regular meetings and worked out a very excellent constitution and by-laws. About November regular work was resumed in the sorority, and although existing subrosa, Tau Pi was firmly established. Grace Gray, of Portland, Edna Caufield and Sarah Reed were the result of the rushing season.

In April the girls began looking for a house for the following year, and during commencement the existence of Tau Pi was made public. Many of the girls held prominent places in college life, and Tau Pi became an established factor, prominent in the university. Nieta Harding and Vivian Holmes were pledged during the summer, and by October, '05, Tau Pi moved into its then tiny chapter house, the first woman's organization to conduct independently an establishment of its own. Only two girls did not return this year, Mary Gray, now an alumnæ, and Carolyn Benson, who had gone to Stanford. The fall initiates were: Jennie Perry, Clara Caufield and Josephine Cammeron. In January the girls moved into a fifteen-room house, in a more convenient locality. The spring semester was eventful, because of competition in rushing with the other local. Jess Hurley, Blanche Huston and Gladys Ferrar were initiates this semester. In the fall, Gertrude Holmes, Ruth Hansen and Ruth Dunniway became members of the local. The chapter was now in first class condition and every effort was directed towards national organization by Gamma Phi Beta. After Convention Marion Dean, Delta, Alma Delaney and Edith Prosch, Lamb-

da, Ruth Guppy, Beta, visited Tau Pi and reported favorably—all realized the splendid opportunity for a strong foothold for Gamma Phi Beta. At this time Gertrude Ross became interested in Oregon, and as one of her strong supporters, directed the energies of the Gamma Phi Beta friends so that they worked in unison for Nu.

The Oregon girls interested themselves in college affairs and became prominent. This year's honors have gone to the following: Ruth Hanson is editor in chief of the college monthly, which through her capable management has been very successful. Nieta Harding, besides president of Tau Pi, is secretary of the student body and president of the Tennis Club. Ruth Dunniway, '10, and Erma Clifford, '12, are secretaries of their classes. Several girls are on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet; two are on the weekly; Blanche Huston is president and six others are charter members of the German Club. In the social life the girls are well represented on hop committees, receptions, theatricals, etc.

The girls have proven themselves masters of themselves in their college life and in their house, where differences will arise. They are capable of dealing justly with an emergency. They realize fully the conservative stand of their sorority, and have not lowered her standards. Gamma Phi Beta at Oregon for many reasons ought to be particularly strong. The faculty is highly in favor of sororities, and many of them, particularly President Campbell and Professor Luella Clay Carson, Dean of Women, have been very willing to write letters or do anything in their power to aid. Also the fraternities and the friends of the university have been very energetic in their efforts to help.

A chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, between Lambda and Eta, a connecting link was and is very essential. Gamma Phi Betas around Portland, which has exceptional advantages as to preparatory schools, have been too few in number to have much

influence with the many girls who have gone East or to California. During the past few years the women in and around Portland have awakened to the college idea and Gamma Phi Beta has extended her chapter none too soon to help solve a problem which was becoming very urgent—the necessity of more Gamma Phi Betas in this vicinity to help keep the best material. Lambda has ably taken care of Seattle and the Sound, Mu and Eta of California, and the many hundreds of miles in between has been rather a stronghold for other nationals.

But now, since December 18th, 1908, the situation has been different. All the prosperous towns in the Wilamette Valley and Southern Oregon and especially Portland has a brand new supply of Gamma Phi Betas.

These Gamma Phi Betas have proved themselves equal to a very successful hop given Christmas week, and very equal to all demands of the installation. One little incident of the installation pleased the girls very much. The board had appointed Carolyn Benson, with Edith Prosch (Lambda) and Alice Benson (Eta), its first president to install her old friends and classmates.

Gamma Phi Beta can well be proud of Nu and her capable all around girls who complete the link of chapters on the Pacific Coast.

“Here’s to U of O,
May she ever grow,
Prosper and flourish,
Truth ever nourish,
To all eternity.”

ALICE L. BENSON, Eta,
For Installation Committee.

Installation of Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta

THE arrival in Eugene on Thursday evening, December seventeenth, of Edith Prosch (Lambda) and Caroline Benson (Mu) was the signal to the Oregon students that something of peculiar importance was to occur at the Tau Pi House. The Tau Pi's had been the objects of curious interest since they had appeared at college in November, wearing brown and buff bows. Although they had not publicly announced the date of installation, their fellow students had been anticipating it for some time past. When Alice Benson (Eta) accompanied by Therese Preston (Lambda), came on Friday morning the early reports were confirmed that the installation of Oregon's first national sorority was about to take place.

Within the commodious chapter house all was excitement and enthusiasm, with a certain measure of wonder. For the first time, the girls were singing Gamma Phi Beta songs. The busy house manager was arranging the house for the occasion. The Freshmen, sacrificed as usual, were moving from their comfortable quarters to rooms kindly loaned by other college friends, while the visitors, appropriating the best of everything, were planning, telephoning, and in general upsetting the customary routine of chapter house life.

Nature added a festive touch to the occasion by sending a silver thaw to enhance the beauty of the surrounding country. Every blade of grass, every twig and branch on shrubs and trees, sparkled in the sun, bent under the weight of an ice coating. The holiday atmosphere was further evident in the appearance of small boys, laden with great bunches of mistletoe, gathered from nearby oaks. The stores, bright with crimson and gold, were thronged with shoppers, holly wreaths decorated the windows and the confectioners' shops were lined with candy canes. It seemed to be an especially attractive time for the installation of our new chapter.

Friday afternoon the four Gamma Phi Betas initiated one

alumna member, and thirteen of the active girls, the Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores of the chapter. At the close of this busy day, Helen McDonald and Lillian Eisenbeis, Lambda's convention delegates, came in from the south on their way home from Ann Arbor, and from their more recent visit to Mu and Eta. Seated around the fire, listening to convention reports and making plans for the morrow, or gathered about the piano learning the new songs the evening passed all too quickly for those present.

Early Saturday afternoon six of the Tau Pi Alumnæ came, bringing with them Ruth Guppy (Beta). What joyful greetings there were between the active girls, wearing the beautiful new gold pins, and the alumnæ, wearing their simple pledge bows! At the same time there were many expressions of regret that it was not possible for all of the alumnæ who had worked so hard for the charter to be there that day. As soon as the warm welcome was over preparations were made for the initiation of the alumnæ and Freshmen. This time it was far easier, for the committee was re-enforced now by two additional Lambda girls, one from Beta, and the fourteen new members. The exercises were over just as the long twilight was closing in on the comfortable house, bright with warm fires, fragrant with flowers, and filled with happy Gamma Phi Betas.

All was excitement again, for now the girls must don their prettiest gowns for the much talked of installation banquet. In the midst of the confusion of thirty girls arraying themselves for such a function, gifts from their fraternity and sorority friends came pouring in as an acknowledgment of the event that had just occurred.

At the appointed hour of eight, the girls assembled at Kaufman's Grill. Here the banquet room is a most attractive place. It is fitted up with a view to being used by the students for such affairs, and it is decorated with Oregon's colors, green and gold. Suspended above the T shaped table was a soft

canopy of the college colors, through which the subdued light fell on the thirty Gamma Phi Betas seated below. In the canopy, and scattered over the table, as a tribute to the season, were sprays of mistletoe, heavy with waxy berries. This made a good background for the scarlet carnations massed in tall vases about the tables. To mark each girl's place were these same lovely flowers, tied with brown and buff ribbons, and here also were the toast cards, brown crescents decorated with the sorority flowers, and bearing the date and each girl's name in gold letters. These cards were gladly carried away as souvenirs of this delightful evening. The following menu was well served:

OYSTER COCKTAILS		
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CONSOMME		
WAFERS		CELERY HEARTS
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ROAST TURKEY		
CRANBERRY SAUCE	ASPARAGUS TIPS	MASHED POTATOES
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CHICKEN SALAD		
OLIVES	WAFERS	SALTED NUTS
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MAPLE AND CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM		
CAKE		CANDY
CAFE NOIR		

At the close of Mu's first banquet the toast mistress, Edith Prosch, had the pleasure of reading telegrams of congratulation and greeting from our other chapters. The following toasts were given interspersed with sorority and Oregon songs:

"In the Beginning," Caroline Benson (Mu).

"The Processional," Nieta Harding (Nu).

"Founded on a Rock," Ruth Guppy (Beta).

"U. of O.," Alice Benson (Eta).

"The Mystic Circle," Jessie Hurley (Nu).

"Faith and Good Will," Helen McDonald (Lambda).

When the girls were going back to the chapter house, in the

special car reserved for them, there were heard many expressions of regret that this was the close of the installation exercises. Those whose good fortune it was to be in Eugene for these ceremonies were Edith Prosch, Helen McDonald, Lillian Eisenbeis, Therese Preston, Lambda; Ruth Guppy, Beta; Alice Benson, Eta; Caroline Benson, Mu, and the following new members: Grace Gray, Jean Gray, Mary Gray, Edna Caufield, Clara Caufield, Constance Covell, Josephine Cameron, all alumnae. (Of the active girls there were Nieta Harding, Jennie Perry, Gladys Farrar, Jessie Hurley, Blanche Huston, Vivian Holmes, Ruth Hanson, Ruth Dunniway, Mary Steiner, Gertrude Holmes, Pearl Wilbur, Edith Woodcock, Helen Beach, Erma Clifford, Javina Stanfield and Pearl Clifford.)

Saturday night saw the close of the festivities in connection with the establishment of Nu chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. With Sunday came the departure not alone of the visitors and alumnae but of all the new chapter, for the Christmas holidays were at hand and each girl was anxious to get home with the new pin that proclaimed the change that had come to the group so long known as Tau Pi.

EDITH GRATIA PROSCH, Lambda,
Chairman of the Installation Committee.



College Pan-Hellenic Association Please Notice

WILL the President of each college Pan-Hellenic please instruct the Secretary of the same to send to the Secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic, L. P. Green, 15 East avenue, Ithaca, N. Y., a copy of your Pan-Hellenic contract for the college year 1909-10; also a copy of your Pan-Hellenic constitution and the name of the Pan-Hellenic Secretary for the next college year? These documents are needed in the work of the National Conference. Your coöperation in sending these, without the receipt of a letter direct, will be greatly appreciated.

This communication, coming from the husband of one of our founders, is full of interest and sympathy, and it is with pleasure that we present it to our readers.—EDITOR.

TO the Editor of THE CRESCENT: The last number of THE CRESCENT had a communication from one of its graduates approving a very restrictive policy by the sorority, and urging more attention to some phases of internal organization and life. No doubt, in all local and national organizations, the latter needs attention. But a rather long and rather intimate acquaintance with all kinds of student organizations, in small colleges and great universities, has led me to the firm conviction that the spirit of the student body just now is such that it is a hopeless task to try to revive or create a life that was here ten and twenty years ago. What can be done must be done to make chapters "stick together" and develop spirit, but I fear that the sorority (how I do dislike any other word) that turns all its energies to that end will find that it has too largely been marking time.

Now the writer of this is a mere man, albeit the husband of a Gamma Phi, and perhaps, manlike, I am "taking a hand" in something I ought not to be dabbling in; but I am sure you will pardon a statement of my views of the problem that is before some of the older and better organizations. I refer to those which, formed as long ago as Gamma Phi, inherit a sentiment of conservatism from that earlier day. I question whether a really sound answer could be given if one were to ask what the limits of such conservatism ought to be, under the vastly changed order that now exists. Thirty years ago, for instance, there was hardly a college, and only one university, in all the country west of New York where Gamma Phi, or some fraternity, would have felt justified in establishing a chapter. That fact induced a sense of conservatism, and I think properly. But within the past fifteen years that territory has seen arise some of the largest, most powerful universities in the whole world, that are destined to be far larger and far more powerful a few years hence. Now there



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are thousands of women in these universities, and hundreds of them of the very quality that Gamma Phi has always sought. All the graduates of all the chapters make but a thin sprinkling over the country, and with the country's growth must make a still thinner sprinkling every decade. It seems to me that if fellowship is to be one of the motives of the sorority, it ought to extend beyond the four years. It has no way to do so at present, save in a few places, chiefly large cities. Now I have had some occasion to study this question very carefully during the past three years and have reached a very decided opinion that such fraternities as Psi U, Alpha Delta Phi, and sororities like Gamma Phi (if there are any), are not apprehending the problem before them properly if they continue this restrictive policy inherited from a past that was limited in so many ways. In fact what was conservatism then to be only just as conservative now, would require perhaps a hundred chapters. That is, a hundred now would be no more proportionally than ten were then. Certainly the college and university community is ten times larger, and a thousand times more important in our national life. It is lonesome, very lonesome, to be a Gamma Phi now, out in the world. Of course, you cannot fill the land with Gamma Phis, but it would be not only safe but vitally helpful, as I view it, if the sorority would proceed, carefully and surely, of course, to put a chapter into a considerable number of the great universities of the middle west. I could at this moment name several great schools where a chapter would add renown and strong help without going beyond schools that are in the very first rank. So far from disintegrating the sorority, as your correspondent fears, I should unhesitatingly say that it would do precisely the reverse. I do not know what the machinery of the sorority is, but I do know that some of the fraternities have a very complete organization binding the whole body together as strongly as present student feeling will possibly go. And they have no patent upon the method. I take it that Gamma Phi is now managed in safe and

sound ways. If so, then its future is safe, and it will grow coherent just as fast as student life in general grows coherent. I see no hope of any enterprise in which students are interested growing coherent any faster than the tendency of student life in general will go of its own initiative. I wish it were not so; but the fact remains.

It seems to me, therefore, for the reasons so briefly stated (this matter of student life is a very vast and intricate and changing one) that Gamma Phi might safely, and to her very great advantage, consider whether the time is not now here, when chapters placed in the large colleges and universities where none now are, would not be an immediate and powerful support to the ideals of the sorority.

CHARLES M. MOSS.

The Chapter-House and Its Effect on the Fraternity*

By Edward Eugene McDermott, Northwestern, '85

THE college fraternity has had three pretty distinct periods of existence and its meeting place during each of these periods has been a fair index to the status of the organization.

The first period was marked by profound secrecy on the part of the fraternity, and bitter opposition on the part of the faculty and the public. The meeting place was a student's room; not infrequently it was a protected nook in the woods, or more often a cellar under some dormitory, reached through a trap-door in the floor of a devoted member's room. The badge or insignia, when worn at all, was pinned to the inside of the vest-pocket and every evidence of membership was sacredly guarded because knowledge of this fact was sure to result in expulsion or some other form of severe discipline. Every act of the fraternity was shrouded in mystery—a most alluring characteristic to the college youth, and most horrifying to the faculty and public.

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Under such circumstances a half-dozen of the older fraternities were born and maintained a precarious existence between the years 1827 and 1832. Hampered in this way they could do little more than live. But, as opposition always strengthens the ties of those opposed, some of the truest college friendships were formed during this period, and a foundation was laid for better things.

The brilliant, aggressive, intrepid young men of those days were naturally drawn to the fraternity because of the very spice of the adventure. Later, many of these same men became members of college faculties. They knew the fraternity from the inside and saw no special harm in it. They had drawn its constitution and by-laws, which for the most part breathed devotion to lofty sentiments and high ideals. Naturally enough, the hostility of the faculty, when it was re-enforced by a sprinkling of these men, began to relax and the fraternity passed into its second stage of existence—toleration.

During this period a room was frequently hired over a downtown store. This was the meeting place. Some of the earliest "chapter halls" were erected at this time. Architecturally they are peculiar buildings and resemble jails or arsenals quite as much as dwellings. The double purpose of admitting light and preventing eaves-dropping—for the secrets of the fraternity were still supposed to be worth knowing—was accomplished by placing windows very high on the side walls or even on the roof. The pin, or insignia, came out of its hiding place in the pocket.

Finally the advantage of closer association among the members was recognized and the relative unimportance of the secrets admitted—at least tacitly. Then it was that the fraternity entered upon the third and present stage of its development. It bought or rented a dwelling house, frequently installed the entire undergraduate membership therein, and began the regular family life that has characterized it for the past quarter of a century. It is as private but scarcely more secret than

any other family. It is with this third period, the chapter-house as a home, that this paper is chiefly concerned.

Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members? Let us see. To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question a circular letter was addressed to members of eleven different fraternities, and to the presidents, deans and registrars of numerous leading universities.

One hundred and thirty-two answers were received to the question—"What are the chief benefits of student life in the chapter-house?"

The answers are varied, but a vast majority mention intimate and lasting friendship. To show the general sentiment a few may be read.

First, from the students:

"Subordination of selfish and personal interests to the general good."

"Close fellowship and sense of chapter responsibility."

"Executive work in management of fraternity."

"Sense of responsibility placed upon upperclassmen."

From the presidents and deans:

"Means of reaching students in matters of discipline."

"A good chapter-house is a fair substitute for home life."

"Oversight by older men—especially by young graduates."

"Comradeship, coöperation, group tradition and responsibility; fairly good board and room."

"College loyalty."

"Good manners; close friendship with some men worth knowing; national fraternity better than local clique; experience in handling business affairs and avoiding collective disgrace."

Now let us look at the other side. One hundred and forty-eight answers were received to the question—"What are the chief dangers to be guarded against in the chapter-house?"

One hundred and ten, or seventy-five per cent., placed waste of time first. Other answers are scattering but interesting.

From students:

"Serious dissipation where sense of chapter honor and responsibility for chapter good name are lacking."

"Temptation to drink, gamble and indulge in the social evil pretty strong when the crowd inclines that way."

"Smoking, playing cards and telling coarse stories for two or three hours at a stretch."

"Snobbishness, particularly in underclassmen, shown in emphasizing fraternal spirit to detriment of college loyalty."

"Running into debt, over-exclusiveness, snobbishness and misconduct."

"Growth of clannishness and fraternity selfishness and consequent loss of college spirit; control by sporty element; freedom from restraint."

"Non-observance of 'house-rules.'"

"Exclusiveness and extravagance."

From presidents and deans:

"Waste of time; dissipation of energy; clannishness; the evils of politics."

"Too much of a good time and its results."

"Loafing; contamination of crowd by dissolute members; vicious and vulgar conversation; false and cheap ideals of being men of the world; moral cynicism."

"Clannishness; house degenerating into a loafing place; undertaking cause of poor students and securing concessions, if possible; feeling of independence of university restraint socially."

"Danger of being drawn into narrow, selfish and shallow interests and thus losing the larger, more democratic influence of the college as a whole."

"Bad society and exclusiveness."

"Over-emphasis of social life; lack of responsible executive to carry out house rules."

"The low intellectual tone—when uninfluenced by alumni—tends to pass from generation to generation."

"Cultivation of social, athletic and snobbish attitude, and general lack of seriousness."

"Substitution of social life for hard study."

"Laziness."

It becomes very apparent after reading all these letters that there are benefits and there are dangers. But whatever the benefits and dangers, we may be sure of one thing. The fraternity is here to stay and whether it grows better or worse will depend upon our treatment of it.

Legislators and other enemies who would destroy it by statute might just as well acknowledge—what all history proves—that wherever men are drawn together into large bodies, as they are in the modern universities, they are sure to break up into smaller groups. This being true and inevitable, we are bound to have the fraternity or some similar organization.

It is acknowledged at Princeton—where the fraternity, as such, has been successfully suppressed—that these "similar organizations," clubs and cliques, have all of the disadvantages and lack many of the advantages of the fraternity.

That it is here to stay is proven by the fact that it has grown in less than a century from a despised institution with a handful of outlaws into a respected institution with a membership, graduate and undergraduate, of over 186,000. It counts among its numbers Presidents and Vice-Presidents, Senators and Congressmen, federal and state judges of supreme courts, and thousands of men high in law, medicine, the ministry, teaching and business.

Most of these men are devoted to the old home. This home has many cherished memories and in a material way it represents much valuable property. The taxable assets of a single chapter are, not infrequently, more valuable than the total endowment of some of our good colleges, forty years ago. Nearly one thousand chapters own, or rent, and furnish seven hundred

houses. These houses are the homes of eighteen thousand of our most promising young men for nine months of each year. In the last quarter of a century the membership has trebled and the number of chapter-houses has increased over fifty per cent.

Any organization that is wholly bad—as many of its enemies believe the fraternity to be—cannot flourish in this manner. “There is nothing that succeeds like success,” and with this splendid growth behind the fraternity it is as idle for its enemies to talk of rooting it out, by legislation or otherwise, as it is idle to talk of rooting out the blades of grass in the Mississippi Valley. The fraternity is as much a fixture in the university as the university itself is a fixture in the community. Its problems are the university’s problems, for the most part, and the university’s problems are its problems. Why not accept it, therefore, as a permanent factor in college life, study its problems sympathetically and scientifically, and make it in every case what it is in some cases—a power for good?

One of these problems which belong to both the university and the fraternity is the decline of scholarship. To prove that there has been a decline an effort was made to gather statistics at two points of time—1886 and 1906. The effort was not altogether successful, for while the figures for the later period were easily secured, those for the earlier were not easily procurable and not complete enough to be entirely reliable. But they do point to two conclusions with considerable certainty. The first is that scholarship is declining and social life rising in the fraternities.

The second is that this change is going on much more rapidly in the West than in the East.

The first tendency is shown by the fact that twenty years ago the five following college interests stood in the order here named:

Scholarship.

Oratory and Debate,

Literary distinction,
Athletic honors,
Social mention.

(These five are taken because they stand out prominently in all the reports and records.)

The relative place that these interests now hold in the minds of fraternity men is quite reversed, as the following figures show:

Social distinction	308
Athletic honors	289
Literary distinction	153
Scholarship	124
Oratory and Debate	77

In other words, of the mention in college publications which fraternity men think it worth while to make of themselves and their achievements to-day, nearly 33 1-3 per cent. is social distinction and less than 13 per cent. is honors in scholarship.

Or to put it in another way, 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 77 public speaking.

The "mention" in these publications that was taken to indicate "scholarship" is Phi Beta Kappa, Simga Xi, and special prizes and honorable mention in economics, history, language and in a few cases, mathematics.

It is not contended here that possession of Phi Beta Kappa is an unfailing indication of scholarship. By no means. It is frequently and truthfully remarked that the Phi Beta Kappa man is often a mere book-worm and is lost sight of promptly after Commencement. But it is contended that the men who stand well up in their classes are the ones who, as a rule, are obtaining the best mental discipline. And it is contended, further, that mental discipline is more essential to-day than ever before. The problems in legislation, in the legal profession, in engineering and other technical lines, call for trained minds.

Of course, if one takes the ground that mere getting and spending constitutes success in life then the above observations do not hold good, and it is to be feared that too many of our young men do take this ground. The "smart" fraternity man, especially, refers contemptuously to the good student as a "shark" and a "grind," as though it were almost a disgrace to do one's work well. He sees that good scholars frequently earn but one hundred dollars a month while clever rascals with little or no education make millions. Why should he study? But this paper takes the higher ground that the college man, because of his peculiar advantages, owes something to somebody besides himself. He is not succeeding if he is merely taking advantage of the weaker members of society in order that he may gain the means with which to satisfy his appetites and passions. Such an ideal ought to be distinctly beneath the college man, and the fraternity has the best possible opportunity to impress this fact upon his mind.

The second tendency mentioned above, namely, that this change is taking place more rapidly in the West than in the East, is shown by the following figures:

	Eastern.	Western.
Social mention	106	202
Athletic honors	142	147
Scholarship	102	22
Literary distinction	71	76
Oratory and debate	69	8

A possible explanation of this second tendency is found in the fact that the Eastern fraternity had well established traditions twenty years ago, when part of the statistics were gathered which lead to the above conclusion, and these traditions demanded among other things good scholarship. Every chapter had a record to maintain, whereas the Western chapter fell heir to no such legacy.

It ought to be mentioned at this point that interest in debate and oratory in Western universities is probably greater than

ever before but, as the figure 8 for the Western chapters shows, the honors are no longer going to fraternity men.

In the last twelve years but one fraternity man has represented the University of Minnesota in an intercollegiate oratorical contest, and but five in intercollegiate debate although twenty-one such honors have been awarded in the former and eighty-one in the latter. Eighteen years ago the fraternity men were taking all the honors in this line.

It may be worth while to mention a single case in connection with scholarship—since it is now under discussion. The secretary's records show that but two fraternity men were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa in 1905 at the University of Minnesota and not one in 1906 or 1907, although a total of 44 men were so honored in the last three years. Two is 4.5 per cent. of 44—not a large percentage of honors for the fraternity men to gather in, surely.

This is not because the fraternities at Minnesota have a poorer grade of men than other Western universities have. Exact figures are not at hand to prove this point, but I am confident that such is not the case. Nor is it because fraternity men have not the capacity for scholarship. As a rule, they have the advantage of brains, wealth (sometimes too much) and social polish when they come to the university.

They simply lack the desire for scholarship because we, the alumni, have failed to hold up before our younger brothers the fact that scholarship is one of the things for which a man comes to college.

Of course, we can pass the matter by and say complaisantly that "we do not care for Phi Beta Kappa. It is an empty honor anyhow. We are getting things of greater value." But will parents continue to believe us indefinitely? Will the public—whose good opinion we covet because we want its best young men—will the public believe us? Will it not think this is another case of "sour grapes?"

Whether we think it a wise or unwise policy to call attention

to this fact we may be sure that it will not long escape notice by the ambitious young men who come to our universities. Such things have an unpleasant way of "leaking out." The safest way for us is not to try to conceal a bit of damaging evidence, but admit it frankly and then promptly adopt a policy that will eliminate it.

Admitting that there has been a decline, it is important but difficult to name all the causes. Let us look for a moment at two or three.

It is believed by many who have studied this problem, and whose opinions are worthy of respect, that the decline in scholarship and consequent rise of lighter substitutes is due in part to the absence of personal and daily contact between student and instructor, and in part to the unlimited introduction of electives and culture courses.

The Briggs Report of Harvard clearly indicates this.

This absence of daily contact between student and instructor is due very largely to the unprecedented growth of American universities. The last quarter of a century has been pre-eminently a period of great university building. These institutions have become great machines—almost as soulless as the corporations—which have no time for individuals, ruthlessly crush down those who cannot take care of themselves and allow the socially inclined to live a butterfly life.

Parents make a mistake who trust that the modern faculty stands in *loco parentis* as did the faculty of the small ecclesiastical college half a century ago. Its members are absorbed in research work, lectures to large numbers of students, and administrative detail. They would not if they could and they could not if they would exercise the constant care over the individual student that was practically guaranteed to parents who sent their sons to college in those early days.

These larger institutions offer great opportunity—for strength and for weakness. They allow the strong to become stronger and the weak to grow weaker.

Even the smaller colleges have trebled and often quadrupled their numbers without increasing their teaching force in the same proportion. They lack the necessary funds.

Second among the causes mentioned above is the sudden adoption of the unlimited elective system and coincident with this the free introduction of the so-called "culture studies"—lecture courses in which the professor is expected to do all the studying and reciting and his students all the listening and criticising.

There is an old-fashioned notion, pretty well exploded now, that the way to develop the mind is to apply it vigorously five or six hours every day, six days every week, and nine months every year during the four years, to subjects that demand concentration—such as mathematics, Greek, Latin, physics and philosophy.

The new attitude toward study is admirably expressed by a motto which is said to be prominently displayed in the private rooms of nearly every student in a well-known girls' college in the East—"Don't let your college work interfere with your college life!" And again it is expressed by a remark which I recently overheard one student make to another, "These confounded studies take so much of a man's time!"—as though the chief business of the student were to amuse himself, and anything which stood in the way of this was an intolerable nuisance.

The modern idea seems to be that if a man is entertained by interesting lectures for three hours a day and spends the remainder of his time in class scraps and cane rushes; fraternity, class and intercollegiate games of foot-ball, base-ball, basketball, tennis, golf, hockey, bowling and curlin; glee, mandolin, brass-band and other musical and dramatic clubs, cosmopolitan and metropolitan associations, and other "student interests" *ad infinitum* and then with a pot of black coffe at his side and a wet towel around his head at the close of the semester, crams up for a week to "get by" his bothersome quizzes, he will come



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out with a well-trained mind, capable of solving the difficult problems of the most complex civilization the world has ever known.

To say the least, it does not seem quite orthodox to one trained in the old way.

Is it not possible that a third and contributory cause of the decline in scholarship is found in the modern chapter-house, which furnishes such a comfortable home-life among congenial spirits and offers such abundant opportunity for dissipation of time and energy?

At any rate we have a problem in the decline, and the question arises as to whether the modern fraternity, through its chapter-house system, can assist the university in solving it, for at least this one of the university's problem is the fraternity's problem.

To determine this the question was asked, in the circular letter referred to,—

"What does the present-day fraternity need most in order to be of the greatest service to its members?" The answers are all worth perusal. We have space for but few of them.

From presidents and deans:

"A return to the best traditions of the early days of fraternities and a recognition of other present-day responsibilities by themselves and the governing bodies of institutions."

"More breadth of view; less of the spirit of clique and exclusiveness."

"A quickening of the earlier literary interest; a larger sense of the primacy of college over fraternity interests—or rather of the dependence of fraternity interests on a wholesome college life."

"First, simplicity of living; second, the intellectual element thrust to the front in the weekly meetings of the chapter; third, a high sense of honor and moral ideals which would lead to the ejection of an unworthy member."

"Active interest and a sense of responsibility on the part of

resident alumni. There is too much loafing in the chapter parlors; there is almost no serious conversation; the men as a whole do not study enough and have not serious ideals."

"Higher ideals of what constitutes manliness; a better and more serious notion of the effects of beer and tobacco on future effectiveness; a higher regard for the value of time; a rigid scholarship committee in the university which will not hesitate to send home all who do not do a man's work."

"Right kind of undergraduate headship to insure a healthy moral tone and to exalt ideals of work; friendly comradeship and oversight on the part of faculty and other alumni members; wise but vigilant supervision by the university authorities."

"Intelligent sympathy on the part of college officers, and close relations between active and graduate members."

"Attention of their alumni."

"Progress along the lines which mark its development for the last twenty-five years and a fuller realization that the prosperity of the fraternity is one with the institution in which it is situated."

"The effective influence of alumni members. Undergraduates yield to temptation to enjoy the 'house.' They need the stimulus of resident graduates and of earnest and scholarly upperclassmen."

"To be represented more generally in all departments of college life, by the best men, of course, in each kind of work."

"To keep more closely in touch with faculty affairs and support the best interests of college."

"To become part of the university."

From students:

"Better ideals. Fraternities are too often exclusively dancing and smoking clubs."

"More true, unselfish, good fellows and less of the men who make success pure and simple their aim."

"Strong men with old-fashioned ideals of college life and work; less of the feeling of smartness and fast life of a fra-

ternity; the inculcation of principles of purity and earnest purpose."

"Individuality of members; the fraternity is now too much of a mill through which all men are ground out after the same type."

"In general, a man's scholarship may deteriorate as a result of the chapter-house, but he gains something intangible, vastly more valuable."

"Better men—men of strong personality and firm principles. There is here too much effort to get good-fellowship and harmony at the expense of anything and everything else."

"A definite standard of excellence in all branches of college activity with a system of alumni and upperclassmen supervision to keep the undergraduate body as far as possible up to the standard set."

"More unity in national fraternity and more attention to ideals just now; we are becoming commonplace and losing all sense of dignity and high purpose."

"Strict adhesion to a policy embodying high ideals, cultivating friendship between all fraternity men; a policy disapproving of under-hand and base methods—which must weaken the men who permit such things; an aggressive policy of mental improvement to its members and the university or college, and the making the fraternity a greater factor for good in the development of men and of our national life."

"To be let alone."

Several things become apparent to one who reads all these responses. The fraternity chapter-house is a potent factor for good or for evil. Whether it develops into the one or the other depends upon how it is handled. The fact that the answers are so frequently diametrically opposed shows that conditions vary widely in different chapters of the same fraternity and proves that no man can safely judge a fraternity as a whole who knows but a single chapter in a single university.

The advantages pointed out and now being enjoyed in many

chapter-houses by scores of young men leave no room for doubt as to the benefits, while, on the other hand, the frank statements of corresponding secretaries as to the dangers and disadvantages prove just as conclusively that the chapter-house may be a serious menace to the best interests of many young men.

Again, these open answers by young men who know, pointing out the dangers and defects of their own homes, show clearly that any one who attempts to solve this problem scientifically—without any hobby to ride or any preconceived notion to carry out, who is willing to find the facts and apply the remedy—will have cordial coöperation. With few exceptions there is no attempt at evasion or concealment of conditions; the answers come like blows straight from the shoulder. It is evident that the chapters which are going wrong are not as a whole wedded to their weakness. Most of the men in them would welcome reform if it were brought about at the right time and in the right way.

The fact, then, that the chapter-house is a force for evil as well as for good ought to discourage no true reformer. The further fact that some chapters have gone wrong and have died a violent death in their own sins or have had their charters revoked is no valid argument against the fraternity system or the modern chapter-house. Every factor in civilization—the church not excepted—is open to the same criticism.

It is not contended here that the fraternity can accomplish the impossible, but that it can do in every chapter what it is now doing in the best. It can, for example,

1. Prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse, by forcing him out into society.
2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.
3. It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from being the laughing-stock of sensible people.

4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter-house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.

5. It can hold in check a young man of strong appetites and passions until the danger point is passed—until he has developed sufficient strength of character to resist temptation.

6. It can reach down a helping hand to a hard-working, honest student who needs help and lift him up.

7. In short, it can keep constantly before its men the desirability of a well-rounded, symmetrical life.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well-organized, well-regulated fraternity can do with its men in four years is almost incredible to the outsider, because the outsider does not realize the tremendous hold that the fraternity gets upon its men. The boys are gathered together on the basis of similar tastes and ideals, when the rushing is properly done. Their constant association soon makes of them the closest friends. In a short time they would infinitely rather disgrace themselves than their fraternity brothers and their organization. Many a boy, when he feels quite alone, unobserved and responsible to no one but himself—as he not infrequently does in a big university and a big city—will take risks that he would not think of taking when his fraternity brothers are involved. The danger of losing his best friends and the bitterness of a censure from an upperclassman whom he loves and admires are a sufficient check.

Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not infrequently, power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the chapters can be made as good as the best.

Of those who expressed an opinion on the desirability of a return to ideals which demand better scholarship 81 per cent.

agree that it is needed as a foundation upon which to rest culture and success in life, and they further agree that the reformation of the fraternity must come through the coöperation of the upperclassmen with the alumni, their friends, not through the legislators, the regents, trustees or faculty.

The movement to employ all the time of a general secretary, a traveling, paid official, is being watched with interest, and much is hoped for from him. His broad views resulting from intimate knowledge of local conditions in all the chapters will enable him to offer wise counsel. But one man cannot accomplish everything and the bulk of the work must be done for every chapter by the local, resident alumni. They are its natural guardians. Generally they own the chapter-house and its elaborate furnishings. They place these valuable equipments in the hands of their younger brothers.

What is more natural, what is more reasonable than that they should demand an accounting—not primarily in a material way, for this is relatively unimportant; but in an intellectual, moral, social, man-developing way? This is the plain duty of the alumni and it should be their privilege.

It is just as reprehensible for the better class of fraternity alumni to abandon their chapters and give them up to the "sporty element"—because these chapters do not exactly please them—as it is for the better citizens to abandon municipal government to professional politicians and ward-heelers. There are enough good men in every fraternity and in every municipality to do the right thing. But they must be active.

This duty of the alumnus, however, is a most delicate one and demands just the right man. He must love the fraternity. He must know its history and traditions. He must have a deep personal interest in the underclassmen and feel that every boy has possibilities. He must be young enough to still remember how a freshman feels and looks at life, and he must distinguish intuitively between the foibles of youth and real vicious tendencies. He must wink at the one and suppress the other. By prompt and judicious action he must counteract the

unwholesome influence of a man who is going wrong, and save the chapter at least—if not the individual—from the results of his folly. He must have and hold the love and admiration of the underclassmen or he is not the one for the place. And he must accomplish all this, for the most part, unobtrusively. Ironclad, coercive rules from the alumni will not be wise except in extreme cases. They will defeat their own purposes by creating the same feeling of distrust and dislike which exist between the preacher-professor and the students of our early ecclesiastical colleges.

Of course, the alumnus cannot accomplish all this without the sympathy and active assistance of the upperclassmen. But the better, stronger upperclassmen in every chapter are ready for this assistance.

Hear is one letter from the secretary of a strong chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity:

"The object of the fraternity, as I see it, is to take the place of the family and home life. The students have, upon entering college, come out from the guiding influence of the parents or the paternal preparatory school. This lack of restraint and new-found liberty is likely to become license, and in the case of the weaker individuals to lead to ruin. It is at this point that the fraternity steps in. The influence of the fraternity cannot be good unless its atmosphere is wholesome. Its atmosphere cannot be wholesome unless the seniors are earnest, carefully trained men, with a keen sense of duty, who will dominate and sway the policy of the chapter. A prominent professor here told me that a word from a senior had more salutary effect upon a freshman of the same fraternity than any amount of talk from one of the faculty, in a case where a freshman was 'down' in his work."

"I should say, therefore, that the greatest need of the present-day fraternity is a more careful organization of the chapter and the system, so that the senior will be fitted to dominate the chapter and so that he will do so."

It is extremely desirable that just such young men as this

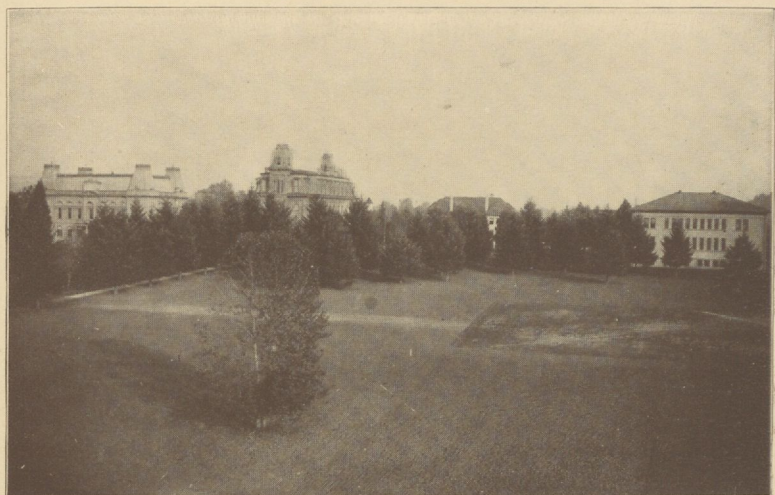
one should be in charge of the active chapter. They would welcome the counsel and coöperation of the right kind of an alumnus, and the alumnus must offer this assistance lest even the strong undergraduate should weary in well-doing.

The alumnus must give this assistance or he must be prepared, twenty years hence when he visits the old home, to greet a weaker chapter than he meets to-day, for the tendency in all the fraternities is unmistakably toward waste of time, weaker scholarship and more society, "fussing" and other adjuncts.

Most fraternity men of the last generation remember with pride that the best men in college could be had by the fraternities for the asking. It is not universally so to-day. Already many strong young men are shunning them as organizations which will rob them of their honorable ambitions on the one hand, or cultivate in them a crop of habits that are of very questionable value, on the other.

The alumni can prevent all this and it is their duty to do so. Already they give valuable property and frequently more valuable time, and they have a right to expect every chapter of their fraternity to develop men who will preserve their traditions and honor their fraternity and their alma mater.

The public has a right to expect this much of the fraternity. Last year it gave \$399,688,910 for the education of the youth of his land. It sees the secondary schools pour into the chapter-houses the best blood and brains of the state. After four years it expects to see returned to every honorable calling in every community, strong men, molders of public opinion—public opinion, the controlling force in a democracy. No organization is worthy support whose sole object is simply to protect itself and maintain its existence. The problems of society are so numerous and so complicated that both individuals and social organizations are in duty bound to enter the field determined to leave the world better than they found it. No organization has a right to ask for support unless it has some noble mission.



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National Pan-Hellenic Conference

TO the Alumnæ Organizations of the Fraternities Represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference: It was the desire of the delegates to the inter-sorority conference held in Chicago, September 11 and 12, 1908, to acquaint the alumnæ of the fraternities represented there with the vital points of the work accomplished. There are certain social tendencies which are prevalent in many colleges and universities today which are perhaps recognized by the girls in college, but which need, for their control, the more mature judgment of the alumnæ. It was the work of the inter-sorority conference, now the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, to point out certain of these errors of college life and to discuss ways and means of rectifying them. It rests, however, with the whole body of the alumnæ to see that this work is carried out. Let every alumna of every fraternity feel that she is a committee of one to do a part of this great work. Among the following suggestions to the local Pan-Hellenic associations we desire to call special attention to Articles 1, 6 and 7.

1. Every Pan-Hellenic *must* conform to the by-law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenics by one active and *one alumna* member. It is urged that alumnæ members be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their university's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with National Pan-Hellenic Conference ideas and work—upon which they should be well informed—should be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient alumnæ members is also deemed advisable.

2. Pan-Hellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite scholarship attainment in the university as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.

3. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

4. We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions.

5. Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their University and town communities.

6. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which *all* fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss National Pan-Hellenic Conference reports, shortcomings of our last compact, effects of a Sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

7. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and university problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the consensus of opinion in this conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every university where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic the alumnae members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

While the conference suggested that the initiative in this matter be taken by the alumnae members of the local Pan-Hellenic, the committee consider that it would be greatly to the credit of any alumnae organization or group to be the first to suggest such an organization in their community.

Inasmuch as the strength and power of any fraternity is coming to rest more and more in organized alumnae, your co-operation is earnestly solicited in carrying out the following suggestions made to the fraternities composing the National Pan-Hellenic:

1. That each fraternity devise a method of informing its alumnae of National Pan-Hellenic principles and policies, so that an alumna teaching in a preparatory school will not thoughtlessly

take steps that will disrupt years of cordial feeling between her chapter and other fraternities in her Alma Mater.

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

3. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

4. That each fraternity instruct its visiting delegate to impress upon the chapters the need not of a higher standard of scholarship than they already possess, but a high standard irrespective of their present standing.

As the work of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, as well as that of the local Pan-Hellenics, is now better understood by alumnae members of all fraternities, it is hoped that each one will do all in her power to help remedy conditions which cannot be met by any one society, but which are harmful to fraternity life in general. With the object of furthering this improvement by united effort this report is submitted.

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Committee from National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

February, 1909.



National Pan-Hellenic Achievements in Seven Years

- A. IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.
1. Increase in membership from seven to twelve fraternities.
 2. Establishment of standard for a national college fraternity: "Not less than five college chapters and none in an institution below college rank."
 3. Change of name from Inter-sorority Conference to National Pan-Hellenic.

4. Adoption of a working constitution insuring the permanency of the annual conferences.

B. IN THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY LIFE.

1. Coöperation and frank discussion among national officers of the special problems in special colleges.
2. Exchange among fraternity officers of the journals of the women's fraternities.

C. IN THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY LIFE.

1. The abolishment of pledging among preparatory students except at the University of Michigan, where, owing to peculiar local conditions, the national fraternity chapters there have been granted permission to pledge high school seniors only until September, 1909.
2. Formation of college Pan-Hellenics wherever two or more nationals are represented. These Pan-Hellenics consist of one alumna and one active member from every national represented in the college.
3. A pledge day in every college fixed by the college Pan-Hellenic Association.
4. No part of the initiatory ceremony to take place in public.
5. Universal discountenancing of "lifting."
6. Women's fraternities interested in general college activities and taking active steps in formation of women's leagues.

D. IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS.

1. Reports of the annual conferences.
2. A model college Pan-Hellenic constitution.
3. A model women's league constitution.
4. Report on social customs in co-educational colleges in the United States.
5. Report on present conditions of Pan-Hellenics in the United States.
6. Two circulars for fraternity alumnæ setting forth the aims and purposes of the National Pan-Hellenic.

E. INCIDENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. Two meetings of fraternity delegates with the Conference of Deans of women, where a frank discus-

sion of fraternity life in the college—its advantages and shortcomings—left with the fraternities many ideas for the improvement of fraternity life.

2. A great increase in trust and respect among rival fraternity chapters.

F. PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

1. Organizing, in each university community, of resident alumnae of all fraternities to study local problems and advise steps for their solution.
2. Efforts for later pledge day.
3. Definite university scholarship attainment among the qualifications for eligibility to fraternity membership.
4. Pan-Hellenic efforts to restrict the excessive social life of the fraternity women in its college. Also co-operation in the reduction of the elaborateness and expense of social functions.
5. More efforts toward securing the coöperation of fraternity alumnae in dealing with fraternity problems.
6. Raising scholarship standards in fraternity chapters.
7. Increasing the dignity of the office of chapter house chaperone and the securing of suitable women for these important positions.
8. Formation of a code of etiquette regarding dismissals, pledging, etc.

G. CONCLUSION.

The breadth of these present activities, touching all phases of college life, as contrasted with the avowed purpose of the 1902 (first) conference to "discuss pledging and rushing, suggesting a set of by-laws for the amelioration of existing rushing conditions," is the best proof of the progressive usefulness and strength of this organization so characteristic of the very finest fraternity spirit. May the next seven years see even greater achievement and a constantly broadening field for influential coöperation for the improvement of women's fraternity life.

Book Review

DREAM BLOCKS, by Aileen Cleveland Higgins, illustrated by Jessie Wilcox Smith. Published by Duffield & Co., Price, \$1.50.

Again has Miss Higgins, of Epsilon Chapter, brought praise to her chapter through the charming bits of poetry. The title Dream Blocks is best explained by her poem of the same name:

“With dream-blocks I can build
A castle to the sky.
No one can shake it down,
Though he may try and try,
Except myself, and then,
I make another one,
And shape it as I please.

This castle-building fun
Nobody takes away,
And what I like the best—
The dream-blocks change each day.”

The quaint philosophical reasonings are expressed in childish language, but, like many of the sayings of children, are interesting to the adult. They so beautifully speak for themselves that it seems uninteresting to talk about them. Yet one knows not what to quote, each one differing from the rest and worthy of our attention. Home is pictured in these stanzas:

You think my home is up the street
In that big house with lots of steps,
All worn in places by our feet—
With tracks that look like mine and Jep’s.

You think it’s where I always eat,
Where I can find my spoon and bowl,
My napkin folded clean and neat,
And milk, and sometimes jelly-roll.

You think it's where I always sleep,
Where I get in my puffy bed,
And fall right in a comfy heap,
Some nights before my prayers are said.

But that's not home—just roof and walls,
A place that anybody buys,
With shiny floors and stairs and halls.
My home is in my mother's eyes.

And so we might continue taking from these delightful pages, but "Dream Blocks" and "Home" are characteristic of all the rest which make up this interesting volume. The style is clearly that of a sweet poet, who gets at the heart of things in a simple, childish manner, attractive for these characteristics.

The beautiful illustrations are well suited to the work of Miss Higgins and contribute to make the volume attractive.



IT was with regret that we sent the last issue to press without a word of welcome for the chapter. But the date of issue was too near that eventful day of their installation, the eighteenth of December, to permit us to insert even a word.

And now, at this date, we, in the name of all Gamma Phi Betas, do accord you a most hearty welcome. The genuineness of these words we hope will be proved to you as the days and years go by and you find in us the fulfillment of your ambitions and ideals.

Like many another baby chapter, you have been a local sorority whose highest aim was to become a chapter of a national. This done, and while you have realized your ideal, you have but entered the threshold of larger opportunities. Gamma Phi Beta brings you new ideals, and they are those of a perfect womanhood and a life of service in the fullest and broadest sense. So, while you have both given joy and been made joyous through your new relationship, you have assumed new responsibilities. Never again will Gamma Phi Beta be complete without her Nu chapter, nor can she do her best without the best efforts of Nu chapter.

But of all this coöperation we have been assured and are confident, and for this reason we repeat a hearty welcome.

VERY gladly do we give up the remaining space usually allotted the editor to the contributors, and we commend to our readers the articles which have come from others than Gamma Phi Betas.



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters: Thursday evening before the Christmas vacation occurred the first large college function of the year, the Junior "prom." It was held in our new gymnasium, which was most effectively decorated in college colors. The dance was the most successful held in years.

We girls came back after our vacation thoroughly rested and ready for the hard work before us. Our examinations were only two weeks off, but we did indulge in an informal dance the Thursday following our return. We entertained at the Onondaga Country Club, which is an ideal place, with large, airy living rooms and big fireplaces. The decorations were pink carnations and evergreen. There were about forty-five guests present.

Our examinations are over, and once again we can greet our friends with a kind look and pleasant word. In fact, everyone is especially happy, for we are looking forward to Senior week next week. The week opens with the college play, "The Magistrate." On Tuesday evening the majority of the fraternities hold their parties. Wednesday the college Glee Club gives its concert in Crouse Hall and dance afterward for the club men. The week ends Thursday with the Senior ball. We are expecting quite a number of the girls back for Senior week.

We have quite a novel "stunt" in the way of sports here in Syracuse. The Athletic Association has had a part of the Stadium flooded for skating. The rink is very popular, and the students are planning some ice carnivals if the weather takes a turn.

It seems almost impossible to find news for our letter this issue, but we promise a more interesting one next time.

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BETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The examinations are over, and we are well started into the new semester. The three-hour examination system was introduced this year, and thus we had only two

"exams" a day, and some of us were through early enough to give us almost a week's vacation between semesters.

We are planning for a small rushing party for the near future. It will be a german, and the girls are busy planning some new and original figures.

Saturday night is our annual Valentine's dinner. Valentines that will defy the "store" ones for wit and humor will be passed out just before dessert. Closets of the unsuspecting are being daily ransacked for hidden skeletons to be heartlessly exhibited at that time.

With Washington's Birthday comes our fancy dress party. This, too, is a most important and lively event to Beta. Costumes defying all description appear then. Wierd and grotesque masks complete the disguises. The evening is brought to a close by a "stunt" by the Freshmen, which comes as a complete surprise.



GAMMA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma takes a great deal of pleasure in introducing to you two more new Freshmen who have been pledged since our last chapter letter was written. They are Elizabeth Perry, of Davenport, Iowa, and Grace Beaugard, of Creston, Iowa. By the time this letter reaches you they will have been initiated, and our Freshmen will then number sixteen.

This is the busy time of semester examinations, and two of our Seniors, Ruth Allen and Helen Smith, will have completed their work at the end of this semester. In spite of the hard work, the pleasant times we have had have made the time pass so quickly that it scarcely seems possible that half of our school year is already passed.

With the end of the semester comes that interesting event, the Junior "prom." This year it will be held Friday evening, February 19. Quite a number of the Gamma girls will be guests at the different fraternity house parties and are looking forward to a most pleasant week end.

Owing to the non-renewal of the special dispensation by the National Pan-Hellenic, we have been obliged to dispense with inter-scholastic rushing and pledging at Wisconsin. This will necessitate a great deal more work for us all in the fall. After "prom" is over, the next all-university event will be the "circus," which takes place in March.

Gamma's Freshmen have already begun to distinguish themselves in athletic lines. Edna Howard is captain of the Freshman basketball team, and Helen Schofield, Grace Beaugard and Verona Pratt are also on the team.

At the time of the Lincoln memorial exercises at the University, Feb-

ruary 12, an announcement was made that Mr. Thomas Brittingham, husband of Mrs. Mary Clark Brittingham, one of our most active alumnae, was the donor of a \$10,000 bronze statue of Lincoln, which will be placed on the upper campus.



DELTA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Mid-year examinations are well over, also our week's vacation, and we are all back at college with the exception of Anne Goodsell, who has returned to New York and whom we greatly miss. The first of our doings since the last chapter letter, was our Christmas party, when we all hung up our stockings and received the numerous small gifts and good-natured slams. Instead of a tree for some poor children, as usual, we all contributed toward a Christmas dinner and a few toys for a poor family. We found this arrangement more satisfactory all around.

The alumnae Christmas spread was held this year at the Putnam sisters', in Lynn. There is no need to tell what a good time we had, for that is just a necessary consequence when the alumnae entertain. The active girls always enjoy this time, meeting old friends and making new ones.

After we came back from this vacation we held a mothers' tea at the sorority rooms on January 13. Here, too, we were glad to see again the mothers we knew and to welcome the new ones.

The Latin play given by the college, in which Olive and Celia Marshall, Anne Goodsell, Mary Taylor and Florence Barbour took part, was a great success. Most interesting and amusing it was. And the Latin players are now looking forward to February 12, when they are to be entertained by Mrs. Lindsay, the wife of one of our Latin professors.

Then came the mid-year examinations, which we all lived through safely, and a week's vacation brought us back to work again.

Gamma Phis are all practicing hard now for the play "Julius Cæsar," which we expect to give March 26.

The Friday after we came back all who heard him enjoyed Professor Baldwin's Kipling reading.

February 9 was the date of the annual Gamma Delta banquet. There were over ninety present, and all testified to a good time. Helen Byrne was chairman of the feast committee, and Florence Barbour responded to the Senior toast.

At the semi-annual election of the Freshman class Alice Moulton was elected treasurer.

Just now we are all looking forward to our Valentine party at the

sorority rooms Friday, February 12. I wish I could wait to tell you about it, but this letter *must* go, else we shall have the words, "Delta, no letter," to our credit.



EPSILON

(No Letter.)



ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Zeta has very little chapter news this time—only that relating to the whole college. Just after mid-year, those days of judgment for all, Dr. Eugene Allen Noble was installed as President of the Woman's College to take the place of Dr. Goucher, who, on account of ill health, was compelled to resign last spring. The installation exercises were very impressive and were rendered even more so by the presence of delegates from over fifty colleges and schools, besides many dignitaries of the church and city. After the exercises, a reception, the largest ever held at this college, was given for the guests.

It is said that the longest part of the college year is from Christmas to Easter, but this year promises to prove the exception. As soon as we returned from our Christmas vacation we had to think of the coming examinations, and the time seemed only too short in which to prepare for them. Ever since they have become a thing of the past something has been going on. After the installation came the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, and we still have to look forward to a very short but sweet vacation on February 22, and another on March 4. As Washington is so near, a great many of the college girls expect to go over to see President Taft's inauguration.

In fact, there is some entertainment scheduled for almost every week, and before we know it the spring vacation will be upon us. At that time all the Zeta girls who live too far away to go home expect to go off together somewhere for a good time. This will, however, not be our regular house party, for that is to be held in June immediately after college closes. We had such a good time last year that we want to repeat it, and hope that all alumnæ who can will join us.

At the present time the college is quite agitated over the subject of the expense of class affairs. One of our Seniors is chairman of the committee to find ways of reducing these, and ought after her numerous conferences with various members of the faculty to become an expert financier. Every year the class affairs are growing a little more elaborate than

they were the year before and costing a little more money, until now it has become necessary to fix a limit. The committee soon hopes to have things on a good working basis and to reduce the unnecessary expenses.

Although we have no distinctly chapter news to relate, we are nevertheless having a very good time and manage to enjoy many an hour or two of fun with just Gamma Phis.



ETA

ETA sends greetings to one and all of her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. In our last letter we mentioned our Thanksgiving dinner, which we were looking forward to with much pleasure. It was a great success. Almost all the alumnæ who were within reasonable distance were present, and plans for a chapter house of our own were discussed between whole-souled Gamma Phi songs.

Since college opened this semester we have spent a busy and happy month. All the girls but Genevive Goodacre have returned, and two of our Freshmen, Ina Hale and Elizabeth Bridge, have moved in the house.

Our Christmas tree for the house, which is another one of our time-honored customs, was held early in the term. A number of the alumnæ were present. Most of the gifts were in money, donated to the building fund, although some of the alumnæ and college men gave silver things for the sorority.

On February 15 the upper class girls are to entertain the under class girls with a dance, but it is to be in the nature of a surprise party.

The third big college dance or Sophomore hop is to be on February 5. These dances are always very formal, and usually a thousand or more students attend them, so you can imagine what a beautiful sight it is.



THETA

(No Letter.)



IOTA

SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Iota is still rushing, but by the time our letter reaches you all pledge day will have arrived. It has been a long, long wait, and the pleasures of anticipation are being a bit overdone, we feel; but that the realization will be ample reward we have no doubt. We would that we might introduce our Sophomores to you in this number, but, although that must wait until June, we have now the very great pleasure of presenting Florence E. Rose, '10, who was unable to join a fraternity last year, but whose loyalty and friendship for the

chapter won her for us this year. She was initiated on January 9 at Mrs. Whitwell's. Mrs. Sullivan, Gamma, and Miss Hersey, Theta, helped us with the ceremonies. Mrs. Palmer invited us after the initiation to banquet with the New York Alumnæ and to be present at their meeting at her home. Here we were able to introduce our initiate to many of Alpha's alumnæ and our own, and to Miss Olney, of Lambda, and Miss Hincks, of Eta.

The January rushing took the form of a theater party to the Hippodrome. To think of Marsaleen doing tightrope stunts in pink tulle brings a smile even now. The tightrope—a slack clothesline tied to two chairs—and the *modus operandi*—Slivers crawling on the floor bearing little Marsaleen on his back, which was about level with the rope. Mrs. Whitwell and Mrs. Beakes, Alpha, chaperoned us on this occasion.

A paint and powder ball held on Lincoln's birthday is just over as I write. The powdered hair and beauty patches made it rather a unique affair. Mrs. Thorndike, Delta; Mrs. Palmer, Alpha; Mrs. Sullivan, Gamma, and Mrs. Whitwell and Mrs. McKelvey, Iota, received for us and danced with us. For March we are planning a luncheon and for April a cotillion just before pledge day. In all our parties the New York alumnæ chapter has helped us, and we shall feel that our success in the final test is due in large part to their constant aid and interest.

The local Pan-Hellenic has passed a rule forbidding the rushing of Freshmen. This was done in order to foster class spirit, which is inclined to take a rather remote second place to fraternity interests among the younger girls. We have also decided upon a uniform written bid to be used alike by all the fraternities when pledging. This innovation will obviate camping all the night before pledge day on the desired's doorstep in order to get the first word with her in the morning, a custom giving rise to many difficulties in the case of two or more hostile camps.

Of college interest there is little extraordinary. Mid-years are over, and reports are not yet out, so we are in a blissful state of ignorance and uncertainty.

One of our members is trying for a part in the undergraduate play, but the decisions have not been made.

Junior ball next week will find us in our best bibs and tuckers at the Majestic Hotel. We are living along quietly and profitably.

Iota sends hearty congratulations to her sister chapters for the splendid success recorded in the last CRESCENT and welcomes enthusiastically the new initiates.

KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Mid-winter, and the last stretch of the college year ahead of us. If it were not for the fact that the Junior ball is now a thing of the past we could hardly realize it. Ten of our sisters attended the ball, which is the big social event of our college year and which was held this year in the great ballroom of the armory of the National Guard. It is a beautiful memory now of rich gowns and profusion of flowers and strains of gay music.

What pleasure we take in introducing to our sister chapters our new Gamma Phi brother! He is Arthur Hoffman, Phi Gamma Delta, ex-'09, University of Minnesota, and he entered our family when he married Millicent Lees, ex-'09, on February 10. Margaret Lees, the bride's sister, also a Gamma Phi, was the maid of honor. Before the wedding we had an informal afternoon for our bride at the chapter house, where we spent the time sewing, and we attended the wedding in a body. Brides are always beautiful, but Millicent, in her white satin gown and long white veil, standing against a bank of palms and lilies, looked just like a lovely white lily herself.

Showers are always for people, and almost always for brides, are they not? Well, we have had one which was not. During the Christmas vacation the chapter house received a shower, and such quantities of house linen and embroideries as were bestowed upon it! It made its bow, through its resident girls, in a most charming manner.

Isn't it a moment of intense pride when some of our girls march into chapel with the august Seniors on "Cap and Gown day"? This year Helen Riheldaffer, Ruth Tallant and Ethel Cosgrove have joined the ranks of the dignified. On that day, when the Seniors first donned cap and gown, the chapel was crowded, and such cheers as arose when before the under classmen who were standing to do them honor the Senior class filed into the front section reserved for them! Then dear old "Prexy" gave his annual address to the graduating class and moved to laughter and tears as he gave us flashes of his wit or dwelt feelingly on the departure before long to take place.

Kappa sends the warmest greetings to the sister chapters and wishes them godspeed at this beginning of the new semester.



LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The new college semester has begun, and Lambda has two new pledges to introduce—Rosella Mohr and Kathleen Hadley. Both are splendid girls, and we expect to be able to initiate them in June under the new faculty ruling. Speaking of initiating

reminds me that I must tell you of our first initiation of this college year, which took place last Saturday, February 6, at the chapter house. Six little Freshmen were rewarded for their patient endurance during the long five months by receiving at last the long desired pin. These new sisters are Emma Dalquist, Mary White, Nell Frater, Florence Lewis, Gertrude Crites and Louise Richardson.

Several of the "old girls" were present at the banquet, which was certainly a success owing to the clever toasts and the general "good time" spirit which prevailed.

We are always proud of the prominent place our girls take in student activities, but it seems as though every Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior is now trying to help Gamma Phi Beta carry off the honors. Edna Byrd is on the Senior ball committee, Grace King on *The Lyre* staff and Junior "prom" committee, Helen Urquhart on the Junior day committee, Therese Preston in one of the Sophomore plays, and Mary White and Wilhemina Schumacher on the Freshman social committee. Each of the other girls is active in some feature of college life, so we are all working together for Washington and for Gamma Phi.

Love and best wishes for the new year from Lambda.



MU

SISTERS in Gamma Phi Beta: Is it too late to wish all of our sister chapters the happiest sort of a new year? At least, this has been our first opportunity to extend that wish, and we certainly do give it most heartily.

The spring semester is always the nicer here at Stanford. We feel more closely drawn together somehow—perhaps because the Freshmen have just come into the house, because we usually have little rushing to worry over (for there are few new girls entering after Christmas), and because then we can have time to just rush our sisters. Shut in from the cold outdoors—no, this isn't "sunny California" these days—"candy makings" grow quite the fashion, and "jolly-ups" are the ordinary occurrence. Of these exclusive good times "within the bosom of our family," the one that caused the greatest interest this year was the mock trial and marriage ceremonies. With six new Freshmen coming into the house, all past rooming combinations must be upset and readjusted; so, of necessity, certain divorce proceedings had to be passed through before the separations could legally take place. In fancy dress, therefore, we all came to "court," each with a defending lawyer and a strong plea for "alimony." Every trial brought out many ridiculous parodies, and the dignity of the courtroom was frequently disturbed by undue levity. If some were not satis-

fied with the outcome of their particular case, perhaps they might blame the none too attentive "judge," who dozed quite characteristically through the proceedings, or the hilarious and undoubtedly "bribed" jury! But everyone seemed quite content, and, apparently learning no lesson from their recent direful experiences, were all remarried by the "officiating clergyman."

All our "functions" this month, however, were not farces. We have been quite gay and giddy in the social line. Mrs. Squire, the mother of one of our Palo Alto Freshmen, gave us a most attractive dance on January 29. The general run of college dances grows a bit tiresome, and we all certainly enjoyed this more unusual home party. Then, on February 6, we held our formal dance of the year in the chapter house. It was a larger one than we have ever attempted to give before, nearly a hundred guests being present, but we only hope they enjoyed it as much as we did having them.

Before telling you more of the chapter's doings, however, Mu wishes to introduce its newest member, Gladys Gill, of Palo Alto, who entered college in September and whom we pledged this month.

Of interest in the fraternity world here was the granting of a charter of Delta Delta Delta to the Maniesta Club, which was organized two years ago. Many of the girls are special friends of ours, and we were so glad to welcome them into Pan-Hellenic. This increases the number of national sororities on the campus to seven, but that does not seem too many for the 500 women students to uphold.

Again, then, in closing, here's to the new year, although by now you have all forgotten it's that and have come to write 1909 quite unconsciously—and here Mu sends sincerest good wishes to all her sister chapters.



NU

DEAR Sisters: Your baby chapter wishes, first of all, to thank all of you for the kind welcome you have given her. She appreciates it very much and hopes that she may prove worthy of it. She feels that the best way to thank you will be to work for her own development so that she may be able not only to walk alone, but to help others.

Perhaps you would like to know something about the members of Nu and what they are doing in college.

Nieta Harding, '09, is secretary of the Associated Students, president of the Muckers' Tennis Club and a member of the Baccalaureate committee.

Jennie Perry, another Senior, is chairman of the social committee of the Y. W. C. A.

Jessie Hurley, '09, is editor-in-chief of the annual woman's edition of the *Oregon Weekly*.

Blanche Huston, '09, is president of the German Club and a member of the committee in charge of the Senior dance.

Ruth Hansen, '10, is editor-in-chief of the *Oregon Monthly*. This editorship and the secretaryship held by Nieta Harding are the two highest offices given to women by the student body.

Ruth Duniway, another Junior, is secretary of her class.

Gertrude Holmes, a Sophomore, is chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Bible committee. She has been nominated for vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. for the coming semester, and Edith Woodcock, also of '11, has been nominated for corresponding secretary. Pearl Wilbur, '11, is a member of the executive committee of her class, and Erma Clifford is secretary of the class of 1912.

The night before the end of the Christmas vacation Nu gave a little dance in Portland. Eleven of the sixteen active members, as well as a number of the alumnæ, live in Portland. The dance was given at the Portland Heights Club, which was decorated with pennants in honor of the occasion. Nu made many new friends besides having a chance to spend a pleasant evening with those whom she had known before. Ruth Guppy, Beta; Alice Beñson, Eta; Caroline Benson and Winnifred Higgins, Mu, were the members of the other chapters who were present.

Nu extends a cordial invitation to all Gamma Phi's traveling through the West to visit her, as she will not only enjoy them, but is anxious to come into personal contact with as many of them as possible for her own benefit.

Nieta Harding will finish her work the middle of February, when she will leave for a two months' visit in New York. She hopes to visit some of the chapters on her trip. Ruth Hansen and Blanche Huston gave a shower for Nieta on Saturday afternoon, January 30. The girls presented her with small articles useful in traveling.

Nu sends her best wishes to you all.



CHICAGO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: The Chicago Alumnæ chapter has had four very interesting and pleasant meetings since our last chapter letter in THE CRESCENT.

November 21 we had an enthusiastic meeting at the home of Lillian Thompson, our alumnæ delegate at Convention. As there were five of our members at Convention, including Mrs. Berry, the acting President, you can imagine how interested we all were to hear their different reports about the grand good time which Beta tendered them while there.

December 12 we met down town at the Carrie Abbie lunchroom, having a joint meeting of the alumnae and Epsilon chapters. As it was so near Christmas time, the number of Epsilon girls present was not so large as we had hoped. These joint meetings mean much to both chapters, bringing us into closer contact with each other.

After an all-night blizzard, January 16 dawned bright and clear on huge drifts of snow. In spite of the cold and the slowly running cars, all who had planned to be at the luncheon at the home of Miss Grace Lasher, in Evanston, were there at the stated hour. With a cheery fire and true Gamma Phi spirit, we had a very profitable meeting.

February 13 was our last meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Vera Kraft, in Rogers Park. As the Epsilon girls had also been invited, we had about thirty present, and we had a royal good time.



SYRACUSE

DEAR Sisters: Because of a dearth of events, one letter will not, this time, be of the "Elphanticus Giganticus" variety, unless we make it air-castle-y, and it takes more 14-karat courage than we keep by us to do that.

Gamma Phi had to wear her rubbers and uphold her umbrella against the falling snow to get to the December meeting at Mrs. Gertrude Fuller's, but the report of the Convention, and our hostess's warm welcome compensated.

In January we met at Mrs. Florence Baker's, the last visit at her Onondaga avenue home, as they have since sold and are about to build a large residence on University Hill. Many were there, whose names appear in the personals. The luncheon was very dainty and delicious, but the cheerful phonograph as it lifted up its voice, could not "speak its piece" loudly enough to be heard by the girls, and it sadly resigned in their favor.

February sixth the faithful many were at Mrs. Grace Edgecomb's. As a bureau of useful information this correspondent is a failure, for she was not there.

Mary Whitford visited her brother's family in Albany at the time of the governor's inauguration, and incidentally saw the ceremonies.

Mrs. Whitford (Anna Terry) invited Mrs. Mary C. McCoy, '93, and Miss Louise Burgess, '97, to visit with her sister one afternoon, making a Gamma Phi quartette.

Dr. and Mrs. Flick, '98, will again conduct a travel-study club through Europe. Two Gamma Phi girls (the Misses Wilmot, of Baltimore), a Gamma Phi father and a Gamma Phi brother were of last year's party. The next club will sail June 23d, for Naples, visiting Italy, Switzerland,

Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and England, returning early in September. All desired information will be gladly given by Mrs. A. C. Lick, 108 Waverly avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadleigh (Hattie Budd) recently presented to University Avenue Church a beautiful pulpit Bible, in memory of their little son, Leland, who has gone before into the Heavenly Land. "A little child shall lead them."

On November 11, 1909, the father of Mrs. May Hamblen Eaton, '87, was buried with full military honors in the officers' section of Arlington National Cemetery. His death had occurred some time before in the south. His family were present at the interment.

Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond—our Ladies Home Journal "Juliet," has issued this year a very exquisite booklet, "Christmas Day in the Morning." It deserves to rank with books that live.

And now being inspired by Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday and all the rest of them, we venture to send a bit of a remembrance to "Our Four Founders." Please play it is a truly valentine, if you will, surrounded by cupids, bordered with lace (real lace), and fragrant with our heart's best and deepest love to you all.

In life's bright sweet morning
So many years ago
Some seeds were planted in good ground,
The sun shone brightly all around,
'Twas Gamma Phi's own garden.

Today at life's high noon
This garden is your pride.
Hedged round about with truth and love,
Fed by the showers and sun above,
It sheds its perfume wide.

The past, today, tomorrow;
The seed, the flower, the fruit.
What matters if the winds blow cold,
The shadows deepen, we grow old,
The 'weathered' fruit is best.



BOSTON

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Boston's greetings to you, one and all, and best wishes for the new year, although they may be a little late owing to a change of secretaries at just the time when the last letter should have been sent for THE CRESCENT.

Our annual Christmas reunion was held with the four Putnam sisters at their home in Lynn and was attended by about fifty of the alumnæ and active girls. The Putnams are admirable hostesses, and this was no exception to the general good time which their guests are sure to enjoy. In a way, our Christmas reunion is perhaps the pleasantest of the year, because then more of the alumnæ are able to be in or around Boston than at any other time.

On February 6 Mrs. Lindsay, wife of one of the college professors, gave at her home in West Newton a linen shower for Susan Brown. We had been requested to bring our thimbles, and after the various articles showered upon the bride-to-be had been opened, each went to work with a will.

Boston chapter holds its regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month. We wish that many of our sisters from distant chapters might join us in our good times.



NEW YORK

DEAR Sisters: Our December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jessie Gore Frost and was very much enjoyed by all who were present. Thirty-five answered the individual roll call; eight the call by chapters—Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Lambda and Mu.

To those of us who were active when the "Peanut and Olive" song read from "Alpha to Eta" comes a new realization of the growth of the sorority, and there can but be a feeling of pride and happiness in the mind of each member.

Mrs. Beulah Hayes Nisbit, our newest bride, was present and beamed on us with the proper honeymoon smile, which made some of the girls almost envious.

January 9, Mrs. Blanche Shove Palmer entertained Iota with New York Alumnæ, as it was the day of initiation, when the new member, Florence Rose, could be present. We were all glad to welcome her and feel sure she was duly impressed by our numbers at least.

Mrs. Grace Howard Smith opened her home to us for the February meeting, which was called a basket luncheon. Mrs. Daisy Stott Sullivan followed the direction literally and appeared with a real basket, of the two shades of Gamma Phi brown, which was filled with all kinds of Western goodies. Pansy Olney, a student of domestic science in Pratt Institute, proved that she can make delicious nougat and kindly gave us numerous recipes for candies. Very little business was in evidence, so we had a good, old fashioned visit until time to break up the meeting.

Our last regular meeting of the year will be held March 27 at the home

of Edna Stitt, 156 West Ninety-third street, and we will be pleased to welcome any of our girls who may be in town that day.



MILWAUKEE

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Milwaukee Alumnæ chapter, although half buried in snowdrifts, again sends greetings. We have no very startling news to relate, only our everyday happenings, but are glad to let you know we are thinking of you.

Our first meeting in 1909 was held at the home of Gertrude Ross on the afternoon of January 9. As the meeting was devoted entirely to business, among other things the reading of the Convention report, we all wished we might have been with our sisters "in convention assembled."

The heartiest of welcomes and congratulations to our "Nu" (new) sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

A definite plan for our meetings was decided upon—a 1 o'clock luncheon the third Saturday in each month, two members entertaining each time. Our first luncheon is to be given by Mary Laflin Jones and Bernice Hunter Hoffmann, Saturday, February 13. We hope that all the Gamma Phis in the vicinity will be present.



SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We who live in San Francisco and thereabouts are planning to build arks, although as yet it has only rained for thirty days and thirty nights. On one of these stormy days in January the San Francisco Alumnæ gathered at the home of Sue Dunbar. After the election of officers took place, the Convention reports were read and plans discussed for the next Convention, at Eta. We cordially hope that already a large number of our Eastern and Northern sisters are making plans to be in California next fall.

After the formal business was over, everyone chatted sociably over cups of tea and other goodies, for which Dunbar hospitality is famous.

An afternoon of bridge at the home of Grace Foulds was the occasion of the announcement of the engagement of Miss Foulds to Mr. Arbruster. The secret had been so well kept that most of Miss Foulds' friends were completely surprised. The wedding is to take place in March, but fortunately Miss Foulds will still live in California, and we hope to have her often at the Gamma Phi gatherings.

DENVER

THE thoughts of all Denver Gamma Phis are centered just now on the annual play, which is to be given at the Woman's Club building on February 19. For, if Theta gains glory by her clever presentation of the play, has not Denver alumnæ the glory of authorship? For the past five years Lindsay Barbee has written a play for the Theta girls—a play pronounced good not only by Gamma Phis, but also by less prejudiced critics. That these plays are attractive not simply because of their local interest, but because of their genuine merit, is attested by the fact that last year's play was accepted, practically without change, by an Eastern stage manager. We are very proud of our playwright and of the able company by which the plays are produced.

We have had three very delightful meetings since our last letter was sent to THE CRESCENT. At the December meeting, held with Louise Iliff, our delegate to Convention told to a deeply interested audience all that had been said and done at Convention. It is hardly exact to say *all*, however, for Convention was an absorbing topic at the January meeting, at the home of our president, Inez Ridgway. Indeed, we found that the subject was not exhausted even then, for it came up again when we met in February, with Lucia Pattison Young. We wish that all our alumnæ were able to meet with us regularly, for those who do enjoy the meetings very much and find that their enthusiasm for Gamma Phi gatherings is high and their interest in her welfare unflagging.

As Denver Gamma Phis have always believed in expansion and especially approve of putting chapters into young and growing institutions, it is with great pleasure that we welcome our sister chapter at Oregon State University. May its prosperity grow as its years increase.



MINNESOTA

WE are sincerely glad to welcome the Oregon Chapter and to greet them as sisters. May they quickly realize the Gamma Phi spirit, for from that moment their happiness and usefulness as a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta begins. Minnesota hopes that Fate will soon let us know some of the Nu chapter girls personally.

Our meetings for this quarter have been very well attended. The first one was held with Millicent Lees and was sadly mixed with whispers of weddings—the air was fairly alive with it—for her's was scarcely a month away.

Mrs. Backus entertained the next meeting. After the business, several of the active girls came in for the social hour and brought the very latest news from college and their active chapter.

The February meeting was to have been held at Mrs. Batson's, but a severe blizzard made it necessary to postpone the meeting for a week, and we all stood by and learned a lesson in energy from Minnesota weather.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the active chapter on December 30, when they entertained us at the Christmas party at the chapter house. Since the house is the very youngest thing Gamma Phi possesses here, the Christmas tree was in its honor, and the house is still smiling its thanks.

On January 18 the active chapter held a social meeting at Ruth Talant's, to which the alumnae were bidden. We consider the enthusiasm of the active chapter among our most valuable assets, and somehow they manage to pass some of it along whenever we meet.

On the evening of February 10 many of the Kappa chapter, both active and alumnae, were present at the wedding of Millicent Lees and Arthur Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman is a Phi Gamma Delta; consequently the wedding was largely a college affair. We hope this bride will be taken for a pattern, for she is to live in Minneapolis and continue to be one of us.

Best wishes to you all.



Personals

Alpha

Olive Beaver visited Olive Hunt at her home in Clyde, N. Y., recently. Bernice Peck was at a house party in Rochester the last week in January. Emogene Day, '00, with her parents, Chancellor and Mrs. James R. Day, is making an extensive tour of the European countries.

Beta

Mrs. Harry Douglas is spending several months in Jamaica. Marion Pellon, Negaunee, Mich., a pledge, is back for second semester. Francis Brown, '08, of Rockford, Ill., will be here next week on her way to Europe, where she will travel for two years.

Paula Henze, Detroit, Mich., who was just graduated this February, has accepted the position of teacher of German in the Detroit Central High School. We are glad she is so near Ann Arbor. We are sure of an occasional visit.

Gamma

Ann Martin, '08, who is teaching in Ashland, will be in Madison during "prom" time.

Grace Steiner, ex-'09, who is at Smith this year, was with us for a few days at Christmas time.

The engagement of Miss Allison Moore, '09, and Alfred J. Kieckhiefer, Sigma Chi, was announced at New Year's.

Hazel Milverstad, ex-'09, passed through Madison recently on her way to Minneapolis for a visit before going to her new home in Quincy, Ill.

The engagement of Effie Whyte, '07, and Homer Watt, assistant instructor in English, was announced in Watertown, Wis., during the Christmas vacation.

Hazel Houser, ex-'10, is visiting us now. She expected to be back in school second semester, but ill health made it necessary for her to give up her school work for the present.

We have had as our guest lately Violet Dungan, of the Lambda chapter. It is always a great pleasure to Gamma to meet and know the Gamma Phis from the other chapters.

Gamma is especially fortunate in being able to count among her new alumnae Mrs. Augustine Ellean Fiske, who was married at Christmas time and has recently moved to Madison. Mrs. Fiske is a New York Gamma Phi and was with us several years ago, when she was doing work in horticulture at the University. Mr. Fiske is a professor in the Latin department here.

Zeta

Ann Williams, '08, is in California.

Elizabeth Gatch, '06, spent January in Baltimore.

Ethel Carr, '04, visited in Baltimore in December.

Bell Baker, '05, spent a part of February in Frederick, Md.

Fielding Turner Chase, '99, is spending the winter in Baltimore.

Edith Fisher, '04, visited Jane Smart Allen, in Lyons, Miss., before Christmas.

Marion and Katherine Scranton, '09, were in Timonium, Md., for the Christmas holidays.

Myra Ross Manifold, '05, was in the hospital at York, Pa., for some time during January.

Helen Armor, ex-'07, is studying domestic science at the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia.

Caroline Smith, ex-'07, is studying at the Y. W. C. A. Secretary Training School in Pittsburg.

Jane Smart Allen, '04, visited her family in Savannah, Ga., and Edith Fisher, in Atlanta, during December.

Sarah Turner, '09, and Mable and Ethel Jane Haskins, '09, spent the Christmas vacation in Washington, D. C.

Alice Sloan Dimmick, ex-'00, has been in the Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, for several weeks, but she is now improving and has returned to her home in Delaware.

Mary Thomas McCurley, '10, spent Christmas with Anna Treadwell Blanton, '11, in Nashville, Tenn. While there she visited the Webbs, Zeta girls, in Bell Buckle, Tenn.

Ethel Hundley Shriner, '07, went to New Orleans in February to attend Mardi Gras. While away from Baltimore she will visit Edith Fisher, in Atlanta, and Lucille Reilley MacDonald, in Charlotte, N. C.

Eta

Mary Riley entertained the Berkeley girls at cards during the holidays.

Lillian Eisenbeis and Harriet McDonald, from Lambda, visited us on their way from Convention, leaving with us some of the spirit of unity.

Alice Hoyte, '10, entertained the active girls at a delightful dance given at her attractive home in East Oakland.

Elizabeth Bridge, '12, entertained some of her classmates at a house party for the week's end in Mill Valley.

Elizabeth Rothermal, '99, invited the under class girls in to tea last week to meet some of her friends. Miss Rothermal has just moved from San Francisco to her beautiful new home in Elmwood Park, Berkeley.

Justine Griffith, '09, assisted Miss Sprague, the dean of the women, at one of her teas to the Freshmen. At these pleasant affairs Miss Sprague invites a certain number of Freshmen to her home in North Berkeley and learns to know them intimately, and is thereby enabled to deal with them more readily.

Iota

We extend loving sympathy to Miss Dutcher, who is mourning the loss of her father.

Helen Gray was in the city at Christmas time, but has returned to Sullivan county.

Miss Goodsell, Delta, has transferred to Barnard this half year, and Iota is very glad to greet her.

Miss Warr, Alpha; Miss Hersey, Theta; Miss Holt, Boston alumnae, attended our dance on February 12.

Linda Savitz has been ill, and her sister Helen has been able to take her place in school while she was away.

At the New York alumnae meeting Iota had an opportunity of renewing her acquaintance with Miss Olney, Lambda, and Miss Hincks, Eta.

Lambda

Lura Pendleton, '11, has re-entered college and is living at the chapter house.

Lilian Eisenbeis, '06, of Port Townsend, and Ethelin Coffman, '07, spent several days at the chapter house.

Katherine Edwards, '05, Margaret Brown, '06, and Emily Sumner, '02, came down from Everett to be present at initiation February 6.

Violet Dungan, '09, has left college for a visit in the East. On the way she will visit the chapters at Minnesota, Wisconsin, Syracuse and Barnard Colleges. She will return in time to take up her college work in September.

Mu

May Vorhees Kroff, '04, visited the chapter house for two days in December.

Mu enjoyed a short visit from Helen McDonald and Lillian Eisenbeis, of Lambda, on their chapter tour after Convention. Having thus met four Lambda girls this year, we are beginning to feel a more intimate bond between the Washington chapter and ours.

During Christmas vacation several affairs were given for the Mu girls who spent their holidays in Southern California. Jeannette Cole, ex-'09, entertained fourteen active and inactive Mus with a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Robbins Little. The alumnæ gave a tea—at which, by the way, the engagement of Helen North, '04, was announced. And Daisy Dake, ex-'09, gave a dancing party at her home in Pasadena.

Chicago

Hazel Driver spent Christmas week in Madison.

Vena Brunk spent a week in January with friends in Milwaukee.

Hattie Ludlow, '06, of Gamma, visited our last alumnæ meeting.

At our last downtown meeting, in December, we enjoyed having with us Bess Larrabee, '96, and Mrs. Dorothea Curtis Chickering, '00, of Gamma.

Our chapter is favored by the membership of Mrs. Grace Adele Berry, the acting President of the last Convention and the Grand President for next year.

New York

Gertrude Andrews, Alpha, attended the meeting on February 6.

Helen Hersey, who is studying voice culture this winter, has been a guest at several meetings.

Mrs. Beulah Hayes Nisbit, Ola Jermy, Florence Hincks and Pansy Olney have joined our circle this winter.

Mrs. Wallace Slawson entertained Ola Jermy and Laura Latimer at an informal week-end party in December.

Mrs. Antoinette Brown Strickland has been very ill at her home in Northport, Long Island, but is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Daisy Stott Sullivan, Gamma; Mrs. Florence Nye Whitwell, Iota; Helen Thoburn, Mu, and Elizabeth Kaufman, Lambda, were visitors at the December meeting.

Milwaukee

Mrs. Fred Peterson entertained at bridge recently.

Mrs. A. R. McLenegan visited in Racine last week.

Mrs. Edward P. Sherry has left for an extended visit in the East.

Hazel Milverstadt, of Indianapolis, is being entertained in the city.

Vena C. Brunk, of Chicago, has been spending the past week in Milwaukee.

Grace and Agnes McDonnell, Gamma, '06, spent a few days with Milwaukee friends.

Mrs. Eleanor Bliss Clausen, of Horicon, spent several days with Milwaukee friends recently.

Among recent Milwaukee visitors have been Edith McMillen, Gertrude Wright and Allison More, of Gamma chapter.

Carrie Morgan, of Appleton, has been ill at St. Mary's Hospital. We are glad to say, however, that she is well on the road to recovery.

Denver

Louise Iliff is spending the winter months in Porto Rico.

Inez Ridgway has returned to Denver after a brief trip to Salida.

Edna Howard, of Gamma, is at home for a week's vacation.

Lucia Pattison Young gave a delightful Gamma Phi luncheon on December 30.

Mary Crary Moore has sold her Denver home and is to live on her ranche, "Westward Ho!" at Brush, Colo.

Grace Sater Rogers has been visiting her mother at University Park, but has now returned to her home in Telluride.

Mary Way, Janet Newkirk, Eva Davis and Effie Behm are coming in for the Gamma Phi play, which is to be given on February 19.

Minnesota

Mrs. Crooker is spending the winter in the South.

Mary Ives is making a short visit in Minneapolis.

Cora Taney has returned from a long visit in Missouri.

Miss Dungan, of Lambda chapter, is visiting at Kappa chapter house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silversen and little son will spend the rest of the winter at Hollywood, Cal.

Helen Hendrix, one of our most active and energetic alumnae members, is seriously ill with typhoid fever. We miss her greatly and are eagerly looking forward to the time when she can be with us again.

Syracuse

Gertrude Andrews, '97, is spending several weeks at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Mrs. Clara Worden Wilcox, '76, has recently returned from a visit in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Grace Featherly Marot, '95, and family are soon to remove to Boston, their future home.

During the holidays Edith Hamlin, '90, of the Pennsylvania College of Music, visited her sister here, Mrs. Foster.

Mabelle Luther, ex-'02, of Olean, visited very recently in the city. She is about to start for California, where she expects to stay two months.

Jane Lewis, '02, has just visited her sister, Mrs. Corinne Robinson, '98, in Washington, D. C. Miss Lewis sails in April for Johannesburg, Africa, her future home.

Mrs. Abbie Benson Slawson, ex-'02, Plainfield, N. J., is traveling with her husband. Syracuse Gamma Phis are glad to know they plan a short stay in our town.

Gertrude Hamlin McKee, '90, who has been at a sanitarium at White Haven, Pa., expects to return soon, much improved in health to her home at Ambler, Pa.

Mrs. Mabel Hodder, '95, Professor of History at Wellesley, spent Christmas week here with her sisters. Murielle Wood, '98, also visited her brother in Syracuse at that time.

Janet Keverand, '06, who is teaching at Ridgewood, N. J., was home the first week in February on account of illness. Her cousin, Jane Avery Henderson, '01, is teaching in the same school.

Mrs. Mary Mours Will, '01, of Rochester, is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Munroe, '02. Mrs. Munroe will be remembered by Gamma Phis as Florence Reed.

Dr. Draper's return to Japan is now postponed until early fall (because of illness), when Mrs. Draper, '79, expects to accompany him. Their daughter and her husband, Mr. Smith, from Japan, are both taking post-graduate work at the Illinois State University.

Births

Born, to Louise Powell Johns, Zeta, '06, a son, on December 11.

Born, to Mary Maxim Cowdrey, Zeta, '04, a daughter, Everline.

Born, to Edith Boughton Denius, Denver alumnae, a son, George, on December 26, 1908.

Born, to Mrs. Alice Young Rockwell, Alpha, '85, December 19, 1908, a daughter, Helen Victoria.



Engagements

Greta Augustine, '05, Eta, to Robert Variel, Phi Delta Theta, of University of California.

The engagement of Hazel King, Alpha, '05, to Alfred E. Stacy, '06, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

The engagement of Helen Murray, Zeta, '99, to Mr. Leonardson, of Clearfield, Pa., has been announced. The marriage will take place in the summer.

The engagement of Grace Whitman Gray, Mu, to Cloan Perkins has been announced. Mr. Perkins is a graduate of the University of Oregon and a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The wedding will take place in the fall.

The engagement of Winifred Higgins, Mu, ex '10, to Lieutenant Richard Park of the Engineers Corps of the U. S. A., has been announced. The marriage is set for April and they expect to visit Stanford on their way to Washington D. C., where Lieutenant Park is ordered.



Marriages

Ethel Hartson, Eta, ex '02, to Captain Thomas Caldwell Turner, U. S. N. Battleship California, on February 10, 1909.

Mu announces the marriage of Norine Graves, '10, to Robbins Little, Beta Theta Pi of Stanford University. Their marriage, early in December, came as a surprise to all but their most intimate friends.

Miss Millicent Lees, Kappa Chapter, and Arthur Hoffmaa, Phi Gamma Delta, were married February 10 at the home of the bride, 629 Fifth street, S. E., Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman will be at home after April 1 at 1400 West Twenty-Sixth street, Minneapolis.

Deaths

It is with great sorrow that Denver Alumnae Chapter announces the death of Mabel Johnson McCreery, of Epsilon, which occurred on January 2 at the home of her parents at Holdredge, Nebraska.



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

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

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

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

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

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For November—

To Dragma, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta (catalogue number).

For January—

The Anchora of Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, Beta Theta Pi, The Cadeusis of Kappa Sigma, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.



Announcements

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Omega Chapter at Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo Alto, California, Saturday, January the sixteenth, nineteen hundred and nine.

The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces the installation of the Gamma Nu at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, on Wednesday, November the eleventh, nineteenth hundred and eight.

An University Travel Study Club will be chaperoned by Mrs. Laura Page Flick (Alpha) this coming summer. The announcement of the trip is most attractive and will be sent to any one on application. Address, Professor A. C. Flick, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Marion Hubbard and Miss Clara Hosie, both of Beta Chapter, will conduct a tour through Europe this coming summer. They will be glad to give full information to any who may be interested, if addressed at 157 Maple street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Pi Beta Phi announces the establishment of Ontario Alpha Chapter at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, Friday, December the eleventh, nineteen hundred and eight.

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