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6. John Muir Hanna, age 6 months. (Wanda Muir Hanna, San Francisco)

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VALUES

By BEULAH HOOD (Denver Alumnæ)

We hear so much talk in this day about the commercialism of America—the commercialism of the American citizen—man and woman—and because that happens to be a long and sounding word and is often said with rising inflection of the eyebrow we have almost become convinced that the term is bad and that it stands for an evil—not a virtue—and is therefore to be denied and its representatives ostracized.

What, then, is commercialism? Is it not to exact a value for a value received? And is that so very wicked after all? Only a pauper will receive value where he can bestow none—and pauperism is wicked—and it is unnecessary. That does not mean that there are no people who are incapable and unable to earn their bread day by day—but nature did not plan for a day—but for eternity and she did not plan that half mankind should live upon the other half. The earth with her fruits is given to all the people for all the time which they are able to use her and she is ours

in trust but for a day—and we know what good stewardship implies in labor and in love.

Only yesterday it began to dawn upon the world that mankind is a generic term and does not mean men alone—and when the thought came it grew. That is a law of life; birth development, maturity, and the passing—the passing to produce new birth and so the law works round again. We are told that history repeats itself—but isn't it universal law instead—and the events by the way—the history?

On that day when the girl child became a value—and a person—not a chattel—when men and women began to turn their faces to the East—there came a new word among our words not there before—interdependent. We had dependent and independent—but interdependent—that was filled with new thought. And it might not be well for the world—new thoughts mean new development—and the world is very chary of its progress—"The beaten track"—the slogan of the ages! The by-ways point to graves of saints and martyrs but of the masses on the wayside we make no mark.

Men had been independent, one of the other, in the dawn ages—and so had women. Then the freer being developed might and made right, his independence and law, woman's dependence. It was right—didn't it exist and couldn't he enforce it? Indeed!

John Smith had lands and his neighbors flocks—jointly their power would increase at a new ratio and this was desirable—for the enemy lay about so the men joined hands and lands and there was developed interdependence. Unified interest meant doubled watchfulness and protection for the many—and it gave rise upon a new outlook—for men alone? No one considered for whom! That was a part of the growing.

Saint Paul had said if a woman desired to know anything let her ask her husband at home—and for long generations we obeyed this dictum—with here and there a grave at the end of a by-way where the winds blow gently, for martyr is a word of common gender.

But Saint Paul did not reckon on the day when a woman should ask a question which her husband could not answer at home—nor did he know that there would come a race upon earth who would

seek truth in all her temples—for he did not know that he had put a limitation on growth and that spontaneous variation provides against that very limitation—and on earth had come a thoughtful soul who wanted to know why there was not interdependence between men and women as between men, and her husband couldn't tell her—and her father did not know.

Only a few of those who heard her question knew what she meant—only a few could know.

But the answer has come to her—even unto the third and fourth generation of them that love her.

Everywhere is beginning to dawn a common understanding of interdependence—of free life and living—and everywhere are growing up groups of boys and girls who are seeking knowledge, not simply education; and whatsoever we honestly seek that shall we also find.

There are many people constantly questioning the right of our greek letter societies to existence in a democratic country—and many question the value of such separated social groups.

The answers have been as various as the questions. Some are snap judgments. Some are grapes from an unsunned wall. Much of the comment is that necessary desultory talk that occasionally hits upon fact. But with these views we have little to do—only one point is of sharp concern to us now—and that is—what gain is there for the individual? What will she gather from this kind of contact with her mates which will add to her knowledge? Undoubtedly it is wrong if she spends her time to no purpose—and her brain gathers no new or vital thoughts, and her heart closes out her natural playmates and co-workers. But admit that the only possible way to gain knowledge is by using faculty to acquire experience and that classified experience is the sum of human knowledge. Then any mean of experience for world use is of value, as play or work which demands the classification of points observed is divine.

No group can be conducted without a direct understanding of certain known principles and no group controls itself. There are funds to be collected and disposed of for the benefit of those who contribute to the fund. There are committees on ways and means of

improvement—private and public. There are officers who must have a real knowledge of the laws which govern all assemblies. There are plans to be planned and decisions to be made. There devolves on first one and then another the power to say—"This we shall do." And do not let it be supposed that the noticable growth and improvement in a chapter one year as against some other year is to be attributed to the weather or the seasons. "Every great institution is the lengthened shadow of a single man." This is no less true of little institutions and the greater the man the more powerful his influence. And this in its relative proportion is just as true of boys or girls and their several institutions.

Slowly but surely we are recognizing the right of each individual to do the particular work which pleases him or her. Surely is this right making its mark on our people and our time—and every assembly in which girls may learn the value of making a decision is a holy institution making for the betterment of the race.

It is for us to beware of the dangers by the way—the triviality of useless, thoughtless living. It is for us to see that connected closely with every part of life is the possibility of useful or useless living and it is for us to understand that our little society is an infinitesimal part of the great social group. That the laws within it are world laws in miniature. That the rights of the individual are identical. That the training in the present is not a training for the future but it is of the future, a tiny part—and bids us look carefully and deal wisely.

No girl is a spendthrift who knows the use and value of money—and an allowance is not money—but the funds you hold in trust for your fellows or spend for their advancement bring with them a responsibility which teaches an appreciation of interdependence, which is making for life in the world of to-day, no world in the shadowy land of hide and go seek—but the life of men and women, where the burden is for the many and the joy and the reward is in having learned the lessons and borne the burden.

And any group or institution which gives to girls direct dealing with the problems of the world on any scale whatever is of value to our time.

That we may outgrow such need lies in the needs of the time to come and should trouble us not at all. But let us use all our skill—that new skill may grow—train all our faculties that new faculty may be born. Let us realize that all things are but for a time and serve no other purpose than to pass us on to a better and a broader view of the life we must live tomorrow. The great interdependent life of all the men and all the women of our world.

THE CHAPTER LIBRARY

Let us call the roll and give answer to the question: Has your chapter a library?

The negative answers should set Gamma Phi Betas thinking. Why are books so conspicuously absent from the chapter rooms and houses? Are they not as essential as brass candlesticks and mission furniture? We all know the feeling we have when we enter a house which has no library. Something is lacking which every person of culture senses at once. If we wish to add dignity and charm to the places of our abode we must give books a place. They should be among the first, not the last, things acquired.

What should the chapter library contain? First of all, bound volumes of the CRESCENT up to date together with a chapter history which may be kept either in typewritten or printed form from year to year. These books are of immeasurable value to the freshman, who needs every possible source of information really to know the sorority as a whole. As reference books they are invaluable. Besides this they are entertaining to every Gamma Phi Beta who picks them up. There is nothing like keeping the chronicles of the sorority fresh in mind if one desires to remain imbued with the true spirit of sisterhood. After these books, may be added any which are fitted for a Gamma Phi Beta library. Certain books of general college interest, travels and good novels all have their place. Poetry should not be forgotten.

A good way to create a library is to make the rule that every member of the chapter shall contribute at least one book before she

leaves college. This insures a steady growth. The Alumnae may give as generously as they wish to the active chapters and no one will cry out in protest. A new book should be heralded with as much joy as a new picture or a bit of silver. Not until the chapter library is a thing desired and loved will it ever have a vital place or become a rival of the chafing-dish for interest.

It should be a rule that no girl shall contribute a book which she has not read and found of value. The library may gain greatly in interest if each book has upon the fly-leaf some written comment by the giver, telling how she happened to read the book, why she likes it and what she thinks of it. These are the things which keep the active chapter from forgetting those who have gone before them. If any member of the chapter is skilled in arts and crafts, let her bring a hand-tooled book as her offering. She might also design the necessary book-plate.

If any Gamma Phi Beta writes a book worth while it should be a matter of pride for every chapter to include the book in its library.

What chapter will be the first to report an embryonic library?

A LIBRARY LOVER.



7. Frederick Cleveland Bussick, Jr., age 2 years, 3 months. (Della West Bussick, San Francisco)
8. Thomas Edgar Moore, age 2 years. (Mary Crary Moore, Denver Alumnae)
9. Genevieve Young, age 3 years. (Lucia Pattison Young, Denver Alumnae)
10. Henry Stephen Sanderson, Jr., age 4 years. (Ella Jamieson Sanderson, Denver Alumnae)
11. Dayton Denious, age 2½ years. (Edith Boughton Denious, Denver Alumnae)
12. George Boughton Denious, age 1 year, (Edith Boughton Denious, Denver Alumnae)

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DE MORE LEGENDI

By KATHARINE ALDRICH WHITING, (Boston Alumnæ)

"When," proclaimed Phyllida as she deftly banked behind her a leaning tower of sofa-cushions and burrowed her blonde locks into the chubby recesses of the apex with a satisfied wriggle, "When I attain to the dignity of a library all my own, it will have pictures, and casts, and a big fire-place, and books; but it will not have a single chair."

"Pillows?" I reproachfully queried; there were ten on the couch—I had the use of one. Phyllida swept dreamily on.

"I might allow a foot-stool or two if I were sure of getting the shiny horse-hair kind that shed you if you try to sit on them; but for chairs. . . . When you have a free evening, a book you have hungered after for weeks, and a cosy arm-chair—do you go ahead, as Nature manifestly intended, and read?"

I emitted a non-committal murmur: the question was insolently rhetorical.

"Of course you don't: nobody ever does. You poke the fire and open the book. Then you think how nice it is to have nothing to do, and you slip a screen between you and the blaze. After which you stroll to the window to enjoy the storm outside. And when everything is quite to your liking you begin to read. But your mind, in the meanwhile, has slipped its leash and will not heel to the author's will. The consciousness of self stalks between you and the page: the critical faculty stirs in the warmth and awakes—and when that demon is on the warpath, it's good-bye to the luxurious, out-at-elbows enjoyment you in your innocence had expected. No: the only time when you cannot possibly read is when heaven and earth have combined to produce the most favorable conditions."

"How"—I at last ventured, in quest of further enlightenment.

"Perfectly easy!" I was reassured: "Plenty of ladders."

I must have looked gratifyingly bewildered, for she explained—contrary to her custom.

"Don't you see? You're after a book on the top shelf—it always is on the top shelf, by the way. Well! so you lug—tote—pack—a

ladder from across the room and proceed to mount. Of course, if you're a girl, you tie your feet up in your skirt and arrive at the top, which is always dusty, in such an exasperated state of unstable equilibrium that you have entirely forgotten the original object of your search. As you gingerly fold yourself together to rest before attempting the perilous descent your vacant eyes fall on a small, brown volume that allures with its demure air of ostentatious humility. You draw it out, blow the dust from the top with the practised puff of the book-lover—your novice always blows it toward the back, with results—and then, and then, enchantment steals from the yellowed pages. Leaf after leaf rustles over: the sun shifts and you on your perch are in shadow—you only bend closer; your foot is asleep—you are sublimely oblivious. Back of the alert intellect, which has entered upon its rightful inheritance, lies the dim consciousness that the cook is waiting for orders; that the library has not been dusted; that the paragraph lies unfinished on the desk from which one arose—how long ago? Ah! but that's the way to read." Phyllida's lips curved in a reminiscent smile.

"Yes?" I urged. By long continued practice that interrogative has become a verbal corkscrew, warranted to draw the flow of soul from the most close-mouthed vessel. It had its customary effect.

"Or a book shop. Not second-hand, I think: the clerks there leave you too obviously to your own prowling and peering devices. But a first-class publisher's where you never buy more than one book at a time—a set would be beyond the wildest dreams of opulence; where the clerk hovers at your elbow as you open one coveted volume after another. You know, and you suspect him of knowing, that they are quite beyond your humble reach. What his well-regulated mind cannot grasp is the irrational longing for "just one more look" into the unattainable. The consciousness of his anxious presence furnishes just the counter-irritant necessary to produce a complete absorption in the pages one may never own save as they are embalmed in heart and brain during these golden moments while the attendant balances first on one foot then on another, like an uneasy pelican."

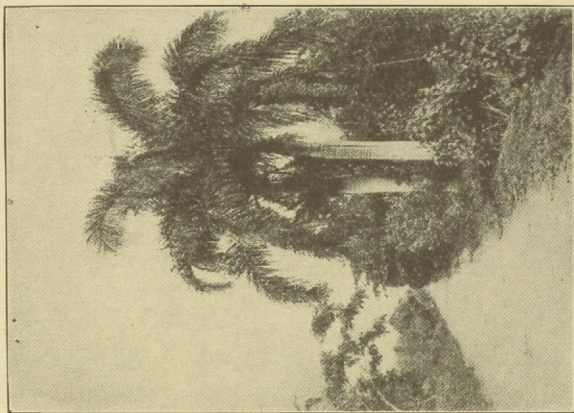
"But," I protested, "how about those long-distant days when I



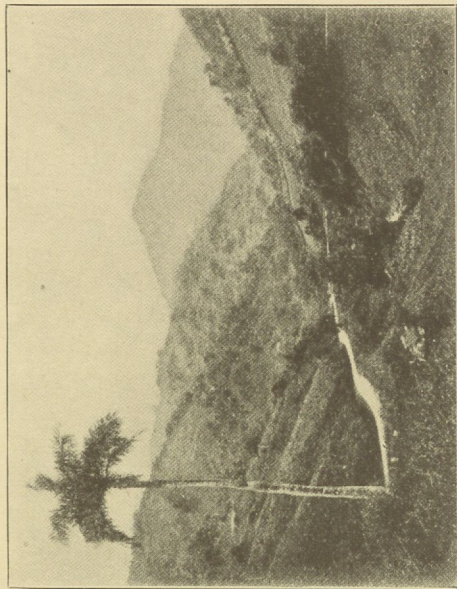
13. Mary Elizabeth Bayles, age 12½ months. (Lulu Jane Carpenter Bayles, Iota)
14. Melvin D. Slawson, age 3 years. (Abby Benson Slawson, New York Alumnae)
15. James Reid Shannon, age 3½ years. (Grace Evans Shannon, Denver Alumnae)
16. Charlotte Elizabeth Haller. (Louise White Haller, Epsilon)
17. Joseph Haller, age 3 years. (Louise White Haller, Epsilon)
18. Robert Hastings Haller, age 1½ years. (Louise White Haller, Epsilon)
19. Philip and Margaret Sparling (Ruth Phillippi Sparling, Epsilon)

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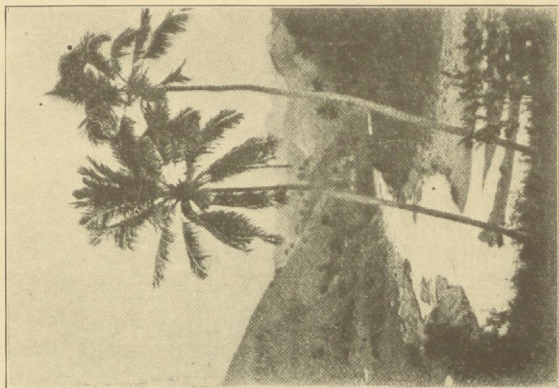
TYPICAL PORTO RICAN SCENES



ON THE CAROLINA ROAD



A TYPICAL ROAD



ON THE ARECIBO ROAD

used to find you stowed away in the attic with a lapful of apples, the *Wide, Wide World*, and a damp ball of a handkerchief? Weren't you"—

"Yes, I was," she admitted, "but that was at a less exacting age; and anyway I disown the handkerchief. An attic has its advantages—when you have to perch on a dusky beam and keep one eye out for possible spiders and probable mice. But the proper way to read the *Wide, Wide World* is to sniff, and sniff, and choke back the tears that they may not blur the page, until at last they burst forth in a soul-satisfying flood, and one has to abandon book and apples in a wild scurry for the wherewithal to dry the torrent and remove the traces—of which one is desperately ashamed. If the comfortable presence of a handkerchief renders flight unnecessary, you just *trickle*—you don't cry until you've tried not to—and you keep on reading. Mark my words: a book over which one has sniffed but finished dry-eyed is never read again. The book which weeping has forced one to leave unfinished is one's own forever. It is not re-read until the tender mist of tears has haloed it; and after that I challenge the most obtrusive handkerchief to keep one from crying over it every time it is opened!"

"Then, as I understand it," I tentatively begun, "you wish to reproduce artificially those conditions which you have found by experience to be conducive to—"

"Well! not exactly," interrupted Phyllida with dancing eyes. "I suppose I couldn't keep a clerk on purpose to be impatient, and I draw the line at spiders and mice; but I reiterate my first proposition: in my library that is to be I admit ladders, but no chairs."

A NEW ENTERPRISE

The widely-popular Mexican work is finding a worthy rival in the delicate and beautiful handicraft of our own Porto Rico, while the introduction of this industry into America is an interesting story.

After the terrible flood and cyclone in Porto Rico, the population was left in a destitute and deplorable condition; the poorer classes, having no definite industry, especially suffered. About that time, the wife of a government official who, as a stranger, had gone into the country, began to be interested in the condition of the people and, finding time heavy on her hands, thought to devise some plan to alleviate their sufferings. The following scheme presented itself—the founding of a school where women and children might put to some practical use their inborn skill with the needle. The school was opened; the people eagerly grasped the proffered opportunity; their benefactress supplied the ingenuity which they lacked. She chose beautiful fabrics, drew designs and patterns and planned the line of work according to her own good taste. Success crowned her efforts; it became necessary to find a market for the beautiful things that the deft hands soon learned to fashion. First Mrs. Thomas Edison became interested and exhibited the dainty articles at a bazaar and the small commission which came from their sale went to swell the fund of a pet charity. The attention of others was claimed; other cities took up the work; sales in different parts of the country followed, and in a short time the industry was fully launched. The school has since passed into the hands of the government, but its founder still distributes work to the various agents, and as the business increases, she keeps alive the object of her endeavor—the improvement of the condition of the native workers and the practical cultivation of their natural talents.

When Miss Louise Iliff of Denver Alumnae visited Porto Rico a year and a half ago, she became very much interested in this enterprise; she decided to introduce the work in Denver and to devote her commissions from the sale of the work to the furnishing of the pulpit in The Iliff School of Theology. Although the commission

is very small, her success has been marked; the pulpit fund has steadily grown and the Denver people have been enthusiastic over the beautiful work which admits of much more variety than the Mexican art and which is more artistic and more practical. All manner of articles does Miss Iliff offer to the ready purchaser—native beads, beautiful towels with wide bands of insertion, smaller guest towels which have sold in great numbers, baby garments, doilies, handkerchiefs, bags, waist patterns and dresses and fascinating pillow covers. Of these pillow covers has the public been especially enamored—the cases for travelling pillows, with one's initial letter or name skillfully woven therein—those of larger size with a dragon, a bee or wreath—and, prettiest of all, the Gamma Phi Beta cover which Miss Iliff herself designed.

This pillow is of dark brown or of light brown crash with the monogram and the crescent—and the avidity with which the western Gamma Phi's have desired it, has suggested that perhaps other chapters of the sorority may care to purchase. Accordingly, through the pages of *THE CRESCENT*, Miss Iliff desires to acquaint the Gamma Phi's of her enterprise—and in case the Gamma Phi Beta pillow design appeals to any reader, she sets the price at \$3.25 which included postage and registry.

Another plan of Miss Iliff, which will be agreeable to Christmas shoppers is what she is pleased to call "Surprises." One may send any sum from seventy-five cents to seventy-five dollars, and for this money Miss Iliff will return some article or articles of her own choosing, deducting postage and registry, and returning any change in postage stamps. This will doubtless prove successful, for the desire to be surprised is strong in all of us—and those who purchase will not only be delighted with the specimen of Porto Rico art, but will be giving substantial aid to the native workers and at the same time will be adding to the pulpit fund of The Iliff School of Theology.

Address: MISS LOUISE ILIFF,
Fitzroy Place, University Park,
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THE DENVER PAN-HELLENIC

Out in Denver, sorority women are beginning to believe that the pleasantest afternoons of the year are those "when Greek meets Greek," and as a consequence they are utterly disproving the statement, "then comes the tug of war!"

The Woman's Pan-Hellenic Club is firmly established, with a membership of two hundred, a well-filled treasury and an ambition to do something worth while. Organized in April of 1908, the initial function was an elaborate luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel with Mabel Walker Edwards of Gamma Phi Beta as chairman of the business meeting that followed. The constitution was duly prepared, and accepted, the various committees were appointed, and the organization began its successful career.

To Kappa Kappa Gamma belongs the credit of the undertaking, for while many of us had talked and planned for such a club, Kappa took the initiative, and holding the presidency for the first year, launched the ship of state into pleasant and peaceful waters. As hostess, this sorority gave a charming Hallowe'en tea where black cats and weird witches did not keep us from becoming acquainted with each other and incidentally discovering the splendid qualities of "our friends, the enemy." The formal affair in the spring, again took the form of a luncheon, with gaily-bedecked tables, socially-inclined neighbors, and bursts of eloquence to help us remember the event. 1909-1910 was Pi Beta Phi's year. They bade us to a pleasant tea—and when April came, we again voted for a luncheon at the Brown.

This year, Gamma Phi Beta, as president, is hostess and we are trying to make our "stunt" in October, a memorable one. The beautiful Woman's Club is to be the scene of the festivity, and after we have greeted our guests and chattered a wee bit in the large reception hall, we are to adjourn to the ball-room where our histrionic ability is to be displayed in a playlet. This playlet by the way, shows Mount Olympus up to date, and gives a distracting picture of the gods and goddesses endeavoring to capture an unsophisticated mortal who has strayed into the sacred precincts. It has a

moral, of course! After we have had curtain calls galore and after masses of flowers have been handed over the footlights, (incidentally there isn't a curtain, and footlights are quite out of the question!) we shall have a short business meeting to discuss the disposition of the Pan-Hellenic funds which—it is not necessary to mention—are given over to philanthropic needs. A Pan-Hellenic song is next in order, and before the echoes have quite died away, the curtains will be parted, and out we shall go to refreshments. Small tables are to be provided for our guests, with dainty place-cards bearing the flower of the owner's sorority—with a chafing-dish at one end, presided over by a Gamma Phi hostess—and opposite, a coffee urn with a member of another sorority as genius thereof.

It will be great fun we're thinking—for it's a jolly crowd. The symbols of Alpha Phi, Sigma Kappa and Chi Omega are friendly ones; the shield of Kappa Alpha Theta is not warlike; the key of Kappa Kappa Gamma opens the door into a region of good fellowship; the trident of Delta Delta Delta proves only a scepter of peace; the badge of Delta Gamma anchors us in the harbor of harmony; the arrow of Pi Beta Phi is not the weapon of an enemy; and over all shines the beneficent light of the Gamma Phi crescent!

Here's the program of our little play—perhaps some will care to know just how we have disposed of our fellow Greeks:

“WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK”

A comedy in one act

Time—The present.

Place—Olympus Apartment House.

Characters.

(Named in order of appearance)

Hera—with a shield.....Ella Jamieson Sanderson

Hestia—of conservative tendencies.....Carolyn Wolfe

Demeter—adorned with poppies.....Mary Allen Green

Poseidon—with a trident.....Mamie Gallup

Athene—holding the key to a higher life.....

.....Kittie Lee Bishop

Hermes—a messenger boy.....	Mildred Hansen
Barbara—a mortal.....	May Schiffer
Apollo—a ladies' man.....	Margaret Carman
Artemis—wearer of the crescent.....	Helen Barbee
Aphrodite—sporting an anchor.....	Lucy Moore
Eros—armed with an arrow.....	Ora Bowman Moore
Hebe—last admitted to Pan-Hellenic council.....	
.....	Lisle Brownell Milton

VACATION ITEMS



EPSILON'S HOUSE PARTY

Kentland, Indiana and Sheldon, Illinois, separated by six miles and through state line only, were the scenes of a jolly Epsilon Gamma Phi house-party during the first week of August. Mildred Ross, Zita Murphy, and Ethelda McClure of Chicago, Louise Wheeler of Onargo, Louise Stolp of Chicago Heights, Helen Green of Morrison and Edna Luke of Pontiac were entertained by Gertrude Smith, Mabel Sell, Nelle and Ardis Ade, and together with two Baltimore Gamma Phis, they formed a lucky party of thirteen, who disproved all the traditions of that number.

The first night—Wednesday—about twenty-five people and a number of machines gathered together at Mabel Sell's home and the girls met the young men who were destined to become the lasting friends and admirers of Gamma Phi—if they had not already attained this happy state. The evening was spent in getting acquainted and was equally divided between the pleasures of a band concert in Kentland and a hospitable soda fountain in Sheldon which belonged to one of the male guests. Casualties:—two injured noses, owing to the conjunction during a friendly race, of a bump in the road, two young women and the top of the car!

Thursday evening the party motored eighteen miles to Hazelden, George Ade's "farm," and in spite of the heat, danced until the wee sma' hours. Friday night, a watermelon party was held on Smith's lawn, and this festivity included such classic sports as Run-Sheep-Run, and Drop-the-Handkerchief. Saturday night, those who were not temporarily disabled by early morning horse-back riding, drove in machines to a concert at Earl Park, Indiana, the home of "Jimmy Ditton"—great of heart and size, and easily voted the most popular "man among men" at the house-party. Sunday was cloudy, cool and perfect—and the young men entertained the Gamma Phis with an all-day motor trip, skillfully engineered by "Jimmy;" there was dinner at Mudlavin, an elaborate health-resort, a ride through the grounds of Purdue University at Lafayette, a supper on the road (menu—olives, pop, and Graymonth's justly-famed pork-tenderloin sandwiches!) while a Gamma Phi "sing" at home proved a fitting climax to a trip of a hundred and forty miles.

Other amusements of the week were an afternoon at George Ade's farm, a dinner party given by Miss Alice Hall of Milford, and a final gathering at the Ade home where everyone told everyone else how sorry she was the week had come to an end. But even a Gamma Phi house-party could not escape the fate of all good things and had to be filed away with the budget of our pleasantest memories.

EDNA LUKE (Epsilon.)

ZETA'S HOUSE PARTY

One rainy afternoon, soon after our Commencement, thirteen of us Zeta girls, active and alumnae, set sail from Baltimore for Ocean City. After three hours' ride—enlivened by a Gamma Phi spread and a Gamma Phi gossip—we arrived on the eastern shore of Maryland at half after seven. We then took a dilapidated train for Ocean City—just such a train as stops at every hay-stack and every telegraph pole—and reached our destination at the witching hour of midnight accompanied by a pouring rain. No one knew the location of the cottage—no one cared—for the spirit of Columbus was upon us, and an exploring tour with a discovery at the

end seemed the most desirable pastime in the world. However, the fun of discovery was denied us, for our coming proved such an unwonted excitement in the small town that it seemed as if every inhabitant had felt it his duty to be at the station to welcome us. A guide led the way to our cottage; we followed, swinging our lanterns and looking—not for an “honest man”—but only a place to rest our weary bodies; for we were forced to confess it—we were tired and quite willing to retire early.

When we awoke next morning, our first thought was of the ocean, and it pleased us to believe that its deep boom was a salute in honor of our arrival. Our cottage was about a hundred and fifty feet from the ocean, and the bay was back of us—so we were almost surrounded by water. In fair weather we spent our time bathing and sailing; but when it rained—as it did most of the time—we sang Gamma Phi songs, told Gamma Phi stories, did Gamma Phi “stunts—and were quite happy to be “just together.” Several other girls came down for the week-end, and as the number in our party increased, the enthusiasm and college spirit rose higher and higher. One year together had been a series of good times and pleasant memories; it needed as a climax only this jolly house-party, to draw the ties more closely, to cement the friendships more strongly and to make us realize more fully the true privilege of being Gamma Phis.

GRACE McDONOUGH (Zeta).

The University Travel-Study Club organized and personally conducted by Dr. Alexander C. Flick of Syracuse University, and chaperoned by Mrs. Laura Page Flick (Syracuse Alumnæ) sailed on June 21 for a summer abroad. July was spent in Italy and Switzerland, August in Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and England, ending with a coaching tour through Wales, Ireland and England. September first found the travelers in Edinburgh, and on the tenth they arrived in New York City. Edith B. Wallace (Denver Alumnæ) and Irma Schoefflin (Alpha) were the only Gamma Phis in the party.

THE GAMMA PHI DELEGATION AT SILVER BAY

Probably all you girls have at least heard of the Eastern Student Conference which is held every year at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y. The conference is made up of five or six hundred girls gathered in delegations from all the Eastern Colleges, for the purpose of discussing and improving the Y. W. C. A., and of making the association mean more to the students. You know of the helpful Bible and Mission classes given there, the platform and delegation meetings, but there is one particular group of girls in whom we are particularly interested just now—the fifteen Gamma Phis, who attended this conference in June and showed their interest in Y. W. C. A. Of this number, two held the office of president in their college associations.

We had not been long at Silver Bay before we began to discover the crescents, and immediately we planned a meeting, which was held one afternoon in a room overlooking the lake. It gave the different chapters an opportunity to exchange helpful ideas and to talk over points interesting to us all.

There were three girls from Syracuse—Ruth King, Winifred Draper and Marion Draper; three from Boston—Mabel Page, Olive Marshall and Celia Marshall; five from Baltimore—Margaret Handy, Anna Blanton, Isabel Kline, Marie Ohle and Matilda Omwake; three from Barnard—Helen Brown, Aurill Bishop and Laura Bennett. And besides these, the girls were very pleased to find Loraine Andrews, an alumna from California, who was camping near Silver Bay and attending the meetings.

At that meeting we started a Round Robin, so that we have heard from all the different girls this summer. Isn't it lovely that so many Gamma Phis could spend a part of their vacation together, in such a wonderful place? We realized what it meant to belong to a national sorority—to be a Gamma Phi—friends bound by a common bond.

Silver Bay is truly the right place to go during the last week in June. Let us hope the interest of Gamma Phi in Y. W. C. A. affairs may increase, so that more of us may meet at Silver Bay next year.

CELIA MARSHALL, *Delta*.



THE meeting is called to order, and Gamma Phi Beta is in the chair. The alumnae chapters are first to cease their chatter—for it behooves them to uphold the dignity of their position. Alpha casts the anxious glance of an elder sister over the assembly, for does not the responsibility of the family rest upon her shoulders? Xi, in the newness of it all, sits very quiet, and glances shyly at her sisters who, yielding to the example of the eldest and the youngest gradually subside, and prepare for business.

"Minutes of 1909-1910" demands the chairman, and the secretary arises. Such a glorious record as it is, with its story of dreams realized, hopes fulfilled, and ambitions gratified. It tells of many problems whose solution has been difficult; it marks many a struggle,—perhaps, many a defeat—for what perfect harmony can there be without the minor strain? But, with all, it stands for growth, individually and collectively, for progression, and for the very qualities that strengthen, upbuild and ennoble. What wonder that the reading of the secretary is greeted with a soft round of applause! What wonder that Gamma Phi Beta smiles as she puts the unnecessary question "Are there any corrections of the minutes?"

"Old business"—but who is willing to linger over what has been, when the fair, white pages of another book are waiting to record the events of 1910-1911! "Shall we pass on to new business?" says the chairman, and there is a quick murmur of assent. "Under new business," she continues, "is—" "Rushing—" impulsively cries Xi, and hides her face with the shame of having "spoken out" in meeting! "We have Sophomore pledging," declares Iota, virtuously. "We have a special dispensation from Pan-Hellenic," remarks Beta

—and so the discussion goes on, with the yearly excitement, enthusiasm and resolutions, ending with the admonition which is ever worthy of repetition—“Be sane in your rushing. Do not let yourselves be influenced only by the girl’s appearance, social qualifications or bank account, but look for the higher qualities that are so to be desired in sorority life; seek in your Freshmen, the true worth, the loyalty and the womanliness that will make them strong and splendid *alumnæ*.”

After the rushing, what will be the next “new business?” What will Gamma Phi Beta achieve in the coming year? We may be sure that in her own ranks there will be steady growth—but is she ever to step outside her own boundary line, and to make her influence felt in the world beyond? The time has come, it seems to many of us, for our sorority to attempt some definite plan of philanthropic work; to stand, in the world’s eye, not only for a group of cultured college women but for wider interests and for a broader field of usefulness. Thirty-six years have we labored in our own behalf, and it has truly been worth while—for our organization is strong and flourishing, and our future is assured. Shall we not now employ that same splendid enthusiasm and endeavor in the aid of others? There are so many enterprises which a small amount from Gamma Phi would help; for example, such work as Miss Miner is doing at the Waverly House in New York, and such aid as Miss Frick is giving working girls—definite places for deposits of funds. There is always some phase of settlement work; there is always some Children’s Hospital which needs help and encouragement; there is always an opportunity of perpetuating our name by maintaining a scholarship.

Sorority interests, you will say, begin at home. We have chapter houses that need our funds; perhaps, as *alumnæ*, we should stimulate and develop undergraduate scholarship in financial ways; we have a thousand places, it is true, for our money. Still—the truth remains—there should be time for service and helpfulness to others. College girls may find many ways to widen their chapter activities—and with no great expenditure. The sorority, in a larger sense, may

give Gamma Phi national distinction—for by the good we do is the worth of our sisterhood attested.

All of which is in the nature of a digression—and a suggestion—inviting opinions and discussions. The college year will be for Gamma Phi what we choose to make it. Shall we restrict ourselves to our own self—betterment? Or shall we be well started upon a definite philanthropic work when eager Commencement Day cries, “I move we adjourn!”

A FRESHMAN, as well as an Alumna, may “point a moral or adorn a tale!”

It was rushing season, and the members of the chapter were frantically discussing the eligibles. The Freshman sat by in suppressed excitement—and listened. The orators waxed eloquent; the prospective initiates were carefully dissected; the campaign was fully planned; while ever and anon came an expression in some such form as this—“Now we must be very nice to Miss So-and-So.”

The Freshman was young; she was without experience in sorority affairs; but evidently, the repetition of that sentence stirred her heart, and with a great deal of excitement, she is said to have given her first speech. It was substantially as follows—“I do not like the repetition of this sentence with its inferences. This chapter of Gamma Phi must be nice to everybody. If it is not going to be nice to everybody in this college, then it has no business here or anywhere. Fraternities have seemed to think that they could treat well those whom they chose to treat well, and to treat all others just as they pleased. And as long as fraternities do that, they will be a proper object for the dislike of those who naturally object to that kind of thing. We must be nice to everybody, or we are not nice to anybody at all!”

She was almost frightened to death after she had said it, but her absolute honesty and frankness had made it impossible for her to keep silent, and to this day, there lingers in the chapter the influence of that one little Freshman speech!

“Gamma Phi must be nice to everybody.” Do not make the mis-

take of believing that your own small group contains all the friends worth having; do not become so self-centered that you lose the broader culture that comes from outside associations and friendships. Give to your sorority the best that in you lies; work your hardest for the girls that will bring honor to your chapter; but remember that Gamma Phi Beta's true strength and beauty, and your own womanliness and worth will be proved by your attitude toward those without your circle and by your friendliness and obligations to those with whom you come in contact.

IT would seem almost a sacrilege to publish an October CRESCENT, without a plea and an admonition to the chapter correspondents. One imagines that such a discourse is received with much the same enthusiasm that a "Now, seventhly" on a hot July Sunday inevitably produces; nevertheless—it's a duty—it's usually needed, and "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly."

A poorly-constructed, hastily-written letter which contains only a jumble of social events and gives no idea of the college life and of the chapter ideals is no credit to the writer. If we are to have a magazine that is representative of our sorority, each one must do her part—and do it conscientiously. Our quarterly has many readers, it is subject to the criticism of other Greek letter publications, and we must have a pride in its contents. Mutually, let us clean house, let us relegate to the attic the well-worn phrases and time-honored expressions; and now that the autumn months are reviving our interest and quickening our intellect, let us refurnish with new vocabulary, fresh methods and reinvigorated thoughts.

The editors are asking three favors of the chapter correspondents—and these are the favors:

1. Be prompt. Remember that delay on your part delays the editor, delays the publication.
2. Be careful. Take time for the writing of your letter, and after you have finished it, read it aloud before the chapter. What you have forgotten, another may remember.
3. Be original. Let your letter stand out from the others; have it characteristic of your chapter; make it readable and interesting.

THROUGH the pages of THE CRESCENT, we have from time to time, become acquainted with the personality, the ideas and the achievements of the alumnae; we have kept in touch with our active chapters; but while we have been studying the past and doing our duty to the present, have we quite realized what possibilities we have in the future? Have we ever lavished sufficient adoration at the shrine of the Gamma Phi baby? Before we know it, some of these youngsters will be wearing the double brown, and if others are denied the crescent and are forced to content themselves with Beta "stars," Phi Delta shields and Delta U monograms, still their loyalty will be given to the sorority their mothers loved, and they will learn to be good Gamma Phi sons and brothers. Proud indeed are we of our goodly heritage; proud of the gifts that fortune has lavished upon us—but proudest of all of our Gamma Phi babies!

DOUBTLESS there is, has been, and always will be in every chapter some member who is tactful enough to adjust every difficulty, loyal enough never to swerve from duty, practical enough to guide and direct. Such a one in Theta chapter was Miss Edith Wallace, and since she has been one of the Advisory Board, she has served the sorority with the faithfulness that was characteristic of her college days. It is with sincere regret that we learn of her resignation, and this regret is tempered only by the satisfaction we have in announcing her successor, Mrs. Grace Evans Shannon of Denver Alumnae who was a charter member of Alpha Iota, the local sorority that became Theta of Gamma Phi Beta. Prominent in Pan-Hellenic circles, of unusual executive ability, and possessed of a charming personality, Mrs. Shannon will be of inestimable value in the work of the Advisory Board.

THROUGH THE CRESCENT, all Gamma Phi Betas extend their loving sympathy to one of our founders, Helen Dodge Ferguson, in the death of her only brother, Rev. James William Armitage Dodge, D.D., of the New York Conference. Dr. Dodge was a

graduate of Syracuse University and a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

FOR good wishes and kindly interest the new editor is very grateful. Naturally, the newness of the work is a bit terrifying and the responsibility a trifle overwhelming—but experience will prove a good teacher. The policy and the thought of the past will be that of the future, and your contributions, your co-operation and your approval will be the true inspiration of those to whom the management of the magazine has been entrusted.

FRANCIS E. HAVENS MOSS is the first founder to boast the honor of being a grandmother. Charles Frederick Wiley is the name of the new-comer, and his birthday, May 20; such an important event must be chronicled in the pages of THE CRESCENT. Our congratulations to the grandmother; our best wishes to the small boy; and may the kindly crescent moon light his path with beams of happiness and prosperity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter Correspondents! Always send your letters and personals to Miss Bertha White, 1010 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. Copy for the next issue must be in her hands by December first.

The editors are planning to have the January issue of the magazine "Alumnæ number" and are asking the help of all in making this a success. If there is a member of your chapter who has gained distinction in any way, write us about her. If you have news of any former Gamma Phi, pass it on to us.

We are still asking for photographs of Gamma Phi Beta babies, not over four years of age. The alumnæ chapters have been ap-

pealed to, but there are many Gamma Phi's outside of alumnæ chapters, and if these will send us pictures, we shall be very happy to have them appear in the January number.

Nu chapter needs the following numbers of THE CRESCENT to complete her file. If anyone is able to supply the chapter with the missing issues, will she communicate with Miss Ruth Duniway, Eugene, Oregon?

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Volume IV—numbers 1 and 4.

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Please inform the editor *at once*, if THE CRESCENT does not reach you. Give always your name, full address and chapter.



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Next letter must be in her hands Dec. 5.

ALPHA (Syracuse University)

Dear Sisters: College has not yet opened in Syracuse, so we will have to tell you of some of the things that happened last June and during the summer vacation.

Our spring banquet was very successful this year, and was greatly enjoyed by those who were able to attend. A larger number than usual was present, and among them several from out of town. Two new features were introduced in Commencement Week this year. One of them was the Maypole dance, given by the under-class girls for the seniors and their friends on Class Day. Four Maypoles set up in the Stadium made a very pretty picture which was enlivened by the white dresses and many colored sashes of the girls who took part.

The other new feature was Alumni Day held on the Tuesday before Commencement. An alumni luncheon was served in the new gymnasium at noon. This was the first time a regular Alumni Day had been celebrated, and it proved a great success.

Several of the girls attended the wedding of Hazel King, '05, and Mr. Alfred Edwin Stacey, which was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Ilion. It was a typical Gamma Phi wedding, the bride's attendants all being Alpha girls. The bride's maids were Edith Hedges, Bertha Benedict, Lilian Titsworth, Grace Zimmerlin, Elizabeth Wildman, and Gladys King, and the maid of honor was Ruth King. During the reception after the wedding

ceremony, all the Gamma Phi girls joined in and sang our familiar songs.

College opens very soon now, and we are all eager to go back and commence rushing, which promises to be very exciting this year. We hope for a successful rushing season, and wish the same to all the other chapters.

BETA (University of Michigan)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Beta sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

During the last week of June we held our biennial reunion. On Tuesday, June 28, a luncheon was given at the home of Winifred Morse Kinney, after which the alumnae held their usual business meeting. We had recently succeeded in selling our chapter house, which for some time has been insufficient for our needs. At this meeting the alumnae decided to purchase a lot as soon as a desirable one could be found, and to build us a fifteen thousand dollar house. In the meanwhile we have rented a very pleasant home, at the corner of Huron and North Division Streets, which we shall occupy as a chapter house until we have one of our own. We feel very much elated over these fine prospects, and grateful to our alumnae for their interest and enthusiasm for the future of the active chapter.

The reunion was a very happy occasion, as so many of the old girls returned, Emelie Flinterman, Isabella Hosie MacKay, Millicent Hunt Heaton, Edith Kimball, Paula Henze, Helen Gable, Zaidee Vosper, Irene Gilbert Watkins, Marion Hubbard, Carrie Hosie, Margaret Cahill Bartholomew, Helen Hicks, Clara Davis, Frances Brown, Jessie Herman, Maude Hicks Haidle, Frill Beckwith, Sara Van Deman den Bleyker, Sarah Hardy, Helen Hoover, Marion Brownell den Bleyker, Satie Sallerthwaite Leslie, Minnie Hamilton Grosvenor, Grace and Rose Anderson, Bessie Bigelow, and Helen Welles; also the class of 1900 which was there intact: Loretta Sherman, Sadie Platt Greening, Ruth Burrington, and Mary Lyons Dibble. These, with the active members still in town, and the Gamma Phis living in Ann Arbor, made fifty at the luncheon.

This year we lose three seniors, Emily Ely, Meda Sheldon, and Mildred Maloney. A spring initiate, Edna Morris, will not return, as she is to be married in September. The university opens October 4, but we shall return to Ann Arbor about September 20, to settle our new house, and for rushing.

The latter part of the year has been unusually sad for us. First came the death of Elsa Stanley, for whom our pins were draped for thirty days. The dreadful accident which befell Lula Liesmer, '07, who was seriously injured by a fall into a cave at Marquette, Michigan, in May, was a great shock to us. She is now recovering slowly. During the winter and spring one of our seniors, Nellie Connor, was very ill, and in July, while at our homes, came the news of her death. When college opens our pins will still be draped.

We know that our mutual joys and sorrows will serve to bring us still more closely together when we return in the fall.

GAMMA (University of Wisconsin)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Here it is, time to take our dusty books off their shelves once again, and fill up our fountain pens. It seems scarcely possible, scarcely more than a week or two since Commencement and the beginning of vacation. In view of this, even though it is really quite ancient history, we can't resist telling you a little of our good times then.

Of course the most important thing to us was the banquet. There were about seventy who sat around the big tables that night, and sang and talked until, for an actual fact, you couldn't hear yourself think. During all of Commencement Week the house was crowded with alumnae and other guests, so that it all seemed just like the grandest kind of a houseparty.

Speaking of houseparties, we did have a truly one the week following Commencement. Nora Buell, one of the active members, opened her cottage at Brown's Lake for the girls, and about fifteen enjoyed themselves there in true Gamma Phi style.

Of course we were all much interested in the article on Sorority Life at Wisconsin, which appeared in *Collier's* during the sum-

mer. Gamma Phi came in for her share of the honors, and the whole article was most interesting to sorority women.

Three Gamma Phi Betas were initiated into Red Domino, the women's dramatic club, making five active members in the organization for Gamma Phi.

During the summer there have been many small houseparties of Gamma Phis, and with luncheons and occasional gatherings of this kind we have been able to keep in touch to a certain extent. But, oh, how good it will seem to all be together again, ready for another year of work, and—it goes without saying,—play.

DELTA (Boston University)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We hope all our sisters have had a pleasant vacation. Certainly Delta Chapter has, according to both round robins. At our houseparty we started a robin from each end of the chapter, which we have kept going all summer.

Our annual houseparty was held the first part of June at Forge Village, on a lake about fifty miles from Boston. It was near enough so that those who were unable to come for the whole time could take in part of it, at least. There were bathing and boating, combined with tennis and other sports, so that we had one grand good time.

One special feature was a bacon roast on the beach, with a moonlight row and sing afterwards. We were sorry to break up the party when the time came.

But in two weeks, three of us were on our way to Silver Bay, with the rest of those from Boston University. You will be interested to know that there were fifteen of us Gamma Phis there from five different colleges. We got together one afternoon and had a social chat, lunch, and meeting. My! but we were a nice bunch.

A few weeks ago Delta Chapter had a picnic at Marblehead, on the rocks by the ocean. It was the day of the boat races and the decorations on all the club houses and boats in the harbor were beautiful. We all agreed that we never hoped to have a better time.

Last June when the Phi Beta Kappas were announced, we were very proud of our Seniors. You can well believe it, for six of them

won Phi Beta Kappa. Our seniors were certainly fine. Most of them are to teach this year.

Mary Taylor is teaching in Concord, N. H. She has history in the High School there.

Louise Nelson is to go this month for three months of preliminary training in Y. W. C. A. school, N. Y., in preparation for a position as secretary in some college.

Lucy Morse is to teach algebra, french, and ancient history in her home town, Newburyport.

Helen Byrne, or "Bab," is to teach in the High School in Peabody, right near home.

Olive Marshall has left for Waterville, Maine, where she is to teach latin and ancient history in Colburn Classical Institute.

Susie Eastham, who took the college course in three years, is coming back for a post graduate course.

Mildred Thorndike has returned from abroad where she has been traveling as governess.

EPSILON (Northwestern University)

Dear Gamma Phis: The University does not open until September 19th, so this letter must necessarily be of the past.

After everyone had recovered sufficiently from the whirl of Commencement Week, plans were made for summer rushing; though very few of the girls were in town, these put forth their best efforts and gave five very successful "rushes."

Besides attending these, seven of the girls, Edna Luke, Helen Green, Ethelda McClure, Mildred Ross, L. Louise Wheeler, Louise Stolp, and Zita Murphy, were so fortunate as to be guests at a Gamma Phi houseparty at Kentland, Indiana. The hostesses were Mabel Sell, Ardiss and Nell Ade, and Gertrude Smith. Except for these "stunts" it has been a very uneventful summer, but the fall promises to be an exciting one.

The festivities begin with the Pan-Hellenic luncheon which will be held September 17, at the Chicago Beach Hotel, and will continue through the following week. Rushing begins the next night, and if the promised help of many of the "old" girls and the en-

thusiasm of fourteen active members count for anything, Epsilon will have a fine showing of pledges by the next letter.

In closing we wish each Gamma Phi the very best success, and congratulate those who are already wearing the brown and mode.

ZETA (Goucher College)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: By the time this letter reaches you, the Zeta girls will have buckled down to work at Goucher College. Sad to say, the Pan-Hellenic rules have been changed once more, and this year the rushing season does not begin until seven weeks after college opens, and then lasts for three weeks. To be so near and yet so far from the freshmen will be quite maddening, but we are very sanguine about this year's prospects and hope to be able to report later a goodly number of pledges. From all accounts the class of 1914 will have in it some splendid material.

This summer has been a delightful one for all of the Goucher Gamma Phis. After the round of excitement at Commencement, we were glad to go off to our house party at Ocean City, Maryland, where, in spite of the fact that it rained every day, we had the usual jolly good time that Gamma Phis always do together. Later five of us went to Silver Bay, where we thoroughly enjoyed meeting and knowing the girls from other chapters. If there ever was a beautiful spot for Gamma Phis to become acquainted in, it is Silver Bay, and we all hope that more of us can be there next year.

Zeta is especially fortunate in being able to begin this year with twelve active members, five of whom hold major offices in college; for Margaret Handy, '11, is president of the Y. W. C. A., Anna Blanton, '11, is vice president of the Students' Organization, Elizabeth Barnes, '11, is business manager of the "Kalends," Winna Treide, '11, is president of the Southern Club, and Dorothy Wetherald, '12, is recording secretary of the Students' Organization.

We expect to be rather busy this fall, for aside from our usual college work and a short but very strenuous rushing season, we will have three Gamma Phi weddings to occupy some of our time and attention.

We sincerely wish that each Gamma Phi Beta chapter may have in 1910-11 the most successful and the happiest year it has ever had.

ETA (University of California)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: You perhaps remember that the California Pan-Hellenic adopted a radical change in the system of rushing, which was proposed by Rachel Colby, '95. No rushing was to be done, except that which might come in the routine of the house. We have had no rules, and have been governed only by a strong sentiment against doing anything which would tend to lower our dignity. Eta has found this plan most successful, and there has been none of the mad rush which was predicted. By the time this letter reaches you, we will have five initiates: Jean Ross, of Santa Rosa; Pauline Davis of Berkeley; Genevieve and May Atkinson, of Los Angeles, and Harriet Pasmore, of San Francisco.

Eta has moved, and is enjoying one of the loveliest homes in Berkeley. The house is so cozy and homelike, and the garden is such a splendid example of California luxuriance, that many eyes are opened wide with wonder.

The first Sunday after college opened, we had a delightful housewarming, at which we entertained about two hundred of our relatives and close friends. These have done so much for us that we have had a constant "thank you" on our lips.

THETA (Denver University)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This week has been a busy one for us, for registration began the fifth. Bessie Bowen and Ethel Clark are unable to return, and Edith Hoop will not be back until Thanksgiving.

Most of us were out of town during the summer, so we have done very little rushing. On September 1, Mrs. Julia Moore gave a delightful party for the active girls and rushees. According to Pan-Hellenic rules, we are allowed only two rushing "stunts," so we will give a musicale on September 14, at the home of Grace McDonough, and on the twenty-third comes the dance in the ballroom of the Adams Hotel. This will be the rushing event of the year, and we hope to make it very enjoyable. There are many desirable girls in college this year, and in our next letter we hope to introduce our pledges.

Theta sends best wishes to all the chapters, and hopes the coming year may be a very pleasant one.

IOTA (Barnard College)

No letter.

KAPPA (University of Minnesota)

Dear Sisters: Rushing week is over, and ten freshmen are wearing the Gamma Phi colors: Alice Ames of St. Paul Park, Maud Hart of Mankato, Harriet Ahlers of St. Cloud, June Welch and Gertrude Moore of St. Paul; also Frances Works, Marie Allen, Lucile Babcock, Julia Hoppin, and Helen Sheridan, of Minneapolis. Alice Ames, Maud Hart, June Welch, and Frances Works are sisters of other Gamma Phis, and all of them,—but you know what they are, or they would not be wearing a Gamma Phi pledge pin.

Our chapter house this year is three blocks from college, 1405 Sixth Street, S. E. It was unfurnished, and the girls had all manner of fun and work getting it ready for rushing week. But labor has its own reward, as well as virtue, and we all felt repaid when the alumnae and freshmen were amazed to see what an attractive house the chapter had.

Looking back over the summer and Commencement, we realize that you have not heard about our banquet. It was held in Donaldson's Tea Rooms, and nearly all of the Gamma Phis in the Twin Cities were there. We were exceedingly grateful to the alumnae for taking charge of it,—examinations were perilously near—and particularly proud of Ethel Works, who directed her orchestra through the following program:

Overture.....(Freshman) Margaret Nachtrieb

Allegretto Pastorale

Symphony to Gamma Phi Spirit and Progress

I. Allegro vivacissimo.....

.....(Sophomore) Katherine Sullivan

II. Andante Tranquillo.....(Alumna) Mrs. Sherman

III. Scherzo—Allegro con forza e sempre brillante....

.....(Junior) Ruth Fagundus

- IV. Finale Allegro non troppo.....
(Senior) Mary Fitzsimmons
 FantasySara Preston
 To the Gamma Phis at work and at play

About that time the approaching class play was the subject of every conversation. Mary Heritage was chairman of the class play committee, but was forced to resign on account of her health, and later became chairman of the critic committee. Mary Fitzsimmons, Agnes Maloy, and Helen Jewett were in the class play specialties. Of course the little hints they dropped about it only whetted our appetites for more, but we had to be content until we could see the play for ourselves. It was worth any amount of trouble we had had. On Class Day, Mary Heritage delivered the Ivy Poem, and last, but far from least, she is our Phi Beta Kappa for 1910.

Then came our houseparty at Minnetonka. In spite of the hot weather between twenty and thirty girls were there for the ten days. Persis Rollins, of Epsilon chapter, was with us one week, and everyone wished that she could have stayed longer. Come again, please, and all other Gamma Phis who can.

Now we are back again, a little lost without last year's seniors, but ready for whatever the year holds for us, and sending earnest wishes of good luck to all our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

LAMBDA (University of Washington)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: Just at present Lambda is in the midst of housecleaning, for college opens September 19.

We have given only a few rushing "stunts" this summer, for we are saving our strength and money for a two weeks' rushing season which promises to be more strenuous than ever.

Since the close of college last spring, a new sorority and a new fraternity have been added to the number at Washington, Alpha Chi Omega, and Theta Delta Chi.

In the next number of the CRESCENT, Lambda hopes to be able to announce a splendid list of pledges.

Wishing all the sister chapters a happy and prosperous year, Lambda sends her love to them all.

MU (Leland Stanford, Jr., University)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It hardly seems more than a few weeks ago since Mu had her senior banquet, and since we scattered for home, the beach, or the mountains. Now, however, most of us have returned to the university, to take up the work of the semester. We have a splendid houseful of sixteen girls this fall. Two are sisters of active members who have registered in college, and Bertha Masters of Nu, and Charlotte Tuttle of Xi are also with us, we are very happy to say.

Everyone seems to have come back to our "house on the hill" with plenty of enthusiasm and life. And yet we will need all of the enthusiasm possible this semester, for we have started out on a long rushing season, a different kind entirely from what we have been used to. "Bidding day" has been set for the 19th of November, and the plan of Pan-Hellenic is to make the rushing as informal and natural as possible. Still, used to the more formal, stilted kind of four weeks' rushing, formal invitations and party airs, it will be quite difficult for us to adopt the plan of simply inviting a freshman to dinner when one happens to be with her, "doing almost everything Dutch," and having no opportunities for using place-cards, favors, and decorations. There are certain other restrictions in our contract, as, only one "date" ahead may be made with a freshman, and no invitations may be extended for Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays. We are all anxious to see what results this new long rushing season will have.

Mildred Hayes, one of our seniors, was elected into "Cap and Gown," the woman's honorary society of the university, at their last meeting in the spring.

Mu sends love, and hopes that every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta will have the most successful year possible.

NU (University of Oregon)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: When this letter goes off to the CRESCENT we find that it will be two weeks until our university opens, so the news we send will all be old.

It's a long look backward to May, but that is where we must start,—when with anxious hearts we were watching the outcome of student body elections. For the fourth time in six years, and the third time consecutively, a Gamma Phi girl was elected secretary of the student body,—the highest elective office given to women. Indeed, we all felt proud when Edith Woodcock, '11, was given the secretaryship this year.

Commencement came all too soon, and with it came the passing of our seniors, Ruth Hawsen and Ruth Duniway. Both have been very active girls in university and sorority affairs, and we shall certainly miss them this year.

The spring banquet never was prettier than this year. It was served in the beautiful new Wisteria Tea Room of the Osborne Hotel. Many of the old graduates were back, and amid laughter and merriment old pranks were re-told, and the younger girls caught a glimpse of the chapter life in the days of old. But as the lights were dimmed, and the toastmistress, Mary Straub Stafford, '01, arose, the real significance of the banquet was felt. The toasts were concise, and brought out the various ideals that should guide the life of every Gamma Phi. And with a toast sung to our seniors, the spring banquet of 1910 became an event of the past. The place-cards that evening were especially effective, a block Oregon "O" bearing the Gamma Phi monogram across it.

The girls have been widely scattered this summer, at the mountains, the country, and the shore. Those who were in Portland the last of July were guests of Edith Woodcock at an informal afternoon. We all brought our sewing, and sat around under the trees, busily stitching away and chattering about the plans for the coming year. Picnics, and luncheons at Tull and Gibbs' brought the girls together every week or so.

Rushing looks very promising, and we hope that by the next issue of the CRESCENT we will have some new interesting Gamma Phis to introduce.

We send best wishes for success this year to all our chapters, and you may know that our heartiest interests are with each and every one of you.

XI (University of Idaho)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We of Xi Chapter hope that the rest of you have been enjoying as splendid a vacation as our girls report that they are having. Ours was commenced under very favorable auspices, for we had the pleasure of initiating our remaining alumnae during the last week of school. There were eight of them who returned to Idaho for the opportunity of joining us in our membership in Gamma Phi Beta, none of whom had lost any of the old time enthusiasm. They proved this by the formation of an alumnae association, with the purpose of giving us all the assistance, material and otherwise, in their power. On the evening of our spring banquet we assembled with a feeling of greater fellowship than ever before, thirty Gamma Phis being in attendance.

We were very proud of the outcome of the play which was given for the benefit of the library. It was a clever little comedy, in which the girls proved themselves excellently chosen for their respective parts. Everything went as smoothly as could be desired, winning high praise from a large audience. The financial side was likewise a success, and the money cleared is to be expended for a painting, classical in subject, to be placed in the library of the college.

From all reports it seems that we will have more freshmen than usual at the University this fall. Every one is doing her best to find desirable girls to take to Moscow. Several engagements have already been made for the first week of college with very attractive girls, so we are feeling quite optimistic. Great regret is felt, however, that we shall not have Mary Belle Meldrun, one of our seniors of last year with us again. We shall certainly miss her, for she has been here so long and has done so much for the Xi girls. She was elected May Queen last spring at our May Day festival, the first of its kind ever held at Idaho. Of course we were

glad to figure so prominently in this innovation. Two of the sophomores are also leaving us, which is another keen loss. They are going to colleges where there are chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, so they will not be lost to the sorority. Charlotte Tuttle will go to Stanford from her home in Nampa, while Marie Kettenbach, of Lewistown, is to attend the University of Washington. Most of the other girls will return to Moscow.

Those who do return will hardly recognize our house, as it has been greatly remodeled. An addition has been made, providing more parlor space and increasing the number of sleeping apartments to meet the requirements more satisfactorily.

We are returning to college with the same old intention of making it a record year in every respect. With so much to inspire us this time, however, we trust that we shall approach closer to our ideals than ever before.

CHICAGO

No letter.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are hardly returned from our summer vacations and only yesterday had our first meeting. Mrs. Townsend, or, as we all know her better, "Criss Reed," was our hostess, and we had a very happy time together. We were so glad to have Cora Frederick with us, and to know that she has given up her home in Buffalo and will live in Syracuse again. We spent the afternoon planning how we could help Alpha with rushing, and found that several of the entering class were known to us.

In June the alumnae chapter went to Skaneateles, for the "June Luncheon." How delightful these events are! And this time about sixty were there to enjoy it. All the year we find ourselves looking forward to this last meeting when we take the trolley and go to this attractive place. It is our custom, too, to invite the seniors to lunch with us, and, since ten of them could accept, we scattered them about at the various tables and had a guest of honor at almost every one.

We feel that we must mention again how fortunate you are to have our Mabel Stone as president of your sorority. If you knew her you would love her as we do, and we wish you might. Few women are so capable and tactful and loyal, and we go to her always for advice and for inspiration.

BOSTON

To her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Boston Chapter sends most cordial greetings.

Instead of the wails with which every chapter letter for a year has had to begin, your secretary is surprised and pleased to find that she now has something to say. It is such an unusual occurrence that you must forgive her if she is a little hysterical over it. She hasn't been fortunate enough to form one of the jolly little band gathered at Delta's houseparty, so it isn't that. The chapter members have done their share in helping to raise Boston University's \$500,000.00 endowment, and if asked, could undoubtedly by now have secured a new president with all the virtues!—but it is not that time of the whirlwind campaign to which she refers. It is this: Boston Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, for almost the first time in her history, has had a continuous life for twelve months. Usually, from May to October, Boston Chapter has gone into retirement, and has had to be dug up, more dead than alive. This year we have had luncheons through the summer months,—the September one is being enjoyed while the secretary is, alas! writing this far away in New Hampshire,—and they have been such successes that the only wonder is why we didn't do it before.

You see we realized that we should have to miss many of our dearest girls who would be “far awa'” on vacations, or home from the city where they winter. But in their places have come visitors sojourning in Boston from three chapters, and some of our own girls who, living near the Hub, are always away in the winter, teaching the young idea to shoot in various outlying parts.

June found us in the old frat. quarters, though Delta's room was closed to us. There we had great pleasure in greeting Grace Bigelow, a Salem Delta girl, who is away during the school year.

She seemed to like seeing us, and we certainly rejoiced exceedingly over her. This was the last meeting at which our dearly beloved Génie Ward could be present. Yes, it *was* a little teary, but not so bad as it sounds, for in October Mrs. Charles Rigby will be with us and looks so much like Génie one could never tell the difference—bless her!

In June we wended our way up Professors' Row, Tufts College, to the pretty "Deanery" of Mrs. Frank G. Wren. Here we found we were to have a picnic on the august campus itself; and very charming it was to sit in the cool shade of the splendid trees, enjoying May's famous vegetable salad and fixings. May Palmer—always a most welcome guest—was here as she was at the August luncheon: ask her, sisters of Zeta, if Boston Chapter doesn't have good times! Another guest, neither a present nor prospective Gamma Phi was the delightful small son of the hostess, who kept what he must have thought of the eternal feminine chatter strictly to himself; what he *did* appreciate, we discovered, was cake and his mother. He is a discriminating youth.

In August we were the guests of Mrs. Frank Durkee in her lovely large home at Marblehead, where luncheon—and such a luncheon!—was served on the broad veranda, overlooking the harbor, dotted with numberless yachts and bright with the glorious colors of our "stern and rock-bound coast."

Today the September luncheon is holding its festive way at the dear old Danvers home of the Putnams. To some of the benighted, Danvers spells "lunatic asylum," for there really is one there. But to Gamma Phis it means only the summer home of four of our most loyal sisters—a delicious luncheon and a warm welcome. Witness the state of mind in which your banished secretary is writing, to know the joys she would be after sharing!

"This is a very long letter, as usual, about nothing at all." I can hear some busy sister saying. Well, it is indeed a poorly written letter, if between the lines she cannot read the sisterly affection that has grown with the summer days, and the keen interest in Gamma Phi and in our own best beloved chapters, kept alive to bear fruit in the months to come. If these be small things to write

about, then is the sorority itself—and life—and love—small and not worth the thinking of.

So Boston Chapter in the hum of autumn with the crowded days of busy work upon her, wishes all her sister chapters all good in the years to come, and of that good may the joy she has found in the sorority this summer from no small nor slighted part.

NEW YORK

Sister Gamma Phis: When you have just returned from a trip to the White Mountains, preceded by a visit on Great South Bay, the memories of events dating in last May are apt to be very vague—mine certainly are. I do remember our last meeting was spring banquet with Iota at the St. Denis, and that we sang out of the song books in-between-whiles, which was quite an innovation for us. The toasts and the “eats” both were excellent, but that singing made a lasting impression on all of us. I am afraid we are not usually inclined musically. Shortly after that came Iota’s house party, a riotously wet affair—but the sky did all the weeping, for we had a good time of it outdoors as well as in, as our poor rough dried clothes could tell. Pressing establishments could pay large dividends after a few such experiences as ours. And then we scattered all over this continent and one other for our real summer. We have had good times and grown brown and fat, a not entirely desirable feat for some of us, but we look at it in the light of a stimulus to work off through the winter. And all of us of whatever proportions have a large welcome waiting for any alumnae who are in New York or its neighborhood and wish to join us this year. The corresponding secretary just longs to send out heaps of notices for the meetings and we love to see her work. She really will be as glad as the rest of us to hear from you. For those who cannot accept our bid we wish meetings as happy as our own will be.

MILWAUKEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter has very little to offer in the way of news. Our last meeting which was to have been held at Mabel Walker’s in Racine, for vari-

ous reasons, never materialized. The weather was very unsatisfactory all during May, but we will hope for better luck if she repeats her invitation next spring.

Our meetings begin in earnest next month, when we will take up some definite line of work for the year. In November, the Saturday of the second week, we will have our regular luncheon at Espenhains, at which we will be only too glad to see any Gamma Phi who can possibly arrange to come.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The San Francisco Alumnae chapter has had no meetings since the last chapter letter. We have had, however, one of our delightful alumnae teas at Rachel Colby's home. It was given especially for the freshmen, and was most thoroughly enjoyed.

The Eta girls have moved into the most attractive house, and expect to be content there until they can have a house of their own.

Cecil Harrold, '07, has returned from New York where she spent the summer studying gymnastics and dancing in Columbia University.

Edna Wyckoff has announced her engagement to Mr. James Walton Moshher. The date for the wedding has not been set. After the wedding Edna expects to spend some time in the east, and will eventually make her home in Stockton, California.

Lena Reddington writes of the interesting walking trip she is taking in Norway.

Maud Allen has moved into her artistic new home in Graney Street, San Francisco.

DENVER

Dear Sisters: This is to be our big year,—at least we hope so, for several things conspire to bring about that fact. For one, we are to have fortnightly meetings, thus giving several of our young mothers all of the social life they can afford to make space for. Several of these meetings are to be turned into informal receptions for the alumnae of other sororities; and one of them, in celebration

of our national birthday, is to be a sort of reunion with the girls of neighboring towns,—an all-day affair, with a luncheon in the middle and the regular initiation banquet shared with the active members of Theta at its end. A December meeting is to be in the form of a baby party, where our Cornelias may compare their jewels.

Then this is our year to entertain the Denver Pan-Hellenic, and a chafing dish "stunt" preceded by the brightest of one-act playlets (original, by Miss Barbee, of course) is to be offered our one hundred and fifty guests.

Our last meeting was held at Margaret McNeils', and was a banner session in point of numbers. We elected our officers for the year, and got into good running order.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: As our active girls, from East to West, are gathering from summer haunts to resume college work and college play, we older Gamma Phis return to our winter's occupations—some of us to wield the pointer between the desk and blackboard, some to take up pen and brush in quiet book-lined studios, some to set in motion household machinery and get the children started in school. In any case, it is good to think the fall gathers us together into groups, into one big group, and that each one finds a royal "welcome" in her chapter home.

So another summer becomes a memory. With us in Kappa and Minneapolis Alumnae, it began, as it always does, with a houseparty at Minnetonka. Several of us "older girls" joined in the larks this time; indeed we coaxed one of our Epsilon sisters to stay with us a few days, and not a small part of the lark was in knowing Persis Rollins.

Since then Sara Shute, of Chicago Alumnae and Nina Miller of Gamma have joined us in meetings, and other sisters have passed through the city staying long enough to give us the grip and say "Howdy." Our meetings have been frequent and regular since vacation began, as we always join the active girls in the summer, and they spent long hours every fortnight discussing rushing. In

fact, they rushed all summer! I'm afraid Minnesota reforms are like the tariff,—the more we revise the worse the situation gets. The active girls must say as to that, however; I hear rumors of ten strong girls wearing the right pledge pin, and they truly feel repaid for their labor.

Besides meetings there have been teas, bridges, and thimble parties galore, for we glory in having celebrated three weddings since the first of June. Hattie M. Young was married on June 4 to Mr. Simeon J. Burchard of St. Paul, Lyla Gertrude Root and Mr. John Keene Hoppin were married on the fifteenth, and on the same evening Grace Marion Kingsley became Mrs. Rowland Wales. When you read this letter there will have been another Kappa festivity, for Eleanor I. Wright and Dr. Charles Noyes Brooks are to be married on the twenty-eighth of September. Grace Kingsley Wales is the only one to leave us, however, and we hope her absence is only temporary.

Before we close we must tell you how we have planned our work for the coming year. We decided that some coherent plan was badly needed, and put it into the hands of Marie F. Moreland to be worked out. Of course Marie "made good," and each Gamma Phi in and around Minneapolis has been mailed a booklet, comprising a calendar of Gamma Phi affairs, a complete directory of active and alumnae members, and a short statement of the aim and work of the organization. There are to be eight meetings, four strictly for business, and four of a more social nature. Of these latter, one will be a reception for the freshmen, one a holiday reunion, one a party for all good Gamma Phi fathers and mothers, and the last a banquet. By attempting a smaller number of meetings we expect to obtain a larger number at them; and we surely will succeed.

Now this letter must stop rambling on. Most of our chat this month is of a "pussional" nature, and if you'll meet us later on in the gossip's corner we'll tell you all the news.

Goodbye then, and good luck for the year!

PERSONALS

ALPHA

Irene Baltzel, '10, is to teach this year in Lyons, N. Y.

Clara Ham, '10, is to teach this year in Upper Red Hook.

Marian Beecher, '10, returns this year to take her Master's degree.

Elizabeth Brooks, '10, is to teach this year in Bainbridge, N. Y.

Lucille Pierson, '13, who was ill the latter part of last year, has been spending the summer in the mountains and is much improved, but will not be able to return to college this year.

BETA

Paula Henze, '09, went to California for the summer.

Helen Gable, '09, visited us for several weeks in the spring.

Alice Hosmer Preble, '88, of Chicago, and her family, spent the summer in Ann Arbor.

Helen Welles, ex-'11, spent a week with us in June. From Ann Arbor she went to Rutherford, New Jersey, to visit Emily and Clara Ely.

EPSILON

Alice Jenks, '12, is teaching in northern Wisconsin.

Edna Hawk, '13, will not return to college because of illness.

Edwina Pope, '10, was honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Frances Fischer, ex-'12, is attending Lewis Institute, in Chicago.

Epsilon was pleased to receive a visit from Florence Lewis, Lambda, this summer.

Dorothy Stearnes, ex-'13, is teaching music and german in Shell Lake, Wisconsin.

Louise Stolp, '10, is teaching geometry, english and german in Oakfield, Wisconsin.

Susan Moore, '12, spent the summer in Europe. She expects to attend Vassar this year.

Lillian Paullson, ex-'12, will not return to the university this semester because of the illness of her mother.

Dorothy Winchell, '13, and Carolyn McCarty who left college last semester, will return this fall.

ETA

Gertrude Elliot, '13, is studying in Berlin.

Louise Kellog, '01, has just published a treatise on geology.

Sarah Morgan, '09, is teaching in the Berkeley High School.

Alma Eastin, '08, is teaching in the Nevada City High School.

Mrs. Rufus Thayer, '95, Beta, has come to Berkeley to make her home.

May Morgan, '10, is superintendent of music in the San Francisco Normal.

Genevieve Goodacre, '11, has returned from Mexico to spend the winter in Berkeley.

Sue Davis, '12, is recuperating from a long illness and will not attend college this term.

Beulah Bridges, '11, has not returned to us this year, but instead expects to go to the University of Oregon.

Eleanor French, '12, and Mildred Le Conte, '12, enjoyed meeting the Lambda girls on their trip North this summer.

Justine Griffith, '09, has just spent a few days with us on her way to teach latin in Sanger High School.

Loraine Andrews, '12, spent the summer in New York and Massachusetts and has brought back glowing reports from our eastern chapters.

Ina Haile, '12, has been visiting us. She graduated in June from the Chico normal, and is teaching this year in Wheatland Grammar School.

THETA

Edna Hawke, Epsilon, attended one of our summer meetings.

Grace McDonough, '12, Zeta, has registered at the university.

Ethel Jane Haskins, Zeta, spent several days in Denver on her return from the coast.

KAPPA

Mary Heritage, '10, is teaching english at Ely, Minnesota.

Mary Fitzsimmons, '10, is teaching in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Julia Barnum, ex-'12, is taking up kindergarten work at Miss Woods' School, Minneapolis.

LAMBDA

Grace King, '10, and Marguerite Crosby, ex-'11, are teaching in Hoquium.

Imogene Carraher, ex-'11, leaves for Washington, D. C., this month. She is a senior at Trinity College.

Beatrice Prosch, '08, sailed September 8 for Japan, where she has accepted the position formerly held by Zoe Kincaid, '01.

Lambda enjoyed a short visit this summer from Ethel Haskins, Zeta, '05. It is always a great pleasure to Lambda to have visits from her sisters.

Florence Lewis, ex-'12, and Bess Henchan, Post Graduate, '06, who have been spending the summer in Europe, are expected home the first of October.

MU

Caroline Squires, ex-'12, has gone to Boston for the winter.

Judith Waite, ex-'12, will study at the Boston Conservatory of Music this year.

Edna Earle, '09, will teach english at the Huntington Beach High School this year.

Emma E. Charlebois, '07, is planning to teach in Phoenix, Arizona, again this winter.

Pauline Gartzman, '07, has just returned from abroad, and is at her home in San Diego.

Helen Salisbury, '05, has been appointed State Secretary for Student work of the Y. W. C. A.

Ethel Palmer, '10, her mother, and Florence Forbes, '09, are taking a trip around the world.

Mu is looking forward to a visit very soon from Milola Ward, '06, who was recently married to Mr. Frizzell.

NU

Bertha Masters, '13, has affiliated with Mu this year. We regret to lose her, but know she is still with loving sisters.

Jennie Perry, '09, Gladys Farrar, '09, Neita Harding, '09, and Edna Canfield, '08, spent Commencement week with us.

Caroline Benson, '08, is Treasurer of the Portland Pan-Hellenic Association; a member of the executive board of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae; and on the Council of the Woman's Union.

XI

Ruth Broman, '09, is to teach in Wallace, Idaho, this year.

Mary Belle Meldrum, '10, visited Miss Prosch at Seattle during August.

Sadie Stockton, '08, spent several weeks in Spokane, Washington, as the guest of Helen Noys, '12.

Katherine Smith, '13, was a Boise visitor during July, spending the time with Margaret Stolle, '13, and Ruth Annette, '13.

SYRACUSE

Corrinne Lewis Robinson, '98, is to make her home in Florida.

Again this summer Laura Page Flick chaperoned a party through Europe.

Sarah Avery, '98, leaves soon for Washington, where she has accepted a position in a private school.

Helen Gowing, '00, will be one of our number again, for she has returned to her work in the North High School.

We deeply sympathize with Belle Dibble in the death of her mother, and with Cora Willard Frederick, '81, in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Ella Gage, who was always so good a friend to the Gamma Phi girls.

Lillian Smith, '91, has been spending the summer in travel abroad, but has now returned to her college position in Atlanta, Georgia. As her sister's home is again in Syracuse, we shall hope to see Lillian more often during vacation times.

BOSTON

Grace G. Newhall, Delta, '99, has spent the summer in Europe. Brief messages from Oberammergau, Switzerland, and Paris, seem to indicate a happy trip.

Jesse Adams, Delta, '92, is spending her sabbatical year abroad, resting and studying. May all good go with her, and the rest be as thorough as we know the studying will be.

NEW YORK

Helen Newbold, Iota, '09, spent her holiday in Ocean City and has not yet returned to this city.

Mrs. Anna Sherman Shults, Alpha, '98, entertained Mrs. Graham at her home, Hornell, Canada, this summer.

Irma Schoepflin, Alpha, '03, visited Mrs. Laura Latimer Graham, Alpha, '00, for a week before sailing on a similar trip.

Edna Stitt, Iota, '06, spent the summer abroad after a short automobile trip to Wellesley to locate a young sister in college there.

The alumnae who attended the house party were Helen Newbold, Iota, '09, Elda Fink, Iota, ex-'08, Hazel Plate, Iota, '06, and Sara Romie, Iota, '09.

Mrs. Antoinette Brown Strickland, Alpha, '00, whose husband has been appointed president of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, will go there to live in the fall.

Other New York Alumnae members who spent their vacations in Europe are Janet Kevand, Alpha, '01, Anna Knapp, Alpha, '92, Gertrude Leete, Alpha, '95, and Carolyn Hammond, Alpha, '01.

Mrs. Benson, Miss Kevand, Alpha, '01, Miss Russum, Alpha, '03, and Miss Schoepflin, Alpha, '03, were guests at a luncheon which Mrs. Graham, Alpha, '00, gave for Miss Dorothy Pratt, the daughter of Mrs. Grace DeKay Pratt, Alpha, '00.

MILWAUKEE

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kieckhefer visited in Sioux City, Iowa, in July.

Grace Steiner had Gertrude Wright, Gamma, '09, as a guest, several weeks this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Sherry and son, Avery, made the Yellowstone Park trip during August.

Mr. and Mrs. David McLenegan spent the greater part of the summer at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

Gertrude Ross spent July in Sterling, Colorado, and in August assisted at the marriage of her sister Helen in Sioux City, Iowa.

Margaret Ryan made the rounds of several houseparties in Illinois and Wisconsin, and finally visited in Hammond, Indiana, for several weeks.

DENVER

Mabel Brown Holt will be in Denver this winter.

Edith B. Wallace, '98, had a delightful summer abroad.

Mary Wheeler Shattuck paid us a flying visit in August.

Mamie Gallup, '08, spent the summer months in California.

Margaret Packard Taussig has returned from her European trip.

Edith Reese Veatch, '04, is spending the summer and fall in New York.

Esther Doll has returned from her long stay in California, much improved in health.

Paula Henze, Beta, '09, was the guest of Helen Barbee on her way home from California.

Grace Twombly Miller, '05, stopped in Denver and Brush en route from Philadelphia to California.

Katherine Allen, '09, teaches in the East Denver High School this year, and Margaret Carman, '08, is teaching in the West Denver High School.

Marion Moore spent June in Denver, the occasion being the celebration of the golden wedding of Bishop and Mrs. Moore. Kathryn Allen gave a luncheon in her honor, and Helen Barbee a tea.

Bertha Webb and Helen Barbee, the graduates of 1910 will be in Denver the coming year. Bertha Webb will be in her brother's office, and Helen Barbee will teach in the Brownlee Collegiate School.

MINNESOTA

Helen Headrix Keyes, Kappa, '02, spent August in Minneapolis. Eleanor Eaton has charge of the grammar grades in "Oak Hall" in St. Paul.

Julia Headrix, Kappa, '02, and Bernice Works, Epsilon, '05, spent the summer on the Maine coast.

Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa, '08, and Mrs. Inglis are spending the summer and early winter in France and Germany.

Maude Hyser, Kappa, '03, has gone to Spokane, Washington, where she will spend the winter. She hopes to meet many western sisters during her stay.

Helen Weld Finney, Kappa, '09, of Hamilton, Ohio, with her son, spent the summer at her father's home in Minneapolis. Mr. Finney joined her in August.

Kathleen Hart, Kappa, '12, returned from Berlin in June and spent some time in Minneapolis. After a year's rest she returns to complete her musical studies.

Frances Young, Kappa, ex-'10, and May Welch, Kappa, '12, went east in June for commencement at Princeton, and spent several weeks in New York before returning to St. Paul.

Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa, '03, who took her degree of Master of Arts at Bryn Mawr in June, has returned to Minneapolis, and will be assistant in the department of English at the University of Minnesota.

Katherine Taney Silverson, Kappa, '06, returned from an eastern trip late in July, and spent several days in Minneapolis and St. Paul. She returned for rushing week in September, and took a party of Gamma Phis and pledglings back with her to New Ulm.

Kappa has had the pleasure of seeing Gamma Phis from many chapters during the past summer. Mrs. Ernest Shepherd of Winona (Laura Wilberton, Epsilon) spent the first week of September as the guest of Ethel Works. Mathilda Gage, Epsilon, came down from Aberdeen, South Dakota, to stay with Hazel Lovell. Josephine Allen, Gamma, '05, was in St. Paul early in September. Nina Mil-

ler, Gamma, '02, and Blanch and Helen Hitchcock, Alpha, '12, spent the greater part of the summer at their homes in Minneapolis.

Ethel Cosgrove, Kappa, '09, is to teach this year in Blue Earth, Minnesota; Clara Tobey, Kappa, '09, and Agnes Sherwin Ives, Kappa, '05, are teaching in Staples, Minnesota; Lorena McFarlane, Kappa, '02, returns to her work in Virginia, Minnesota; and Hazel Lovell, Kappa, goes back to Gorton, South Dakota. In the Minneapolis High Schools are three Gamma Phis,—Julia Headrix, Kappa, ex-'02, Edna Hilton, Alpha, and Sara Preston, Kappa, '07. Alice Andrews, Kappa, teaches in the St. Paul Central High School.

BIRTHS

Born to Mrs. Grace Hunter Jones, Kappa, a son.

Born to Mrs. Bess Whitney Knapp, Gamma, a daughter.

Born to Mrs. Mayme Allen Vaughan, Lambda, a son.

Born to Mrs. Myra Cosgrove Kinnear, Lambda, a son.

Born to Mrs. Mabel Walker Edwards, Theta, a son, in July.

Born to Mrs. Florence Hovey Taylor, Theta, a son, Conrad.

Born to Mrs. Mabel Brown Holt, Theta, a daughter, in May.

Born to Mrs. Helen Harper Smith, Lambda, ex-'05, a daughter.

Born to Mrs. Florence Findeisen Conzelman, Gamma, a daughter.

Born to Mrs. Grace Gray Perkins, Nu, ex-'08, a son, on August 11.

Born to Mrs. Mary Crary Moore, Zeta, a daughter, Mary Louise, in July.

Born to Mrs. Elizabeth Ramey Lee, Theta, a son, Robert Ramey, in July.

Born to Mrs. Winifred Gilbert Braun, Mu, '06, a son, Carl Allan, on July 24.

Born to Mrs. Arline Hasson Scott, Lambda, a daughter on August 13, at Juneau.

Born to Mrs. Bernice Miller Ayers, Gamma, a son, on September 5, at Winona, Minnesota.

Born to Mrs. Antoinette Brown Strickland, Alpha, '00, a daughter, Mary, in April, 1910.

Born to Mrs. Jennie Lewis Guy, Alpha, '02, a son, on August 4, at Maraisburg, South Africa.

Born to Mrs. Edith Boughton Denious, Theta, '04, a son, Oliver James, on May 23. The babe died on May 25.

Born to Mrs. Leonore Yeager Gordon, Beta, ex-'99, of Marshall, Missouri, a daughter, Mary Margaret, on July 8.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Margaret Kinney, Kappa, '13, to Mr. Berrisford Tudor, is announced.

Loretto Carey, Gamma, '07, has announced her engagement to Mr. Alvin Wendell of Sioux City.

Olive Hunt, Alpha '10, of Clyde, has announced her engagement to Mr. Arthur Herrick of Syracuse.

Edna Dewey, Xi, '09, has announced her engagement to Mr. Frank Magee, Phi Delta Theta, Idaho.

The engagement of Edith Hedges, Alpha, '05, and Mr. Craig Graves of New York City has been announced.

Elizabeth Brooks, Alpha, '10, has announced her engagement to Mr. Frederick A. McCord, '10, Phi Mu Alpha, Syracuse.

The engagement of Edna Morris, Beta, ex-'11, to Mr. Ernest Godfrey, '10, of Ann Arbor, is announced. The marriage will take place in the fall.

The engagement of Alice Payne, Lambda, ex-'10, to Mr. Ralph McDonald, Sigma Nu, Washington, was announced in June. The marriage will take place in December.

Early in June announcement was made of the engagement of Frances Young, Kappa, '10, and Mr. Thomas Welch, Princeton, '10. The wedding will take place in the late winter.

Mae Dora Webster, Alpha, ex-'12, and Mr. W. Collins Buell, Jr., were married June 28 at the bride's home in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Buell are now living in Providence, Rhode Island.

Therese Preston, Lambda, ex-'11, announced her engagement to Mr. Roy McCarthy, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Minnesota, at Lambda's banquet in June. The marriage will take place in January.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Zoe Kincaid, Lambda, '01, to Mr. John Newton Penlington, of Tokyo, Japan, the wedding to take place in Tokyo, in October. Mr. Penlington is the editor of *The Japanese Advertiser*, the only American newspaper in Japan. Miss Beatrice Prosch, who has gone to Japan to teach, will be Miss Kincaid's bridesmaid. Miss Kincaid has resigned her position as editor of *The Japan Magazine*, though she will still be a member of its staff, as she expects to live in Tokyo for the next two years, going later to London.

MARRIAGES

Mary Weiderman, Beta, '92, was married to Mr. Erias Weiderman, on August 6, at Buffalo.

The marriage of Grace Zimmerlin, Alpha, '06, to Mr. Bert Cumber, Delta Kappa Epsilon, is announced for October 4.

Mary Howard, Nu, ex-'11, was married to Mr. W. C. Noon, Jr., Kappa Sigma, on August 1, at Portland, Oregon.

Fay Thomas, Xi, '11, was married to Mr. Max W. Griffith, Phi Gamma Delta, Wisconsin, on September 7, at Moscow, Idaho.

The marriage of Agnes Maloy, Kappa, '10, to Mr. George Moore Williams, '06, of St. Cloud, will take place on October 12.

In June occurred the pretty wedding of Mildred Webb, Alpha, '07, to Mr. LeRoy E. Dale. They will live in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The marriage of Edwina Pope, Epsilon, '10, to Mr. Robert Larimer, Beta Theta Phi, will take place in Glencoe, Illinois, on October 5.

Mabel Whitney, Alpha, '10, and Mr. Arthur William Hawkins, Delta Upsilon, of New York University, were married in Syracuse on June 9.

The marriage of Gertrude Wolfe, Theta, to Mr. James Benedict Foley, occurred on Wednesday, September 14, at the home of the bride's parents in Denver.

Laura Wilbur, Alpha, '07, was married July 20, to Mr. Charles H. P. Reynolds, '09, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home in Syracuse.

Dora Swan, Epsilon, was married to Mr. Robert J. Dawson, on June 29, at North Yakima, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are at home at Prosser, Washington.

Ella Blanche Huston, Nu, '09, was married to Mr. Harold Hazel-tine Clifford, Sigma Nu, on June 4. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford will make their home in Baker City.

Doris Best, Theta, was married to Dr. Horace Westlake Frink, on September 7, at Chatham, New York. After November 1, they will be at home at 34 W. 83d Street, New York City.

The wedding of Grace Steiner, Gamma, '08, to Mr. John H. Lindsey of Milwaukee, will take place October 22 at four o'clock in the afternoon, at St. James Episcopal Church of Milwaukee.

The marriage of Hazel Everson King, Alpha, '05, and Mr. Alfred Edwin Stacey, Delta Upsilon of Syracuse, took place in June, at Ilion, New York. Their present home is Eldridge, New York.

The marriage of Bernice Peck, Alpha, ex-'11, and Mr. Adelbert George Green, Delta Upsilon, '08, took place on May 24, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Green are now making their home in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Frances Brown, Beta, '07, was married to Dr. John R. Davis, Alpha Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Michigan, '09, on August 10. Dr. and Mrs. Davis left Rockford immediately for New York, to sail for Mexico, which will be their home.

The marriage of Grace MacDonnell, Gamma, '06, to Mr. Holland Ground, will take place on the evening of October 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Evanston, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Ground will live in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Grace Marion Kingsley, Kappa, '08, and Mr. Rowland Wales, of Chrome, New Jersey, were married at the home of the bride on September 15. Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa, '08, was maid of honor, and many other Gamma Phis attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Wales are at home for the present in Chrome, New Jersey.

Alice Eugénie Ward, Delta, '01, was married in June to Mr. Charles Rigby of Lynn, her own native city. After a short sojourn in North Orange, she accompanied her husband to Chicago, from which they will return in October. Boston chapter wishes to register its gratitude to Mr. Rigby, for not electing to live in Timbucktu or Kamchatka.

On June 4, at high noon, Bishop Samuel Edsall married Hattie Mae Young, Kappa, '06, and Mr. Simeon J. Burchard. The wedding took place at home, before the families and intimate friends. Frances Young, Kappa, ex-'10, was her sister's maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Burchard are at home at 163 South Milton Street, St. Paul, for the winter.

The marriage of Alice Sloan Dimmick, Zeta, and Mr. Alfred Boyd took place at Delaware, Ohio, on August 31. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are residing at Stillwater, Oklahoma, where Mr. Boyd is the head of the department of engineering at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mrs. Boyd is a sister of Miss Anna M. Dimmick, the former editor of the CRESCENT, and was her most efficient assistant. All Gamma Phi Betas extend hearty good wishes for her happiness, and assure her of their hearty appreciation of her work for the CRESCENT.

On September 28, Florence I. Wright, Kappa, '10, was married to Dr. Charles Noyes Brooks, Delta Kappa Epsilon. The wedding was a very beautiful affair in Plymouth Congregational Church. The vested choir, of which Mrs. Brooks was a member, sang the processional and special music following the ceremony. Ellen Brooks, Kappa, ex-'08, was maid of honor, and very many Gamma Phis were present and assisted at the reception afterwards. After November 1st, Dr. and Mrs. Brooks will be at home at 2209 Lyndale Avenue, South, Minneapolis.

Lyla Gertrude Root, Kappa, ex-'10, and Mr. John Keene Hoppin, Cornell, '04, were married on June 15, in St. Mary's Episcopal Church at St. Paul. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of Mr. Root on Marshall Avenue. In Mrs. Hoppin's wedding party were two Gamma Phis: the maid of honor, Eleanor Grace Eaton, Kappa, '07, and Ellen Brooks, Kappa, ex-'08. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppin are receiving in a charming new home at 3227 Humboldt Avenue, South Minneapolis.

IN MEMORIAM

ELSA GARDNER STANLEY, Beta.

NELLIE BLYTHE CONNOR, Beta.

With feeling of deepest sorrow, Beta chapter records the departure from this life of two valued members, Elsa Stanley, and Nellie Connor. The one had completed her work in the university; the other was taken from the midst of her activities in college and chapter; but in every relation, both had worthily exemplified the true Gamma Phi Beta spirit, and their deaths in the prime of usefulness have occasioned a grief that may not easily be expressed.

Elsa Gardner Stanley, of the class of 1904, died at the home of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Albert A. Stanley, in Ann Arbor, after an illness of but a few weeks duration, on May 14th, 1910. She was an active member of the chapter until her death, and at the funeral the entire active chapter was present, and by their tokens of affection and manifestations of sorrow, left the impress of the grief her loss has occasioned.

Nellie Blythe Connor was taken seriously ill at the close of the first semester of her senior year, and for many months, during which she manifested the admirable traits of character which had endeared her not only to the sisters in Gamma Phi, but to all who had come to know her, she battled against the dread destroyer. Her illness was mainly at the chapter house where every comfort was given her by the active members, and when improvement suggested a change, she went to the home of her uncle, Mr. J. W. Connor, in Detroit,

where she died, July 28, 1910. The funeral services were held at Ossosso, where she was born, and where her father and other members of the family reside. The sorority was represented by Gladys Lewis and Lora Hall.

The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of Beta chapter:

"Whereas, In the Providence of God, our sister, Elsa Gardner Stanley, of the class of 1904, has been taken from us, be it

Resolved, That we, Beta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy. And be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our sorrow, drape our badges for the period of thirty days. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and inserted in the CRESCENT, our sorority magazine.

LORA HALL,

MARION PELLOW,

EMILY ELY."

"Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our sister, Nellie Connor; be it

Resolved, That we, the Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved parents our deepest sympathy; we mourn with them their loss, yet we are grateful for the memory and influence of her character as a sister beloved. And be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our sincere grief, drape our badge for the period of sixty days. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Connor, and for publication in the CRESCENT.

GLADYS L. LEWIS,

LORA HALL."

GRACE HUNTER JONES, Kappa.

The girls of Kappa Chapter and Minneapolis Alumnae take up their work with saddened hearts this autumn of 1910, because of the death in Denver, in August, of one who had meant much in the

life of both chapters. Grace Hunter Jones was a member of the class of 1909 at Minnesota, a loyal wearer of the Crescent, a help and inspiration to all who knew her. Her sunny smile and dainty humor made many dark moments wear a brighter color, and her ready sympathy was quick to heal the wounds of those she loved. And she loved all around her. We of Kappa Chapter now are singing her freshman song, set to a quaint little tune of the day—and its burden is of the love her heart was full of for the crescent pin and the girls who wore it.

She has left a sweet heritage in her memory. In return we offer our love for her, our sympathy—and our remembrance—to those she loved best, to her father and her sister, to her husband and her little child.

SARA MORROW PRESTON, for Kappa Chapter.

It is with real sorrow that we, of Denver Alumnæ, have worn our pins draped for Grace Hunter Jones, whose death occurred August 24. She came to us a bride from Kappa and entered into our work and our hearts immediately. We shall miss her sweet presence and mourn her loss as a true Gamma Phi sister.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

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

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

Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Illinois.

Miss Lindsey Barbee (Editor), 1575 Lafayette St., Denver, Colo.

FOR MAY—*The Phi Gamma Delta*; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *The Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *The Triangle* of Sigma Sigma Sigma; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *The Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

FOR JUNE—*The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *The Beta Theta Pi*; *Delta Chi Quarterly*; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *The Shield and Diamond*, Pi Kappa Alpha.

FOR JULY—*The Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *Alpha Gamma Delta*.

FOR AUGUST—*The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Alpha Xi Delta*.

The following fraternities and sororities have held conventions during the summer: Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta at Niagara Falls; Kappa Sigma in New York City; Beta Theta Pi at Saratoga Springs; Phi Kappa Psi at Toledo; Delta Upsilon on the Pacific Coast; Kappa Kappa Gamma at Bloomington, Indiana; Chi Omega at Lexington, Ky.; Alpha Chi Omega at Detroit; Zeta Tau Alpha at Galveston; Pi Beta Phi at Swarthmore.

Zeta Tau Alpha has entered the University of Alabama and the University of Southern California; Alpha Delta Phi has new chapters at Marion, Alabama and at Galveston, Georgia; Sigma Kappa announces the establishment of Lambda chapter at the University of California, and of Mu chapter at the University of Washington.

We are indeed doing worthless work if each year we do not take into our midst two or three girls who are capable, with the chaperon, of leading a table conversation which amounts to something more than a discussion of neighbors, dances and half developed college interests. How much better would college interests, papers, magazines and the like develop, did the leading students have a firm background of general information.

How often, may I ask, has the Ballinger-Pinchot case been discussed within the last few months in the sorority houses? Women want the ballot, many of them, but do they know the history of the "Budget?" Or in Harper's, have fraternity women generally read the Presidential and Conservation message? But table discussion cannot be confined to politics alone for an entire month or more. Has Mary Garden, her acting and a comparative criticism of her technique been talked of at the fraternity house table? Or did the death of Frederick Remington bring forth a live discussion of his place as an American artist and a portrayer of a type of American life? Has Rostand's play been discussed for its dramatic and social value?

In the West we are permitted to hear or see very few of the country's most talked of arts but with the wonderful system of monthly and weekly magazines it seems to me that a fraternity house ought to be the very center of discussion of the highest culture and highest appreciation of the country. The commercialism of our men is certainly in no greater rut than the lack of knowledge of the arts into which our women are falling.

It seems to me then, that at the table where all meet and lay aside their duties, culture might be considered a pleasure, and a higher standard might prevail.—*The Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

The following is a good plea for the much-blamed aristocratic spirit: It is said fraternities engender an aristocratic spirit amongst their members. But I ask, *is* this sentiment, even if fostered to some degree, so especially objectionable? What college man is there, "with soul *so dead*" when chosen for membership in a fraternity, who is *not* animated by a feeling of pride and exulta-

tion? Let me say that such a sentiment, characterize it as you may, makes for the betterment of, rather than detriment to, society in general.—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

One of the most vital questions which the women's fraternities have to face is the just division of power between the individual chapters and the local Panhellenic; or in other words, to decide precisely what matters fall within the legitimate jurisdiction of the Panhellenic. Its original aim was to do away with high school pledging, and to bring about a greater spirit of unity among the various fraternities. Since then, it has gone on increasing the scope of its operations and enlarging its powers until, in many cases, the chapters have found themselves involved in elaborate contracts, beset on every hand by rules and regulations governing every trifle and peccadillo of college life during the rushing season. There have been times at Minnesota, when it has been almost impossible to be simply natural in matters of conduct without breaking a rule, or what in the eyes of the world is almost as bad, appearing to do so. The constant thinking about rules makes life cramped and artificial. It is impossible to be spontaneous and normal in our intercourse with the freshmen, and the whole object of rushing, which is to get acquainted with a girl in a simple and natural way, is entirely defeated. How can one ever know a girl when acquaintance must be carried on over the high board fence of a hundred petty "Thou shalts," and "Thou shalt nots?"

But it is not only the relations of fraternity girls with freshmen which become strained, but what is much worse, the relations of fraternity girls with each other. An elaborate contract breeds suspicion, destroys friendship, and makes impossible that cordial and friendly fellow-feeling which should exist between college women of different fraternities. The air is full of hasty accusations, quick suspicions, and indignant denials. Not that I believe extended Panhellenic control furnishes infinite opportunities for misunderstanding.

I would not question for a moment the wisdom of Panhellenic regulations, when they are big and broad. They are absolutely

essential to the life and usefulness of the chapters concerned. It is only when a local Panhellenic usurps undue power, by making fraternity relations a net work of intricate and foolish rules, that there is danger.—*The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

A noteworthy event which is to constitute one of the incidents of Convocation day (June 14) at the University of Chicago will be the unveiling of a bronze memorial tablet to Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, whose career President Eliot declared "was unmatched by any other American woman." The tablet will be backed by a white marble slab, and will rest in the east wall of the base of the Hutchinson Tower at the north end of the "cloister" and facing the steps leading to the entrance to Hutchinson Commons. The design is by the noted sculptor, Daniel Chester French, best known, perhaps, by his "Minute Man at Concord" and "Death and the Sculptor." Below the half-figure of Mrs. Palmer will be the inscription, already borne by the memorial chimes in the tower above: "Joyfully to recall Alice Freeman Palmer, Dean of Women in this University, 1892-95, these bells make music."—The University of Chicago News Letter, quoted from *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

At about four o'clock we left the Gallery and made our way to the College Club, at which place Gamma Phi Beta Fraternity was awaiting us with a warm welcome and a goodly store of refreshments. The tea was a most enjoyable affair.—From account of Convention in *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

With the publication of the article concerning the Johns Hopkins University in this number we complete a series of seventy-three illustrated articles relating to the institutions where our chapters are located. So far as we know, no journal, educational or otherwise, has ever undertaken or attempted to undertake such a task. The earliest of these articles appeared in June, 1893, so that it has taken seventeen years to complete the set.—Beta Theta Pi.

The July issue of *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega gives an interesting account of the mythological patrons of several of the sorori-

ties. Alpha Chi Omega has lately selected Hera as her goddess; both Alpha Sigma Alpha and Kappa Kappa Gamma claim Athene; Beta Sigma Omicron is guided by Hestia; Chi Omega has Demeter; Delta Delta Delta claims Poseidon and Zeta Tau Alpha is led by Themis.

Many of the active girls declared that no session interested them more than the meeting of the alumnae on Tuesday afternoon. Certainly none was more fruitful in its results. The address of Captain Hobson in regard to the mountain whites was both instructive and entertaining. It furnished the background for the proposition made by the alumnae of the Washington Alumnae Club that the alumnae of the fraternity be given power to found and maintain a school for the mountain whites to be dedicated on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity, in honor of the founders of Pi Beta Phi.

This proposition instantly became the chief topic of discussion in the dining-hall and on the campus and the idea met with such favor that it was not surprising that it was favorably accepted at the next session. To many, this seemed the most significant act of Convention and all realized the meaning of Miss Keller's words, "We have done a big thing in a short time."—From account of Pi Beta Phi Convention in *The Arrow*.

Gamma Phi has put a new chapter into the University of Idaho. This makes six western chapters to three eastern and four middle west state ones and they are still talking of more! It looks as though Gamma Phi would tip up in a westerly direction.—*The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

This year we have inaugurated in our chapter meetings a new system of criticism. At first it seemed a well-nigh impossibly delicate and difficult task. Delicate and difficult it has proven, but not impossibly so, for our criticism has all been prompted by the spirit which "condemns the fault and not the actor of it."

But to understand how it has been possible to carry this out, something of the system itself must be explained. Each week our

president appoints a "critic." This appointing is not done in fraternity meeting; indeed only two persons know who this critic is—the girl herself and the president. And thus far every critic has been able to so entirely conceal her identity that no one else has had even an inkling who she has been. It is the duty of this critic to write out a little criticism of every girl in the chapter, herself included; of course not always an unfavorable criticism by any means, but, when deserved, a word of commendation. And the eagerness with which even some of the most listless of us have striven to deserve this word of praise, has surprised us all.

With us, this system has had many advantages. We certainly have profited by the criticism itself, for the little word of reproof, coming as almost an impertinence from girl to girl, is taken in good part and acted upon when coming from an unknown source, even though the criticism is read by our president in the chapter meeting.

Moreover, this systematized criticism has done away with what was formerly the bane of our fraternity life—personal, individual criticism, made not to the subject of it, but to another person, sanctioned by the name of Theta interest, but in reality nothing more nor less than common gossip, benefiting no one and undermining peace of fraternity life.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*, quoted from *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

What we are seeking is not loftier ideals but a higher standard. And since the individuals determine the character of the organization, we are seeking a higher standard for them,—a nobler type of girl. Fraternity girls, discussing a prospective rushee, almost invariably consider first the question of whether or not the girl is "fraternity type." And too often the qualifications we name as being necessary, reflect on us,—it's very easy to become superficial. The "fraternity type" of girl is determined by us,—it is the standard we have made ourselves by our own conduct, and it is unreasonable to look for it as an inherent quality of girls who have never been in a fraternity. The *type*, which of course can never be high enough, is developed *in* the fraternity,—every worthy member makes the standard higher, just as every unworthy one lowers it.

If we could only remember that each of us is responsible for the reputation of the whole group! We are seeking a higher standard, and better girls, and we will get it not by requiring more of the girls we are rushing, but by requiring more of ourselves.—*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

Here are two opinions in regard to the much-discussed Sophomore pledging:

The freshman girl is yet to be proved. The fraternity that initiates her too often finds that it must discipline her. After a year of its discipline, she sometimes proves to be not quite so much of a girl as she looked, and her fraternity "carries" her through her college course. Occasionally she drops out of college at the end of her first year, after really costing her sisters much hard work and much anxiety, without giving the return they might rightfully expect. The sophomore, on the other hand, who has demonstrated herself a good student, a good sport, a good campus citizen, has demonstrated her value as a member of a smaller group.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

If anyone needs watchful care and advice, it is the freshman. He is just beginning to shape his career and character, and false ideas, fostered by false friends, may ruin what promises to be a bright and useful life, while, if set on the right path, and sustained by the strong arm of experience, he will develop into a man of strong character, to the best interest of himself, his college, and the world.

"Is it for the best interest of the institution and student for colleges and universities to forbid first year men to join fraternities?" No—not if he joins a *good* fraternity.—Sigma Phi Epsilon in *The Triangle of Sigma Sigma Sigma.*

I am afraid that some of us think that we are good fraternity members if we go through the initiation, wear the pin, and are loyal to our own special chapter. It is possible for us to be ever so loyal, and yet lack the proper knowledge of our own or of other fraternities.

A girl who has a knowledge of the fraternity system in general, some idea of the history and work of other sororities, and a thorough knowledge of the history and work of her own fraternity, is a factor in her chapter worth while. Why do we see so few who are eager to follow up such a line of study? The world is too full of failures who *are* failures because they have not sufficient knowledge of the work which they have gone into. Fraternity life is no exception. The girl we turn to, and on whom we depend, is the girl who knows most concerning her own fraternity, at least.—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

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