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## Convention with Eta

ONVENTION has come and gone. Another will in all probability not meet with Eta for some twenty-four years; therefore we rejoice that the memories of this, our thirty-fifth annual convention, are such pleasant ones.

Our first guests arrived on the Monday before convention week, just in time for an initiation. When Alpha and Beta girls can "drop in" on her initiation, surely Eta is not so very "far from home." During that whole week we were busy greeting delegates from the North, from the East, and from the Middle West. We were glad that so many of the girls came early. It gave us an opportunity to know them, which would have been wanting during the busy days of convention week.

Mrs. Berry and the last delegate arrived in time for luncheon on Tuesday, the 7th, and we had our first business meeting that afternoon. In the evening all of Eta's active, and many of her alumnæ members gathered at the chapter house for a reception to the delegates and visitors. We had a very informal program: some vaudeville, much talking, and a very good time.

On Wednesday again the girls all gathered at the chapter house for a buffet luncheon. In the afternoon, escorted by the Eta girls, the delegates went to San Francisco, and in the private "Observation Car Hermosa," chartered for the occasion, took a trip over the car lines of the city to the beach, and our far-famed, often-rebuilt Cliff House. Then to Hazel Pierce's home for a cup of tea and a rest before the evening's gayety.

Forty-eight of us, all Gamma Phis-and Gamma Phi husbands. brothers and cousins-dined at one long table at Cappa's. Cappa's is one of San Francisco's typical Bohemian restaurants. Cappa himself is a friend to every artist, and the frieze, painted by guests at the restaurant, bears names that are and will be of note in the artistic world. The dinner itself was a typical Italian repast-the salad preceding the soup, with the inevitable macaroni-and its like is not to be found outside of our city. After dinner the lure of the Chinatown shops drew us. The stores, some of them true department stores, are brilliantly lighted at night. We were made welcome always, even if we did not go to purchase. The jade, the embroidered crepes, the kimonos, and the brasses all appealed to the Eastern guests. We ended the trip with a visit to the temple, or "Joss House." Here on the altar was the inevitable meal for the propitiation of the devils. We suspect the priests could tell more than the devils about its consumption. Then the trip home, across the bay-a trip all "bay dwellers" love. The tang of the salt air, the stars above, the lights on either shore, appeal strongly when first enjoyed, and never lose their charm.

On Thursday some seven of the resident girls entertained at small luncheons at their homes.

That evening came "the affair" of the week—a reception and dance in Hearst Hall. Hearst Hall is a college building, its use being restricted to college affairs, so Eta was glad indeed that the Dean of Women, and the President should take such view of our dance as to enable them to lend us the hall. The hall itself was beautifully decorated. Huge hanging balls of wood-wardia ferns

depended from the ceiling. Huckleberry, more fern and great yellow sunflowers broke the monotony of the plain redwood walls. Many of the faculty helped us receive. A great many of our alumnae were there, and an abundance of dancing men enabled us to assure our guests every dance, and an ensuing good time. Supper was served in the large room on the first floor at small tables. Candelabra and fern gave to these a homelike charm.

After Friday's last meeting six automobiles took our guests around Berkeley, showing them something of the marine view of which we boast; something of the town itself, a city of homes built in a huge natural ampitheatre about the bay.

Our banquet, held in the Town and Gown Club House, was a fitting close to the week's pleasures. The long tables, decorated with yellow coryopsis and candle shades, and green fern, were set as an E. The toasts were unusually fine and inspiring. The girls—seventy-five of them—were most charming. We sang between courses; we cheered the speakers; we were full to the brim with true Gamma Phi spirit.

And then the climax. We were all inveigled back to the chapter house where the delegates presented Eta with two fine Japanese lanterns, a constant reminder of the warm and lasting friendships formed during convention.

## RACHEL V. COLBY, Eta.

## The Banquet

THE Convention banquet was a thing of beauty, and certainly in the hearts of those who were privileged to sit around its board its memory will continue to be a joy forever.

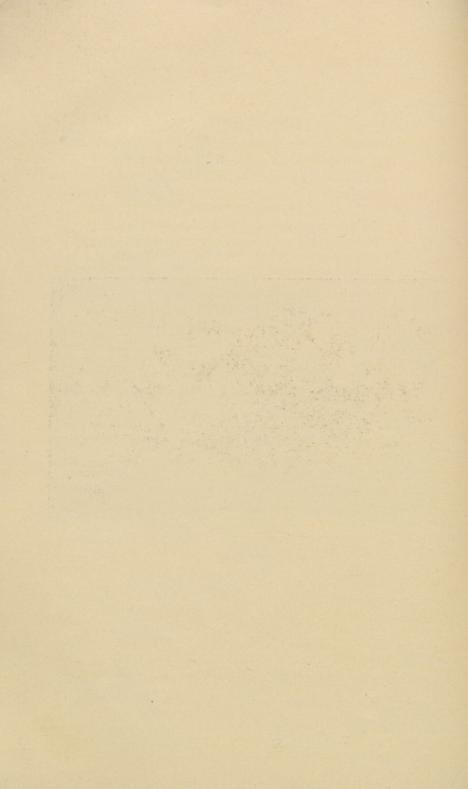
Large delegations from Stanford and our baby chapter at Oregon State and Washington girls helped to swell the members and make the room echo with ringing songs of Gamma Phi "from Alpha to Nu"! After the very daintily served dinner, Miss Phelan, our former president, acted the efficient toast-mistress as only Miss Phelan can. The toasts were responded to as follows:

Агрна	The Lead
MARION BEECHER.	
BetaMay Lora W. Hall.	I Play?
Lora W. Hall.	
GAMMA	Pray Do
MARY ALLEN.	
Epsilon General V	Veakness
SUSAN MOORE.	
ETAThe Heart Co	onvention
Marie Derge.	
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We are sorry that we have no actual picture of those seventyfive girls around the tables for the benefit of those poor unfortunates who were only their in spirit. But picture to yourselves the scene of the best Gamma Phi banquet you ever attended, brush in a lot more of enthusiasm, a few more new songs, with a rich background of that intangible Gamma Phi spirit and you have it. Don't you wish you had been there?



Scene on Campus of University of California



# The Week End at Stanford

THE Stanford girls, true to the traditions of western hospitality, opened wide their hearts and their home to receive the Convention delegates for the week end. We went down Saturday morning to Palo Alto; in the afternoon the girls gave a tea for us inviting other sorority girls to meet their Gamma Phi sisters. In the evening we went for a ride in a big bus and sang songs as we rattled over the country roads. It was perfect. Sunday we spent a delightful day in the beautiful chapter house that we are all so proud of, with the charming girls who are the glory of it. In the evening the girls entertained some of the prospective freshmen at supper, and the next morning we took a regretful farewell of those lovely times at Stanford carrying away however only very pleasant memories.

Mu's Summer House Party

S EVEN of Mu's girls—alumnæ and active—made a merry two-weeks house party at Catalina Island this summer. Edna Earle, one of our 1909 girls, offered her rustic little cottage overlooking the blue bay with the ocean beyond, and her offer was gratefully received.

The time there was spent in merry making—there were launch rides, morning surf swimming, evening moonlight walks, and then, too, there was always a dance at the pavilion when time dragged.

There were two freshmen at the party over one week end, and at a luncheon given one day all of the prospective freshmen on the island were asked. Four courses were served at this luncheon, and all on paper plates, and the whole thing was so informal that every one had a mighty good time.

The cooking was so regulated that two different girls got the meals each day, while others washed the dishes. This gave enough variety so that nobody dared to think of drudgery.

Although we did not take any of the freshmen that were entertained this summer, still we think that our party was a success as

rushing, for it gave the girls an opportunity of really knowing the freshmen as they could not if they had casually met them after college began. And as to its being a success from our own chapter point of view, we're quite sure that it couldn't help being that when a happy bunch of Gamma Phis get together, and especially after several months of being parted.

# lota's House Party

OTA has been very anxious to tell her sisters of her new experience, the first house party. We did not plan to have one till it was too late to arrange for a house, so we decided to go to a boarding house at Pt. Pleasant, of which one of the girls knew. Five of us started out one Monday morning in the early part of June, and after a trip across the beautiful bay and a railroad ride we finally reached our destination. The entire top floor was given up to us and to the other eight girls who came down during the week, and we certainly had a glorious time.

We did everything possible—walked along the beach; bathed in the ocean; took trolley rides to Bay Head and Asbury Park; drove in two large carriages to Spring Lake, and went rowing, canoeing, and out in a launch on the Manasquan river. Canoeing was great fun, even when rain went through the rubber coats.

The house was very nice and the few people interesting. Our landlady was a Scotch woman, reserved and cold to us when we arrived, but sympathetic and interested after a few days. There was also an interesting old minister; and a young actor who was a curious mixture of uncouthness and culture. His usual costume was a dirty red sweater and much worn trousers, but he played the piano and sang beautifully, and amazed us all by his knowledge of music and his ability to talk on any subject.

The house party seemed especially fine to us city girls who were not used to living together. We learned to know each other far better than we could have done by just meeting in the day time at college. It was a great success and we are all looking forward to a large and even more enthusiastic gathering next summer.

AURILL BISHOP, Iota.

# The Silver Bay Student Conference

A LL the girls who have ever attended a summer conference will be glad to hear a report of the one held at Silver Bay last June, and those who have not been will surely want to go when they know what is in store for them.

This Eastern Student Conference was held at Silver Bay on Lake George, which, situated as it is among the Adriondack Mountains, is an ideal spot for a conference so full of help and inspiration. The conference was made up of five or six hundred girls gathered there in delegations from all the Eastern colleges and from many of the secondary schools. Here they came for one great purpose—to make their lives richer and fuller, thus enabling them to take to their associations a broader and deeper meaning of the fellowship found in the Y. W. C. A. Only those who have been to a conference can realize the privilege we had in listening to such men as President McConnell, of DePauw University, Bishop Hall, of Vermont, our own Bishop McDowell, and the many secretaries, whom to know is to love and admire.

Our mornings were given to Bible and mission classes and platform meetings, while the afternoons were devoted to intercollegiate tournaments in tennis and basket ball, launch trips to interesting points around the lake and mountain tramps, to say nothing of the delightful time spent in bathing and rowing. The most of every evening was devoted to the platform meeting and last but by no means least to the delegation meetings. In the latter which to many was the dearest part of the whole day, each girl feels free to tell what the day has meant to her, and what has been for her the best in it. Even the unusually timid girls talk and it is the time when as never before you learn to know and love the girls in your own delegation.

We also want to tell you about a small group, which though not important to the conference as a whole, is vitally important to us as Gamma Phis because it shows the increased interest Gamma Phi Beta is taking in Y. W. C. A. affairs.

Hardly had the trip to Silver Bay begun when one by one Gamma Phis began to discover each other and on reaching Lake George were delighted to find that there were to be eleven Gamma Phis at the conference as follows: Alpha, Olive Hunt and Winifred Draper; Delta, Marian West, Flora Smith, Mary Taylor, Belle Dalton and Olive Marshall; Zeta, Margaret Handy; Iota, Florence Rose, Helen Worrall and Margaret Hart. Our first thought was for all of us to get together somtime during the conference. As a result we had a meeting Sunday evening out in the orchard just as the sun was setting over the lake. I think we had never before realized just all it means to be Gamma Phis, until seated there far from home, strangers to each other yet friends, because bound together by the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta. After a regular meeting the sisters from Alpha, Delta, Zeta and Iota talked over the local chapters and exchanged helpful ideas about rushing and entertaining and the relation different chapters bore to the college affairs in general.

As the bell for the evening meeting rang we dispersed, each one glad to be a Gamma Phi, thankful for the privilege of attending the glorious Silver Bay conference and hoping that each succeeding conference may see more and more Gamma Phi girls.

MARGARET HANDY, Zeta.

# On Sophomore Pledging at Barnard

T MAY interest those of you who are thinking of giving sophomore pledge day a trial to hear about our experience at Barnard. Three years ago the faculty felt that radical measures were necessary to relieve the social situation; that is, they believed that too many rushing parties interfered with freshman work, and that the freshmen were not being given a fair chance to stand on their own feet owing to fraternity influence. For this reason a meeting was called where the fraternity girls might state their side, and the result was sophomore pledging. With us this meant a pledge day in April of sophomore year and at the time we were all bitterly opposed to it.

This occurred in the spring just after we had taken in the 1910 freshmen. The following year we rushed the 1911 freshmen for a whole year, and during the next fall and winter the parties continued. This made our rushing season practically two college years, which is quite too long. By Pan-Hellenic ruling such a situation will never occur again; for we have agreed not to rush freshmen hereafter. The rushing season is now confined to whatever part of sophomore year shall precede pledge day. In this way the freshmen are allowed to get a fair start in class and college affairs and in their struggle with the curriculum without the question of fraternity to upset them. By their sophomore year they know the fraternities and the fraternity girls know them; in this fashion we have hoped to establish a more natural relation in rushing so that pledging will not in the future be the nerve-racking business of the past few years. The rushing season in sophomore year merely serves to make you better acquainted with the girls you already know pretty well. We hope too that sophomore pledging may prevent the unhappiness which was frequently caused where one of a group was bid without the others. Such catastrophes are unavoidable in the wild scramble of an early pledge day, but now we expect to know our girls too well to let such things happen.

So far, of course, we have had but one sophomore pledge day, and that a very late one. The disagreeable features of this arrangement arose from a too long rushing season, between those girls who were rushed and those who were not a stronger distinction seemed drawn than there had ever been between fraternity and non-fraternity girls, and the resulting ill-feeling found expression in class politics to a most unpleasant extent. To eliminate this we have confined rushing to sophomore year and are to pledge in December rather than April.

We anticipate that next year the sophomore pledging will work out to the advantage of both the sophomores and the fraternities. A short rushing season with girls whom you already know pretty well should be far more satisfactory for the chapter than a mad

rush after many with whom you are scarcely acquainted. There can be no mistaken decisions on either side. And the sophomores cannot now credit their conditions to fraternity hostesses; their wrecked nerves, to the strain of fraternity pledging; their political difficulties, to fraternity jealousies; their cliques and snobbishness, to fraternity teaching. In short, we now feel not only perfectly satisfied with sophomore pledging but very much in favor of it. SARA ROME, Iota.

# Fighth National Pan-Hellenic Conference

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THE Eighth National Pan-Hellenic Conference which met at the Chicago Beach Hotel, September 17-18, was one of unusual pleasure and interest. Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, secretary of the seventh conference, showed her active interest and capability not merely by faithfully performing all the arduous duties assigned to her, but also by introducing several new features. This year all national officers and former delegates were invited to attend the business meetings of the conference, and we thus had the pleasure of meeting grand officers from Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, and Kappa Alpha Theta. It was an especial pleasure to have with us during the entire session Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, founder of Delta Delta Delta and author of the Sorority Handbook. Mrs. Martin's conception of the ideal Greek life and her ambitions for the college sorority filled us with a contempt for the petty squabbles and rushing troubles with which we were perforce engrossed, and inspired us with an eagerness to attain the high and noble standard she held up to us.

The prominent social feature of the conference was the luncheon on Saturday, at which nearly one hundred Chicago fraternity women were present. Every fraternity in the conference was represented, and as each of the fourteen delegations arose in turn there was much craning of necks and silent counting. I might say on the side, that Gamma Phi Beta, with fourteen representatives, had next to the largest number present, the first honors be-

ing taken by Kappa Alpha Theta who numbered twenty. After the luncheon, the conference took advantage of the occasion to acquaint those present with its accomplishments and aims. Talks on its history and organization, its aims and ideals, its attainments, and some of the problems now confronting the Greek world, were given by Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Miss Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Bigelow, Alpha Omricon Pi; Mrs. Lieb, Alpha Xi Delta, and Mrs. Tennant, Alpha Chi Omega.

A very pleasant social event which followed directly after the conference was the reception given by Mrs. Parmelee to the conference delegates and in honor of Mrs. Martin and the Grand Council of Delta Delta Delta. We all felt very grateful to Mrs. Parmelee for this agreeable opportunity of meeting so many earnest and active fraternity women.

A full report of the Eighth National Pan-Hellenic Conference will be published in the next issue of THE CRESCENT. A copy of this report will also be sent to each chapter, active and alumnæ, and I wish here to bespeak the serious attention of every Gamma Phi to the Pan-Hellenic matters thus brought to your notice.

LAURA HUTCHINS, Zeta,

Delegate to Conference.

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# Brief Notice

W E are glad to see another book that no doubt will prove as delightful as the earlier ones, from the pen of our Alpha writer, Mrs. Grace Smith Richmond, a review of which will appear in the next CRESCENT. It is "A Court of Inquiry," published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

## From the Foothills\* Florence W. Barbour, Delta '09

Deep down in a hollow, with warm grass around me. The wind of the morning hath sought me and found me; I hear the clear warning, I hear and arise— Lead on, for I follow, thou wind of the skies!

I follow, good master, blow eager and strong. Oh, faster, yet faster; we tarry too long! By low field and fountain too slowly we wander. Oh, haste, for God's mountain is waiting us yonder.

> In pathways and byways, In shy wavs and nigh ways, In ways of red clover And young golden rod,-Low-vision'd,-a lover Of things of the sod,-A roamer and rover. Too long I have trod: But towering over, All pettiness scorning, The Mountain of Morning

My glad eyes discover: Beauty and awe on the summit are wedding, Blessings upon them blue heaven is shedding,

Fair the imperial canopy spreading,-Oh, in shy ways and nigh ways,

In low ways and by ways, My great Lord and Lover-

Too long I have trod: Let Thy ways be my ways-Oh, let me be treading The steep ways-the highways-The strait ways-the sky ways To the uplands of morning— The Mountain of God.

So to my slumbering heart the wind's clear summons came In the third hour of day,

And all my soul leap'd upward like a flame-

For very shame

I could not stay,

But seized my palmer's staff and followed on behind,

Swift as my sky-born guide

The morning wind,

Up and away-

Across the valley wide,

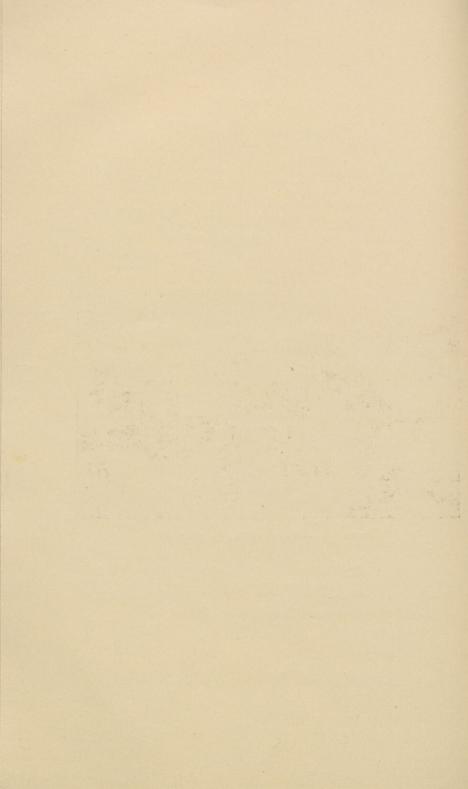
Up the rough hillside,-

Up and away!

\* Senior Poem read before the 1909 class of Boston University.



Gamma Phi Beta House at Leland Stanford



For my newly-wak'd desire Swift my summon'd feet did carry Fervent feet that might not tarry-Hurrying feet that could not tire And would not brook delay. So following, I came at last To where the foothills in their serried strength Wait 'round their monarch vast, And from the open slopes, at length, To the steep woods I pass'd And hasted up a subtle trail that wound Among gray-lichen'd rocks and brakes and tangling vines. Where balsam firs and pines Their shadows cast, And birches, white and slim, Thru airy leaf and limb, With tremulous shade and wandering sun rays dim Pattern'd the mossy ground. And as I went, upon my wondering ear There grew a murmur'd sound That ever swell'd more loud and clear, And still more near, Till down a leafy aisle between the trees I saw a company of pilgrims young, And as I came They turn'd and welcom'd me by name In mine own mother tongue. With joy and great amaze I clasp'd their hands-for these Are faces I had known across the seas In half forgotten days. And now our devious ways That lay so long apart Are braided into one: Far from our native land, Under an alien sun-High hope in every heart-

A staff in every hand, We tread one path:

#### For we

Are those whom strength and pride And full desire—

Ideals glorified,

And dauntless courage, all untried, Onward to victory urge and inspire. Ours are the lavish gifts of youth, Firm trust,—ambitions generous,—

The years have brought to us,-Friendship and sympathy-

Yearnings towards Right and Truth: All solemn gifts of youth are ours, All its briers and all its flowers, All its perils—all its powers— Endless possibility: Standing on the lower slope Where the unknown mountain towers ....

With eyes of faith . . . . brows of hope . . .

Lips of charity . . . . And in our hearts a prayer.

So mov'd we onward there,

Thru the forest ardently, And right glad was I to be Of such a goodly company— Questioning and answering, Speaking of the sacred quest And of the King At whose behest We left our land and went a-pilgriming.

Onward we went— Up the last foothill's long ascent Thru lessening trees that grew Stunted and few, Until we climb the topmost grassv rise And so emerge under the open skies!

Oh, pause awhile and breathe The sunbright air,

Where the daisied grass is blowing,— While sky above and earth beneath Are patent to our view: All the world discover'd lies To our wide exulting eyes,

Broad and fair

In the light of heaven bare, Meadow land where corn is growing, Pasture land where kine are grazing, Lakes a-shine and rivers flowing, Valleys green and sunny knolls,— All our hearts are in our gazing . . . . Yet we turn—we must be going . . . . Prospect wider, more amazing, Sterner beauty calls our souls.

For beyond—a great Mountain heaves up a huge shoulder— Gray crag and gray boulder— Steep height above height— Precipice sudden and pinnacle proud— And above the huge spire Leading higher and higher The worshipping sight—

#### Where above its old head the broad heavens are bowed And its glorified brows in the tull morning light

Are encingled with cloud And a crownal of fire.

Like the great Mount whereon God wrote the Law Rose the majestic peak,

And when those with me turn'd themselves and saw, They stood transfigured with a radiant awe-

And turn'd again to each

Striving for speech . . .

While yet for trembling hope they dar'd not speak . . . . Till cried one maiden younger than the rest, Flushing the while o'er brow and eager cheek And pressing her fair palms upon her breast: "Lo, yonder is the Mountain that we seek! We stand beside his knees . . . . oh, friends, rejoice!" Then all our voices mingled with her voice, And with full hearts and throats we sang a song-

Hopeful and strong

And warm of heart-and young-So sang we loud the swelling chant until It flooded every vale and lesser hill And all the forest rang,

And all the low rocks that we stood among-This was the song we sang:

> Oh, Mountain, gray father, We come to thy knees, Like children we gather— A wandering band

From a far away land Far over strange seas-Now before thee we stand-We wait here before thee:

Look down, if it please, Where we wait and implore thee-Our hearts have no ease

Till we climb, though unworthy, Thy reverend knees!

Thy might shall not awe us-Our souls have no rest

Till thou raise us and draw us At last to thy breast-

And then shall the quest, The long quest, be fulfill'd, And our longing be still'd, And our hearts be at rest, And our souls be at ease— Oh, Mountain, gray father,

We come to thy knees!

And I saw when some had sung the strain They turn'd them to the lower paths again, Saying, "Our quest is at an end,

In peace let us depart,

Bearing the fadeless vision in our heart-For who dare hope the Mountain to ascend?" And some lay down to rest,

Sighing, "Anon the quest," And slumbered in the shade; While others of the hilltop daisies wove Gay garlands for their hair and strayed,

Idle, undisciplin'd,

Like to the errant wind, Where a cool spring a mirror made

Deep in a neighboring grove, Or search'd for cones and berries in the wood.

But some beheld the Mountain where they stood And were full fain To climb to that far height,

If yet a mortal might,

To welcome weariness and heat and pain Counting their labor gain-

Yea, if so be they might the farthest peak attain, Even death itself were good.

Oh, friends, it is time To awake out of sleep: Let the shy runnels creep, Let the mountain brooks pour Down the precipice steep-Let the cataracts leap Down the rocks with a roar. In a breath they are gone— But our joy is to climb Up and up—on and on. High, higher evermore Till the highest be won-The supremest sublime! Oh, friends, it is time To arise and be gone. We must rise-we must be going While the morning light is glowing . . . . Soon, ah, soon! Will the morning light be growing Into noon.

We must go-we cannot stay-It is not our Sovereign's pleasure That the hours in golden leisure Glide away, Letting slip the uncounted treasure

Of our day.

Up the crag we shall haste, Up the face of the crag, With danger and labor And fear to be fac'd, And a hand for a neighbor When a rock rolls unbas'd And the weary feet lag.

Ever on we shall climb—not a moment to waste Though the burden of noontide weigh heavy with heat We shall stay not, nor think

To lay down the staff Where the rock nourish'd mosses are soft to the feet And ripe berries are sweet

And the spring bubbles out of the rock with a laugh, We shall kneel on the brink

We shall kneet waters quaff But a moment—and then, Toiling upward again, Up the treacherous slope We shall struggle and grope For a handhold or foothold To climb a step higher, While trembling we reach To attain the near summit Our nearest desire ....

It is done-

But beyond,

Oh, ever beyond, Another slope lures our imagining fond, For summits have each

A new summit in scope,

A new fortress to gain,

A new heaven to attain.

Yet who would shrink from it, Or who would complain?

Except we o'ercome it

Our quest is in vain.

Ah, no, we will never our purpose disown,

Though comrades forsake us,

Or loiter behind

With irresolute mind,

Till they cannot o'ertake us.

No, nothing our souls from their calling shall sever. So long as God's Mountain is towering above us We press onward and upward with tireless endeavor,

And nothing shall move us

Forever and ever.

No terror shall shake us, Although the skies alter,

Fear shall not make us

Tremble nor falter.

Nay, even in the hour When the winds slip their halter And the tempest has power-When the hideous thunder heads gather and crowd All the blue space of heaven with menacing cloud-Purble-black Hangs the wrack Where the writh'd cedars cower . . . . Yet we shall not fear Though the lightning's bright spear Stabs near-stabs near, And the sky cracks asunder, And earth trembles under, And the bas'd granite rock Heaves and quakes with the shock And crash of the thunder. Yet how shall we fear, Who know that the Lord of the Lightning is near-Closer, beloved, Than brother to brother, Or the heart of the baby unborn to the low-crooning heart of the mother . . . . Even closer, beloved, His arm shall enfold us, And while He shall hold us How shall we be moved? And when, at His nod, The vast clouds move apart And His bow shall have spann'd The broad heavens above us, In the cool airy spaces Of heavenly places-It may be, while we stand, Bowed and humble in heart, While His far thunder rolls, He shall be there beside us Who wholly doth love us, And there in the cleft of the rock He shall hide us. And perchance it shall be, as we kneel there unshod, Even our eyes shall behold

From the cleft of the rock, like the Shepherd of old— The back-floating fold Of the garment of God.

So on and away Till the light be withdrawn, The last gleams of the day. Nor falter, nor fear, Though our comrades be gone,

And darkness falls dreary
And silent and eery
The sad mist draws near,
Though weary, so weary,
Our feet shall have grown,
And hardly may miss
The false crumbling ledge
At the tottering edge
Of the dizzy abyss . . .
Till at last without fear we shall lie down alone—
A stone for our bed, and our pillow a stone—
For He who the journey hath guarded from error
At the swift fall of night shall preserve us from terror,
And we know when the morning shall flame in the skies
We shall waken unwearied and joyfully rise
To a wonderment sweet

And a mighty amaze, And a rapture profound— All the earth at our feet, All heaven one blaze Of glory around!

What shall matter it then—the steep pathway we trod, When that sunrise leaps splendid? What matter tho brambles our garments have rended Tho the hems of our garments are smear'd with the clod? We who the Hill of the Lord have ascended— We who shall stand on the Mountain of God.

Yet, if these things shall be

Is but expectancy.

The future hides her face in mysteries . . . . And now,

On the low foothill's brow,

I tarry here with these

Who have come by their vow

Far over strange seas . . .

O Mountain, gray father, We come to thy knees.

# The Moral Ideal and the Pursuit of Knowledge\*

### By Francis J. McConnell, S. T. B., Ph. D., President JePanw Aniversity.

A N important influence which the moral ideal exerts upon the discovery of knowledge is in the line of cleansing the instruments with which the mind works. We have been told of old that it is the pure mind that sees. In our day we have heard much of the advance which has come in the world of surgery as the skilled practitioners have learned the secret of making their instruments surgically clean. The man who pointed out the need of having the instrument clean rendered just as important service as the man who invented the way to put on the keen edge. The deeper a keen mind can cut, the more havoc it can work if it be not clean.

There are in the sphere of intellectual procedure subtle moral evils which may vitiate the work of the thinker. Of course, we all know that gross physical sins are disastrous to the mind, but we are not thinking of these. We may think of the necessity of assumption in human thinking. There are assumptions and assumptions, and some assumptions start, not from great worldviews, but from personal moral weakness. Take intellectual arrogance, for example. The intellectually arrogant man may work brilliantly; he may appear effective in his day and generation, but in his loss of intellectual docility and teachableness he forever limits his own usefulness. Suppose a thinker should be infected by that intellectual provincialism which haughtily refuses to see any good outside his own circle. Let the circle be even a great country. The fallacy of thinking that we know everything is perennially fraught with the seeds of disaster, like that which came to France when she thought that she alone was the mistress of military science, like that which threatens some other nations because they have taken a low view of the possibilities of industrial education in America and Germany. The disaster be-

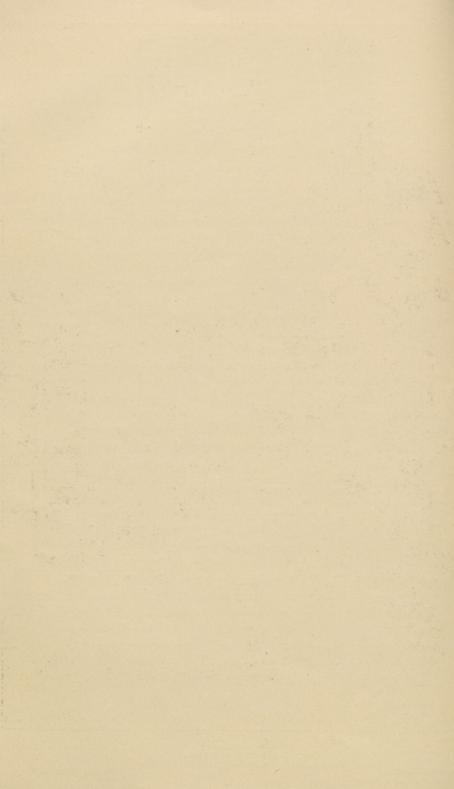
<sup>\*</sup>From the American College, October, 1909.



Boston Delegates, Mary Taylor, Olive Marshall, Marion West, Belle Dalton, Flora Smith.

Syracuse Delegates, inifred Draper, Olive Hunt. Gamma Phi Beta Delegation. Across the Lake.

Baltimore Delegate, Margaret Handy.



comes all the more pronounced when the thinker imagines that the truth is confined to his own institution or school. If a college produces intellectual arrogance in its scholars toward the scholars of other schools, or toward the large educative forces which lie outside all schools, it produces as disastrous a result as if a surgical institute allowed its graduates to go to their work with soiled instruments. Such scholars do more harm than good. The man who will not become as a little child in his teachableness cannot enter into the intellectual kingdom of heaven. When we reflect on the damage wrought by personal pride and the jealousies of schools and the etiquette of scholastic professionalism in thinking, we realize the need of some rare moral cleansing which shall sterilize the intellectual instruments against the germs of these evils. Such weaknesses all have a moral root and can be reached and eliminated only by a purely moral and spiritual quickening. Lack of a fine moral purity which is above selfishness is even more disastrous in the intellectual realm than in the physical realm. The intellectual instruments are very keen-edged. Their very possibility for good makes them the more able to do harm. We are not uttering cant phrases at all when we say that at the very entrance to the intellectual kingdom lies the need of that moral cleansing which can only be compared to the cleansing which we demand of a surgeon into whose hands we commit the relief of the life which is precious to us. The moral ideal stands for that kind of cleanliness, that kind of purity from conceit and prejudice and selfish dogmatism in the name of knowledge which only the pure in heart can reach.

Moreover, the scholar must forever pledge himself to the right use of the truth which he discovers. Men win title to further knowledge only as they rightly use the knowledge which they already possess. Society would soon come to grief if men were allowed some forms of knowledge before attaining to the selfcontrol necessary for the right handling of the knowledge. What would have happened, for example, if some mischievous sprite had whispered the secret of modern high-powered explosives to a race

just emerging from barbarism? Knowledge is power, and power should be accepted with a sense of responsibility. Moreover, the man who is in the light which beats from the high places of knowledge is under responsibility to remember the need of looking upon the revelation as given to him in trust for the common good, at the same time that he tries to fit his truth into the system of things as carefully as may be. Just as it sometimes requires a high power of moral sympathy to break bad news, it often requires high moral power to break good news to the minds of men: to break the news, that is to say, so that it really will be understood and fitted on to existing knowledge with as little tearing of the old garments as possible. Or, to change the figure, it must needs be that the new wine will break some of the old bottles; but that fact does not warrant a ruthless onslaught on old bottles, just for the sport of breaking them. Old bottles have their uses.

All this can be summed up in a word about honesty. Intellectual honesty which is much wider in its significance than we have ordinarily thought. Such honesty demands that the thinker purge his mind of selfish prejudices and unteachable arrogance and of petty pride over being for or against the intellectual fashions of the day. It demands that he shall cast himself with abandonment into his work. It demands that he shall stand by the consequences of his discoveries at all costs. And it also demands that he shall seek to give, so far as possible, the right impression, and that he will not rest content with himself as long as it is possible by further work to remove the possibility of misunderstanding. A teacher may say that it is of small consequence to himself whether he is understood or not. It is of considerable consequence to the cause of intellectual progress, however. The moral quality of a thinker is sometimes to be estimated by the patience with which he labors to make himself understood by minds that have not had his opportunities. It is all well enough to say that we are content if a few choice minds understand us, but our real success as teachers is to be learned

from our effects on the minds that are not so choice: and even a choice mind may be harmed for educational purposes by a thinker who is not honest enough to take the pains to make himself understood. Thinkers are not to utter truths for their own enjoyment merely, or for the delectation of a few boon intellectual companions, but they must speak their truth to all those to whom it can be of any possible service. The name of Agassiz is still one to conjure with in the world of high education, and Agassiz used to expect of his pupils four steps in the expression of their scientific thinking: first, a scientific monograph, easiest of all; second, a scientific lecture, a little harder; third, a popular lecture, harder still; fourth, a child's story, hardest of all. The moral ideal is potent in beginning a passion for clear statement of the truth, for the minds which are to hear the truth are as soil for the increase of the truth, and the soil must not be damaged by bungling seed-sowers. In some lines of study understanding by the hearers is impossible except by the prepared mind, and there are on every hand perverse critics who appparently take delight in misunderstanding, but the ideal is for that clear statement to which the mind of the hearer must inevitably yield. Honesty requires not only that we keep before our own minds what we are saying, but also that we try to realize what our hearers think we are saying. The problem here is moral and spiritual.

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THE days of the freshman and the pledgling are now upon us. Do we ever as college girls in the thick of rushing stop to think a little sanely and seriously of the kind of girls we are rushing and bidding to our sorority life and our most intimate companionship both now and in our later lives? It is almost foolish to ask these girls who are really the rushed ones to take time out to take a bite to eat or a wink or two of sleep in these strenuous days, much less to think seriously. Unless they happen to belong to that more than fortunate class who are working under the rule of sophomore pledging or some equally blissful method of conducting this awful rushing season.

One criticism that might be very well made of this plan of Barnard's, that Miss Rome tells us about on another page, is in the fact that the girls have actually so little time in the sorority during their school term of four years if they are not pledged until the middle of their sophomore year. Why couldn't the actual rushing time be shorter if the girls are already so well known, thereby lessening the number of evils of that time and allowing the initiates a little longer experience in the fraternity life.

Is it not possible for the local Pan-Hellenics that some of our other chapters belong to, to bring themselves to the point of sacrificing as the Barnard girls were compelled to do in order to bring about what seems to us outside of the charmed circle an almost ideal state of affairs?

We get very tired of hearing the cant about the "Beta Phi spirit," and "Psi Nu material," and the "glorious old frat," and "our lovely sisterhood," and above all "dear old Gamma Phi Beta" on paper. If it lasts the four years of college with the majority of us it is doing pretty well. Are we really bending every effort to perpetuate that spirit of Gamma Phi that keeps some of our alumnæ vitally and loyally interested in Gamma Phi things, though they are far from any Gamma Phis? Do we ever raise our eyes in rushing season from the level of social qualifications and see those higher things that are so much to be desired in our sorority life? Let us continue to talk in a sane way of our take time occasionally to think on these things.

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ONVENTION is so very recently over, at least so few have come from that alluring West to tell us of it, that our ideas of its results except from a social point of view are still to be formed. It seems to have been a very successful convention, and we wish heartily that some report of the business accomplished might be given for the benefit of those who are thoroughly interested in the progress of Gamma Phi but are not in a position to belong to the alumnæ or active chapters. However, the account of the good times reads like a story book, and we who were unfortunate enough to have to stay at home can only continue to envy you delegates and visitors who were so royally entertained by our hospitable Eta and San Francisco Chapters.

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RESCENT EDITORS: Please read carefully the announcement of the date when the next chapter letter is due that is to be found invariably under the heading on the first page of the reading matter of each issue of THE CRESCENT.

A request was made some time ago to you individually to the effect that you ascertain (and incidentally let the editor know)

if a copy of THE CRESCENT is to be found in the library of your college? Your college library is on our list and a copy of each issue is invariably sent to it for the benefit of all the sororities in your college, according to a National Pan-Hellenic ruling. It would be gratifying to the editor of THE CRESCENT to know that our quarterly appears in your library regularly, and if not, why not?

Will you kindly let her know about it without delay?

A PUBLICATION which promises to do excellent work in its line makes its initial bow to the public in the October number, with very good grace. The American College is pledged to devote itself to those questions of reform and change that even the most conservative friends of our higher institutions of learning in these days feel must very soon be accomplished.

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"The question really is not whether there should be radical changes in the American college, but what changes should be made."

"Appreciating the extent and complexity of the problem, the Higher Education Association (which publishes the American College) will regard itself as merely the point of crystalization; the means of assembling the component parts; the agency for bringing about the welding. The important factors of the problem are the state, the community, the home; the students, the parents, the faculty; the institution in its highest and broadest sense; the social order; the American system of higher and lower education; our country."

Surely this magazine has a wonderful field to work in; one that neither the college educational journals nor the fraternity periodicals could possibly fill so adequately or in such an absolutely impartial or fair way. But it ought to prove of great help to our National and Local Pan-Hellenics as well as to sorority and fraternity life in general, touching as it does on vital questions of the social and moral and mental welfare of our student bodies, and we hope solving many of them in time.

Under such able editorship as Mr. Clarence Birdseye, who has studied as perhaps no one else has, the conditions in our colleges, and also Mr. Frank F. Rogers, the able editor of the Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, the magazine bids fair to make itself felt in the college world and among the friends of the colleges. We wish it all the success it so surely promises to deserve.

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MISS LENA REDINGTON, our member of the Executive Board from San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter, is taking a leave of absence from her sorority duties. She went abroad in June by way of Japan and other interesting Oriental countries, and may be gone a few years. We hope to hear from her through the pages of THE CRESCENT before she returns.

In the meantime, Mrs. Rachel Vrooman Colby of San Francisco Alumnae, has been appointed to fill her place on the Board. Mrs. Colby is an unusually capable woman and full of enthusiasm and good works for Gamma Phi Beta.

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T HE plans for this coming year's CRESCENT are practically completed, allowing always for slips at the last minute. It promises to be a good year both in the quality of the magazine and in the interest of its readers, which even now is increasing before the first number is issued. We are gratified at this and hope that each reader will continue to extend this interest by endeavoring to get the attention of one other Gamma Phi who is not already a subscriber.



### ALPHA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Alpha girls are back again after a most pleasant summer.

The last of June, Olive Hunt and Winifred Draper were our representatives at Silver Bay and enjoyed meeting all the numerous college women in the different branches of college activities.

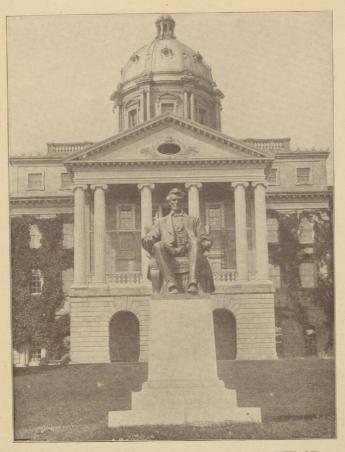
The rushing season started very strenuously on matriculation day, which is our pledge day, as it has been for the past two years, and luncheons, afternoon teas, dinners and evening parties were in order during the first week. We are very happy to say that we now look upon seven new girls whom we feel are all true types of Gamma Phis. The list is as yet incomplete, but we are glad to introduce to you the following pledglings: Marguerite Cook, Syracuse; Clara Corbitt, Sherman, N. Y.; Marion Draper, Syracuse; Mary Gardner, Lyons; Pauline Ballou, Newark, N. Y.; Blanche Hitchcock, Minneapolis, Minn.; Helen Hitchcock, Minneapolis, Minn.

On Saturday night, September 25, a great number of our girls attended the reception given by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. to all new students, and Olive Hunt gave a splendid toast as President of the Woman's League.

Our football season opened on Saturday, September 25, with rather a one-sided game with Hamilton College, and Syracuse found no difficulty in defeating them.

We are anxiously awaiting the return of Marian Beecher, our delegate to convention, for we always like to hear about the life of our different sister chapters. She and Mildred Webb, ex-'06, have been fortunate enough to visit five of our different western chapters,—Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, Berkeley, and Stanford,—and we ought to be proud to call all those charming girls sisters which she has written us about.

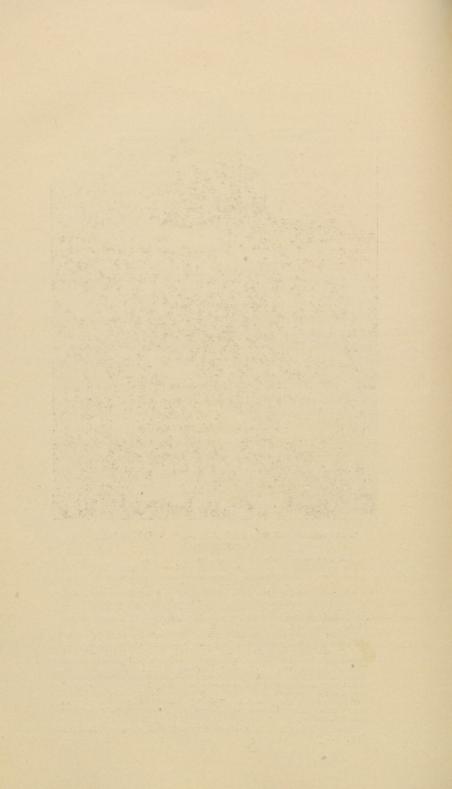
Alpha wishes to announce the change of her chapter house to 201 Euclid



THE LINCOLN STATUE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

One of the events of Commencement week next June at the University of Wisconsin will be the unveiling of a life-sized statue of Abraham Lincoln. This announcement was made at the time of the Lincoln Centenary and caused great rejoicing. The statue is a replica of the heroic bronze one by Adolph Weinman which will be unveiled at Hodgenville, Kentucky, Memorial Day. The commissioners consented to allow one replica to be cast and Mr. Thomas E. Brittingham of Madison has presented this to the University. On the upper campus in front of University Hall is to be a Court of Honor and this statue will be the first and cen-tral figure. Says Senator LaFollette: "What influence the figure of the sad, kind. sagacious, determined, and rugged face of our great Civil War President will have upon the thousands of students, in the way of developing nobility of character and sustained courage to carry forward the fight for the advancement of the people of this country, no man may foretell; but that it will be perpetually one of the great and high educational forces of the university no one can doubt."

Mrs. Brittingham is a loyal Gamma Phi Beta of Gamma Chapter.



avenue. We have moved into a very pretty modern home and the location is ideal.

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

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## GAMMA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Gamma has no late news as school has not yet opened. No doubt the house will seem very big and lonesome at first without our eight seniors of last year. We expect some of them back the first week, however, for rushing.

The house party we had last May was a big success, if our guests only enjoyed it as much as we did. Although pledging was forbidden by a Pan-Hellenic rule, we met some lovely girls and dated them for this fall.

Gamma Phi is taking quite an active part in dramatics at Wisconsin. Allison More had the leading part in the senior play, "Dad, the Freshman," and Alice Ringling and Nora Buell made Red Domino, the girls' dramatic society.

Our banquet, the 19th of June, was a very pleasant affair, and the house was filled with "old" girls. There were sixty-seven at the dinner itself, among them four of Gamma's charter members, who told us all about the first few years of the chapter. Now everyone is anxious to hear the convention report of our delegate, Mary Allen.

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### DELTA

D EAR Girls in Gamma Phi Beta: Here we are in college again, and in earnest about work whether it be class preparation or rushing, both absorbing! How happy we are to be once more in the current of college life, and how busy in our attentions to the "poor little freshmen just come to town!" There is a large entering class, and from all appearances plenty of game. We hope for fair play and "organized" rushing to the satisfaction of all critical eyes in the weeks before us.

But before the three long months of vacation and separation set in, Commencement came bringing its usual medley of feelings,—excitement, pride over honors won, and grief at parting with our dearly-loved seniors. The crowded program began with the Faculty Reception to the Senior Class at Hotel Vendome on the evening of May 28. Then followed the

Sunday Baccalaureate Service in Jacob Sleeper Hall, Class Day, Commencement in Tremont Temple, at which the graduates were addressed by Prof. Bliss Perry of the Atlantic Monthly, and finally the Senior Reception and the Play.

Our sisters in other chapters will rejoice with us because of the bright gems which Commencement honors added to the fair crescent. Again this year as last, Gamma Phi led off the list of Phi Beta Kappas, both in rank and number. Our bearers of the enviable key are Mildred Thorndike (highest in rank), Fanny Rexford, Marion West, and Flora Smith. The senior poet came from our ranks, as was true last year. Florence Barbour's long and wonderfully charming poem, rendered by memory on Class Day, was the mark of much praise. Marion West figured in the play.

We could not part without a good-bye party. So, with the wearisome "exams" just over, we flocked to the chapter rooms for a last informal chat over crackers and sweets, while each senior enjoyed her collation from a dainty May basket.

A lake-side cottage at Village Forge was hired for the house party, and a vigorous week of fun ensued with boating, bathing, tennis, and frollicking.

We were stunned to hear during the summer of Professor Lindsay's death. Professor Rice has taken his place as instructor of Latin. Two new professors have entered the faculty, one in the Latin department, the other to assist Professor Baldwin, whose duties at the State House occupy much of his time.

Delta sends her best wishes to you all for a remarkable year in good things.

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## **EPSILON**

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Epsilon wishes all her sister chapters the best success of the season. At the time of writing, Northwestern has not opened, but rushing begins September 26, and practically ends September 29, as classes begin September 30. Epsilon's prospects are very bright. We have one sister coming up, several cousins and a niece, as well as friends. The chapter has been pretty well scattered during the summer. There were fourteen in Chicago for the luncheon during the National Pan-Hellenic Convention.

Susan Moore, our delegate to convention, has not returned yet, but we are all awaiting her to hear the glowing accounts of the western chapters.

Epsilon lost three seniors last year-Helen Cowles, class poet, Ethel Cowles, and Persis Rollins. Moselle Weld, Frances Fischer, Helen Green,

Lillian Paulson, and Gertrude Smith will not return for various reasons. Dale Gable also graduated from music school. All these girls and more alumnæ will be back for rushing, however.

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### ZETA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: When college opens and the girls all return for the winter's work, the first question usually asked is "Who has come back?" So now that is the subject in which we feel most interest. Last spring our nine seniors left us, and this made quite a large hole in our chapter roll, but if these girls are true to their promises we shall see them often.

Commencement was a great success, and so many of our alumnæ were here that the banquet was really the best we have ever had. During the last week in May we initiated Isabelle Kline, '12, who had entered college in February. Early in June we started to our house party at Rehoboth, Delaware. This was the first time that many of us had been on the Atlantic shore, and this, of course, increased the pleasure of the party. The sorrow of saying good-bye to the marshmallow roasts, the moonlight evenings on the board walk, and the sails on Rehoboth Bay was lessened by our excitement over going home, for some of us had not been home since Christmas.

College work began on the 27th of September, and ten of the 1909 chapter returned. We have two additions, however, for Elizabeth Gatch, '06, is chemistry instructor in the Woman's College, and Jessie Hurley of Nu is a senior. Though she has been here only a few days, Jessie has won the whole of Zeta and has made a glorious reputation for Nu.

At present we are just entering the rushing season of six weeks and are getting acquainted with the freshmen as rapidly as we can. The rules are practically the same as last year: Calling hours from three to five, and seven to seven-thirty; teas every other week; and two "stunts"—one twenty and one four hours long. By the next time we write pledge day will have been passed and we hope to give you the names of our pledges. In saying good-bye, Zeta wishes each chapter a most successful rushing season.

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## ETA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The past week has been one of the happiest in the life of Eta, for in it she has come in touch with her sisters from all over the United States and has been brought by them to a fuller realization of the magnitude of her wealth. Her only regret

was that she could not keep with her the sisters she came in those days to know and love. And now Eta sends to each and every one of you, from those of the class of 1874 to the class of 1913 her loving greetings. She longs to know more of you, and it is her sincerest hope that it may be her privilege to welcome many of you in the future in her home overlooking the Golden Gate.

Eta is proud to present Penelope Murdock, '12, and Gertrude Comfort, '13, to their sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, and also to tell you that Sue Davis of Stanford now belongs to her.

Aside from our glorious convention, Eta's time has been filled by a rushing season made tedious by its length and by a great number of rules, so that she is already sighing for the end to come the 19th of November.

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## THETA

"HETA sends September greetings to her sister chapters, and wonders if the summer months have passed as swiftly for them as they have for her. It seems but a few days since we were planning our vacation festivities and bidding each other good-bye, and now we are once more in the college whirl, smiling our sweetest, talking our cleverest, and quite prepared to win out, of course. For Theta is now in the midst of rushing, and quite a strenuous life it proves to be. This year we have a threeweeks' season, and are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the day when we can put the double brown on certain freshmen whom we shall be proud to introduce in the next CRESCENT. By the Pan-Hellenic rules our informal stunts are greatly restricted, and we are allowed two formal affairs. The first of these is to be a musicale at the home of Eunice Robinson, and to which the Gamma Phi mothers, the prospective girls and their mothers are invited. Our other function is the annual dance in the ballroom of the Woman's Club, and this we hope to make very delightful.

We have had several small affairs all summer for the prospective freshmen, and the suppers at the "Lodge" have proved the most fun. The place itself is most attractive at this time of year, and the tall fence in its thick green mantle with here and there a dash of scarlet leaves is a thing of beauty. Even though we are now planning our new home for next year, the "Lodge" is very dear, and we cannot understand how the cunning house, with its mystic shining letters, to say nothing of its attractive occupants, can fail to ensnare the much-desired freshmen. Another rushing affair took the form of a theatre party to Clitch's Gardens, and the beautiful progressive luncheon, given us by the alumnæ, brought us to the very threshold of the college year.

We were very happy this summer to have with us several Gamma Phis from other chapters. Edna Howard of Gamma has quite won our hearts and we are truly glad that she is a Denver girl. Lora Hall of Beta was in our city a week on her way to convention, and Sarah Hardy of Beta was the inspiration for a pretty tea, given by Helen Welles, to which both active and alummæ Thetas were bidden. And we are now expecting several delegates en route from California to be our guests. Speaking of convention, our delegate, Gertrude Wolfe, has sent us glowing accounts of the festivities, and we are eagerly waiting her return.

Our university has started on a most prosperous year, and never have we had so many students and so much enthusiasm. Our beautiful new library has just been dedicated; work on the new chapel is soon to begin, and last but not least we have every prospect of another champion football team.

And we're wishing that all happiness and prosperity and the finest of freshmen may fall to the lot of every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta!

#### **IOTA**

D EAR Sisters: When I look 'way, 'way back to last spring to find out what has happened since then that you have not yet heard of, it seems to me that the very first thing I ought to do is to introduce Aurill Bishop, '11, who was initiated May 10. She was pledged with our other 1911 girls, but a most inconvenient attack of mumps postponed her initiation till that date. Just a short time afterwards we held our spring banquet, at which the New York alumnæ joined us as usual. The affair was a great success altogether; a large number were present, the toasts were bright and to the point, and the "eats" were very good. The following week was Commencement week, the crowning glory of which, to our minds, was the announcement on Class Day that Sara Rome, one of our graduates, had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The summer started in for us with a most enjoyable house party, and a little later on three of us attended the Silver Bay Conference and made the acquaintance of some of our very nice sisters from other colleges.

Now we are all back at work again and by this time have gotten well into harness, bought our books and begun our lessons. College seems much as ever—there are no new rules, and the new dean we have been expecting for several years has not yet arrived. One new and important change has taken place, however. The date of pledge day has been set as the first Monday in December instead of in April as it was last year. This is naturally a most welcome change and we are busily planning

parties. At present there is some doubt as to how many affairs we are to be allowed to have, but just as soon as Pan-Hellenic sets the number we shall issue invitations for *something* and begin our campaign.

This is going to be a busy year for Iota altogether, even putting rushing out of the question. For two of our girls are class officers, five are members of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, two hold offices in the Société Française, one is Chairman of the Exchange Committee, an important department of our Undergraduate Association, and one is on the editorial staff of our college annual, the "Mortarboard."

Just at present we New Yorkers are having all the excitement of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration. Some of the airships entered for the "Aerial Flight" have been snugly stowed away under tents pitched in a vacant lot right next to the college building. For several days, indeed, we went to every class most reluctantly, fearing that they would start off while we were hard at work in another part of the building. The Hudson, of which the college windows afford an excellent view, is most imposingly crowded with men-of-war, cruisers, torpedo boats, and all the other varieties of war vessels; not to mention a perfectly enormous collection of excursion boats and ferry boats, some of which look as though they had just been resurrected from thirty years' retirement in a marine graveyard!

But there! most of you have probably heard all about this so many times that you are as tired of the subject as you are of the North Pole. So I will spare you further description.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous year!

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# KAPPA

D EAR Sisters: Registration week was a week of rushing and we all feel that it was a successful one for the chapter. We have pledged eleven grand girls. They are: Margaret Nachtrieb, Eunice McGilvra, Margaret Kinney, Mildred Gambol, Margaret Menzel, Eva Kay, Bertha Poole, Constance Davis, Grace Clement, May Welch and Lydia Johnston. They will be initiated the latter part of October.

Last June, the first week of vacation, Luella Ames was initiated. It was at the sorority house party at Lake Minnetonka.

Pan-Hellenic will be presided over this year by Mary Fitzsimmons, '10. Katherine Crocker is President of Euterpean, the Girls' Glee Club; Mary Heritage has been elected President of the Thalian Literary Society; Anne Hull is Vice-President of the Woman's League, and Katherine Sullivan is President of Ledarmoc, which is an organization of the sophomore girls of the university.

September 30th was President Northrop's seventy-fifth birthday. Chapel

that day was for the purpose of celebrating the occasion. Mary Heritage, '10, representing the girls of the university, presented "Prexy" with seventyfive pink roses and the good feeling of every girl in the university in a very sweet and simple address.

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### LAMBDA

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Lambda Chapter sends its love and wishes each of its sister chapters the greatest possible success in rushing.

Pan-Hellenic rules governing rushing are very broad this year, so that we have been allowed to rush during the summer.

We gave an informal dance at the Seattle Yacht Club, a formal card party at the home of Pauline Ederer on Capitol Hill.

Six rushees were entertained at a spread at the home of Violet Megrath, while later in the summer the girls had a yachting party.

The horizon of this year's rushing season looks bright for Lambda of Gamma Phi Beta. College opens October 4. The lateness of this date is due to the exposition which does not close until October 14. We will have nineteen girls when college opens. The rushing season this year is to be two weeks. Formal written bids are to be given out Monday, October 18.

The four Lambda girls, Martina Henehan, Alice Courtney, Violet Megrath and Florence Lewis, who have just returned from the convention at Berkeley, brought back very enthusiastic reports concerning convention.

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## MU

D EAR Sisters: Again our rushing season is over, and we are glad to introduce our three pledges to our sisters. They are Judith Waite, from Montana; Rae Belle Morlan and Maude Bassett, from Los Angeles. We lost no bids, and are very happy, for we feel that we have the quality that will make our freshman class one of the best and strongest on the campus.

Mu Chapter is still talking of the dear sisters who were with us right after convention. Every one of us was glad of the splendid opportunity we had of meeting Gamma Phis from all over the country, and we wish we might have the same opportunity every year. The four Lambda girls, Martina Henahan, Violet Megrath, Florence Lewis, and Alice Courtney, were with us for several days, and we grew to know them well, which was a great pleasure. This year we have especial cause for being thankful that we own our house, and can accommodate all the girls that come to us. And right here Mu Chapter wants to extend an invitation to all Gamma

Phis who ever come anywhere near Stanford University to come and see us.

We haven't had time to do the society act at all this year, for what with strenuous rushing and more strenuous college work and convention besides, we are all of us nearly physical wrecks. But we are planning, and by next chapter letter we hope to be able to tell you something in that line.

We have had many of our dear old alumnæ back this year, and have seen lots of sisters that we haven't known before, and we are ready to start in now for the best year that our chapter has ever known. With all of our added enthusiasm, we just can't help growing more toward our national, and becoming even more loyal Gamma Phis.

We send hearty congratulations to all of our sister chapters who have their pledges already, and very best wishes for those yet to come.

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#### NU

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: These are the strenuous days just previous to the opening of college when all Nu girls are discussing excitedly the opening and rearrangement of the chapter house, of parties, luncheons and dinners soon to take place within its walls, but the most exciting news of all is the splendid class of freshman girls. There is unusually good material this year in the entering class and Nu's outlook is very bright. We are all looking 'forward to the most successful rushing season in the history of the chapter.

A third national sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, has now entered the University of Oregon. The chapter was installed in Portland in July. The Nu girls were hostesses at a sweet pea luncheon in honor of the new chapter a few days after its installation. We were fortunate in having Milola Ward, Caroline Benson, Mildred Hayes, and Ethel Palmer, all of Mu, with us at that time.

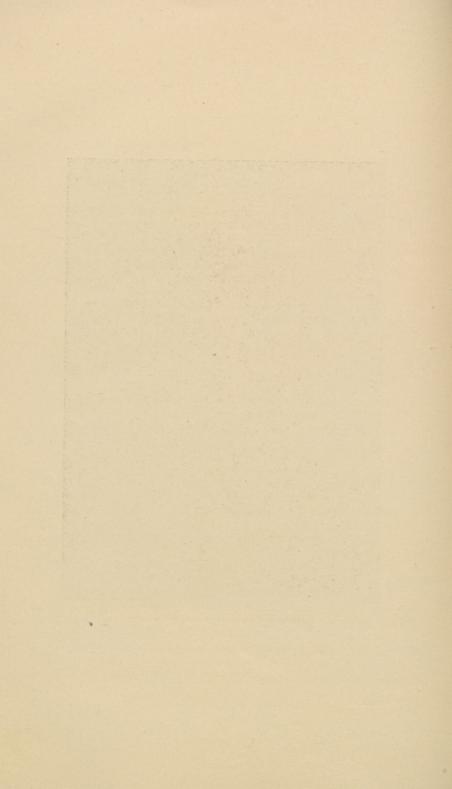
During Commencement week we had the pleasure of initiating into the mysteries of Gamma Phi Beta, two of the founders of Tau Pi, Helen and Bertha McKinney. Without doubt these two girls have done more for this chapter than any other two whom we have ever initiated, so we feel very proud of introducing them into Gamma Phi Betas.

Just as college closed, two offices were conferred on Gamma Phis. Edith Woodcock was elected Secretary of the Dramatic Club, and Ruth Duniway, Secretary of the Associated Students.

The spring banquet was held June 17, in Otto's Grill. The table was decorated in pink carnations and the place cards bore a dainty hand-painted Gamma Phi Beta badge. The goddess Gamma Phi was toasted often in

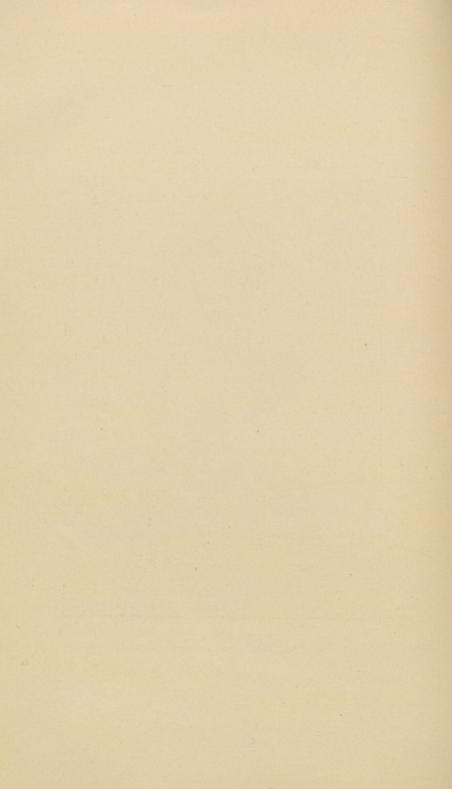


MILDRED THORNDIKE, Delta, '09 Phi Beta Kappa at Boston University



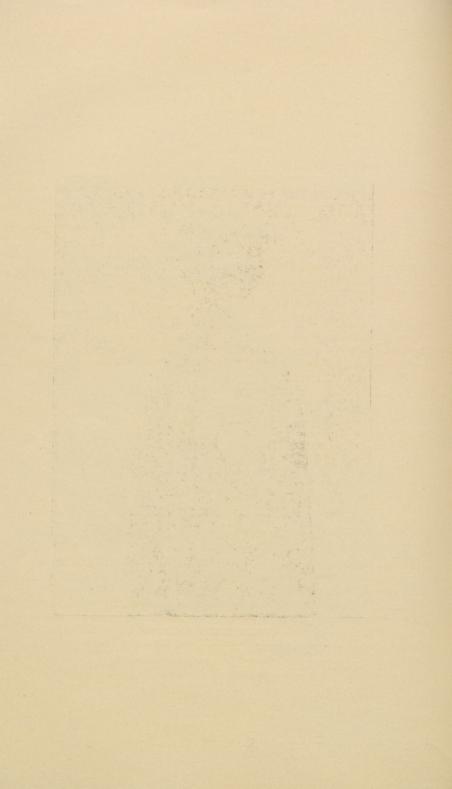


FLORENCE BARBOUR, Delta, '09 Phi Beta Kappa and Senior Class Poet





MARION WEST, Delta, '09 One of Delta's Four Phi Beta Kappas of 1909



song and speech, but the banquet was saddened by the thought that it marked the passing from us of our five seniors, Nieta Harding, Jennie Perry, Blanche Houston, Gladys Farrar, and Jessie Hurley.

This summer our girls have been widely scattered, but all who were in Portland met each Wednesday at the Wistaria Tea Room for luncheon. Several times we were honored by having with us those from other chapters. We enjoyed meeting them all so much and hope all Gamma Phis will learn of our little college town tucked in among the fir-covered hills, and of the chapter house within that town where the latchstring is always out for our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

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## CHICAGO

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Last year was such an enthusiastic one for the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter that when June came the girls all wished to continue through the summer, hoping that in so doing we would meet out of town girls. The meetings have been very well attended and we have proven that warm weather and long distances cannot prevent Gamma Phis from getting together. We had several Gamma girls with us at these meetings. Now fall has come and we are going to try to increase our chapter with new members even as our active sisters are doing.

At the last meeting we had such an interesting account of convention time from Mrs. Berry, our Grand President of last year. It was more than simply a report, for she gave us such a full story of the trip, with so many of the little personal incidents which make things seem real that we feel that we too have all been West and have met our sisters there and know what their lives are like. At this meeting we also elected our new local officers.

On Saturday, September 18, we were notified that the open meeting of the Eighth Intersorority Conference would be held after a luncheon at the Chicago Beach Hotel. Gamma Phis from all over the city answered the call, and next to the Kappa Alpha Thetas, who called the meeting, we had the largest delegation there. It was an enthusiastic and instructive afternoon as at the close of the luncheon reports from the different committees were read and we understood better the work of the organization.

### SYRACUSE

THE correspondent of Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter brings to the editors' congress congratulations for the success of the past year and greetings for the new. From our own chapter we report many pleasant happenings and also some sad ones.

In June, 1909 occurred the death, at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, of Miss Eva A. Seymour, one of our best known and best loved alumnæ. Miss Seymour was graduated from the musical course of Syracuse University with the class of 1885. From the day of her initiation until her death Gamma Phi received her loyal support, her interest and her love.

After graduation Miss Seymour taught for a time at Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y. She afterward entered training at the Rochester General Hospital, from which institution she received her diploma as a trained nurse. Her natural endowments, together with her musical training, fitted her to be markedly successful in her profession, as she was qualified to minister to the intellectual and social as well as the physical needs of her patients.

For the past year Miss Seymour has been with friends in California, returning to Syracuse but a few weeks before her death.

It seemed fitting that one who had for so long a time been closely identified with all the interests of our sorority should be carried to her final resting place from our chapter house.

In accordance with the unanimous wish of the active and alumnæ chapters the funeral was held at the Gamma Phi Chapter House on University avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. F. T. Kenney, Miss Seymour's classmate, as well as pastor of the church of which she had for many years been a member. The burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, adjoining the campus of her Alma Mater.

A happy ending is the legitimate outcome of any romance. We are happy to chronicle that of Miss Jane O. Lewis of this city, which culminated in her marriage on June 14 to Augustus H. Guy at Durban, South Africa.

Miss Lewis was graduated from Syracuse University with the class of 1904, and was active in all the interests of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. For three years Miss Lewis taught in one of the government schools in Johannesburg, South Africa, and there formed the acquaintance of Mr. Guy, who has large mining interests in South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Guy have established their home at Mariasburg, a suburb of Johannesburg.

Another happy event was the marriage of Miss Jessie Page of the class of 1908 to Mr. William D. Hervy of Washington, D. C. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Alexander Flick, on Waverly avenue, on June 10, 1909. Miss Page's maid of honor was Miss Elizabeth Brooks, while Mr. Frank Malpass served as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hervy will reside in Washington, D. C.

It has been the privilege of Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter to count among its members for the last three years, Mrs. Myra Haven Draper, daughter of our former chancellor, and sister of one of the founders of Gamma Phi Beta. For thirty years Dr. and Mrs. Draper have labored in Japan as missionaries under the Methodist Board of Missions, and have seen and furthered the evolution of the new Japan.

During Mrs. Draper's stay in Syracuse one son and two daughters have been graduated from Syracuse High School and are now students at the university. It is with regret that we part with Mrs. Draper, but our interest and thoughts will follow her, as with her husband, son and daughter she returns to her chosen field of labor.

Still one more wedding of so recent a date as almost to have escaped our pen. Many of the delegates who attended the annual convention of 1908 will remember the alumnæ representative from Syracuse, Miss Deidra Mace, daughter of Dr. Mace, head of the Department of History, Syracuse University. On September 10, 1909, occurred the marriage of Miss Mace to Nathan Howard Gowing, formerly of this city, and brother of Helen Gowing of Alpha. The date was chosen as being the anniversary of the wedding of the bride's parents. The color scheme was green and white, and the bridal party entered to the strains of the wedding march as rendered by the sister of the groom, Mrs. George Broad. Miss Bertha Dodson, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, while Mr. Gowing's best man was Elmer Thayer Graves. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Charles Hamilton of University Avenue M. E. Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gowing will make their home in West Virginia, where Mr. Gowing has been for some time in business.

And so to the girls of Gamma Phi come experiences of joy and sorrow, but through the varied happenings the bonds of sisterhood hold all in mutual love and sympathy.

Our annual luncheon was held on June 5 at Skaneateles, as usual, and also, as usual, we had a most enthusiastic attendance.

Our first meeting of the year, which was largely attended, was held on October 1 at the country home of Mrs. Florence Bailey Croue on Fayetteville Road. We regretted that our delegate had not yet returned from convention, that we might hear all about the good times the girls had, and, incidentally, about the more serious business. However, she will soon be with us and we shall be told everything at our meeting in November.

# BOSTON

B OSTON CHAPTER to her CRESCENT-reading sisters, a most humble and apologetic greeting: She is sitting with ashes sifting through her hair and clothed in sackcloth, since beholding that awful roll of chapter letters, where she was ranged with the goats. From sinners such as we no apology would be accepted, so we merely adopt as a motto the promise extorted from little caned offenders, "Please, sir, we'll *never* do it again."

As this copy of THE CRESCENT reaches you, Eta's convention, with all its happy renewal of the bonds of Gamma Phi will be past, and one chapter, for its sins, will have no returned and enthusiastic delegate to "tell us all about it." Alas, that passes exist not in this northeastern corner, and woe for our lean chapter pocketbook that will not allow us to fare so far afleld! But just wait two years till the next convention gathers in the Hub, and Boston's reputation for coldness of manner will melt before the warmth of her greeting ,even as her erstwhile claims to being a cool summer resort have frizzled before this year's aspiring thermometer.

Since we were last heard from we have, so far as meetings are concerned, continued the even tenor of our first-Saturday-in-the-month way, interrupted only by spring banquet and other fixed and movable feasts. But under this apparent calm, upheavals have been brewing. That doesn't sound quite right, but it can't be more mixed than we feel. First, Bess Newhall's wedding with Dr. Guy Sanger loomed above the summer horizon. That was June joy, for her home will be in Arlington, nearer us than in Lynn; not that distance has ever had any effect on Newhall loyalty. While some of us were engaged in the delightful process known as "looking over her things"-such pretty "things!"-Eugénie Ward, '00, sprang the second bomb. Her sister Grace, '97, had been and become engaged, quite unbeknownst, and her wedding with Mr. Kent Godfrey Lofberg took place with, to us, dizzying velocity. To offset his many good qualities, Mr. Lofberg has had the perversity to settle in Mansfield; but we shall hope for fleeting visits at least from the sudden bride. Next, the mail brought us dear Betty Drew's wedding invitation. Though Delta claims her, she once belonged to Boston Chapter, and since Mr. Harris Merrill Barbour has charge of a church in Arlington and is a good Gamma Phi brother, we intend to "have her" again. Another Gamma Phi brother is Mr. Thorndike Ladd, who is to carry off Rachel Bessom in the fall to Baltimore. Zeta Chapter, please take notice. This is a real grief to us, for Rachel is a dear (she probably won't see this number of THE CRESCENT), and we shall miss her sadly. Last of our brides-at least of this "batch"comes Helen Flanders; but as she will live in Brookline, instead of teaching in Reading, we feel that we shall gain, rather than lose, a most desirable sister. Editor, please send a marked copy to the lady.

There remains the news that has been speeding from Gamma Phi to Gamma Phi, always with loving comment and affectionate good wishes. Our dear Eugénie Ward—how dear no one knows better than the chapter she has so faithfully served—has announced her engagement to Mr. Charles Edward Rigby of Lynn, who hereby receives our heartfelt thanks for not living in Timbuktu.

This is all our news at present, and quite enough for us to think of. It has found its way into the chapter letter because the various items loom so large just now in the chapter life, and because we thought some of you would share our interest and good wishes. This is preëminently a bridal chapter letter, and can end with no more appropriate words than these of Kipling's:

"Oh, launch them down with music from the beach, Oh, warp them out with garlands from the quays— Most resolute—a damsel unto each— New prows that seek the old Hesperides.

In the saffroned bride-sails scenting all the seas!

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### NEW YORK

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#### MILWAUKEE

D EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: A most delightful luncheon with Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Peterson as hostesses closed the past year. At that meeting we were glad to welcome Mrs. Morton (Helen Godfrey), Epsilon, '98, to membership. The new, long-looked-for songbook was examined with interest, and the plans for the coming year were discussed.

We are now looking forward to our first meeting in October, when we shall greet several new members and visit, as we always do, until business is almost out of the question. We are anxious for the reports of convention, however, that we may know in detail of Gamma Phi Beta progress and prosperity.

The chapter extends best wishes to all sisters for a pleasant year.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

C ONVENTION has come and gone. Even in the most anciently-dated alumnæ was a new enthusiasm for Gamma Phi aroused. Members of this chapter worked on the committees with members of Eta, and the past weeks have been very busy ones. Our last regular meeting before vacation was held at Mrs. Colby's home. Some fifteen girls were present. Special meetings were held during August and September at Mrs. Colby's, Miss Piercé's, and Miss Rothermel's. A joint meeting of Eta and S. F. A. before the last initiation at Eta's chapter house was productive of mutual understanding and good feeling. Many alumnæ attended not only the business but the social meetings of convention week. Best of all we turned over to Eta, to help her defray convention expenses, \$115. As we have only thirty-two members, as many of them are out of town, and as most of this amount was in voluntary subscriptions, we felt it spoke very well for the alumnæ interest in Gamma Phi.

We plan a series of monthly open houses during the coming winter for all Gamma Phis. Our first one will have as special guests the freshmen that Eta is rushing—our second one, other sorority girls. We shall have some special feature for each afternoon, making the affairs very simple and informal. We hope in this way to keep in closer touch with Eta, to help her perhaps, and best of all to keep alive our own interest in college and sorority affairs.

During the month of August, Margaret Webb gave a tea in honor of Miss Gearhart, to which all of the Gamma Phis in the vicinity were invited. A good time was enjoyed and all voted Margaret a charming hostess.

A chapter house is a constant subject of discussion and we hope before another year goes by to see it begun.

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#### DENVER

D EAR Sisters: It seemed very pleasant to meet together again as we did last Friday at the home of Edith Denious. For while we have had some delightful meetings this summer our circle has been very incomplete. We have been widely scattered. Alaska, Canada, and California have proven delightful trips for some of us. Others have found a pleasant vacation in our own Colorado mountains.

Our midsummer meeting took the form of a picnic at one of the parks. It was largely attended and we had a jolly time, and then you know Gamma Phi cookery cannot be beaten.

Helen Woodrow Welles of Beta Chapter entertained us very pleasantly at an afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Hardy of Beta.

A short time ago we entertained at a progressive luncheon in honor of the prospective freshmen. The first course at the home of Grace Shannon represented the freshmen year; the second at Kathryn Allen's, the third at Mame Gallup's, and the fourth at Margaret Carman's each in turn showed in some way the college years. Alumnæ and active girls gathered at the home of Edith Denious for the last course, which represented Gamma Phi.

As our chapter grows larger we find new conditions facing us. We want to meet them, and so we have formed new plans for the year that will perhaps meet the demands of varied interests and busy lives.

We hope the year will bring success and happiness to all of you.

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## MINNESOTA

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# Personals

### Alpha

Bessie Bowe, '08, Alpha, has returned after a year of study abroad.

Emogene Day, '00, has returned with her parents, Chancellor and Mrs. Day, after a year of extensive travel abroad.

### Gamma

Mr. and Mrs. S. Page (Florence Shaw, Gamma, '02), spent the summer traveling in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fisher (Josephine Ross, Gamma, '02), are living on Ridge of Rocks Ranch, near Stirling, Colo.

## Delta

Eva Day, '09, will teach science in Rockland, Me.

Flora Smith, '09, is to teach at Keyer's Falls, Me.

Marion West, '09, will teach English in Reading, Mass.

Frances Huntington, ex-'09, is teaching in Milton, Mass.

Elizabeth Hacker, '07, is to teach science in the Hudson High Schools. Florence Beiler, '07, has returned to Fajardo, Porto Rico, to resume her teaching.

Mary Beiler, ex-'09, is attending the Y. W. C. A. Training School in New York City.

Fanny Rexford, '09, will be in Thomaston, Conn., this year as teacher of English.

Helen Osgood, '07, is taking charge of clerical work under the Associated Charities in Lynn.

Mildred Thorndike, '09, has accepted a position in Plymouth, N. H., as teacher of Botany, Zoology, Algebra, and five departments of History.

We were pleased to have Isabelle D. White, a Gamma Phi graduate of '94, but now member of the Denver Alumnæ Chapter, as near us as Cambridge during the summer.

Marion West, Flora Smith, Mary Taylor, Olive Marshall, and Belle Dalton were among the nine delegates from Boston University to the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Silver Bay in June.

Elsie E. Hatch, '08, was the guest of her cousin, Florence Taylor (Alpha), in Olean, N. Y., in August. On her way home she spent a few days with Edith Riggs (Delta, '07), in Newport, R. I.

#### Epsilon

Helen Green, Epsilon, '12, has gone to Vassar.

Lillian Paulson, '12, has gone to Denver on account of her health.

Ethel Cowles, Epsilon, '09, will teach this year in Northern Wisconsin.

Moselle Weld, '11, has gone to the University of Wisconsin for her last two years.

Bertha White and Edwina Pope, both of Epsilon, spent the summer at Estes Park.

Frances Fischer, Epsilon, '12, will take the normal course in Domestic Science at Lewis Institute.

The fraternity register at Estes Park, writes Miss White from Omaha, showed a larger number of Gamma Phis than of any other sorority.

Laura McCarty, Epsilon, '08, who spent a year abroad with a school of travel, returned in June in time to be toastmistress at our spring banquet.

## Zeta

Ethel Carr's father died in September.

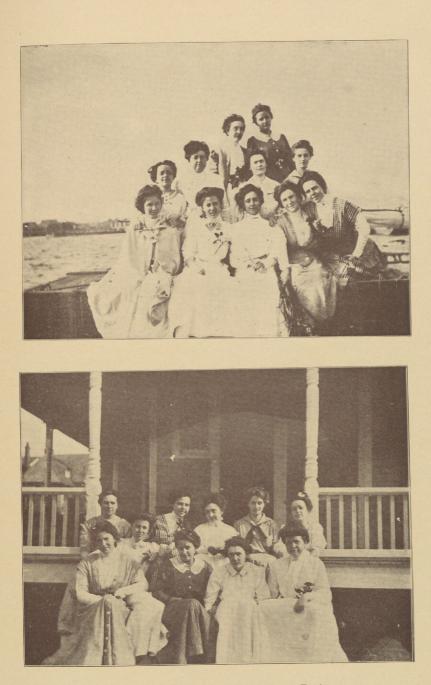
Jean Thoburn, '09, was abroad this summer.

Flora Robinson, '08, sails for India this fall.

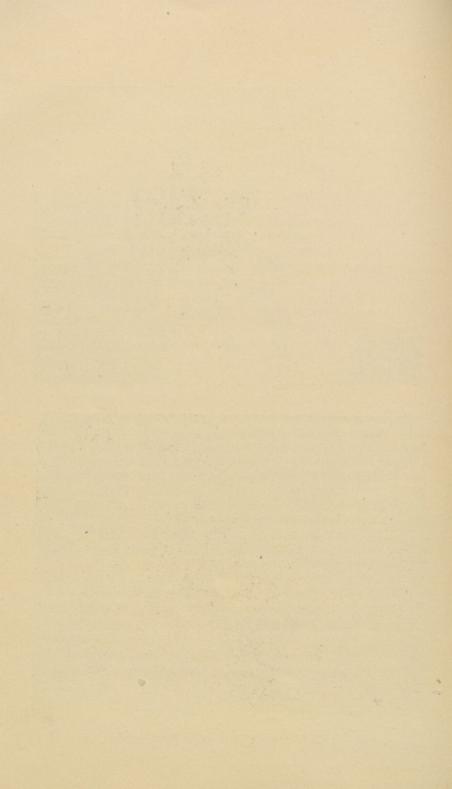
Margaret Lee, '03, was in Baltimore in September.

Margaret Wilson, ex-'07, spent September in Baltimore.

Marie Connor Hayes, '00, spent several months in Europe.



Groups of the Barnard Girls House Party



Cornelia Webb, ex'04, spent the summer in Ashville, N. C.

Ann Williams, ex-'08, will visit Baltimore during October.

Caroline Smith, ex-'07, is a secretary in the Pittsburg Y. W. C. A.

Jane Smart Allen, '04, was at Saratoga and New York this summer.

Jessie Hurley, '09, of Nu, is at the Woman's College of Baltimore this year.

Bess Brown, '03, and Nell Watts, '05, were in North Carolina during the summer.

Elizabeth Gatch, '06, is instructor in Chemistry in the Woman's College of Baltimore.

Sarah Turner, '09, has been in New York and will teach near Philadelphia this winter.

Marion and Katherine Scranton, '09, are in Italy and will sail from there to their home in Korea.

Louise Tiedeman, ex-'11, visited in Hanover, Pa., during September, and will be in Baltimore in October.

Mabel Haskins, '09, will teach at Hartley, Iowa, this year, and Jane Haskins, '09, will be at Sloan, Iowa.

The alumnæ who returned for Commencement were: Marie Connor Hayes, '00; Edith Fisher, '04; Elizabeth Gatch, '06; Caroline Smith, ex-'07; Anna Palmer, ex-'96.

Josephine Stone, '07, has charge of the educational department of the Los Angeles Y. W. C. A. In June she received her M. A. in Psychical Sociology at Columbia University.

Anna and Alice Dimmick had the pleasure of meeting Lora Gooding of Kappa, and Kathleen Cutting, Beta, on a steamer going up the St. Clair river to Port Huron one day this summer.

Zeta had a house party of ten days at Rehoboth, Delaware, in June. The girls who went were: Edith Fisher, '04; Bess Brown, '03; Katharine Scranton, '09; Marion Scranton, '09; Mary McCurley, '10; Ruth Porter, '10; Belle Baker, '05; Ethel Shriner, '07; Marguerite Porter, '11; Lou Treide, Minna Treide, '11; Anna Blanton, 11, and Mathilda Omwahe, '12. The chaperones were Mrs. Shriner and Mrs. Page.

#### Eta

Lena Reddington, '97, will spend the coming year in Europe.

Tallullah Le Conte, '04, is back in Berkeley after five years in Washington.

Rita Daniels, '08, will return from Europe in October, when she will be married to Mr. Hal Hall and live in Carle Madera.

## Cheta

Mary Allen Green is in Washington, D. C.

Kitty Lee Bishop spent her summer in the East.

Ruth Wheeler is a student at Stanford this year.

Irene Poole will attend Wellesley the coming year.

Elizabeth Stephenson spent the summer in Chicago.

Lora Hall, Beta, was in Denver on her way to convention.

Marion Moore, of Cincinnati, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. J. Pitkin.

Madge Miller, Beta, visited Helen Barbee on the way to her home in Muskegan, Mich.

Alice Perkins will not return to college this year, but has accepted a position in one of the Colorado schools.

A number of girls spent part of their vacation at the various mountain resorts. Bertha Webb was at Estes Park, Helen Barbee at Glen Park, Eunice Robinson at Crags, Angie Hayden at Durango, Eleanor Reynolds and Belle Connor at Eldorado.

The seniors of 1909 will be greatly missed in the year to come. Ethel Tucker was married in August to Thomas R. Garth, and is living in Breckenridge, Colo.; Kathryn Allen is teaching in the High School at Golden, Colo.; Allene Seaman, May Schiffer, and Mildred Hansen will remain in Denver this winter.

## Tota

Ellen and Alice O'Gorman spent the summer abroad.

Grace Gilleandeau, '11, is the tennis champion of the college.

Helen Newbold, '09, is taking post-graduate work at Barnard this year.

Helen Aiguier sailed for Europe September 15. She will be gone several months.

Sara Rome, '09, expects to teach English in the Washington Irving High School this year.

Helen Worrall, Florence Rose, and Margaret Hart attended the Silver Bay Conference.

Aurill Bishop spent the summer at Lake George, N. Y. During the Student Conference at Silver Bay she made several "calls" on the girls there.

#### Kappa

Luella Ames, ex-'12, has gone to Boston to study art.

#### Lambda

Jennette Perry is teaching in Tokio, Japan.

Nellie Frater, '12, is attending Whitman College in Walla Walla this semester.

Inez Hadley, '01, is visiting in the East. She expects to return to college in February.

Myrtle Powers, '09, is teaching English and German at the Auburn High School, Washington.

Imogene Carraher has returned to Washington, D. C., to resume her studies at Trinity College.

M. Ruth Guppy, Beta, has been elected president of the Tacoma Branch of the Collegiate Alumnæ.

## mu

Helen Dorrance, '06, spent a couple of days with us at the beginning of the semester.

We have been enjoying a long visit this semester from Daisy Dake, ex-'06, who came up to help us with our rushing.

Mu Chapter enjoyed a week's visit before convention time from three Nu girls-Blanche Huston, '09; Ruth Duniway, '10, and Mary Steiner, '11.

Ruth and Winifred Gilbert returned in June from a year spent in Europe. Ruth stayed at home but a short time before going to Indianapolis, where she will teach school this year. Winifred is to be married in October to Carl Brown, Sigma Chi.

During our rushing season we have seen considerable of girls not now active in our chapter, chief among them Ruth Gilbert, '06; Helen Thoburn, '07; Elise Owen, '07; Della Barnhart, ex-'10; Norine Graves Little, ex-'10, and Marion Darby, ex-'11.

### Chicago

Hazel Driver is to teach this year in Ashland, Wis.

Mrs. Berry has just returned from convention with news of our Western sisters.

Loretta Carey, Ruth and Mary Allen, all of Gamma, have visited the chapter during the summer.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Smith from the active working force of our chapter. She has gone West with her husband for a year.

#### Syracuse

Milicent Hinkley visited friends at Star Lake.

Mrs. Laura Page Flick spent the summer abroad.

Nettie Sadler spent August at Kennebunkport, Me.

Mrs. Eleanor Lewis Skeel is now living in Camden, N. Y.

Helen Gowing spent most of the summer in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecombe spent the summer on the coast of Maine.

Emogene Day returned in June from a trip around the world with her parents.

Mrs. Florence Wooster Allen visited Denver and other Western cities in October.

Mrs. Genevieve Ostrander Porter spent the summer at her camp in the Adirondacks.

Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh visited friends in Hammondsport and Newark, N. Y.

Mrs. Gertrude Dada Fuller was at the Thousand Islands for some time during the summer.

Mrs. Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt occupied her cottage at Fair Haven, Lake Ontario, during July.

Mrs. Mary Safford Cuykendall was at her camp on Skaneateles Lake during July and August.

Mrs. Minnie Mason Beebe studied in Paris during the summer. Her return was hastened by the sudden illness and death of her mother.

Mrs. Florence Bailey Crouse was at her country home on Fayetteville Road through the summer, returning to the city soon after October 1.

Mildred Webb visited several of our chapters on her way to convention, where she was delegate from Syracuse alumnæ. She returned by the way of New Orleans and other Southern cities.

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke spent August automobling in the southern part of the state and in visiting friends in Kingston and Owasco. She also attended the intercollegiate races at Poughkeepsie in July.

## Boston

Grace Durgin, '02, is Secretary for the Allen School of West Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, after a sojourn in Boston, returned to their home in Franklin.

Marion West, '09, takes Helen Flanders' place in the English department of the Reading High School.

Edith Everett, '00, has left Springfield to take charge of the department of English in the High School, Englewood, N. J.

Rachel Osgood, Delta, '09 (sister of Helen Osgood, '07), is to teach English, French, and Musical Theory in a private school in Lynn.

Boston Chapter will hold its regular meetings the first Saturday in every month at Delta's rooms, 84 Huntington avenue. Any visiting Gamma Phi will be very welcome at the chafing-dish luncheon which usually occurs about noon.

Dora Clapp Danforth, with her small daughter Mario, has been spending August with her family at Lake Sunapee, N. H. She will be in Boston the last week in September on her way to Hampton, Va., where she will make her home until January 1.

### milwaukee

Clara Erwin, Gamma, '97, is studying at Ripon College.

Allison Moore, Gamma, '09, is visiting friends in Milwaukee.

Mrs. E. W. Hoffmann (Bernice Hunter), Gamma, '06, visited Yellowstone National Park in July.

Mrs. Marshal C. Moss (Kathryn Mathewson), Gamma, '94, visited in Washington during the summer.

Mrs. A. R. McLenegan (Julia Richardson), Gamma, '95, spent the summer in northern Wisconsin at a fishing camp.

Mrs. N. S. Harrington (Anne Spencer), Gamma' 92, and children visited friends and relatives in Milwaukee during August.

Gertrude C. Ross, Gamma, '95, has been appointed head of the English department in East Division High School, Milwaukee.

## Denver

Ora Bowman spent a pleasant summer in Virginia.

May Schiffer has been in Long Branch for several months.

Inez Ridgway attended the Vassar Commencement exercises.

Elizabeth Church Grant enjoyed a trip abroad this summer.

Mary Uzzell had a most delightful trip to Alaska during the vacation.

Eva Davis, Mary Woy, Janet Newkirk, Margaret Carman, Clara Sperry returned to Denver for the summer months after their year's teaching.

Mrs. Lucile Timberlake Stover and little daughter were in California for the summer.

Beulah Hood and Allene Seaman have been several months in East Aurora, N. Y.

Louise Iliff is quite recovered from her recent illness and has gone to Santa Cruz, Cal., for a short time.

Helen and Lindsey Barbee motored from Denver with Mary Crary Moore and were her guests at Glen Park.

Edith Wallace spent a very pleasant three months in Canada, and Isabelle White renewed old friendships in Boston.

A number of Gamma Phis have been in the mountains during the very hot months. Mary Crary Moore, Mabel Walker Edwards, and Ella Jamieson Sanderson were in Glen Park, Colo.; Grace Evans Shannon was at Estes Park; Theo Price Hough at Dunraven; Edna Mason at Lake Eldora and Lucia Pattison Young at Shawnee.

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# Births

Born, to Blanche MacNeal Smith, Zeta, '98, a son.

Born, June, to Lillian Horsey Norris, Zeta, a daughter.

Born, to Mrs. Lela Stingley Campbell, Theta, '04, a son.

Born, to Marguerite Slater Bartlett, Delta, '02, a son.

Born, to Lucile Reiley McDonald, Zeta, a son, James Eugene, in July.

Born, to Mrs. Agnes Avery Millen, Alpha, a daughter, Harriet Avery, in May.

Born, September 10, to Ethelyn Phipps Austin, Zeta, '99, a daughter, Emily.

Born, to Mrs. Charles Clifford Dibble, Beta, '00, a daughter, Jane Isabel Dibble, June 1, 1909.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Evan D. Jones (Mary Laflin, Gamma, '97), a son, Daniel, September 11, 1909.

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# Engagements

Bertha Perley, Delta, ex-'09, has announced her engagement to William Moulton.

Mayme Allan, Lambda, '00, is to marry Mr. Vaughn, of Portland, early in October.

The engagement of Pearl Weston, ex-'09, to Roy W. Hall, Kappa Sigma, has been announced.

The engagement of Lucy Moore, Theta, '08, to Mr. Loring Lennox, Sigma Chi, is announced.

Margrete Millard, Lambda, '11, will be married early in September to Mr. Arthur Lewis, of Omaha.

The engagement of Hattie Young, '06, to Simeon J. Burchard, of St. Paul, Minn., has been announced.

At the Zeta banquet the engagement of Mabel Haskins, '09, of Sioux City, Iowa, to Dr. Karl Maynard was announced.

The engagement was announced at Lambda's spring banquet of Winnifred Johnson, '07, to Mr. Fred Maronlete, of Seattle.

The engagement of Bernice Peck, Alpha, ex-'11, to Adelbert G. Green, '08, Delta Upsilon, of Syracuse University, has been announced.

The engagement of Alice L. Benson, Eta, and George Beach, both of Portland, Oregon, has been announced. The wedding will take place shortly.

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#### Marriages

Bessie L. Newhall, Delta, '99, to Dr. Guy Edward Sanger, of Arlington. Grace E. Ward, Delta, '97, to Mr. Kent Godfrey Lofberg, of Mansfield. In June, Myrtle Hutchins, of Sheldon, Ill., was married to Dr. F. W.

Key.

Bessie M. Drew, Delta, ex-'06, to Mr. Harris Merrill Barbour, of Arlington.

Edna Borcherding, Zeta, was married to George Wollam Gorrell on September 2, in Newport, Ky.

Ethel Avern, Theta, was married on the 23d of June to Edward James Woodworth, of Fort Collins.

Ethel Tucker, Theta, '09, and Thomas Garth, of Breckenridge, were married on the 11th of August.

Effie Behm, Theta, '06, was married on June 23 to Dr. Reinert, of Fort Morgan. Her attendants were Gamma Phis.

Linda Belle Savitz, Iota, '08, was married to Mr. Robert Craig Thomson, on June 24, 1909, at her home in Westfield, N. J.

The marriage of Marion Williams, Alpha, '08, to Arthur Jolly, Sigma Alpha Epsilon of Northwestern University, took place on August 11.

Arleen Hasson, Lambda, '08, and Thomas Strothers Scott, Phi Delta Theta, were married August 24. They will make their home in Valdez, Alaska.

Helen R. Hendrix, Kappa, was married to Mr. Robert H. Keyes, on July 12. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes will make their home in Wolverton, Minn.

Helen McDonald, '08, and William Edward Sander, Beta Theta Pi, were married September 1. After October 15 they will be at home at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Alpha announces the marriage of Deidra Mace, Alpha, '08, to Nathan Howard Gowing, Delta Kappa Epsilon of Syracuse, on September 10. They will make their home at Burnsville, W. Va.

On September 22, Rachel Bessom, Delta, '06, was married to Edward Thorndike Ladd, brother of Emily Ladd Butler, '03. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd will live at 609 Falls Road Terraces, Roland Park, Md.

Ruth Holling Gordon, Alpha, '05, was married to Arthur Liddle Hollingsworth, a Phi Delta Theta of the Syracuse Chapter, at her home at Williamson, N. Y., June 26, 1909. They will reside at 155 Blandina street, Utica, N. Y.

Olive Lawrence Gordon, Alpha, ex-'11, was married to David Bennett Sherwood, a member of the Colgate Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, at Williamstown, on May 18, 1909. Their address is 366 Hampshire street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Two of Delta's sisters, Bessie Drew and Florence Barbour, have become sisters in a new sense by the marriage of Bessie to Harris Barbour, brother of Florence. Many of the chapter girls were able to witness the pretty wedding in the Wollaston Baptist Church on the afternoon of August 30.

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#### Announcements

The Grand Council of Alpha Omicron Pi announces the establishment of Rho Chapter at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., on Friday, June 11, 1909.

The Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Omicron Chapter at the University of California, May 5, 1909, at Berkeley, Cal.

Alpha Chi Omega announces the establishment of Pi Chapter at the University of California, May 7, 1909.

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### Our Contemporaries in Black and White

 $\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{E}}$  acknowledge the receipt of the following quarterlies and ask that that exchanges be sent to these addresses:

Mrs. T. L. Berry, 1019 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill. Miss Mabel Stone, 410 University Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Miss Anna Dimmick (Editor), Delaware, Ohio. Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Ill.

#### For April-

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi; The Phi Chi Quarterly.

#### For May-

The Delta of Sigma Nu; The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma; The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa; Delta Upsilon Quarterly; The Triangle; The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Alpha Phi Quarterly; Caduceus of Kappa Sigma; Delta Chi Quarterly; Alpha Xi Delta; Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha; Eleusis of Chi Omega; The Phi Gamma Delta; To Dragma of Alpha Omicron Pi; The Kappa Alpha Theta.

#### For June-

The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha; The Trident of Delta Delta Delta; The Beta Theta Pi; The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Caduceus; Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta; Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

#### For July-

The Anchora of Delta Gamma; The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega; The Caduceus; The Arrow; Sigma Kappa Triangle.

#### For August-

The Shield; The Delta; Alpha Phi Quarterly; The Eleusis; The Centaur.

#### For September-

The Scroll; Alpha Tau Omega Palm; Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

#### For October-

The American College.

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The April Arrow of Pi Beta Phi gives a detailed account of the fraternity in library work. There are ninety-nine librarians among their number.

Here is a good Collect for sorority women from The Eleusis, published originally by Mr. Paul Elder:

#### A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN.

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face-without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into our actions our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all, and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind .- Mary Stuart. 30

The Alpha Phi Quarterly for May quotes from an address delivered at the convention of the Religious Educational Association in February by Mrs. Cora Woodward, Adviser of Women at the Wisconsin State University. Her subject was "The College Sorority as a Substitute for the Woman's Dormitory," and she says, in part, of the chapter house :

Meantime, while we discuss it, the sorority house is here; it stands beside the dormitory in many college communities; and the problem is how to make it more serviceable.

I have said that the sorority has mortgaged its opportunity to serve the common life, which is not at all the same thing as saying it has per-manently disposed of it. My plan for its full recovery may seem revolu-tionary to a scheme shaped to a smaller sphere by the period of its birth. It calls first for a larger chapter unit. In fearing to lose unity by such enlargement the sorority accuses its bond of weakness—undeservedly, I think. Indeed, a chapter of thirty-five or forty seems to me to offer a more educative relation than one numbering twenty. But, at whatever price, the chapter should be large enough to fill the house without fresh-The effort now being made to get them into the house should be men. directed toward giving them the chance that is their right. Leave them time and freedom to know their classmates and the university. Make this "required work" for the freshman year; "elections" will be more intel-ligently made thereafter. The gains of such postponement will be threefold-to the freshman, to the sorority and to the university.

The sorority in its own house is in a peculiarly delicate position. Its advances are likely to be misunderstood, unless understanding is already established. The girl outside is repressed in her relations to the house, for she, too, fears that advances may be misunderstood. Now, if everybody in the house had lived at least a year in college before she went in,

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each would have so many friends outside that this restraint would disappear as inevitably as it has grown up under the present system. And I can conceive of no other way in which the sorority can lift the mortgage which the house has placed upon its opportunity than by so giving every member her chance to know and be known in the university.

In the Trident of Delta Delta Delta in a department called Pan-Hellenic Affairs a correspondent from Northwestern University Chapter at Evanston says:

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In the last Trident, Rho (Barnard) asked if any college had tried fraternity membership on a scholarship basis. For the first time it was tried here at Northwestern this year. Pledging was allowed at matriculation, but initiation could not take place until the second semester of the freshman year, and then the student must pass ten hours of her first semester's work with a grade of C or above. Of course any upper classman with ten hours' credit with grade C or above could be initiated in the first semester. (C here is about the same as B in most other schools.) This when well established is a protection to the fraternity, as it insures good scholarship among its freshmen members. The hardest part of it is that the freshmen have to wait so long before being taken into the fraternity that the older girls must keep them posted in frat affairs and not let their interest wane. This was accomplished by our freshmen themselves. They formed a society of themselves and met at the same time as we did, and so were there for frat supper with us. In their meetings they learned much that is necessary for the freshman frat. It may be added that the fraternities certainly have thrived this year.—Upsilon.

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#### The Caduceus of Kappa Alpha for July says:

#### DEAN CLARK, OF ILLINOIS, DEFENDS FRATERNITIES.

Fraternities are rotten through and through. So says Dean John O. Reed, of the University of Michigan.

Fraternities are a good thing. So says Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, of the University of Illinois.

By an unusual coincidence there has appeared in the current number of the *Alumni Quarterly* of the University of Illinois a comprehensive answer to the bitter indictment of fraternities formulated by Dean Reed in a lecture delivered in Chicago last Thursday night. In his talk, which created a stir among the students, faculty and alumni, Dean Reed accused the fraternities of fostering immorality, drunkenness, crime and poor scholarship, expatiating on each disagreeable feature.

Dean Clark's article takes the exactly opposite position, affirming that at the state University of Illinois, at least, fraternities are a powerful influence for good, benefiting both the school and the individuals who belong to them.

"I believe fraternities at the University of Illinois have justified themselves," he says. "The men at the head of them are always reasonable and open to suggestion. Their relation with my own office is always frank and helpful. I believe that though there are some things about the organizations that I would wish eliminated, these are relatively slight or unimportant. In the main, the fraternity is an organization that makes for warm friendships, social training, good scholarship and high ideals.

"The internal organization of the fraternities is commendable. There are in each one upper classmen who take seriously the obligation to look after the younger men, to see that order and discipline are maintained and that standards of scholarship are upheld. Each organization has a sensible and definite set of house rules, which it seriously attempts to enforce.

"In their relations with the university authorities I have always found the fraternity men entirely willing to come half way. As a college disciplinary officer I have long ago found that men in a fraternity are much more easily gotten at and more easily influenced than similar men outside. The reason is apparent. If a man is in an organization it is not only possible to get at him personally, but one may enlist as helpers all the other men in the organization.

"I am often asked about the morals of fraternity men. From my experience I should say that a young man at the University of Illinois is often safer morally if he goes into a fraternity than he otherwise would be. In the fraternity it is the upper classmen, the older men, who rule, and I do not know of a single organization which does not contain steady, reliable, high principled seniors and juniors, whose influence over the freshmen is salutary. On the whole, I consider the moral tone of the fraternities somewhat obove the average of that of the general student body.

sanitary. On the whole, I consider the interal student body. somewhat obove the average of that of the general student body. "The scholarship of fraternity men with us is about average. It is hardly reasonable to expect that it should be more than that. The interests of the fraternity man are more numerous and the calls upon his time more frequent than those of his non-fraternity brother. He is often in athletics; he leads a more active social life; he is more frequently in politics, and is generally identified with every college activity. The time given to these things must bring down the average of scholarship. Personally I am not sure that this fact is one always to be deplored. Much as I believe in high scholarship, I believe, also, that general efficiency is to be encouraged."

Dean Clark points out the entire absence of friction between members and non-members of fraternities "at Illinois" and quotes "the most active leader in college," a non-fraternity man, as saying that the fraternity men are more democratic than the non-fraternity men.—Chicago Tribune of June 7.

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The following items of news are taken from the July Lyre of Alpha Xi Omega:

Stanford University has all the women its charter will permit, which number is 500.

Last year the number of students suspended at Stanford for delinquent scholarship was 232. Three and two-tenths of the sorority women were suspended, 3.6 of non-sorority women, 28 per cent. of fraternity men,

121/2 per cent. of non-fraternity men. Thus, comparing the records of the women living in the six sorority houses on the campus with the nonsorority women living in the college dormitory, we see they are practically identical, yet the sorority women are much more given to society. There are fewer failures in scholarship among women than among men, among non-fraternity men than fraternity men.—Independent. The University of Idaho has been added to the list on the Carnegie

Foundation for the advancement of teaching.

The University of Idaho has a very strong military department, and in proportion to its size sent a greater number of volunteers to the front in the war with Spain than did any other college in the United States.

Northwestern University has completed two important new buildings this spring-one, the gymnasium, the gift of Mr. James A. Patten, costing about \$200,000; the other, Swift Hall of Engineering, valued at about \$150,000. In 1854 Northwestern University was worth \$281,915; now its total wealth is more than \$9,000,000.

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A few facts culled from the interesting article in The Alpha Phi Quarterly for August, on "Contemporary Journalism," follow :

Anchora of Delta Gamma .- Circulation about 750; quarterly publicaeditor-in-chief, who appoints business manager and five district editors; editor-in-chief is fifth member of the Grand Council; receives salary of \$100; magazine is self-supporting.

Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.-Circulation about 2500; quarterly publication; editor-in-chief elected by convention, member of Grand Council of fraternity; convention also elects alumni editor, who is responsible for stated contributions from alumnæ; both receive salaries from the fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Theta.-More than self-supporting; editor-in-chief is an alumna, receives salary; quarterly publication; limited to fraternity interests, no purely literary efforts published now.

Trident of Delta Delta.-Quarterly publication; a little more than one-half of members are subscribers; private bulletin called The Triton sent to fraternity members only; editor-in-chief elected by convention, receives small salary.

Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.-Sixteen years old; musical fraternity; has editor-in-chief and business manager.

Eleusis of Chi Omega.-Quarterly publication; ten years old.

Alpha Xi Delta .- Quarterly publication; in its sixth volume.

To Dragma of Alpha Omicron Pi .- Fourth year.

Sigma Kappa Triangle .- Third year; quarterly publication; chapters are fined for delinquency in sending material; Grand Council appoints editor for four years.

The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta .- Closing ninth volume; published by sorority; circulation about 850; quarterly publication.

At the suggestion of W. Oakley Raymond, former Librarian of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, the New York Public Library has been trying for the last few years to bring together the beginnings of a "Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Collection." Requests for fraternity newspapers, histories, constitutions, lists of members and other similar publications were sent out by the library to 256 fraternities. Of this number, 217 failed to answer even in acknowledgement.

As a result of these requests on the part of the library, the following fraternity newspapers are now being received regularly:

FRATERNITY.	PUBLICATION.
Alpha Chi Omega	The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Phi	The Adelphean
Alpha Kappa Kappa	The Centaur
Alpha Phi	The Alpha Phi Quarterly
Alpha Xi Delta	The Alpha Xi Delta
Beta Theta Pi	The Beta Theta Pi
Chi Omega (Sor.)	The Eleusis
Delta Chi	The Delta Chi Quarterly
Delta Gamma	The Anchora
Delta Kappa Epsilon	The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly
Delta Sigma Delta	The Desmos
Delta Sigma Phi	The Carnation
Delta Upsilon	The Delta Upsilon Quarterly
Gamma Phi Beta	The Crescent
Kappa Alpha Theta	The Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Kappa Gamma	The Key
Kappa Psi	The Mask
Phi Beta Pi	The Phi Beta Pi Quarterly
Phi Delta Phi	The Brief of Phi Delta Phi
Phi Delta Theta	The Scroll
Phi Gamma Delta	The Phi Gamma Delta
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	The Record
Sigma Chi	The Sigma Chi Quarterly
Sigma Kappa	The Sigma Kappa Triangle
Sigma Nu	The Delta of Sigma Nu
Sigma Phi Epsilon	The Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal
I au Beta P1	The Bent
Theta Delta Chi	The Shield
Zeta Tau Alpha	The Themis

The following fraternities promised to send material, but have failed to do so:

Alpha Chi Rho. Delta Delta Delta. Phi Kappa Psi. Pi Beta Phi. Psi Upsilon. Sigma Sigma Sigma. Tau Kappa Pi.

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The following faaternities replied that they had no publications for general distribution:

Phi Kappa Phi of the University of Maine. Psi Upsilon, Yale University. Sigma Psi, Western Reserve University.

If this re-statement of the desire of the library to receive contributions to its "Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Collection" should meet with favorable response on the part of the fraternities that have not yet sent in contributions, it may well be here stated that whatever contributions are forwarded should be addressed to the New York Public Library, 425 Lafayette street, New York City (for Pan-Hellenic Collection).

Complete files of the back numbers of the fraternity publications are most particularly desired before it becomes too late to obtain the same. Send in any material that can be spared, so the library may be able to complete the files through the contributions of the other fraternities. COLLEGE AND



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# THE CRESCENT SUPPLEMENT

OCTOBER, 1909

### Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

JN MAKING an estimate the other day, for her own satisfaction, of the number of alumnae from each chapter who supported THE CRESCENT, the editor was amazed at some of the results.

A number of things are to be considered, however, in looking over the table that follows. The total number of women out of college belonging to each chapter must be taken into account in judging the number of subscribers from that chapter. Some chapters draw largely from the city where the college is located and are in this way in much closer touch with the alumnae who remain in that city and keep up their interest through the alumnae chapter. On the other hand, the Gamma Phi who is in greatest need of THE CRESCENT is the one who is isolated from the society of her sisters.

It is the alumna outside the alumnae or college chapter that we want to reach. Those chapter members are already, by virtue of their membership, readers of THE CRESCENT. The fact that a goodly number of our graduates start in in the fall following their graduation, to support themselves leads one to infer that they are practicing the gentle art of economy. But isn't THE CRESCENT a poor place to economize? Do you keep down the fund for postage for your home letters? Do you not owe your national sorority as much as an evidence of your interest in the very first year out of college? As the years go by, we realize more and more the great help our sorority was to us in college and we are apt to look back with regret to the opportunities for service we lost. It was the time of all others when we were most in need of her high ideals and the close associations of friends possessed of these same ideals and striving with us toward their achievement. Let us, who are a long time out of college, not forget and be ungrateful. Let us not neglect any opportunity to help and show our interest in the girls who are upholding those same ideals now in college.

The statistics which follow are taken from the subscription list of last June, and compared with the directory of the sorority published in 1907, but brought up to date by additions and corrections in subsequent CRESCENTS:

	Alumnae	Alumnae	Total
	in all Alumnae	Subscribers not	Alumnae
	Chapters	in any Chapter	membership
	1908-09	1908-09	1909
Alpha	57	22	298
Beta	5	б	157
Gamma	16	14	176
Delta	21	11	153
Epsilon	6	13	136
Zeta	7	9	89
Eta	31	2	91
Theta	26	2	82
Iota	11	4	39
Карра		3	70
Lambda		3	64
Mu	1	5	42
Nu	0	0	14

In view of these clear facts we come to you to ask what you can do to raise the number of CRESCENT subscribers in your chapter among the alumnae who do not belong to any alumnae chapter. Don't you think it should be 50 per cent of all your alumnae members? Some of you of the faithful Old Guard will have to work harder than others. Is THE CRESCENT worth it? We are doing what we can with our limited finances to make it worth while, but we invite your criticisms and suggestions.

We ask you to send the extra copy of this letter that is sent you to one of your friends in your chapter, with a note of explanation. If you think a sample copy of THE CRESCENT will help, send us a card giving her name and address. We want from her,

Her name, Her address, Her college chapter and class, By whom subscription was solicited, One dollar for subscription to THE CRESCENT for one year.

These are to be sent to the Editor of THE CRESCENT, Delaware, Ohio. (Subscriptions of members of alumnae and college chapters do not come directly to THE CRESCENT, but are sent through the chapter's secretary.)

Now, as the good Methodists used to say in class meeting, "Who will be the first?" And what chapter will be at the head at the end of the year, in the proportion of her members, who are CRESCENT readers?

We propose to publish in the subsequent issues this year the progress of each chapter toward our goal of

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