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The New Spirit in Our Universities and its Relation to Camma Phi Beta

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HEN one sees in the morning paper that another million dollars has been given to some university, his idea of the university merely spreads out into new buildings and more students about the campus. I think this is true of university and college students, most alumni, and all other citizens. A few alumni, and some professors see in it an extension of certain tendencies that are remaking the life of colleges and universities with such rapidity that even the most careful observer sometimes feels that he has lost his hold upon the theme. For there are such tendencies, and plenty of them, that are potently affecting the inner life of all our institutions of learning. Since Gamma Phi was born so large and so many changes have taken place that no institution bears anything but the faintest resemblance to its former self. At that time courses of study were mostly required. But a theory and a demand soon came for a revolution in this most vital matter, and most institutions went over to the new scheme bodily. I am happy, for one, to think that this headlong movement has at last reached its limit, and we are now slowly finding our way back some distance toward the older goal.

This change met the demand for more individual responsibility in one's education, and this, it was hoped, would bring each individual to a higher efficiency.

Please note, however, that this theory wrought some results probably not thought of by its advocates. At one stroke it did away with the meaning of freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, and mixed these classes together in recitations. The old friendships, the old feeling of class unity, class responsibility, class honor, and so on, fell away. I must suppose it was for the best, but those ties seem to me among the most valuable heritages of my student life, and when I see the students on this campus and in class who have only a passing and perfunctory relation to other students, and no vital interest in them, it seems to me as though they, and the nation at large, are missing a splendid quality that both student and nation sorely need.

More than this, these class distinctions had an intimate relation to the fraternity life in my student days, and no small part of the value of the fraternity was in the discipline of the upper classmen. Nothing was overlooked. We freshmen were proud of our seniors, and the seniors took a really paternal interest in us. It was good experience for both of us. It drew the class lines sharply, but always to the benefit of the under classmen. I feel bound to say, however, that close as the fraternity ties were, the class ties were closer.

The same situation existed among the sororities, I suppose. They were babies in those days.

Now what of all this? Why, that this new regime has obliterated these special groups and interests in all the larger universities and more or less in college. A pretense of keeping them up may be preserved, but it cannot be the real thing when the common life so completely erases the differences.

Further, the present disposition of our people toward every concern they deal with is to lay aside distinctions and all "pull together." Note the way new Y. M. C. A. buildings are paid

for everywhere; the civic improvement associations: the lessening denominational severities; the breaking up of political parties. In fact, this worldwide and dominant note of our common brotherhood and our common obligations to serve that brotherhood is uppermost. Along with all other social organizations the universities and colleges are being most profoundly affected by this spirit, far more profoundly than the public is aware; far more, indeed, than many inside these institutions know. No one can appreciate what this means who has not lived in daily and sympathetic contact with it the past ten or dozen years. No student appreciates it. He is not in position to do so. No recent alumnus does, for the same reason, and the older ones are aware of it only as they fancy that what is going on in their own towns is probably going on at their alma mater. At this present moment, in a dozen important institutions, an evolution toward this end is going on so rapidly that one can hardly keep track of it; in many more it is fully under way; and all feel its influence more or less. In twenty years more, at the present rate, this democratizing of the student life, for that is what it is called, will be half over, and in my judgment it will not much change, after that, for long years to come. You see this force at work in the increasing number of "commons," students' "unions," the spread of the dormitory system, and so on. Dormitories used to be places where men slept, as etymology and practice showed. Now they are means for mixing up the students and making clans and other close organizations needless to a greater or less degree. Faculties are legislating upon the conduct of all student organizations as never before. Trustees are doing the same. Even the students themselves are at it. This movement is going on till it has remodeled the internal life of universities to suit the new idea of democracy that is rising among us. Let us each and all remember that fact. It will be useful in a study of the question, "What is the life of the fraternity and sorority to be twentyfive or fifty years from now?"

It seems clear as day to me that nothing can prevent its being changed greatly, and in what direction it is hard to say except

that it will take away from the "close organization" some of its reasons for any existence at all, unless-and there is where the gist of all I am saying comes in, I say, unless these organizations themselves take the whole matter up intelligently, and, sympathetically with the movement, set their houses in order. Now, of course, the fraternity life varies at different institutions. May I speak of it here where I know it best? Ten years ago there were three or four organizations, living in a modest way. Now there are more than thirty, most of them living in magnificent houses. We have been singularly free from certain adverse influences that often grow up along with such rapid increase. I am intimately acquainted with several of these bands, and have means of knowing how very satisfactorily to the faculty they all are conducted. They are, indeed, democratic to a degree a fraternity man would have thought ruinous to the cause, some twenty years ago. But all this does not prevent the feeling everywhere that something yet remains to be done to make still more democratic the lives of these young people. But if this is the feeling under such circumstances, what is it likely to be where conditions are different?

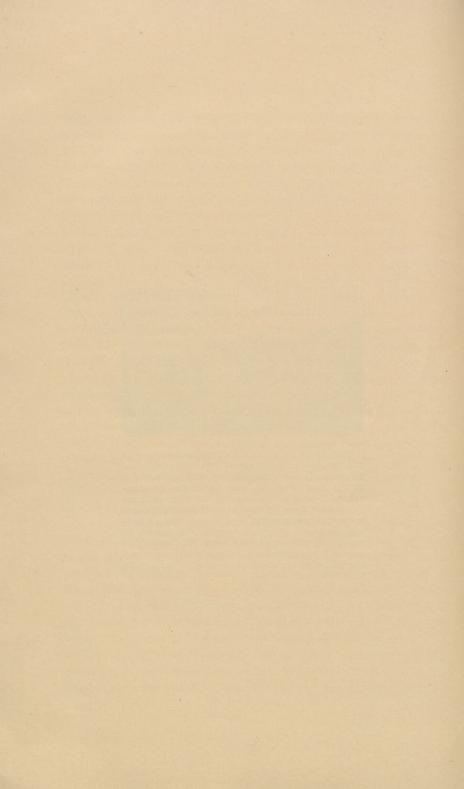
Plainly, a ground for a different standing must be searched for and it will be. These young people are adaptive. They will ultimately make the chapter house fit into the general scheme. I have no doubt of that. And it will take less wrenching to do it than at some other places.

Now suppose that this movement goes on ten or fifteen years more, as it will, when we shall see two things: first, the fraternity life more of a democracy; second, that idea will be so fixed, and so satisfactory, in the minds of non-fraternity people that it will be increasingly difficult for any fraternity or sorority to enter where the field is even reasonably full. The general club life in dormitories, commons, etc., will make the other appeal less strong. I think that is clear. It is beginning to come now.

Then there is no disguising the fact that the fraternity has generally, of late years, been of less help to the total life of the university than it ought to be. It has bred, or countenanced dis-



The above is a very good representation of the Woman's Building at the University of Illinois. It was planned by McKim, Meade & White, and when it was built the firm regarded it as the best example of their work on "Colonial" lines. It cost about \$160,000. It contains the gymnasium, swimming pool, dressing, bath and directors' rooms; the household service department, two very fine suites of rooms for receptions, plenty of rest rooms and the offices of the Dean of Women. (See article by Dr. Moss.)



sipation, induced idleness, extravagance, and paid too little attention to the one thing students are at college for. The sororities also are guilty of some of these faults. In several institutions this matter has been severely dealt with lately in furtherance of the idea I mentioned before. Surely this fact has not increased the chances of non-fraternity people turning from the community spirit that is dawning, to the club life. And therein is another factor working to the same end as the other one.

It may be that in the west we feel this more than people in the east do, for things are in a fluid state here, and certainly they are evolving some potent forces for the help of society. May I call the attention of your readers in the east to one illustration? I was sitting with an editor of a great eastern daily not long since, who asked me some questions about the University of Illinois, and the state of college and university education in the west. When I told him what our income is, the number of students, the character of the campus, buildings, etc., and the aims of the university as I see them, it made no impression upon him. He could not believe what I was saying, nor imagine anything like it, and showed his disbelief plainly. Nevertheless, I understated the whole case. I speak of this to show that there is some chance of the question I am writing about being underrated or misunderstood in the east. But pardon me, "gentle reader," I am an easterner, eastern trained, and know all about you, and also about these people here. Even in the east there is a rising tide of sentiment of a similar kind, and we shall know more about it in a few years.

What is this discussion all for? Primarily to bring to the attention of Gamma Phi some considerations that are affecting her now, and must affect her much more in the immediate future, as they must affect all other similar organizations. Some were formed long ago to answer a purpose in the life of that day, some more recently to fill a great gap made by the changes of recent years in student life and affairs. But to all alike is coming a different question to answer. Will they meet the new circumstances and survive? Will they have opportunity to enlarge? I think

the former question is not difficult to answer. They will have to meet the new demands, from the inside if they will, or can; if not it will be forced upon them. It is being forced upon them in sundry places at this moment. There can be but one issue to that side of the matter, and it is needless to mention it. I can see a bettering life, even an expanding life, growing from the inside of chapters here and there which adapt themselves to this movement. It is as easy to see a disintegration going on if pride, or indifference, or anything else whatever stands in the way of purposes that are now forming.

What about enlarging their borders? "Don't want to enlarge," is the immediate reply so often given. But suppose we consider the problem a moment. If the account given above is correct, it is going to be harder and harder to establish a new chapter, for these organizations will gradually cease to appeal to men and women. I say nothing of the filling up of the unoccupied space just now by a numerous tribe of second rate organizations, as has actually been the case in many institutions. Gamma Phi has a long thin line clear across the continent, and it was a wise action, indeed. But it is a long line, and a thin one, sure enough. It is not flanked by any support to speak of. Some have opposed each chapter as it came in. I wonder who that saw the chapters in those two lusty young giant institutions at Seattle and Eugene the past summer feels that harm was done the sorority by letting them in? Believe me, they came in none too soon in view of the future. Suppose the trustees of either had decreed that all students must board in the commons or room in the dormitories as they are built, and the sorority had then wished to put a chapter where these empires are growing up? But the same conditions exist in some degree in great stretches of the country. The field is being occupied, or being preempted by public sentiment against such organizations, and then what?

Now add to this fact that the country, and with it the college world is growing with such bewildering swiftness, and another aspect of the matter emerges, namely, that any organization that stands still must seem like a railway train disappearing in the

distance. It grows less and less because the other facts are enlarging. My friend, mentioned above, stood open eyed when I told him that there are more college students in Illinois now than in the whole United States when he graduated. He has been repeating "conservative" so long that he had no eye to see that even that word has a relative significance. So a fellow member of my fraternity, when told recently that if we were as "conservative" now as when he and I were in college, we ought to have 181 chapters, he merely said, "Impossible." A moment later he said: "I never thought of that." So far as I can see the word is chiefly a confession that the machinery of the organization is not capable of working beyond a certain little limit already reached. This makes no allowance for the effervescing willingness of young people to make things go, and be kindly disposed in so doing. I am far from saying that an organization should incontinently put in a few hundred chapters just to get ahead of this new spirit of democracy, or to "cover the field" as a wholesale grocery house tries to do. But I cannot suppress the conviction within me that what Gamma Phi and Psi Upsilon stand for (or are supposed to) is not going to be hurt by a reasonable spreading out, but rather helped. I spoke of this in THE Crescent last year and need not repeat. But as I look over our alumnæ list and see how many of the members live in a few cities, and how sparsely the rest are scattered over this great country, it seems to me an open bid for alumnæ to forget what they once felt. Also, more and more students are changing from one institution to another. But when a Gamma Phi goes from Michigan to Oberlin, for instance, what chapter does she find

The best judgment I can form of the whole matter from a lifetime contact with it, and in many interested and sympathetic ways, is that present chapters ought to begin at once to adapt their life to the whole student life where they are, so that when the leveling time comes, perhaps from authorities above, they will be found to need no attention. This can be done, and done with no detriment; quite the reverse. I can cite instances where

it is actually being done now. And, partly to "get in ahead" of this same series of changes, partly to compass some part of the young life in all parts of the nation, and partly to make their own life more vital, more significant, more complete and more competent, I think some of the better fraternities and sororities might well seek opportunity to enter some of these established and powerful state universities of the west, possibly some well known colleges, and why not include a few among those splendid southern girls? I say "seek" deliberately, although I can see the air full of hands thrown up in amazement at such a profanation of, well, what? If that suggestion is too drastic, then, if a body of young women or men from other institution are heard outside the door saying that they bring the endorsement of the authorities when they come, and ask to have the wreath placed on their heads also, it ought to be considered good policy to take the matter under immediate advisement, not to see how much delay and trouble and expense can be made, but how speedily a welcome can be given. Years and years ago Psi Upsilon "turned down" a fine body of young men at Williams. Conservative, of course. And Psi Upsilon has been shedding tears ever since!

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Toast at Alpha's Fall Banquet

ISS TOASTMISTRESS and Sisters in Gamma Phi: Our theme tonight is the song of the "Open Road." We have heard of the high hope and splendid courage of the "Start"; of the burden and heat of the day upon the "Road"; of the plash of waters in the wayside brook; of the undergrowth and the blazed trail in "Forest" lands, and we have strained our vision in sheer delight upon the "Mountain" peaks.

To the freshmen, most appropriately, was assigned the theme of the "Start"; to the "Wise Fool" of the second year, the "Road"; to the gay and festive junior (mathematics and kindred sorrows being accomplished) the babble of the "Brook"; to the bent-browed senior, the complexities of the "Forest"; to the eager-eyed P. G., the heights of the "Mountain"; and to the

alumnæ—the alumnæ who are supposed to have striven and achieved, to the alumnæ—the Flats!

The "Valley," our toastmistress emphoneously dubs it; but let us be honest: "Sweets to the sweet, and flats to the flat!"

But you know there are housekeepers who prefer a flat to a whole house; it may be, too, that the Valley has its charms. Walking one day with my six year old son, I said to him, "How would you like to be that baby over there in the baby carriage?" After a moment's reflection he rebuked the idleness of my remark with the philosophical answer, "Well, I'd have that much longer to live."

In the Valley, preeminently, there is time for living. It may be that the world keeps on in very much the same old rut it was in before we put our shoulders to the wheel; perhaps our rosy dreams have not even tinted the old grey atmosphere of mother earth. But if we have not succeeded in attaining the suffrage, or in making all women truthful and all men temperate, at least we are here in the green Valley with time for all the "sweet round of littles that large life compounds."

"This is our Earth—most friendly Earth, and fair; Daily its sea and shore through sun and shadow Faithful it turns, robed in its azure air.

There is blest living here, loving and serving, And quest of truth and serene friendships dear."

The day has long since gone by when some gray, carven cloister was the scene of all that was held to be noblest and most devout in the life of mankind. Today it is right here in the sweet, green valley of simple living that we voice our noblest sentiments and clothe our highest religion with action. Supported by the cheering sense of a measure of accomplishment, we live each day in the mingled light of yesterday's experience and tomorrow's hope, stretching out friendly hands to all our neighbors on the great "Open Road."

We are emphatically of the generation of the "Open Road"; our more progressive public schools teach the love of nature as they do the three r's, and our business men, from the president down, flock to the automobile or the golf links as pigeons to scattered corn. The new spirit has affected our very architecture, and our houses are built with outdoor living rooms and bed rooms, and when we are perforce driven within, we see to it that our windows are larger and more numerous than ever before.

Our doors swing freely to let us out and our neighbors in. All who travel the "Open Road" are our brothers. The old time charity which gave condescending dole to an unfortunate, has been supplanted by an unlifting philanthrophy, whose abiding purpose is to make man more human and more capable—more truly equal in the long journey. Never before was the "Open Road" so open as it is now.

In the older time, men gathered statues and paintings in great museums; now, while we still cherish and augment these ancient treasure houses, as private individuals, we make collections of a thousand different things. One who gathers Indian baskets tells with enthusiasm what patterns are the immemorial and inviolate possession of what tribe; another gathers rare cutlery and gloats over the war knife of the primitive South African, while still another hordes his priceless potteries or his Chinese embroideries.

One collector I knew had a hobby all his own. He was a noted Boston surgeon, and standing one day at a window in his private sanatorium, he said: "I wish I knew what to do with this old hill of mine; it looks as bare as the Desert of Sahara, and I hardly know an elm from an apple tree." "Oh," said his patient, "let me do it! I love trees and flowers above all things. I'll make your desert blossom like the rose." "Do you really like that kind of thing?" "Why, of course I do," answered the eager patient. "Funny," said the doctor; "but then I suppose you like flowers just as I like tumors, and I've got the finest collection of tumors in Boston."

But baskets, potteries, embroideries, or what not, what is it all but reaching out along the "Open Road" to know, appreciate, and rejoice in the art of our far-away brothers? Every human being who amounts to anything at all must have some sort of an art. For art is only a mode of expressing individuality.

One of our number, for whose blushes I spare her name, finds her art in her housekeeping, and those of us who are privileged to know the immaculate daintiness of her table service and the charm and taste of her scrupulous rooms, know that her art is no unworthy expression of a refined and beauty-loving nature.

Another of our sisters finds utterance in a wholesome, humorous independence of life, a life that shines with the white-light of candor, full of royal good comradeship for husband, children and friends. Still another, unfortunately not of our fold, though known to us all at least of the older years, expresses her choicest and best in her motherhood. One fashion or another we each have some way to show forth the best that is in us.

Not striving for sheepskins, not keyed up to accomplish so much in such a time, free to be ourselves, to know and appreciate our friends of our own land and of others, of today and of yesterday, richly privileged are the dwellers in the green Valley on the "Open Road." To sit down and read the "Holy Grail" for the tenth time with no one to suggest that you might better spend the hour on an unfamiliar portion of Shakespeare—to send ten minutes watching the tawny orange of your pet oriental rug leap into flame color, while the blue deepens to black velvet in the shadow—to spend long hours with your children on the fragrant spring hillsides—to grow wise in the fine art of living—believe me, my sisters, the green valley has its place no less than the mountain and the forest.

The green valley, with enough of striving to make rest and ease a just compensation; the green valley in touch through the "Open Road" with the high and lowly places of the earth; the green valley, "candid and nothing-withholding and free," where the "sight of the thing that is great enlarges the eye," where we may know and love and live with the "God of the open air"—I give you my sisters for your final toast, the green valley on the Open Road!

The Sorority Chapter House*

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O the informed who are too often, unfortunately, only the initiated the assumption that the fraternity was born in response to an economic demand and exists to build chapterhouses, indeed is a house—"a substitute for the college dormitory"—seems to "dam with faint praise." It is hoped that a brief consideration of the history and methods of the sorority may correct an erroneous impression of its raison d'etre and elucidate some differences between the sorority house and the college dormitory.

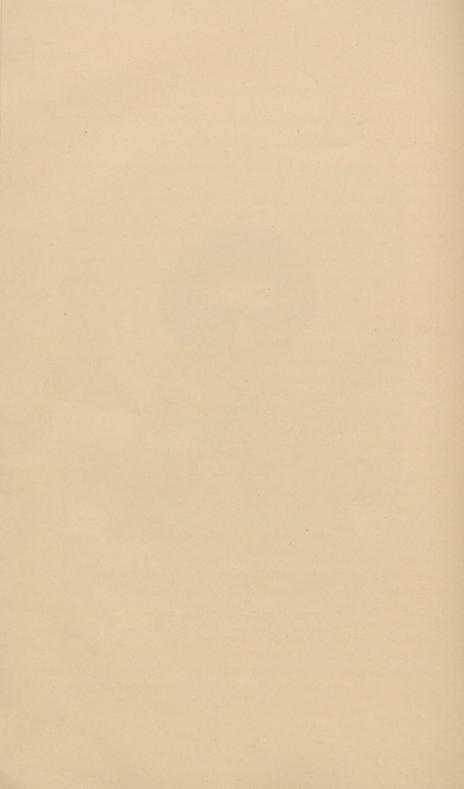
To that end attention is called to the fact that the first sorority was founded in 1867. Before 1875 there were six, each of which now has respectively from twelve to thirty-eight chapters, a national board of managers made up of alumnæ, a quarterly magazine, a song-book, a visiting delegate, bi-ennial conventions, venerated founders, a family tree, chapter archives of great sentimental value, the ideals with which they began and the traditions which they have acquired-all combining to form for the initiated the concept fraternity, or, if you please, sorority. To remember what sort of women went to college in the sixties and seventies is to feel certain that these organizations are wellborn. Their number has been more than doubled by the formation of others modeled on the same lines, and an annual conference of alumnæ representatives of those sororities having five or more chapters is held in Chicago to discuss matters of common interest.

Each sorority has vigorous chapters whose environment does not warrant a chapter house. Conspicuous examples are the University of Minnesota, where the chapters are so largely recruited from students living at home that a house would be a burden, and Boston University, where similar conditions exist. Cornell University, Northwestern University and the Woman's

^{*} From The American College.



MISS MABEL E. STONE, Alpha, President of Gamma Phi Beta, 1909-1911



College of Baltimore furnish examples of flourishing chapters of the most important sororities finding homes in the college dormitories. At the University of Wisconsin almost every inter-collegiate sorority has a chapter and every chapter lives in its own house-or in its "own hired house." The chapters from these different colleges meet their respective sororities in convention and spend days in discussions quite unrelated to chapter houses. Furthermore it was twenty years after the first sorority was founded that the first chapter house was built by women. To this period the sorority may indeed be said to have been "a substitute for the woman's dormitory"—a substitute in a similar sense to that which Mark Hopkins was a college—it embodied ideals, fixed standards, directed effort and determined a point of view. In the absence of dormitory, dean of women, self-government association, sorority house or any of the formative factors which later complexities have introduced, the sorority restrained its members from folly, developed a sense of social responsibility and furnished opportunities for a stimulating social life.

When in 1886 at Syracuse University the Alpha chapter of one of the older sororities built the first chapter house for women the venture was made in answer to a spiritual rather than an economic demand. Friendship wanted to share its dainty bread, its good mornings and good nights. Alumnæ wanted the touch with undergraduates which a common home could give. A feature of the plan was a chapter hall which only the initiated might enter, the shrine of that ideal which proved the builders kindred spirits and made the house a home. A "free room" was instituted in the beginning and has afforded a practical means of sisterly helpfulness ever since, sometimes making possible the completion of a course which without it must have been abandoned or deferred. I trust that I have made it fairly clear that the college sorority is not a building association.

It cannot be denied that in the history of a movement, as of a community, certain spiritual tendencies and elemental virtues stand out in the pioneer which the success and complex conditions of later days discourage or conceal; but it is not too much to

say that every chapter house which women have built has shared the purpose of its prototype and is an expression and the home of some sacrifices, much devotion to lofty sentiment and of sweet. wholesome, and helpful personal relations—in brief is a home. This aspect of the sorority house considered alone tempts one to agree with a member of the faculty at Wisconsin who thought the College dormitory as a substitute for the sorority house would be a better subject for discussion in this paper. Certain it is that the esoteric influence exerted constantly, quietly by the always recognized ideal to which each has vowed allegiance, the intimate personal appeal which it makes possible has no counterpart in any dormitory. The head or chaperon may or may not be a strong influence; she may be changed as often as the personnel of the chapter; but this powerful restraining and formative idea remains, revoiced at every initiation, honored at every banquet, recognized in every weekly chapter meeting, the burden of the songs of every day.

In all of this work of the home duties are distributed with reference to gifts. Here as elsewhere to him that hath is given an opportunity to get more facility; but the corollary seems not to be true that "from him that hath not is taken away." thoughful senior resident of one of these houses who had left her own home in a university city with the deliberate purpose of enlarging her range of experience by identifying herself more closely with the college life likened the sorority house to the church, saying that "it takes what you have to give and gives you what you need to get." Another senior declares that the house life tends to develop the individual because each girl is encouraged to do what she can do best, not only in the house, but in representing the sorority in university affairs. If this is a fair claim the "type" which the sorority is sometimes charged with promoting will be found to be very superficial, consisting chiefly in similarity of hair dressing and other toilet accessories. It would be easy to multiply tribute to the disciplinary value of life in "the house." One is struck by the absence of the note of

unalloyed joy in the comment of all who have had some experience in the life. Joy is not lacking, but it is chastened. Like a new home, a promising friendship, marriage, life itself, it is entered with anticipations of complete joy and is found to be nine-tenths something else—often more endearing than its joys.

It seems to be conceded that university women should be self-governing. No other scheme is consistent with the university idea; nothing else is practicable among large numbers of young women, and moreover self-government is education. The small residential unit, the responsibilty of householders, the ideals of the order, the social position to make or maintain, and the expectations of alumnæ all assist self-government in the sorority house.

The importance of the influence of even a single well conducted dormitory in shaping the customs of a student community is admitted. When to this potent influence is added that of a considerable number of conventionally chaperoned sorority houses conducted upon substantially the same lines as the dormitory the standards of the community are still further advanced. Their very appearance of independence and detachment from the university adds to the influence of the sorority house in a student body which likes to do the right thing by its own volition, as most student bodies do.

Finally in addition to these advantages which the sorority house system offers it incidentally furnishes the university a group of alumnæ endowed and supervised residences for a considerable number of students.

In calling attention to some things actually done and many things attempted in the sorority house I hold no brief for that much discussed institution. But its defects are so much more obvious than its virtues, its failures so patent, and its success so seldom published; it is so often because of its prominence and permanence the object of criticism which should rather be directed againt general latter day student tendencies that it has seemed worth while to speak in some detail of facts likely to be overlooked.

As I turn now to the limitations and drawbacks of this form of residence it does not seem an over-statement to say that they are chiefly the defects of its qualities. It is a home; its inmates are in a sense a family—a large and congenial one. The natural desire for companionship is adequately met at home, why go out to meet other girls less congenial? The more homelike the house becomes the less its dwellers contribute a rich and democratic student social life. In what university whose activities are dependent upon students living at home do we find such a life? The president of a university so situated as to offer a distinctly academic society to its members and so circumstanced as to be singularly free to choose whom it will serve told me that he hoped to eliminate all students who are not willing to come into residence, to share the privileges and contribute to the life of the whole. The Self Government Association of Cornell University which exists "to control matters of college life * * * and to strengthen the spirit of unity and sense of individual responsibility existing among the women of Cornell by practical, regulated cooperation for the maintenance of their interests," regards all women students except those living at home ipso facto members of the association; those living at home become members only by signing the constitution. No interest in "strengthening the spirit of unity" or desire for "regulated cooperation" is assumed of those women who live at home. At the University of Wisconsin all women students are ipso facto members of the Self Government Association. Its expressed aim is to "further in every way the spirit of unity of the women of the university, to increase their sense of responsibility toward each other and to be a medium by which the social standards of the university may be made and kept high." The "town girl" who recognizes and welcomes this claim has a fine sense of relations; some girls at home resent or ignore it.

It appears that family life with its duties and distractions is unfavorable to enthusiastic participation in university affairs. The sorority home naturally shows this influence less than the family home because the roots of its life are in the university; but it is nevertheless one of the limitations of a sorority house that it offers a very absorbing and distinct home life. Consider its effect on a freshman who is rushed into a sorority before she knows anybody, or even anything in the place except the group she joins, and while she has only the most meager acquaintance with that-but "that is another story," and one which this paper is not written to tell. The phase of the matter that concerns us is that she is also rushed into the sorority house. Here she is in the hands of her friends. The sorority begins at once to function and she is looked after according to its light. Naturally she feels that she has joined the very best group in college and she uses her leisure in appreciating its members. She is taken to the Self Government Association and the Young Women's Christian Association parties and the "All University Reception" and is told that she must know people for the good of the sorority. But she must do her work—this too is insisted upon; the new home has its claim: her circle of friends suits her and she soon finds her time and energy so thoroughly employed that she has little inclination for general acquaintance.

It is far from my intention to represent the sorority house as failing to bear its part in university activities. I have been at some pains to ascertain its exact position in this matter, seen from the outside, and measured without fear or favor by that of the dormitory and the student boarding house, and I am convinced that it usually does all it can within the limitations of the system. There is an ambition in each sorority for representation in different university activities. This ambition—whether artificial, an evidence of pride and vain-glorying, or unselfish devotion to a beloved order whose glory is not one's own but another's—has saving grace for the sorority. It does its part; but it would be a larger part, more ably done, if it had not all unwittingly mortgaged its opportunity to maintain a house.

While I recognize with all sympathy the service which the sorority house renders its members, appreciate its convenience for administrative purposes, value its contribution of tasteful homes to the college community and their assistance in fixing

standards in some matters important to all university women, I could not advocate its introduction in any university able to care for all of its women in its own residences. But the growing demands upon university resources and the increasing numbers of women students dismiss this as an ideal which no large institution can soon hope to realize. The question is rather then on the substitution of the sorority house for the private boarding house and—with all respect for the best type of boarding house—that is no question at all. We must have some organized mode of living among women students, some element of cohesion or they slip through our fingers like sand. Even a little leaven of organization may be made to leaven the whole.

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 all the same thing as saying it has permanently disposed of it. My plan for its full recovery may seem revolutionary 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. Any well organized chapter can assimilate thirty-five or forty girls and grow in breadth of interest by so doing. But at whatever price the chapter should be large enough to fill the house without freshmen.

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 a college dormitory before she went in each would have so many friends outside that this restraint would disappear as inevitably as it has grown up under the present system. Given time and opportunity to find her place among the varied activities

of the university, to make friends and to enlarge her sympathies, the freshman will not only enrich her own life and that of her university, but inevitably the life of her sorority.

I cherish no Utopian dream of social democracy in our large universities. The broader the opportunities offered the larger will be the range of types and tradition among the students and the more certainly will each find his place to his own comfort if he is given a fair field. But in our country class is not fixed and the university should be not only a high road to advancement but a great clearing-house for prejudice; and no one has had full service from his Alma Mater who has not felt her liberating democratic touch. Girls with their intensely personal point of view, enslaved to the class in which they are reared, suspicious of unfamiliar types, need this touch for their soul's salvation.

Universities are more and more providing homes for their women students and for the supervision of lodging-houses for those not housed in dormitories. These movements and the erection of commodious buildings for the social and other common needs of women students are full of encouragement for those who look for finer standards, greater unity and more distinction in the life of university women. While we may not soon see a great degree of conscious cooperation between the sorority house and the college dormitory I venture to believe that time will make the sorority house the reward of the later years of college life when a student shall have earned the right to live with her friends by learning to live apart from them. Meanwhile the sorority will adapt itself to a larger life and a broader opportunity than that to which it was born; will realize its high ideals in helping to "recruit the life of the whole by a general plan, each living its own to boot," or disappoint the confidence of its most generous interpreters.

Report of Kighth Pan-Hellenic Conference, Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago September 17-18, 1909

FIRST SESSION

THE Eighth Pan-Hellenic Conference was called to order Friday, September 17, 1909, at 3 p. m., by Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, presiding officer. Miss Edith Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly

enrolled:

Ph Beta Phi—Miss May L. Keller, 1822 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Delta Gamma—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 1434 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill.

Alpha Phi—Mrs. John Howard McElroy, 1514 East Fifty-fourth Street, Chicago.

Gamma Phi Beta-Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Ill.

Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

Delta Delta—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 1057 Chase Avenue, Rogers Park, Ill.

Alpha Xi Delta—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington Street, Springfield, Ill.

Chi Omega-Mrs. H. M. Collins, Tyrone, Pa.

Sigma Kappa—Mrs. Antha K. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago, Ill.

Alpha Omicron Pi-Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 1607 South Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Ill.

Zeta Tau Alpha—Miss May Agnes Hopkins, University Hall, Galveston, Texas.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Miss Marguerite Shepard, Forestville, N. Y.

Although her credentials and reports were sent in, the delegate from Sigma Kappa found it impossible to attend the meetings.

Motion carried that the reading of the minutes of the Seventh Intersorority Conference be dispensed with, as copies were in the hands of the delegates.

The chair appointed as a committee on recommendations: Miss Hutchins, Gamma Phi Beta, and Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma.

The report of Miss Green, Secretary of the Conference 1908-09, was read. She gave the following summary of the year's work:

Secretary's Report—Eight hundred copies of the report of the Seventh Conference were printed and distributed.

A letter was written to inform alumnæ more definitely in regard to the purposes and plans of Pan-Hellenic. Four hundred copies of this letter were printed and distributed.

Other work of the secretary was the compiling of a list of the Deans of Women; the preparation of the list for the exchange of fraternity magazines; the writing of a paper for the fraternity magazine on the results of the National Pan-Hellenic Movement during the first seven years; and all the correspondence with local Pan-Hellenics incidental to the office of secretary.

During the year two fraternities were admitted to conference, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Gamma Delta. No provision having been made in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference for admission of fraternities during the year between conferences, the secretary, on the advice of former secretaries, submitted the petitions to the grand presidents, whose vote on both fraternities was unanimously favorable.

The secretary has noticed during the year that the constitutions of local Pan-Hellenics are lacking in some essential provisions, and thus many difficulties have arisen which could have been avoided with the proper constitutions.

There should be a realization of the need of broader activities in connection with the Pan-Hellenic work, and less emphasis should be placed on rushing as such.

Each delegate then presented a report from her fraternity, giving convention action on subjects of Pan-Hellenic interest,

and presenting recommendations from her fraternity to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

These reports, together with the secretary's report, were referred to the committee on recommendations.

Special reports were presented as follows: Woman's College of Baltimore, University of California, Washington University of St. Louis, Washington State University, Syracuse University, Northwestern University, Barnard College.

These reports were referred to the committee on recommendations.

The reports from editors of fraternity magazines were read.

EXCHANGE OF FRATERNITY MAGAZINES—Motion carried that the plan of exchange be continued; that the secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Conference be authorized to write to all librarians, asking if magazines will be received, and the disposition to be made of same; that the lists of libraries willing to receive magazines, together with the names and addresses of the grand officers of the fraternities, be sent to the editors of the magazines; that the corresponding secretaries of the chapters of all fraternities represented in the Conference be required to report to their editors concerning the arrival and disposition of their magazines in the college libraries; and that the editors report the results of such investigation to the secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

The Conference voted that three copies of each magazine be sent as exchange, including the ones sent to the Conference delegate and the editor, the other to de decided upon by the Grand President.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 1909.

RUSHING POLICY AT YALE—Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, the chairman of the committee on rushing policy at Yale, presented her very able report, the conclusion of which follows:

In this brief and inperfect study of clubs and fraternities fa-

mous at Yale and Harvard, one impression is fixed—that the students and authorities, because of experience, have agreed that a man must evince some ability to gain election to these organizations, and these influential societies must have time, a year or more, to study and select their new members.

CHAPERONES—The committee on chaperones, Mrs. Tennant, of Alhpa Chi Omega, presented a report as follows:

"During the year there have been but five applications for chaperones. A number of letters regarding the duties and requirements of chaperones have been received. Some of these have been from women wishing positions, but more have come from girls asking information. It has been a matter of surprise to learn how definite the expectations on both sides are, and how indefinite the requirements. This evidently comes from inexperience on the part of those most concerned. The deans seem to regard the chaperone as a kind of shadow or shade, and the girls appear to regard the same individual as a person with whom they must deal very indirectly. It seems to me that the whole matter has not had a 'square deal.' Just so long as the chapter house is a necessity, the chaperone is a necessity. In my judgment, no fraternity should attempt to afford a chapter home until it is able to employ a woman whose dignity and character can and will be a helpful influence and power in the home, and whose personal qualities command a social standing in the college community. No organization is worthy of support whose whole object is to shelter and entertain itself. The true fraternity has for its purpose the betterment and improvement of its members. This involves adherence to principles of living and conduct that society will respect and admire. Gentle manners and good breeding come from the right kind of environment-from the home in which the girl lives. To the better management of that home, the committee recommends: (1) that a small salary in addition to board and room be offered the chaperone; (2) that the chaperone be required to confer twice a month with the Dean of Women, and once a month with the social committee, where one exists: (3) that a definite and clear agreement be entered upon

on the part of chapter and chaperone, and that a printed or typewritten copy of the same shall be sent to the chapter's grand council."

The report of the committee to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges was presented by the chairman, Chi Omega, and was referred to the grand presidents for action."

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONSTITUTION—The vote of the delegates, as instructed by their grand presidents, made it possible to change the name of the Conference to National Pan-Hellenic Conference, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary change in the Constitution, substituting the new form for "Intersorority Conference."

The Conference recommends:

- 1. That the word "fraternity" be substituted for the word "sorority" in the Constitution of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.
- 2. That to Article IV of the Constitution be added a section as follows:

"The application of any fraternity for membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference shall be referred to a committee of three, which shall investigate the standing of the petitioning body, and report on same to the secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference. The secretary shall refer the report to the grand presidents, whose unanimous vote shall be required to admit the petitioner to the Conference. If elected, full membership shall be accorded the petitioner at the first Conference following the election."

These recommendations are to be submitted to the grand presidents for a vote before the changes can be made in the Constitution.

LOCAL PAN-HELLENIC CONSTITUTION—It is recommended to the Grand Presidents that there be a revision of the local Pan-Hellenic constitutions, in order that certain points not included in the present constitutions may be provided for. This work is now in the hands of a committee, and will first be presented to the grand presidents, and if an affirmative vote is received, instructions will be sent to the local Pan-Hellenic Associations.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAN-HELLENIC LITERATURE—On instructions from their grand presidents the delegates decided that each National Pan-Hellenic delegate shall have control of the distribution of National Pan-Hellenic reports and papers, within the fraternity, and of instructing the chapters as to the use of the same. he may, at her discretion, delegate the work of distribution to another officer of her fraternity.

The Conference adjourned to attend the luncheon for fraternity women at which there were one hundred representatives.

THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order at 4:30 p. m., Saturday,

September 18, 1909.

MICHIGAN PAN-HELLENIC—The petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic Association was granted by unanimous vote of the delegates, acting on instructions from their grand presidents. During the next year, until September, 1910, the fraternities at Michigan may pledge girls in senior year of high school; provided, that if a pledge is not initiated within a year, she is regarded as dropped.

The Conference desired, however, to go on record as opposing any further dispensation to Michigan, and desired that the recommendations be made to the grand presidents that, if the Michigan Pan-Hellenic again petitions for a dispensation, it be

not granted.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FRATERNITIES—The following recommendations were adopted by the Eighth Pan-Hellenic Conference:

I. That the fraternities be asked to vote on the following question: That there be no rushing before matriculation. Matriculation to be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

2. That the delegates to the National Pan-Hellenic be members of the national governing bodies of the fraternities, or excouncil members, or persons well versed in Pan-Hellenic matters.

- 3. That there be no initiation of any pledge until ten hours' work is completed, and that there be a common entrance requirement made by the fraternity. To assist in this work, the Conference appointed a committee to investigate the scholarship requirements of Conference fraternities.
- 4. That each fraternity make a report at each Conference on chapters added to roll or dropped from it during previous year.
- 5. That each delegate file with the secretary of Pan-Hellenic the date of her next convention.
- 6. That chapters send copies of local Pan-Hellenic Constitution and Contract to all alumnæ.
- 7. That all fraternity conventions held during college year in college locations shall be entertained by local Pan-Hellenics instead of local chapters of various fraternities, in order to save expense, and to promote more general acquaintance among college fraternity women.

Contracts Within Contracts—Motion carried that Conference disapproves of the contracting, by two or more fraternities making only a part of the local Pan-Hellenic Association, to keep some rules or regulations not accepted by the local Pan-Hellenic Association.

Social—Motion carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the facilities offered by various colleges and universities for formal entertainments given by students. The committee is to inquire as to where entertainments are now held, and what is being done by faculties to improve conditions.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE—Committee on Extension: Pi Beta Phi, Alphi Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Committee on Investigation of College Facilities for Student Social Affairs: Delta Delta Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Committee on Scholarship Standards in Conference Fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta. Committee on List of Chaperones: Alpha Chi Omega.

Committee to Report on Dean's Conference: Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Motion carried that next Conference hold its first session on

Friday morning.

Motion carried that the National Pan-Hellenic Constitution be reprinted, separately, as soon as the vote of the grand presidents on constitutional changes can be taken.

Motion carried that each fraternity be assessed five dollars

(\$5.00) for Pan-Hellenic Conference expenses.

The Pan-Hellenic Conference was declared adjourned until September, 1910.

EDITH STONER, Kappa Kappa, Gamma,

Secretary of Eighth Pan-Hellenic Conference.

Work and Recommendations of Previous Conferences— The National Fraternities, on recommendations from the National Pan-Hellenic Conferences have passed the following regulations:

I. That Pan-Hellenic Associations shall be formed in every institution where two or more National Sororities exist; and they shall consist of one active and one alumna member of each sorority.

2. A pledge day shall be adopted by the National Sororities in

each college where two or more of them exist.

3. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.

4. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has

matriculated.

5. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The National Pan-Hellenic Conference has made, among others, the following recommendations:

1. That the Pan-Hellenic Associations shall consist not only of the National Sororities, but also of such locals as they may see fit to admit. (Report of Sixth Conference.)

2. That Pan-Hellenics endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions. (Seventh Conference.)

- 3. That Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions. (Seventh Conference.)
- 4. That Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities. (Seventh Conference.)
- 5. That each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which all fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions; meetings to read and discuss Pan-Hellenic Conference Reports; shortcomings of our last compact; effects of a sophomore pledge in our college, etc. (Seventh Conference.)

6. That Pan-Hellenics have meetings twice a month.

- 7. That Pan-Hellenics have a conference with Deans of Women and other faculty members at least once a semester.
- 8. That Pan-Hellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.
- 9. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnæ that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

(6, 7, 8 and 9 are taken from the report of the Social Service Committee, 1906-1907.) EDITH STONER.

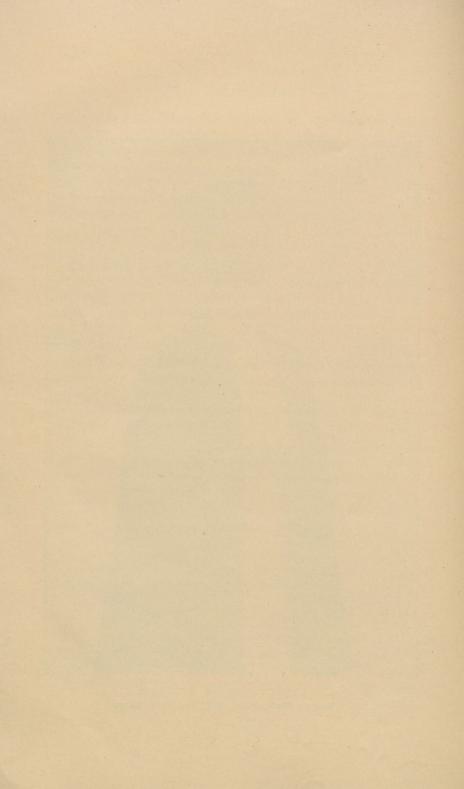
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Things Pan-Hellenic

E have taken from the chapter letters and other contributions to the journals of the various sororities represented at Barnard, clippings telling of their opinions of the sophomore pledging and non-rushing regulations as they are now in vogue at that college. Every sorority is looking with a great deal of interest to Barnard's experiment in this ever present "evil" of rushing and it is more than interesting to note the variety of opinions expressed on the part of the members of the different sororities. The majority seem to favor all the restrictions and to be impressed with the added dignity to the upper classmen



FANNIE PUTNAM REXFORD, Boston University, 1909, Phi Beta Kappa



and the correct attitude of the pledges that is acquired by the late

pledge day and the policy of no rushing.

In addition to these clippings we would remind our readers of Miss Rome's (Iota) article on Sophomore Pledging at Barnard, that appeared in the October CRESCENT.

Barnard is trying an interesting experiment in the matter of pledge day this year. The date has been changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in December of sophomore year. All freshman rushing has been forbidden, thus limiting the rushing period to practically two months. We are hoping for better results than ever before from this recent change.—Key

of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Now, in the deadly calm ensuing, we are back at college duties and making up "cuts" with a vengeance. By Pan-Hellenic rule, pledge day has been pushed forward to December, instead of April, of the sophomore year. The question now is, shall there or shall there not be any rushing in the form of parties? Our acting dean proposes the latter policy and has freely expressed his mind upon the undignified position in which societies stand, when they consider it an honor for its invitations merely to be accepted by rushees, rather than to create the feeling among the rushees that they are greatly honored at receiving such invitations. He urges more natural intercourse and friendships and hence more dignified behavior on pledge day. Action has been definitely taken in this direction independently by the majority of fraternities here, but there has been no definite ruling by Pan-Hellenic. New York Beta has conformed to the general consensus of opinion, and so our dance on October 22, for which invitations were already out before the question of parties arose, will be our last social affair until after pledge day-Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

Pledge day, much to the relief of all, has been changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in December of sophomore year. This gives us plenty of time to make all the real friendships necessary as well as time enough to rush effect-

ively in a quiet, dignified manner. * * *

Pan Hellenic has not yet made any rules in regard to rushing, but we are hoping that they will restrict it to some extent, so that the sophomores now being rushed will not be utterly worn to a shred by the time they are ready to become actively engaged in fraternity work.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

All Barnard fraternity girls are interested and excited over the outcome of the present leaning of faculty and students towards a non-rushing policy. The theory of the change is, and it seems to be a good one, that the excessive social rushing of the sophomores tends not towards artificiality, but because of its "delicate subtleties" becomes morally dishonest. The constant rush from function to function, the troubles of the girls who are beseiged by more than one fraternity, are all a detriment to the highest good that can be gotten out of college, for which we are primarily here.

We stand for non-rushing if such policy is possible where endless definitions of "rushing," formal parties," "violations," and so on, are liable to creep in. And yet we feel that we can learn to know girls in the sophomore class simply and without all the formal paraphernalia that go along with a large tea. If a girl wants to go a fraternity, moreover, she and the fraternity will unavoidably meet, and there's no harm done if we shouldn't want the girl. The whole system would at least be more dignified and honorable.

As yet, nothing has been decided, and since pledge day does not come until the first part of December, we are as yet at a standstill. So instead of bothering our heads about rushing, we are much more interested in ourselves and our respective interests.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The writer has been in close touch with the local Pan-Hellenic Association most of the time as a delegate for the last five years—ever since her sophomore year. The organization was formed only the year before that. During that time she has watched the methods, standards and charity of her elders, then her contemporaries and finally of those a number of years younger, and has come to the same conclusion which John of Salisbury voiced about eight hundred years ago, when, after a long absence, he returned to his old student friends on Mount St. Genevieve at Paris: "I found them as before and where they were before; they did not appear to have advanced an inch in settling the old questions; neither had they added a single proposition. The aims that once inspired them inspire them still; they had progressed in one point only, they had unlearned moderation * * *"; thus the Pan-Hellenic at Barnard from the viewpoint of an "old grad."

The Pan-Hellenic does what the faculty commands without a protest; it formulates rules which are often broken in spirit and in fact. This year, for the first time, sufficient courage was mustered to bring charges against offending chapters. They amounted to nothing. Owing largely to the strain of a late pledge day—April of sophomore year—some underhand work was done,

more suspected, and general bad feeling prevailed among several of the fraternities. Rivalry was so keen, because so prolonged, that for a time members of two chapters were hardly on speaking terms! Of course all this has discredited the fraternity system with the faculty. Another great evil of the long rushing season is the engendered attitude of the rushees; many of them are sadly spoiled. Petitions have been laid before both the faculty and student council to have the date of pledge day changed to December of sophomore year instead of April of that year. There is no rushing of freshmen and that is the only part of the imposed scheme which has worked well.

At least one chapter is much dissatisfied with the lack of courage and honor displayed by the Pan-Hellenic and thinks that Pan-Hellenic does as much harm as good. It is the opinion of New York Beta that the only agreement entered into should relate to the date of pledge day. If a few chapters conscientiously live up to the rule, "no mention of fraternity matters to a rushee," it goes hard with them when others do not. If there is no such regulation an honest chapter can at least defend itself. Personally, the writer would like to see all mystery removed from rushing. She wishes that the whole matter could be put on more business-like basis; that both fraternity girls and rushees should be allowed to talk all they want to openly. It is only fair to the fraternity to be permitted to state its good points and only fair to the rushee to allow her to know honestly what kind of an organization she is joining.

Finally, a number of people at Barnard cannot sufficiently condemn such a late pledge day. December of sophomore year with no freshman rushing would be quite bad enough, for the long suspense hurts the atmosphere of the college, but to rush for two years is intolerable—a waste of energy, time and money and a loss of the quiet ideal of friendship and mutual benefit which justify the fraternity. The pleas that with a sophomore pledge day friendships are made "naturally" and that adequate time is given to both fraternity girls and rushees to choose wisely have some truth, but the advantages gained are in no way comparable

to what is lost.

The writer feels that many of these problems could be more satisfactorily settled if each chapter had a regular alumna delegate who really came to the meetings and took part in the discussions.—Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

Letter from the Associate Editor at Aniversity of California

My Dear Miss Dimmick: I had so much else to say and also rather hesitated to tell of our trials in the same breath in which I introduced our freshmen so did not attempt to describe our rushing in the chapter letter. But it has been, I believe, a somewhat unusual season and has been such a sad mistake that we should like to warn others. We could pledge matriculation day and then not again until November 18. During those eleven weeks we could rush Tuesday 11-2, Friday from 4 on, and Saturday, day and evening. As a rule we had the Tuesday date and one of the others. We asked verbally for August dates and written lists were sent out for the other three months. Constant campus rushing, two with a freshman, was done by most crowds. The time and strength consumed in preparing and carrying out these stunts was appalling and Eta came out of the struggle victorious but pathetically weary, mentally and physically. Every minute of every girl's time was taken up by studies and rushing, so that she had no time for her home, no time for friends and no time for her sisters. This is all wrong and works much against the cause of sororities in general. It has put the sororities in a ridiculous and undignified light with freshmen and with the public in general. While endeavoring to make our entertainments as simple as possible the accumulated expense has been very great and Eta sincerely believes we might have made the seven freshmen Gamma Phis very early in the term. Eta believes many of these same difficulties would be among the great disadvantages for her of a six month or year pledge day, even though confined to campus rushing during the first part. Sincerely,

> E. Marie Derge, Correspondent for Eta.

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Book Reviews

A COURT OF INQUIRY. By Grace S. Richmond. Illustrated. New York. Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.00.

In her latest book, the author of the Juliet books, etc., offers us in a very interesting fashion, sketches of typical husbands and wives that one meets every day, threading them together by the love story of the one who tells the tales and her "Philosopher."

Mrs. Richmond has a delightful knack of giving us real "side-talks" that are so nicely coated that they have all the appearance and effect of sweetmeats. Her sketches are not dissertations on manners, but enough of our daily sins against good taste and form is brought to our attention to make us pause for a moment to wonder just which shoe fits us.

Added to that, the book is well worth the reading and will win many readers by virtue of the human, vital touch to be found in each sketch and the charming intimate style in which they are written that never fails to absorb our interest.

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New Readers

THE FIRST OF THE 300 NEW READERS TO BE GAINED BY JUNE 1.

The following is the name, address, date of subscription and by whom solicited.

- 1. Talley, Nell (Zeta), Terre Haute, Ind., 10-5-09, Zeta.
- 2. Huston, Blanche (Nu), Portland, Ore., 10-11-09, Cres.
- 3. Sherwood, Mrs. Olive (Alpha), Buffalo, N. Y., 10-12-09, Cres.
- 4. Klingenberg, Mrs. Rosa W. (Lambda), San Francisco, 6-17-09.
- 5. MacNair, R. S. (Alpha), Glendora, Cal., 10-12-09.
- 6. Skeel, Mrs. W. G. (Alpha), Camden, N. Y., 10-22-09, Mrs. Cooke.
- 7. Riheldaffer, Helen (Kappa), Pullman, Wash., 10-22-09.
- 8. Cuykendall, Mrs. E. F. (Alpha), Syracuse, N. Y., 10-22-09, Mrs. Cooke.
- 9. Knapp, Louise (Alpha), Binghampton, N. Y., 10-25-09, Cres.
- 10. Bunting, Mary E. (Gamma), Baltimore, Md., 10-28-09, Cres.
- 11. Coon, Winifred (Gamma), Edgerton, Wis., 10-31-09, Cres.
- 12. Beiler, Florence (Delta), Porto Rico, 11-9-09, Cres.
- 13. Sanders, Mrs. Helen McD. (Lambda), Coeur DeAlene, Idaho, 11-9-09.
- 14. Beiler, Mary (Delta), Y. W. C. A., New York City, 11-15-09.
- 15. Smith, Flora B. (Delta), Kezar Falls, Me., 11-17-09, M. Hodges.
- 16. Hastings, Margareta, (Delta), Dorchester, Mass., 12-1-09, M. Hodges.

17. Marsh, Miriam (Delta), Quincy, Mass., 12-1-09, M. Hodges. Who will be the next?

In Memoriam

All Gamma Phi Beta joins in reaching out to their former president and always efficient and willing worker, their hearts full of sympathy in this time of her loss. Miss Gertrude Ross' mother, Mrs. Grant J. Ross, died at her home in Sioux City on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, after a long illness. Miss Gertrude Ross was at her mother's home at the time of her death, together with all the other children with the exception of Mrs. Josephine Ross Fuller, also of Gamma, of the class of 1902, whose home is in Sterling, Colorado.

It is with great sorrow that Alpha chapter announces the death of Mrs. Mary Clark Patchell, which occurred at her home in Bay City, Mich., on November 19.

ALPHA CHAPTER.

On November 19, Mrs. Mary Clark Patchell, '83, died at her home in Bay City, Mich., after a long illness. Her death will be keenly felt by her church people by whom she was sincerely loved, and she will be mourned by her friends in Alpha chapter.

SYRACUSE ALUMNAE.

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Announcements

THERE are still some copies of the Song Book that can be obtained for the freshmen if they do not delay in sending their order to the chairman of the Song-Book Committee, Miss Emma Loud, 3609 Broadway, New York City. Order at once before the supply fails!

THE CRESCENT for the first time has to make its apologies to its readers for the delay in its appearance in October. A strike of the pressmen all over the city, including the Stoneman Press, just at the time that the quarterly was on the press and partly printed was the reason for this annoying delay. It has never happened before so we are encouraged to feel that it will not happen again for a long time.



THE new year is already upon us. How they do spin around! each one a sort of milestone in our lives that bids us pause for a moment and consider the past and the possibilities of the future.

Each new year brings us one year nearer the goal of our ambitions, the accomplishment of our ideals as a sorority and as individual members of that sorority.

Each new year adds to us who are out of college, but still interested vitally in college and sorority affairs, that blessed assurance of the growth of toleration in our own sorority, and not only toleration, but far better and more encouraging, that broadening of the sympathy with those outside our sorority, without which all sorority life is utterly valueless. We are glad to note in this current letter from our Theta (Denver) chapter that even while they are bending every effort to get together a building fund for a new chapter house, they are setting aside a sum from their annual play to start in the university a Gamma Phi Beta scholarship fund for needy students. Could anything be more commendable?

Let this coming year be to us a year in which our sympathies and love are consciously broadened and enlarged. It is the only true growth of soul or mind. Even as we are each members of a single family in which our love centers, though at the same time our sympathy extends the more heartily to every other family in our town, state, nation and becomes world-wide, so, though

members of one sorority and children of one alma mater is it not possible for us to let down still further the barriers of prejudice and extend to all sorority women and college women, East and West, North and South, our sincere and active love and good will?

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THE management of The Crescent feels somewhat encouraged over the slight start toward 300 new readers that we announce in this issue. It is a very slender beginning and at this rate we will not come near our goal that is set at June first, but it shows that one or two are working and we hope will serve to remind others that it is time to do their part. Here is a splendid field for the alumnæ chapters, and yet the active girls have been more active than the alumnæ. It is simply impossible for the editor or even three or four interested Gamma Phis to make The Crescent what it should be, a steady growth each succeeding year. Subscriptions are our only source of income, unlike other magazines that depend almost entirely for their maintenance upon their advertisements. We must have added subscribers if we hope to enlarge our quarterly.

Every member of an alumnæ chapter, won't you take it upon yourself to interest *one* of your college chapter who is not identified with any alumnæ chapter and get her name for the subscription list of The Crescent? Think what it will mean to your chapter and to that member to awaken her old interest and enthusiasm in Gamma Phi Beta.

In the next issue of The Crescent we hope to give messages from a goodly number of Gamma Phis who are living and working in other countries beside our own, in South Africa, India, Japan, Korea, Germany, France, Porto Rico, China, etc. Some of them are doing heroic work, and it will be an inspiration as well as a keen pleasure to hear from each one of them.

E would like to call particular attention to the articles in this CRESCENT by others than Gamma Phi Betas. Mrs. Woodward writes an unusually interesting and readable paper, which we publish by courtesy of the American College, on the Sorority House. Dr. Moss, who is almost a Gamma Phi himself, being the husband of one of our beloved founders, is extraordinarily interested in Gamma Phi Beta and anxious for her to increase in influence and power.

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HAPTER Correspondents! Instructions were sent you at beginning of the year in which it was expressly stated that The Crescent must have full data in regular form of the new initiates immediately after initiation. Extra blanks were sent at that time for that purpose. You who have had initiation please send the additions at once. Only one or two have done this yet several chapters report initiates in chapter letters. It is impossible to send these freshmen their Crescents until this is done, so you are depriving your new initiates of their Crescents unless you at once comply with this request on the part of the editor. Send it on the blanks supplied so that all information will be accurate and full. At the same time send a duplicate list to the treasurer, Mrs. O. Y. Harsen, 53 Arthur St., Yonkers, N. Y.



ALPHA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Every thought now is turned towards Christmas and plans are already being made for the holidays, although we girls are just back from our Thanksgiving vacation.

We are greatly enjoying our new home and find the location ideal, situated just a block from the university campus.

Soon after our last letter we added five more girls of true Gamma Phi type to our list of pledglings. Initiation was held on Friday, October 29. The list of initiates are: Emily Price, Syracuse; Marian Draper, Syracuse; Marguerite Cooke, Syracuse; Florence Shaw, Lockport, N. Y.; Clarissa Corbett, Sherman, N. Y.; Pauline Ballou, Lucile Peirson and Ethel Snyder, all of Newark, N. Y.; Mary Gardner, Lyons, N. Y.; Edna Brand, Ilion, N. Y.; Helen Hitchcock and Blanche Hitchcock, of Minneapolis, Minn.

A few nights before Hallow'en the Women's League of the university gave a delightful Hallow'en masquerade party in the Women's Gymnasium. A very large number attended and it proved a great success. These parties will be continued throughout the year and in this way we hope to keep in touch with the many women of the university.

Olive Hunt, one of our senior girls, as president of the Women's League, represents the university at Cornell at the convention of the Inter-Collegiate Student Government Association.

Our annual fall banquet took place at the chapter house on Friday, November 19, and it was the largest and pleasantest we have had in many years. Eighty-two Gamma Phis enjoyed the feast. We are always glad to have banquets come for we know it will bring back a number of the girls and we are happy to say that a great many came for it this year.

Shortly after banquet word came to us of the death of one of our Alpha alumni, Mrs. Mary Clark Patchell, 1883, of Bay City, Mich., whose death means the loss of another loyal Gamma Phi.

On Tuesday evening, November 30, was held our dance in honor of our freshmen at Emily Price's home. Thirty two young men of the 1913 class were present and a very pleasant evening was spent in dancing.

Christina McLennan, '09, entertained her city friends and our Gamma Phi upper classmen at a large tea for May Farquhar, ex-'12, whose engagement has recently been announced to Christina McLennan's brother.

At the meeting of the Syracuse Alumnæ on December 3, held at Emogene Day's home, our senior girls were invited in later in the afternoon to enjoy their social meeting with them.

Alpha extends her best wishes to all her sister chapters and hopes that they will all enjoy a delightful Christmas.

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BETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Beta is glad to greet her sisters once more. Owing to the late opening of college this year we were not able to write in time for the October publication of The Crescent.

After several weeks of hard rushing Beta was glad to initiate eight freshmen into Gamma Phi Beta: Marguerite and Ruth Burdsal, from Three Rivers, Mich., sisters of Gertrude Burdsal Arnold, Epsilon; Lilian Brown, from Ann Arbor; Louise Wieber, from Houghton, Mich.; Erna George, from Detroit, Mich.; Mary Hollington, from West Unity, Ohio; Edna Thuner, from Detroit, and Osee Jewell, from Dowagiac, Mich.

No sooner was the college rushing over than we had to busy ourselves with high school seniors, for November 1st was the day set for the pledging of them to begin. We had a houseparty, an informal dance at the Golf Club and several teas for them. We pledged Maleta Moore, of Dowagiac, and Zoe Oven, of Patoski, Michigan, and hope to initiate them next fall.

Football at Michigan this year has been a great success. So far we have beaten Ohio State, Case, Syracuse and Pennsylvania, and our last victory we received from Minnesota. Ann Arbor rooters have been more cheerful than for several years past.

Our convention delegate, Lora Hall, is full of tales of her glorious trip and makes us all envy her splendid time with our Western sisters.

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GAMMA

EAR Sister in Gamma Phi Beta: School opened for us with a busy rushing week. We had two rather formal affairs, a breakfast at the home of Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, one of our alumnæ, and a dinner at the chapter house, besides informal "stunts," a launch party, marshmallow roast and several drives. We feel very well satisfied with the result as we

pledged every one we wanted and rushing was practically over in three days. Friday we gave an informal dance to introduce the new girls and the next Sunday had open house.

Initiation, the twenty-third of October, was the next event of interest. A few alumnæ from other chapters were here as well as a number from our own. The new sisters are Florence Gosselin, Eva White, Nell Bundy, Gladys Gibson, Belle Fleek, Marie Leavens, Harriet Hunt, Mattie Ringling, Marian Spencer, Lena Zinsmaster, Nina Miller, Helen Harrison, Beulah Heddler, Kathleen Boas and Dorothy Vorse.

About the middle of November the university men and women gave a comic opera in which we were well represented, for the benefit of the Attic Angels, a charitable institution. Dorothy Vorse had one of the leading parts and there were nine others in the choruses.

Thanksgiving vacation is just over and we are beginning to think of Christmas. Friday, December 10, the freshmen are to give their annual party and the next afternoon we are going to have a reception for members of the faculty and friends in town.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

DELTA

EAR Sisters: About the close of October you would have often overheard one Gamma Phi say to another, "Isn't it grand!" What grand? you ask. Why, the result of rushing—nine splendid girls pledged! We confess at being a trifle puffed up, but who could help it? Four weeks of anxiety followed the opening of rushing, for, this, year, the third, and as a rule the last week, was postponed out of respect for a death in Alpha Phi, and so on pledge day, before college opened, we hastened to the frat room to greet those who might be waiting us there in answer to our bids. Names are unsatisfactory without faces, but until you see our new girls in the group picture to appear in a later CRESCENT, you may know them as Agnes Hayward, '11; Ruth Barlett, Marguerite Brant, Ruth Carhart, Ruth Hatch, Ruth Norton, Ruth Paul, Rachel Rice and Leona Stuart. (We revel considerably in Ruth's.) In the same week these were given a luncheon.

All of the pledged girls except Ruth Carhart were duly initiated on November 6 at the Osgood home in Lynn, then led off to the Tuileries, a Boston hotel, for the banquet. These were the banquet toasts:

To Gamma Phi Beta......OLIVE MARSHALL "I leave thy praises unexpressed."

To the FacultyFlorence Barbour
"Much allowance must be made for men."
Rushing Mabel Page
"Merry and tragical! Tedious and brief!"
Pledging MARGUERITE BRANT
"Rose never blew that equalled such a bud."
InitiationLucy Morse
"We have read, we have heard, we see."
AlumnaeEsther Bates
"I have had my day and my philosophies."
To the GoatRACHEL RICE
"Lacking a Tongue?"

As early as possible the initiates were made aware that a grand spread from them was in order. They naughtily disappointed our growing appetites by announcing that tea and Uneedas were all we might expect. But what a spread it proved to be! Tapering candles diffused a flickering light over the room and revealed a table bountifully covered with delicious courses. These were served to us as we sat, in true frat fashion, on the floor. On our tastily decorated menu folders we read, "A one minute toast will be given by each guest. Subject: 'Why we prize our Freshmen.' Jokes and laughter made the evening pass quickly, as toasts in prose and poetry were exacted in response to the roll. Then two of our entertainers in the character of Romeo and Juliet sang their mock love tragedy, and were clapped back to repeat it. The program came to a close with the reciting of "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar," the fame of which had raised the Freshman curiosity. So we parted for Thanksgiving.

Of the upper classmen, two are holding class office, Belle Dalton as Junior President, and Helen McNeil as Sophomore Secretary. Esther Lurvey was made editor-in-chief of "The Hub," the annual Junior publication. Two of us are teaching mission study classes.

We are intending to have every alternate business meeting on Thursday evening so that there may be more time for artless chatter. To meet every week on Friday afternoon would mean to see very little of ourselves all together, because then we feel so hurried. In this, the Chapter House girls hold an advantage over us.

Another project on foot is the refurnishing of our room with mission furniture, of which the alumnæ were sufficiently impressed at the Initiation Banquet. To bring this change about, we have announced a Christmas shower, to which none are forbidden to donate in coin or any needed article, and a porcelain teapot also jingles its way from girl to girl for weekly pennies—our temporary bank.

We were reminded that on November 11 Gamma Phi was thirty-five years old. For her future growth and success as the anniversaries come, we express our heartfelt hopes.

EPSILON

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: With rushing, the opening work of college, and an early initiation, Epsilon has been very busy of late. After five days of strenuous rushing Gamma Phi gained fourteen pledges. Half of them were initiated on November 1—Nell Ade, Ardis Ade, Ruth Eastman, Mildred Ross, L. Louise Wheeler, Dorothy Stearns and Ella Lamount. The other seven, together with Zeta Murphy, a last year's pledge, will be initiated in February, in accordance with the faculty ruling which requires that all initiates should have ten hours of college credit.

We have had two informal dances in the chapter—one given by the Freshmen to the upper classmen, the other by the whole sorority. Edwina Pope and Agnes McDonald have entertained the chapter at informal evening parties at their homes in Evanston. Frequent spreads and "family" affairs have enlivened these last weeks.

Some interesting Pan-Hellenic meetings have been held. Owing to the fact that several girls broke their pledges to join other sororities, a ruling has been passed, which provides that a girl must now wait for four months after breaking her pledge to join another society. After this year, sub rosa pledging is not to be considered binding nor authoritative. Alumnae representatives of the various sororities have held two meetings to consider rushing conditions, but as yet no decisions have been made. Probably new regulations will be presented before the year is over.

Epsilon has adopted a plan of having "frat spreads" every two weeks, at the home of some member. These suppers are managed by the respective classes alternating with the Freshmen. Our meetings are held immediately afterwards, and then the girls can remain for singing and a general good time.

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ZETA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The most eventful thing which has happened since our last letter was the end of rushing season and pledge day. We were all glad when the sixth of November came, for the strain was becoming too much. We had given our teas, houseparty and informal "stunt" and had become weary of the "rushing smile," which surely creeps in. We pledged four Freshmen—Marguerite Williamson, of Washington, D. C.; Charlotte Pomberger, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Lillias House, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Marie Ohle, of Baltimore. On November 20 we initiated them, and also Mary Howard, of Washington, D. C., for Nu. The initiation banquet was at the Stafford, and this was another jolly Gamma Phi reunion for several alumnae were visiting in the city.

Since the 6th we have been getting acquainted with each other for we have hardly had a chance to do this before. And now we are planning to go home for the Christmas holidays. Most of the girls are going home, but some of us, who live too far away, will stay in the east. Senior dramatics is to be December 15 and 16. The class this year will give "Romeo and Juliet," and as it is the first time that a real tragedy has been attempted we are looking forward to the production with a great deal of interest. One of our Seniors, Mary McCurley, is in the caste.

We are already beginning to plan for our houseparty in June, though that seems a long way off, and we hope that a number of the alumnae will be able to come back for it. The one last year at Rehoboth, Delaware, was a great success in spite of the bad weather, and it surely inspired everyone who was there with an ardent desire to be at the next housparty.

Though this letter will not reach you until the holidays are past, Zeta sends to each and every Gamma Phi his heartiest greetings for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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ETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Eta is now recuperating after the hardest rushing season she has ever had and ever hopes to experience. But that is all over now and we are indeed happy to introduce to you our five Freshman Gamma Phis—Gertrude Elliott, Kitty Nason, Margaret Hodgen, Louelle Jackson and Dorothy Brown. Besides these we have had the pleasure of initiating Mrs. Florence Noyes, a faculty woman, who is registered in post graduate work in California.

We want you to know how good people have been to us during our eleven weeks' siege. Mu most generously entertained us and our rushees for luncheon and all night at the time of the varsity game and we had a glorious time. Every girl in Eta would tell you that you couldn't find in a town around the world a more hospitable bunch of girls with such a charming knack of entertaining as our sister chapter in the brown bungalow at Stanford.

And now let us tell you about our alumnae. They keep us busy saying "thank you." And their help besides being bounteous is so well planned that they really seem to know better what we need than we do ourselves and we can't resist asking each other continually if they aren't "perfectly grand." The first Friday of each month they give us a tea at one of their homes. To the two given this term at Mrs. Rachael Colby's and Margaret Webb's, they have asked us to bring our rushing girls, and we have considered these teas our best rushing stunts. Their plan is, I believe, to set aside one tea for other college women, another for friends not in college,

and so on, thus bringing us in touch with other people and at the same time helping the alumnae and the active girls to know each other better. We think these teas, charmingly simple as they are, are doing for us what could not be done in any other way. The Alumnae say that after our strenuous term we need a rest, and in place of the annual Thanksgiving dinner held at the Chapter House they have invited the active girls to a theatre party. Did you ever hear anything just like that?

Well, Eta wishes every sister in Gamma Phi Beta a happy and suc-

cessful New Year.

THETA

USHING season is over, things have settled down into the old routine, and we are very proud and happy. Our rushing was strenuous, but as a result we lost no bids, and have eleven real Gamma Phi freshmen to introduce-Anita Hostetter, Harriet Brown, Ethel Clark, Jessie Austin, Muriel Steele, Katherine Sheldon, Belle St. Clair, Frances Brown, Blanche Champlin, Edith Hopp and Eda Burkhalter. On October 23 we initiated our pledglings, so by this time they are actively engaged in the chapter work.

Great enthusiasm has centered in our championship football team, and Gamma Phi has been gridiron mad. Such splendid games as we have witnessed, and the sturdy eleven have certainly won fame and glory for our red and gold. The coach, the regulars, the subs, the managers and the yellmaster were guests on November 26 of Gamma Phi Beta, and this football party at Kittie Lee Bishop's proved as much of a success as its predecessors. Truly it may be said that the football season went out in a blaze of glory.

As a new venture the faculty this year decided to have each organization in the school in charge of chapel on a given morning. Gamma Phi Beta had the glory of being chosen to appear first and we acquitted ourselves with great honor. We selected a football program, being sure that at that time of the year it would meet with great enthusiasm. Lucy Moore made a characteristic football speech, Lindsey Barbee wrote a football story for Elizabeth Stephenson to read, and a song to be sung by the whole chapter. We were so overwhelmed with congratulations. It was quite pardonable for our heads to be a wee bit turned by excessive

The first Thursday of each month we are "at home" to our friends. We find this brings us in closer touch with all outsiders, and advances the interest of Gamma Phi in many ways.

As the winter months approach our thoughts are naturally turned upon our annual play, which Lindsey Barbee has again consented to write.

Instead of giving a part of the proceeds to the Athletic Association, we intend to put it to different uses. Part of it will go to our building fund, which is steadily increasing, the other part will very likely be used to establish in the university a Gamma Phi scholarship fund for needy students.

In December the county fair will be held. This is always great fun, and we are eagerly anticipating it. Gamma Phi will have the gypsy fortune telling booth, where expert(?) palm readings of the past, present and future will be made.

Convention was duly reported and discussed, and Carolyn Wolfe gave us an opportunity to meet Edna Stitt, of New York Alumnæ at a charmingly appointed English tea. Mary Allen, of Gamma, was our guest for a brief afternoon, so even if we could not partake of the festivities of Convention, we were fortunate to meet the delegates.

We are just over examinations, and next week a new term begins. We are determined to have it stand for many good things, and shall work for the advancement of Gamma Phi Beta.

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IOTA

EAR Sisters. If this letter had only been due a few days later than it actually is, we would have been able to tell you all about our new pledglings. But unfortunately Pledge Day is December 6, and this is due December 5, so we can merely say "We're hoping." Our rushing season has been very confused this year, for in the early part of November it was agreed in Pan-Hellenic that all the fraternities at Barnard should adopt a non-rushing policy. We think this scheme will work very well once it gets fairly started, but naturally the first year of it is rather unsettling. Before the agreement was made we had issued invitations for a "function," and that we were allowed to give. It was most successful—a heart party, which nearly twenty Sophomores attended. Since then we have, of course, done no formal rushing at all. We have just tried to become friendly with the girls in the ordinary social ways. And, as I said before, we are hoping.

The most exciting thing we have done lately is to set up a new fraternity home. It is not an elaborate place at all, but just some tiny, pretty little rooms near college, where we can have our meetings and give small teas and parties. We are very proud of them, and are having a fine time fixing them up.

November 12 we had the first of our series of dances. We could ask no rushees, but I think we enjoyed being all by ourselves. Brinkerhoff Theatre, the college hall in which we held the dance, is an ideal place for small, home-like affairs. Or as one of the men there said: "It's an

ideal place for between-the-dances. Why, with your two reception rooms, cosy corners in the hall, and three staircases, every couple can have a room or something all to themselves!"

The week after the dance the Junior show took place. The play was "D'Arcy of the Guards," a drama which Henry Miller once produced. The scene was laid in Revolutionary days, and the costumes were most becoming. Two of our girls were British officers, and in their red coats, white knee breeches, powdered wigs, swords and spurs, they were the perfect heart breakers, especially in the scene where they, with some six or seven other lady-like officers, mounted valiantly on chairs, each planted one foot firmly on the table, and, punch glasses held high in air, shouted for "The King! God bless him!" It was a most imposing tableau, though a man in the gallery rather spoiled its grandeur by remarking audibly, "Gee, it looks as though a mouse had run across the stage!"

That is all the news that's fit to print this time, I think. If I could only hold this back till after December 6! But I mustn't. So good-bye and good luck!

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KAPPA

EAR Sisters: It scarcely seems a month since we registered and made ready for the work which we are in the midst of. But when I look back and think of everything that has happened since that time, I realize that three long and happy months have past.

Kappa girls are sorry to say that they have lost four of their number whom they will all miss. Margaret Menzel is preparing to go to Florida for the winter, Eva Wilkinson is going to leave us to go to National Park Seminary, Mary Jones and Katherine Crocker had to drop school because of poor health.

The Chapter House is now located at 1313 Fifth St., S. E., two blocks from the campus. Nine of the girls make this their home, but the other girls drop in often to talk and eat, and envy the girls who can live there together all the school year.

Twelve Freshmen were initiated at the house the latter part of October. On Wednesday night, November 17, the chapter entertained for the new initiates at a reception. It was given at the home of Mary Jones, Washburn Park. About one hundred men called. The rooms were decorated in huge vases of pink chrysanthemums. Supper was served in the dining room by Frances Works and Helen Clark, two Gamma Phi sisters. We all feel that the reception was a great success.

The night of December 1 the Active Chapter and Alumnæ Chapter had a spread at Alice Shevlin Hall. As this was the first time we had been together this semester, there was much gossip passed around. The evening was ended by singing Gamma Phi songs and dancing.

And now before we leave for the Christmas holidays we are going to give an informal dance at Shevlin. We are looking forward to it with much pleasure as these dances always mean a good time.

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LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters: Lambda is extremely happy in the possession of ten splendid pledges, the result of a two weeks' rushing season, which began at 3 o'clock Monday, October 4, and closed at 12 o'clock Saturday night, October 16. On Sunday morning each sorority sent its formal written "bids" to the Dean of Women, who sorted them and mailed them, special delivery.

Between 8 and 9 Monday morning each Freshman went to the sororities'

home, whose invitations she wished to accept.

Of course the nervous strain was great, but Lambda received its rewards when ten Freshmen knocked at our door and the buff and brown ribbons were pinned over the hearts of Phoebe Prosch, Mary Burwell, (secretary of the '13 class), Helen Steele (vice-president, '13 class), Callie LaSucre, Ina LaMont, Lavina Wilson, Verna Pendleton, Lelah Brisbon, Anna and Gertrude Young.

November 5 we initiated Rosella Mohr and Sylvia Wold. The former was pledged last year, but could not be initiated, being registered as

special in the university.

Sylvia Wold, who was pledged the first week of college, is a Junior in college and the most prominent woman in university activities. Last year she represented the University of Michigan at the Y. W. C. A. convention held at Minneapolis, and this year she is Vice-President of the Y. W. C. A., Secretary of the Associated Students of the University, Varsity Ball Committee, and a member of the college annual staff.

At present Lambda is busy preparing for a reception which we give December 4 in honor of Miss Austin, the new Dean of Women, and for a formal dancing party to be given December 17 at the Chapter House.

MU

DEAR Sisters: Mu's letter isn't going to be a long one this time, for she just takes her head out of her books long enough these days to eat and sleep (for final examinations for this semester are drawing close), and she doesn't want to give too much of an impression of

pedagogy.

Next semester we can tell of what we are doing socially, but this year so far we have been pretty quiet and much by ourselves. But we did enjoy the week of the annual intercollegiate football game with California when we entertained the Eta Chapter and several Freshmen for

the week end. It was lots of fun storing people away, and for once we think we had a "full house."

None of the class committees but the Sophomores has been announced as yet, but Grace Childs is on the Sophomore play committee, which is one of the most important of them all.

And now we'll leave you for this time, wishing everybody the happiest of Christmas vacations, and the brightest of all New Years.

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NU

/ITH more than ordinary sisterly pride, Nu introduces nine new members to the sisterhood. First, Mary Straub Stafford, '01, who was one of the founders of our local. Mrs. Stafford was in Europe at the time of our installation so although we regret that her name is not on the charter, we are extremely glad she is now wearing the crescent of Gamma Phi Beta. Then we have with us Sophie Cathen, from Salem. Sophie was formerly at Mills College, so ranks as a junior. She is a bright, gay little lady who adds much cheer to the chapter house. Our seven freshmen are the cream of the class of 1913. They have taken hold of college work and activities with enthusiasm. We expect great things from them. Let us present them to you: Lenora Hansen, Anne Mc-Mecken, Mildred Vail, Bertha Masters, Mildred Whittlesey, Florence Cleveland and Ada Kendall. Our rushing season this year was strenuous, but the season was of short duration. A box party, a house dance, several dinners and all was over. The dance was a very pretty affair with dainty hand-painted programs, the work of one of our sophomores, Pearl Mc-Kenna.

At the time of our big game, which Oregon won, by the way, we had several interesting girls from Portland visiting us. The evening after the game we had an informal dancing party at the house in their honor. The rooms were a mass of trailing ivy and big yellow chrysanthemums; the programs bore a tiny Oregon seal. The joy in our hearts from an unexpected victory aided in making the evening one to be stored up among the memories to be cherished when college days are relegated to the realm of the past.

Hallow'en we had a typical old fashioned party. Big jack-o'-lanterns peeped from the corners of the ceilings, glaring grotesquely at one from unexpected places. Dim mystery lurked everywhere. Chopping bowls and dishpans filled with pop corn, hot doughnuts, apples, nuts and raisins and large pitchers of cider added further jollity. Seated on the floor of the living room in a big circle around the fireplace amid the light of the fire and through flickering of the jack-o'-lanterns, old Hallow'en pranks were retold and the ghosts walked for our amusement.

Nu chapter has not been without its usual quota of honors. Bertha Masters was elected vice president of the freshman class; Javinia Stanfield to the positions of secretary of the sophomore class and chairman of the decoration committee for the sophomore hop; Mary Steiwer is on the staff of the junior annual and also a member of the junior executive committee; Ruth Hansen was elected to the senior vice presidency, and Ruth Duniway is the only woman member of the student affairs committee.

On November 13, to commenorate the first anniversary of the granting of our charter we had a birthday party all to ourselves. The girls brought their sewing. Mrs. Stafford and Gladys Farrar, '09, were with us. The freshmen learned of the glad excitement of the year before. The freshmen gave the house a pretty oak table, the sophomores an exquisite brass fern dish, the juniors a mirror for the hall, the seniors a brass card tray and a door plate.

Christmas vacation is near and the girls are planning some rushing parties to be given in Portland during the holidays. Nu wishes one and

all a merry Christmas in the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

CHICAGO

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: During the early days of October we tried to find the girls in Chicago who were not already members of the Alumnæ Chapter to invite them to our October meeting. We found quite a few girls who had either just left college or had recently moved to Chicago and so were eligible to membership in our chapter. Our new members for this year are: Elizabeth Davidson, Epsilon, '09; Laura McCarty, Epsilon, '08; Margaret Williams, Epsilon, '10; Thekla Rompel, Epsilon, '05, and Josephine Russell, Epsilon, '06. We have heard since of other girls who will be in the city this winter and we hope to have them with us later. The meeting was purely social as it was held at the Carrie Abbie lunch rooms down town.

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McKinney, Gamma, '07. Several members who have not been able to attend recently were with us on that day and we were able to learn all that had happened to them during the past year. Laura Hutchins, Zeta, '03, stopped off on her way to New Mexico to be at the meeting. She expects to be gone until about Christmas, when we hope to have her at our meetings once more.

It is hard to realize, with the grass still green, that Christmas is so near. But one trip down town to the shops arouses us to the fact that before this letter appears in print the holidays will be here. So we wish each sister a very merry Christmas and even a more prosperous and happy New Year than the last has been.

SYRACUSE

THE Syracuse Alumnæ met in November at the home of Mildred F. Webb, the alumnæ delegate to the recent Convention in California. Much of the afternoon was spent listening to Miss Webb's report of the very successful and novel features of the Convention, and to the description of her trip with Miss Beecher from Alpha. These two Gamma Phis were absent over two months, and in their eagerness to miss none of their opportunities, nearly encompassed the globe going to and returning from San Francisco.

The December meeting was held with Miss Emogene Day, who only in June returned from a trip around the world in company with Chancellor and Mrs. Day. Miss Day, by the way, has promised the writer someday to give some of her observations of the trip to the Crescent readers.

This meeting was unusually interesting, owing to the presence of the fourteen Seniors and some the younger alumnæ, who have recently joined the organization. These latter are Christine McLennan, Edith McLennan, Marion Scott, Bessie Bowe, Marion Heffron, Christine Reed, Emily Treadway and Ruth Laycock.

Aside from these enjoyable afternoons nothing of note has occurred except our usual comings and goings, the particulars of which you may find in the personals, and the banquet. The toasts on this occasion were exceedingly good and one in particular contained nice conclusions well worth the careful thought of every Gamma Phi. The writer sends this toast as her best contribution to The Crescent.

BOSTON

OSTON Alumnæ Chapter's secretary is tearing her hair over the proposition of how to write a Crescent letter with absolutely nothing to write about. Not—she hastens to add—that there ever is much to say in the annals of this quiet kingdom, but her information this time is below zero. She has held two meetings, at which some entirely interesting business was transacted, and some extremely interesting, but alas! unreportable conversation took place. Also at the last meeting a nearly perfect Welsh rarebit was concocted to an undertone of protest on the part of its accomplished creator, that it was stringy, uneatable and generally a total failure. You just ought to have tasted it. Meanwhile The Crescent editor, from a distant chair, was mildly appealing to each newcomer to announce her engagement, marriage, or divorce, to help out the personals for The Crescent. The way some of these arrivals jumped when asked of their matrimonial intentions was interesting, but not further illuminating. Meanwhile the few gleams of gossip are as

follows (they belong in the personal column, but I have to use up space): Theodore Clapp Danforth is the mother of a son. Theodore Loving, who arrived on the day of the Harvard-Yale game (the only happy event so far chronicled on that dire day.) Helen Flanders is to be married on December 29 to Mr. Francis Post Allen. Wish her joy, Gamma Phis, on that day if there is any left over from the Christmas festivities.

A sadder item is the sorrow that has fallen upon our beloved Putnam sisters in the loss of their father after a painful illness. In all their grief and loneliness may the love and sympathy of their sisters comfort them, as only love, human and divine, can do.

So the letter, which has about nothing at all, ends with the three great facts-birth, marriage, death-and through all the facts, sad and joyful, runs the uniting bond, the greatest fact of all-Love.

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NEW YORK

EAR Gamma Phi Beta Sisters: Do things ever happen where you are? Is the placidity of age the cause of the lack of news in the New York Alumnæ Chapter? Possibly it is because we are so far apart and see each other so seldom that when the time comes to write we can say only what the small boy said in his diary after a lapse of several days, "Forgit what did."

Our plan of having luncheon served at each meeting gives us more time together and has proved very successful if we can judge by the number attending each meeting.

We have had two most enjoyable meetings this year-one on October 9, at the home of Abbie Benson Slawson, in White Plains, New York, the other on December 4, at the home of Olive Strayer Caughey, in New York City.

Mrs. Caughey tells us pleasing anecdotes of her trip through the west last summer, accompanied by her husband.

Some of our girls went to bid "god speed" to Flora Robinson, of Zeta, when she sailed for India recently.

May you all find much happiness awaiting you in 1910.

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MILWAUKEE

(No Letter.)

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SAN FRANCISCO

AN Francisco Alumnæ Chapter sends greetings for the Christmas

Our October meeting was held at the home of Sue Dunbar and was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

The open house meetings for all Gamma Phis have been a great success. The October meeting was held at Mrs. Colby's home, and although the day was rainy, almost every one attended and had a delightful time. Margaret Webb entertained us at the November meeting and that also was very enjoyable. These affairs are very informal and simple, but keep us in touch with Eta Chapter.

A tea at the home of Zoe Riley was the occasion of the announcement of her engagement to Mr. Ephraim Dyer. The wedding will take place December 16, and happily for us Zoe will make Oakland her home.

& DENVER

UR plan of alternate meetings on Friday of one month and Saturday of the next has worked admirably. So many of the girls who teach in the suburbs and nearby towns can come to Denver for the Saturday meetings, and we have had splendid large gatherings.

Our new program for the year looks very attractive. In December we will entertain our Gamma Phi babies with a Christmas party. The rest of the year will be given over to different committees, who will provide a meeting devoted to sorority history, a number of literary and musical programs, and our usual luncheon in June to the Seniors.

Our brides-to-be are occupying very much of our time and attention just now. We have two Gamma Phi weddings in the near future and two more not far away, so quite naturally our thoughts are of trosseaus and showers.

Our chapter suffers a loss in the going away of Isabelle White, of Boston, who has accepted a position in a New York High School. She has been affiliated with us for the past few years and we shall miss her very much.

The Pan-Hellenic Association was delightfully entertained this year by Pi Beta Phi. These meetings are proving very satisfactory in the opportunity they afford for wider fellowship. There were eight sororities well represented at this afternoon meeting and we are looking forward to the growth and usefulness of this association.

We wish happiness to you all for Christmas day and for all the days that follow.

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MINNESOTA

EAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We Minnesota Alumnæ confess to having been so slow in organizing this fall that we had not appointed our new Crescent correspondent when the first Crescent went to press. We beg forgiveness on the ground of our youth and promise to do better next year. We are sincerely repentant on our own account at having

missed, through delay, even one of our good get-togethers, which number four so far this year. We have met with Mrs. Crooker, with Sara Preston, and twice in our roomy new Chapter House. Our regular meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month.

Helen Hendrix was married July 12 to Robert H. Keyes, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. About thirty Gamma Phis witnessed the beautiful home wedding. Ruth Spear Newkirk was maid of honor. The bride and groom took a lake trip and are at home in Wolverton, Minn., where Mr. Keyes is editor of a local paper.

Kathleen Cutting, of Beta, stayed with Lora Gooding while she visited with all of us for a few weeks this summer. Marion Beecher and Mildred Webb, of Alpha, stopped here on their way to Convention. We wish that all roads to Convention might have led through Minneapolis.

So very many of the Minnesota Alumnæ are school-teaching or house-keeping in far-away regions that I know our chapter would be really lonely if it were not that almost all of you have helped by recruiting our ranks to maintain our standard Gamma Phi serenity. We have with us this winter Louise Jones Crooker and Irma Willard McCall, of Alpha; Ella Smith, Leora Chase Sherman, Lillian Johnson Thorson and Jeanette Scott, of Gamma; Laura Barber, of Epsilon, and Jeraldine Brown Batson, of Mu. So you se we have a little part of most of you here to whom we can say Merry Christmas, and all the rest of you may know that "we all" were wishing it to "you all" when that glad Christmas time was, which isn't yet, when I write this, but will have been when you read it.

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Personals

Alpha

Susan Smith, Alpha, '08, returned for banquet.

Mary Perrin, Alhpa, '09, visited the chapter for banquet.

Hazel King, Alpha, '05, and Gladys King, Alpha, ex-'10, came back for banquet.

Frederica Dunlap, Alpha, ex-'11, visited at the chapter house the week of banquet.

Margaret Metzger, '10, visited at the home of Olive Pierce, '10, in Utica, N. Y., for Thanksgiving.

Clara Ham, Alpha, '10, visited Olive Hunt, '10, at Clyde, N. Y., for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Eleanor V. Puder, '10, spent part of the Thanksgiving vacation with Irene Baltzel, '10, at Lyons, N. Y.

Olive C. Beaver, '11, visited Genevieve Joy, '12, at her home in Cazenovia for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Anna J. Morrison, Alpha, '12, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Edna Brand, Alpha, '12, at Ilion, N. Y.

Anna Morrison expects to leave on Thursday, December 9, for Amherst College to attend the Sophomore Cotillion on Friday evening.

Beta

Lulu Leisemer is teaching in Ishpeming, Michigan.
Elsie McLain is teaching in Alberquerque, New Mexico.
Katherine Ostrander is doing social settlement work in Chicago.
Margaret Lydecker has been in New York City for several weeks.
Persis Rollins, Epsilon, is to visit us the first week-end of December.
Paula Henze is teaching in the Detroit Central High School this year.
Frances Petit, of Port Huron, has been back in Ann Arbor twice this fall.

Kathleen Cutting sails with her parents on February 5 for the Holy Land.

Margaret Cahill Bartholomew and her family spent the summer in Ann Arbor.

Vera Lay is in New York City as social secretary in the Merrill Von-Laer School.

Irma Wheeler Thayer is in Japan at present with her husband, who went on business.

Meda Sheldon is back in college again after teaching several months in Ironwood, Mich.

Louanna Meeker has just returned to Greenville, Ohio, after a short visit in Ann Arbor.

Margaret McGregory, who did graduate work in Columbia last year, was enrolled in the Harvard Summer Session.

Caroline Parker, who had a year's leave of absence for study abroad, is back in Detroit Central High School this year.

When Major and Mrs. Soule were south last winter they had a visit with Marion Griffin in Memphis and reported the great success she had made in her work.

Patty Banker stopped off at Ann Arbor and took lunch with us in October with Mr. Benthem, of Holland, who built the "Half Moon" for the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Marion Hubbard, Carrie Hosie, Helen Hicks, Helen Gable, Bess Bigelow, Gertrude Burdsall Arnold, Zaidee Vosper, Frill Beckwith and Frances Brown have been back for short visits during the fall.

Margaret Shearer Willard and her small son are to be in Ann Arbor until after the holidays. Lieutenant Willard has been changed from the Alaska post to Governor's Island, N. Y., and they are very glad to be back in civilization once more.

Gamma

Louise Durst is teaching at Sparta, Wis.

Daisy Stott Sullivan is living in Madison.

Mrs. T. E. Brittingham is traveling in Europe.

Ethel Clark, '09, is teaching at McGregor, Iowa.

Lenore Horan, '08, is teaching at Eau Claire, Wis.

Effie Whyte, '08, spent the summer traveling in Europe.

Helen Scofield, ex-'12, is attending Mt. Holyoke this year.

Magdalena Carpenter, '09, is teaching at Correctionville, Iowa.

Edythe McMillan, '09, is teaching music in the Fort Atkinson schools.

Adelaide Krumrey, '09, is teaching in the high school at Plymouth, Wis.

Euretta Kimble, '06, is teaching at Huntington Hall, a girls' school in

Los Angeles.

Anne Martin, Hazel Driver and Josephine Allen are teaching at

Ashland, Wis.

Edith Bowen is teaching in Janesville, Wis., and Margaret Ryan at Waukesha, Wis.

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

Verona Pratt spent six weeks of the summer vacation doing work at Hull House, Chicago.

Ruth Cotten entertained several Gamma girls at "Camp Cotten" at Lake Chetah over Labor Day.

Mary Belle Nethercut, ex-'08, who graduated from Smith last June, is teaching in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Ida Brooke, Epsilon, and Minnie Patterson, Epsilon, substituted as Gamma's chaperons until the return of Miss Hancock, October 19.

Friends of Marie and Loretta Carey were distressed to hear of the sorrow that had come to them in the death of their mother, Mrs. E. Carey, at her home in Sioux City, Iowa, on September 9.

Among the visitors at the house are Edythe McMillan, Gertrude Wright, Winifred Coon, Janet Scott, Clara Barkhauser, Adelaide Krumrey, Ethel Clark, Clara Jensen, Maud Terry, Edith Bowen, Margaret Ryan, Miss Waterhouse, Eta.

Delta

Susan Philbrook is attending the Salem Normal school.

Mary Poor has taken a new position in Derry, N. H. She is teaching French.

Esther Bates, '06, is teaching in the West Roxbury high school, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Persis Rollins, of Epsilon chapter, has been spending several weeks in and around Boston.

Rachael Osgood, '09, is teaching in her mother's private school, "Lynn Holm," Lynn, Mass.

We of Delta express our deep sympathy for Katherine Whiting in the loss of her mother. Mrs. Whiting passed away on the first of October.

Just as our letter is closed comes the news of the sudden death of Bishop Goodsell, father of our sister Anne. At this time we can only say that our strongest sympathy and love are hers.

We are delighted to have Luella Ames, of Kappa with us. While attending the Boston Art School she is near enough to join us in our meetings and social gatherings, and the three remaining years of her stay in this school promise much enjoyable companionship.

Epsilon

Miss Hincks, Eta, was a visitor at Willard Hall on a Sunday not long ago.

Edna Stitt, Iota, visited with the Epsilon chapter for a week on her way home from convention.

Laura McCarty, '08; Gertrude Smith, '11; Persis Rollins, '09; Lillian Paulson, '11; and Adele Gable, '10, were all with Epsilon for rushing week.

Zeta

Mary Leary, '09, visited college twice this fall.

Nellie Talley, '03, spent the day at college in October.

Caroline Kline, '09, is doing settlement work at the Lawrence House in Baltimore.

Mary Sawyers, ex-'07, and Bess McLain, ex-'03, visited Bell Baker, '05, for a week in November.

Jess Truman, '09, of Alpha, is teaching in Washington this year, and visited college in November.

Myra Manifold, '05, and Kezia Manifold, '09, spent Saturday and Sunday at college in November.

Marian and Katherine Scranton, '09, have arrived at their home in Korea after an absence of more than ten years.

Lillian House, '13, and Charlotte Romberger, '13, spent Thanksgiving with Margaretta Williamson, 13, in Washington, D. C.

Anna Blanton, '11, Minna Treide, '11, and Marguerite Porter, '11, spent Thanksgiving with Elizabeth Barnes at her home in York, Pa.

The initiation banquet was held at Hotel Stafford November the 20th. Those present outside of the active chapter were the Misses Wilmot, of Alpha; Miss Colt, of Iota; Bess McLain, ex-'04; Bess Brown, '03; Nell Watts, '05; Myra Manifold, '05; Bell Baker, '05; Marv Sawyers, ex-'07; Ethel Shriner, '07; Kezia Manifold, '09, and Marguerite Porter, ex-'11.

Eta

Mrs. Klingenberg, of Lambda, is now living in San Francisco.
Emma Lee and Emma Cole, of Iota, are now living in Berkeley.
Lena Reddington is traveling in Europe. Her address is care American Express Co., Paris.

Cheta

Louise Iliff has returned from California.

Nelle Woodard, '06, made us a flying visit last week.

Kittie Lee Bishop has returned from her extended trip.

Esther Doll has been very ill. She is recovering slowly.

Mary Allen Green has returned from Washington, D. C.

Margaret McNeal has quite recovered from her recent illness.

Theta is very glad to have Lillian Paulson, Epsilon, in Denver this

winter.

Mary Crary Moore spent a few days in Denver as the guest of Lindsey

Barbee.
Carolyn Wolfe and Fern Mitchell will give an "English Tea" this week

in honor of Ora Bowman.

Marian Moore will return to Cincinnati in December, after a visit of

several months in Denver.

Ella Sanderson will entertain at luncheon in honor of Lisle Brownell,

who is soon to be married.

Mabel Brown Holt, Theta, '03, has recently returned from New York and will make Denver her home.

Mame Gallup and Marion Moore gave a canned fruit shower in honor of Ora Bowman, who is to be married.

Tota

Ann Carroll is teaching in Oldfields, Maryland.

Laura Bennett, '11, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Connecticut.

Ellen O'Gorman, '08, is teaching in the Normal College, New York City.

Helen Brown and Marguerite Reynar spent Thanksgiving at their homes in Boonton, N. J.

Helen Aiguier, '09, has returned from a trip of several months duration through Southern Europe.

Kappa

Grace Moreland, ex-'10, is teaching domestic science.
Helen Little, ex-'12, is going to National Park Seminary.
Kathleen Hart, ex-'12, is studying music in Germany this year.
Grace Moreland is in Hayward, Wis., teaching domestic science.
Margaret Marshall teaches the eighth grade in Mahnomen, Minn.
Sarah Marshall is teaching the eighth grade in Red Lake Falls, Minn.

Sara Preston, '07, is teaching at the Minneapolis East Side high school. Maud Hyser, '04, is teaching at the Minneapolis North Side high school. Eleanor Sheldon is a scholar in the post-graduate school of Bryn Mawr. Helen Griffith is taking a post-graduate in English at Columbia University.

Ruth Tallant, '09, has been visiting friends in Duluth, Minn., for the past month.

Eleanor Eaton is teaching in St. Paul at Oak Hall, Mrs. Backus' School for Girls.

Hazel Lovell, ex-'08, is supervisor of music and drawing at Groton, South Dakota.

Helen Riheldaffer is Y. W. C. A. Secretary in Washington State College, at Pullman, Wash.

Margaret Bell is attending a Library school at Albany, New York. Her address is 198 Lancaster street.

Mrs. Backus traveled in Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Southern France during the summer months.

Ellen Paine Blandin, of Dijon, France, and Cordelia Paine, of Brookline, Mass., spent a week in Minneapolis in the early fall.

Mary Grey Peck gave up an assistant professorship in the English department of the University of Minnesota, to act as assistant-secretary of the National Women's Suffrage Association.

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Florence Forbes, '09, is still in the East. She is now visiting at Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Robbins Little, ex-'10, made us a flying visit from Pasadena late in November.

Mrs. Winifred Higgins Park, ex-'10, is now living at the Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

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Blanche Huston, '09, visited at the chapter house for a few days in October.

Gladys Farrar, '09, spent the week with us just previous to the Thanks-giving holidays.

Jennie Perry, '09, came down from Pendleton to see the Oregon-Multnomak game and visited us for a short time.

Chicago

Miss Nellie Miller, Gamma, '04, was in Chicago on a shopping trip recently.

Miss Jean Williams, Gamma, '08, spent a few days in Chicago with Miss Vena Brunk during November.

Mrs. Honta Smalley Bredin, Beta, was in Chicago during the Thanks-

giving holidays visiting her sister, Mrs. McKinney.

Miss Laura Hutchins, Zeta, '03, left on November 16 for New Mexico. She expects to stop at several places on the return trip and will not reach home until near Christmas.

Syracuse

Luella Palmer Ford, who has been visiting in Syracuse for some time, has just returned to her home in Chicago after a trip to Seattle and the Northwest.

Bessie Bowe is home after a year's study and travel in England and

France.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Loomis Allen have just returned from an extended trip to Colorado.

Mrs. Cora Willard Frederick, of Buffalo, is spending the holidays with

Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke entertained the Syracuse Alumnæ, Decem-

Emily Treadway and Bettie Brooks are on the hill this winter studying for their master's degrees.

Deidra Mace Gowing is at home at present with her husband, who is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

new York

Miss Isabel White, a new member of New York Alumæ chapter, is teaching in Far Rockaway, Long Island.

Miss Helen Carter, Iota, '07, is teaching in the high school department

of the Normal College of New York City.

Elva Russum, Alpha, '01, has recently joined the New York Alumnæ chapter. She is teaching in a high school in Brooklyn.

Miss Edith Everet, of Delta, is teaching in Englewood, New Jersey, and has also signified her intention of joining the New York Alumnæ chapter.

Miss Laura Latimer, Alpha, '00, has forsaken the Far Rockaway high school to become Mrs. Wm. J. Graham. She lives at 388 Eighth street, Brooklyn.

Births

Born to Helen Weld Finney, Kappa, ex-'09, a son.

Born, to Grace Foster Rawson, Kappa, a daughter.

Born to Bess Ryder Simons, Beta, a daughter, in August.

To Mrs. Clara De Yoe Barrett, Alpha, on November 30, a daughter, Mary Catherine.

Born, to Florence Kaestner Wheeler, Gamma, a daughter, Ruth Bernice Wheeler, in July.

Born, to Helen Weld Finney (Mrs. H. G.), Kappa, a son, Thomas Weld Finney, August 21.

Born, to Grace Foster Rawson (Mrs. R. H.), Kappa, a daughter, Helen Rawson, August 26.

Born, to Mary Norton Sudduth (Mrs. W. H.), Kappa, a daughter, Mary Louise, November 15.

Grace Collins Breakey, Beta, has twin daughters, born June 12. Louise Folk and Jane Forbes.

Born, to Jeraldine Batson (Mrs. S. W.), Kappa, a daughter, Cynthia Brown Batson, June 19.

A little daughter has come to Lulu Carptenter Bayless, Iota, '05, of Portchester, New York.

Irene Gilbert Watkins, Beta, who lives in Howell, Mich., has a son six months old—Wentworth Gordon Watkins.

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Engagements

Pearl Weston, Kappa, to LeRoy W. Hall, Kappa Sigma, of Minneapolis. The announcement of the engagement of Julia Worth to Mr. Tanner is made.

Helen Hicks, Beta, announced her engagement to Mr. Edward Stimson, of Detroit, in June.

Elizabeth Davidson, Epsilon, ex-1911, will be married on January 31 to Mr. Ernest Barber.

The engagement of Ethelyn Coffman, Lambda, '07, to Rosco Bell, Sigma Nu, is announced.

The engagement of Lisle Brownell, Theta, to Mr. Milton is announced. The wedding will occur December 18.

Edwina Pope, Epsilon, '10, announces her engagement to Robert Sherman Laimer, Beta Theta Pi, Illinois, 1907.

The engagement of Alice Dimmick, Zeta, to Mr. Alfred Boyd, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was announced at Christmas time.

The engagement of Lisle Brownell, Theta, to Mr. John Blye Wilton is announced. The wedding will take place in December.

The engagement of May Farquhar, Alpha, ex-'12, to Colin William McLennan, of Syracuse, has recently been announced.

The engagement of Mildred Foster Webb, Alpha, ex-'07, to LeRoy Eldridge Dale, of Princeton University, formerly of Syracuse, has been announced.

Ethel Hundley Shriner, Zeta, '07, announced her engagement to Mr. Arthur Dulaney, Phi Gamma Delta, of Baltimore, at a luncheon given November 26.

The engagement of Mildred F. Webb, Alpha, to Le Roy Eldridge Dale, Princeton, '08, was announced November 9 at a luncheon given by her sister, Mrs. Ernest I. Edgcomb.

Zoe Riley, Eta, announced her engagement to Mr. Ephraim Dyer at a tea at her home in October. The wedding will be December 16. Lulu Minor gave a bridge party for the bride-to-be.

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Marriages

Elsie Winn, Gamma, to William Fisher, Sigma Nu.

Etta Findeisen, Gamma, to Hudson Werner, Sigma Chi, September 7. Laura Latimer, Alpha, '00, New York Alumnæ, to Mr. Tom J. Graham. Helen Hendrix, Kappa, to Robert H. Keyes, of Wolverton, Minn., July 12.

Allison Moore, Gamma, '09, to Alfred Kiekhefer, Sigma Chi, October

9. at Sioux City, Iowa.

The marriage of Elizabeth Opp, Alpha, '07, to Clarence Houseknecht, Zeta Psi, Syracuse, took place last June.

The marriage of Arte V. Meade, Alpha, '04, to Frank W. Bohn, Delta

Kappa Epsilon, of Syracuse, took place in October in Lyons.

Grace W. Gray, Nu, ex-'08, to Cloan Perkins, '06, Kappa Sigma, in Portland, during November. They will make their home in that city.

Eugenia M. Bray, Beta, was married to Mr. William Frank Persons, of New York, October 6. Mr. Persons is Secretary of the Associated Charities, of New York. Their address for the next few months will be Columbus Avenue, Rockaway Beach, Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. William Seymour Phelan announces the marriage of her daughter, Amy Louise, to Mr. Francis Gillette Warner, on Friday, the twenty-sixth of November, at Oakland, California. Mrs. Warner was a member of Eta chapter graduating from the University of California in 1898. Since then she has been an efficient member of the San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter, acting also as a member of the executive board of the sorority for a number of years and finally serving as president of the sorority during the year 1907-8. The sorority at large wishes her all the joy and happiness that can possibly be hers in her marriage. The "At Home" card reads: "After January first at El Dorado Ranch, Placerville, California."

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Miss Mabel Stone, 410 University Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Ill.

Miss Anna M. Dimmick, Delaware, O.

THE CRESCENT acknowledges the receipt of the following journals:

For June-

Circle of Zeta Psi.

For July-

The Phi Chi Quarterly.

For August-

Delta Chi Quarterly.

For September-

Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

For October-

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

For November-

Anchora of Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, Delta of Sigma Nu, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Eleusis of Chi Omega, The American College, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

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Delta Delta Delta has established its Theta Alpha chapter at the University of Washington, Seattle.

The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces the installation of the Gamma Xi at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, O., on Saturday, October 13, 1909.

Kappa Alpha Theta has recently granted charters to girls applying from Oregon State, Montana and Oklahoma Universities.

Delta Chi has entered the University of California.

The thirty-seventh chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa, which will be known as Alpha Xi chapter, was installed in the Western Reserve University's College of Medicine in Cleveland on November 16. As far as we know this fraternity has a larger number of chapters than any other professional fraternity.

Delta Upsilon celebrates her seventy-fifth birthday in the September number of her journal, giving full accounts of her beginnings with reminiscences and articles on the founders, etc. In the report of the Business of Convention in a recent Kappa Alpha Theta the following is included:

Under the Scholarship fund comes the benefit entertainment, which every one enjoyed, and the progressive Scholarship legislation. By this last, the accumulated principle for our graduate fellowship is to be used for undergraduate loan scholarships. The fund is large enough to provide for at least eight under-graduate scholarships this college year. The number will steadily increase with the growth of the fund. Under this plan, when the fund has reached the figures set as its goal, it may maintain each year one graduate fellowship and some one hundred undergraduate loan scholarships. This practical, immediate profit from the fund should result in great interest and more generous contributions, while achieving its great purpose of enabling our members to remain in college

until their degrees are earned.

Reorganization within the fraternity was carefully considered by convention. Some radical changes in organization resulted. For effective executive action, our large, scattered Grand council has presented grave difficulties—yet the growth of the fraternity demands more districts which, under the existing plan, meant a still larger council. It was decided that district presidents shall no longer be members of the Grand council—these vice-presidents being replaced by one Grand vice-president who shall have direct charge of extension and of alumnæ organization and interests. Since with the growth of the fraternity and with the extension of our activities in many lines, the amount of work requird from each officer has increased enormously, it was deemed that the time had now arrived when Kappa Alpha Theta should concentrate as much detail as possible in one office and attach a salary to said office sufficient to demand the entire time of the member chosen for this work. For the present, the consolidation throws this work into the office of the Grand secretary and—for financial reasons—a temporary combination of the offices of secretary and editor was made.

The fraternity was redistricted along geographical and inter-college association lines. There are now nine districts. At the head of each district is a district president, who for the present is the one inspector—or district visitor—within her district. With the coherent district we obtain an appreciable decrease in the cost of chapter inspection. By these smaller districts and by the relieving of district presidents from all labors incident to extension, we hope to make it possible for a district president to keep in closer touch with the life and work of her chapters than was possible in the large district and we also hope to cultivate the close, personal relations among chapters that characterised the early history of Kappa Alpha

Theta.

Much thought was given to alumnæ extension and the related subject of keeping in touch with all members of the fraternity. In the future a private number of our Journal will keep all subscribers posted on the whys and wherefores of our problems and work. In December of each year the Grand secretary will prepare an annual report which, through the college chapters, will be sent to every Theta. The semi-annual Grand council reports will be replaced by bimonthly bulletins throughout the college year. Any Theta may, upon request and the payment of postage, receive these bimonthly bulletins. The duties of the alumnæ secretary in a college chapter were enlarged and defined, while the Grand council was empowered to appoint such alumnæ secretaries for inactive chapters.

Mr. George Banta, who is the publisher of a large number of fraternity and sorority quarterlies, himself a deeply interested fraternity man, says in the Anchora of Delta Gamma:

One object of a fraternity is always to add to its strength by the addition of new membership, who must be of the flower of the active student body of the country. The "conservative" view (I use the quoted word in its technical sense as applied by the fraternities) is merely one form of limitation of the means of attaining this object. It is a real limitation because the class of students who are now annually entering these minor colleges is of the highest grade intellectually, and are in their average in no wise different from their brothers and sisters who are synchronously entering universities.

It is not to be understood that I mean that every minor college is a fit home for a chapter of a national fraternity—very far from it. There are many that by virtue of local or other peculiar conditions are not responding to the stimulus of the change in the educational atmosphere that is strengthening the hand of so many colleges. But this wave is carrying high and forward a large number of colleges, impossible to the fraternities a decade ago, but which none can neglect now except at the loss of future prestige and strength and at the risk of allowing other and just now weaker rivals fertile opportunities for cultivation and a strengthening most dangerous to the neglected ones.

The weakness of the methods whereby new chapters are added lies in the fact that too often the blind caprice of a handful of under-graduates occupying a strategic position can often make or wreck the fortunes of a body of petitioners, without reference to their real merits. This weakness is unavoidable, and it is a necessary concomitant of the fraternity system. Its only remedy is for the chapters to be made to realize the tremendous weight of the power lodged in the hands of each active member. They must feel that a vote cast in ignorance, or caprice is a positive wrong to their fraternity.

From the Palm of Alpha Tau Omega we clip the following: THE FRATERNITY SITUATION AT WISCONSIN.

By the action of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin are to be investigated by the Board of Regents, the report of the investigation to be presented at the session of the legislature two years hence. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Culbertson, a graduate of the university of the class of '92. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta, and of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

The resolutions offered were in full as follows:

"Whereas, Certain students of the University of Wisconsin have banded themselves into fraternal organizations known as Greek-letter fraternities and Greek-letter sororities.

"Whereas, Such organizations have had a tendency wherever they have existed in this country to form cliques and social classes anti-democratic

in tendency.

"WHEREAS, While we recognize that the university is as democratic as any university in the country, yet, evidence is not wanting of a tendency toward a class distinction growing out of the conditions surrounding

fraternity life; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the assembly, the senate concurring, that the Board of Regents of the university be requested to investigate the situation in the fraternities and sororties with reference to remedying the above tendency, and also with reference to the substitution therefor of some better system

of student organization, and to report the result of such investigations with recommendations to the legislature at their next regular session."

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Mr. Culbertson, in his speech in support of the resolutions, stated that, although the fraternities had their good sides, no one could deny that they fostered aristocracy. When asked, immediately after the passing of the resolutions, what plan he would suggest as a substitute for the prsent system, he replied that honorary societies, in which either scholarship or athletic prowess was the basis of admission, would take the place of the present system. He believes that when the report of the regents is submitted to the legislature two years hence, it will result in the abolition of fraternities at Wisconsin.

The whole movement is aimed at the aristocratic tendency of the fraternities and sororities as evidence chiefly in social affairs, and it will be this which will be the issue when the report of the regents is submitted. Such a radical move as the abolition of fraternities and sororities is not greatly feared among Greek-letter men and women, but a rigid regulation of them is assured. Wisconsin is the first state to take up such an idea and the movement will be watched with great interest by the residents of this and neighboring states, for the fraternity system at Wisconsin will

undergo a great change within the next two years.

The university is beginning with the completion of Lathrop Hall, to enter upon a gigantic dormitory system upon which the future of the fraternities at this school are in no small degree dependent. The plan is to add one new dormitory each year until all the students are thus housed. This may mean the abolition of the fraternity house. Should the faculty decree that freshmen and sophomores must live in dormitories the chapter house proposition would assume a very different aspect. Since the evils of fraternities have chiefly been laid to the chapter house, it is probable that they will be the first to go.

It can generally be assumed, especially in small schools, that where the fraternity spirit is strong the school spirit is weak and vice versa. In a school like Wisconsin this is not true. The fraternity spirit is strong, which accounts for the fourishing condition of all Wisconsin chapters, but the percentage of fraternity men is so small (only about 12 per cent) that the school spirit has not suffered. As a matter of fact the fraternities have supplied more than their share of school spirit, as can be seen from

numerous examples.

The opposition to fraternities is stronger outside of Madison than it is at the university itself. The Wisconsin Union, which aims to bring together at a common meeting place all the students of the university, is headed by a fraternity man. The social clubs of the university are made up of fraternity and non-fraternity men. In fact, the fraternity men have taken the first steps toward a more democratic relationship. A strong point has been made of the growing social tendency of fraternities. Fraternity parties are not nearly as numerous as those given by dancing clubs, and these parties are well attended by both "frat" and "non-frat" men who mix on equal terms. A leading "non-frat" man made the remark that fraternity men were more democratic than non-fraternity men, and this sums up the situation in a few words. When the friendly advances of the fraternity man are misinterpreted by his unfraternal schoolmate and repulsed, a breach is created which is the beginning of an aloofness called aristocracy.

It is hoped that the legislature will see the wisdom of evolution and the folly of revolution. The seeds of a more democratic relationship must be sown by the fraternities, and the work done in the past gives promise of greater things in the future.

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