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GRACE SMITH RICHMOND, (Alpha)

Peace and good will? Oh yes—he preached it—no doubt of that. But it was no milk-and-water peace, no sugar-and-spice good will. There was flesh and blood in the message he gave them and it was the message they needed. Even his text was not the gentle part of the Christmas prophecy, it was the militant part. "And the government shall be upon His shoulder." They were not bidden to lie down together like lambs, they were summoned to march together like lions—the lions of the Lord. As William Sewall looked down into the faces of the people and watched the changing expressions there, he felt that the strange, strong, challenging words were going home. He saw stooping shoulders straighten even as the preacher's had straightened; he saw heads come up and eyes grow light;—most of all, he saw that at last the people had forgotten one another and were remembering—God.

(From "On Christmas Day in the Evening.")





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## WHY EDUCATE THE DAUGHTER?

BY JANE SHERZER (BETA) PRESIDENT OF OXFORD  
COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Recently two prosperous men were discussing sending their sons away to college. One said "Well, we had no college education and we have succeeded." "Yes," replied the other, "but we are afraid to risk it with our children." Not long after a retired farmer was heard to say "A young man now-a-days without a college education simply can not see the point." And the consensus of opinion seems to be that the boy must be educated. But the girl—that is another matter! On all sides you will hear that the sphere of the daughter is in the home. The German Emperor's famous edict is freely quoted and believed by most parents:—the four k's for the women—"kirche, kinder, küche, kleider"—church, children, kitchen and clothes. Now no one denies that the home is the place for women but suppose she has no home. What about the thousands of women who have never been fortunate enough to marry? Nor does the wedding always settle the question.

I happen to know two women, graduates of Oxford College, who

married and had every prospect of happy homes. The husband of one died, leaving her with five little children and no means of support. Fortunately her education served her in good stead and she secured a position to teach in the public schools of her native town, while her mother has charge of the little ones. Of the other, the husband, unable to provide for his family, has gone west to try to start in life anew. In the meantime his mother-in-law cares for the four small children while the wife has bravely undertaken to support them all.

Marriage, you see, by no means settles the question with regard to a woman's life. In numberless cases she has to be the breadwinner, not for herself alone, but for a large family. Not long ago I heard of another mother whose husband died, leaving her with ten children whom she has brought up to be noble men and women entirely by her own efforts.

Then a commercial reason I would give as the first for educating the daughter. If it is a question in the family between the girl and the boy I would say educate the daughter. The boy, if necessary, can take care of himself, but who is so helpless as a girl without an education, thrown upon her own resources? Of course she can always clerk in a store or take up domestic service or work in a factory, but would any mother with a knowledge of conditions feel ready to thrust her daughter into such occupations where the wage is so small that if she desired to do more than exist she must purchase her pleasure with her character? If she has an education the higher fields are open to her where she can make a comfortable living and have a good, pure life among cultured people. Wealth and station should never excuse one from an education. Even royalty learns a trade. The emperor of Germany is a glove-maker. Doubtless King Manuel of Portugal has some respectable way of earning his livelihood or wishes he had.

The second reason is social. There are constant demands upon every woman now in society for papers and addresses. Unless one is well-read and well-educated she must take a back seat in any circle that is worth while. No mother aspires to such a place for her daughter.







JANE SHERZER, PH. D., (Beta)  
President of Oxford College for Women



The third reason is aesthetic:—having to do with our own joy in life. The training of the ear increases the appreciation of beautiful music. The training of the eye increases our appreciation of all that is beautiful in art and in nature. I have an artist friend with whom it is a delight to walk. She is constantly seeing things that other eyes do not perceive. For her the tints of the trees are more brilliant, the sunshine is more golden, the atmosphere on the distant hills is more purple, there are more colors lying on the landscape. Everywhere there is a picture for her. What if your children were born deaf and blind and a physician would offer to restore sight and hearing? Would any parent refuse his aid? But we are all born intellectually deaf and blind and only the angel of knowledge can open our ears and eyes and lead us up the hillside until we can see and hear and appreciate the beauties of the world around us. With such enrichment and with simple tastes the material things grow less and less important and we can lead a life of serene happiness such as no society butterfly can even conceive.

The fourth reason may be called sociological or utilitarian. The better the instrument the finer work it certainly can perform. Our superintendent used to say "Sharpen the ax for then you can cut down the tree." Education sharpens the ax—the intellect—makes it more capable of service. And what is life for? Happiness? How can we best obtain happiness except in working for others? The very climax is reached when we have been able to make of ourselves the greatest instrument of good to others. Thus, too, we secure our highest spiritual development and learn the greatest commandment—to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves.

Then for commercial, social, aesthetic and utilitarian motives should every daughter receive the highest obtainable education.

## THE RELATION OF THE ALUMNÆ TO THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

(BY A NEW YORK ALUMNA)

In order to discuss the relations of the alumnae to the active chapter, it may be well to go back to the reasons for establishing alumnae chapters. These reasons were two: First, to keep girls together after leaving college by continuing one of their most cherished college institutions; and second: to aid the active chapters, on which the burden of maintaining the sorority rests.

The first reason given needs no elaboration. As in all else, we receive in proportion to what we give, and the alumna who really participates in the life of her chapter, gets many returns in loyal friendships, wider interests, larger sympathies, and a lasting hold upon her college life.

As for the second, there is much to be said. To aid the active chapter. This means, we think, extricating it from its financial difficulties, discussing with it questions relating to its own welfare or that of the sorority, giving advice in inter-sorority matters, criticizing kindly, and lending moral support when necessary.

Have these aims been accomplished by the alumnae chapter? Has it been an efficient aid to the active chapter? Financially, we believe that it has been all that it was meant to be; no active chapter ever appealed for financial aid in vain. But in other respects.

Let us see what the conditions really are. The alumnae chapter nearly always exists side by side with an active chapter; for example, Boston and Delta, New York and Iota, Denver and Theta, etc. Most of these chapters hold monthly meetings, which the faithful attend regularly. Sometimes, active girls come to these meetings, by special invitation; often, there is no guest from the active chapter. The active girl, if present, has always something of interest to tell of her chapter; an occasional alumna, but recently out of college, or one especially interested in some one girl in college, can give some account of the work of the active chapter; but more often, the alumnae know nothing, save what they learn from official



reports, of what is going on in the chapter at their doors. Owing to this imperfect knowledge, they frequently have an entirely wrong idea of the *modus operandi* of the active chapter, and feel that its ways are past finding out.

The active girls, on their side, are just as ignorant of the *alumnæ's* methods and movements. The girl who attends *alumnæ* meeting goes back to her chapter feeling that, while the *alumnæ* are very agreeable people, they are so much older than the college girl, have such different interests and see things from such a different point of view that they really can't understand her problems. And so they go on, meeting occasionally, but never coming any closer together. What shall we describe as ideal conditions? Surely not that the *alumnæ* chapter give merely financial support, though that may be one of its functions; nor that it serve merely as a consulting bureau, though that should be another function; nor that it be critic in ordinary, which is sometimes desirable; but that it stand side by side with the active chapter, working with it always for the good of the sorority, playing with it sometimes, and keeping in close sympathetic touch with it always.

How can this be brought about? Details must be left to the individual chapters, but a general suggestion can be made.

It is not enough for active and *alumnæ* members to meet at a formal banquet once or twice a year; it is not enough to invite the active girls now and then to *alumnæ* meeting—the *alumnæ* must, in turn, visit the active chapter. If they did so, the college girls would feel that their older sisters had more than a perfunctory interest in them, they would learn to know each other; and from the better acquaintance, a closer relation would result.

But after all, the chief difficulty lies, not with the *alumnæ* chapters, but with the *alumnæ* who do not support these chapters. When every *alumna* feels it an imperative duty to join an *alumnæ* chapter, if there is one within reach; and not only to join, but to take an active part in its proceedings; when she makes up her mind that she can find time for this as well as for many other things—then the relations between *alumnæ* and active chapters will not need to be discussed, for they will be what they *should* be.

## THE FUNCTION OF AN ALUMNAE CHAPTER

"The Function of an Alumnae Chapter, in five hundred words!" So runs the request of our esteemed Editor. What an admirable opportunity to indulge an old-maidish proneness for preaching.

As I glance over the field, difficulties present themselves. I doubt whether thrice five hundred words could do more than enumerate and explain the manifold and varied functions which a live alumnae chapter might perform. Even if unlimited time, space and attention permitted, no hide-bound rules could be laid down. The functions of alumnae chapters vary from place to place and year to year. By their very organization, they are left free to seek their own sphere of usefulness. Therein lies their strength, and their weakness.

Therein lies the chapters' strength because no set of rules, no matter how general, could cover the varied opportunities of the different chapters. What an alumnae chapter in the college town can and ought to do is vastly different from the privileges and duties of the chapter located in a distant city. The element of weakness lies in the fact that some people need definite requirements to stimulate to any action. We all know chapters of the latter type whose meetings consist of a half dozen persons visiting an hour or so over a bit of Christmas sewing. You might attend one of them, and never suspect that it was anything more than a neighborhood gathering.

This seems to be the proper place to emphasize what ought to be a self-evident fact, that alumnae chapters exist to carry on Gamma Phi Beta work. This can not be done merely by contributing so much per annum to the exchequer of the active chapter though no chapter was known to be other than grateful for the contributions thus received. Nor can it be done by bestowing a liberal amount of advice, though the process is a most pleasant one for the giver. It can be done by each chapter's creating for itself a definite round of duties which shall be performed each year. Let me explain.



The chapter I know most about is located in the same town with its active chapter. For several years there was plenty of work to do, much talking and planning, and only some accomplishment. Recently the chapter has assumed definite duties. The annual banquet has been taken over entirely by the alumnae. They make a special effort to get the, "old girls," to come, and have been most successful. The coming-out-party for the newly-acquired freshmen, and the annual evening for fathers and mothers are now managed by the alumnae. Another responsibility recently assumed by them is the publishing of a chapter year-book. We have long felt the need of an annually revised list of members with the correct addresses attached. The alumnae chapter has published such a one this year, and we are delighted to find out how useful it is.

These are but isolated examples of responsibilities assumed by one chapter. They may not fit the needs in any other place. The important thing about them is that they are Gamma Phi duties, the performance of which has made our chapter larger, more united, more enthusiastic, and stronger in every way.

Now you see I have preached. The burden of my preachment is simply this: the function of an alumnae chapter is to find definite Gamma Phi work to do, and then to do it.

## COLLEGE WOMEN IN OUTSIDE WORK

(BY MARIE L. GOODMAN, BETA)

College circles congratulate themselves on the occasion of a college president being elected to the governorship of a state; so do we all felicitate ourselves that the world is growing better, when we find the educated and cultured taking a courageous, active interest in politics and other forms of public life. For this reason, our educational system should be on broad lines—to give balance, stability, judgment—also keen, alert open-mindedness.

Yet the criticism is not unjust that points to the omission from our college courses of those studies peculiarly suited to woman's fundamental specialty—the home. It is true that if women make themselves cultivated and noble, their children will become efficient and worthy and their country honored among nations. So we joy in seeing these women show themselves excellent mothers and homemakers. But we are concerned as to their interest in movements outside the home—in community and national life.

Because college women have had an education, we expect them to be advanced thinkers of broad sympathies; able leaders and workers; and in general, college women have been a part of and have helped on the great modern women movement. All college graduates may be and a majority are interested in some outside effort to improve conditions in the community—to uplift standards in the nation. We find them in the A. C. A., giving scholarships and studying educational problems; and happily branching out in campaigns for early Christmas shopping, for public school medical inspection and visiting nurses, for higher salaries and higher standards for teachers. We find the educated woman sharing her knowledge and culture in the settlements and clubs, expressing her tenderness by applying her trained mind to day nurseries, hospitals and to housing and labor-wage questions. We are proud again to know of women using their education in public life, as Miss Frances A. Kellar, graduate of Cornell School of Law and New York School of Philanthropy, recently appointed Chief Inspector of the New York Bureau of



Industries and Immigration; also, Katherine Benecut Davis and Mrs. Isabel Barrows who used their special equipment in languages at the recent International Prison Congress.

The enlightened woman is the symbol that civilization has advanced and also the promise of continuing progress. But will it not be helpful for us to hear a bit of criticism? Are we not falling short of the universal faith that education will result in the near approach of the universal brotherhood of man? Is our culture to be shut up in a bottle, reserved for the few? Has it perhaps made us conventionalized, classed with the privileged too exclusive? Is there a greater spirit of democracy among other women—as of the Federated Clubs—that urges them to their energetic, united effort for public health, clean food and milk, for definite teaching of ethics in the public schools, for conservation, for efficiency in public office? In Missouri, for example—two, and only two, out of six State Federation Presidents have been college women, and in sixteen years of the largest club in the state, only two from ten presidents have held college diplomas. In the other balance may be placed the refined and scholarly women physicians who are exposing the hideous skeleton of the White Slave Traffic; who with clear faith born of knowledge, are urging the women to help drive out the monster, to save sisters, husbands and children from its dire contamination.

McCarthy cites this criticism of culture, that “it is too apt to rank itself on the side of privilege,” but lifts us from despair by recording that “from the very bosoms of the universities often come keen, fearless gladiators to throw themselves into the van of the movement for democracy, equality and freedom.” Let us too, disturb the prosaic ways of ordinary life by aggressively advocating new and noble ideas.

Shall not we women who have accepted from the sciences and arts the trained mentality, the broadened understanding use a consequent saner, stronger, wiser efficiency in the every-day home duties, in ennobling the public school, in approving more honorable methods and habits in the business and political world? Shall we not be

adventuresome, buoyant, with our knowledge of God's providence in nature and in history; shall we not be daringly active for cleaner living, noble ambitions and a beneficent use of all power, of social position, of wealth, of ability and talent? The application of knowledge, of training, of discipline and of culture is the only proof of the value of education, and the only means of expressing our gratitude to parents, college promoters and benefactors and instructors. So let us use our skill, our disciplined reason to raise each home, each town and thus the world—especially our own nation as world-leader—higher and higher in the path of civilization.







CLARA WORDEN WILCOX

First Gamma Phi Initiate. (Also the first mother and grandmother in Gamma Phi).



## GAMMA PHI BETA IN THE A. C. A.

BY ZOE RILEY DYER, (ETA '07)

Since this is an alumna number of *THE CRESCENT*, I cannot refrain from urging fresh duties upon the busy long suffering alumnae and suggesting new fields to the college senior.

The question of joining a Woman's Club presents itself to every new graduate who chances to live in a town large enough to support such a club, and from general observation there does not appear to be any census qualification for such a town. Thanks be to the American women who give their leisure to this altruistic work and thanks to the American men who make that leisure possible. My plea is that most Gamma Phi Beta alumnae living where there are "Branches" (chapters) of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae take advantage of their opportunity and join the Association.

The average Woman's Club maintains its literary, civic improvement and social sections. It ably undertakes the solving of municipal problems and has for its object the advance of social conditions in the community where it exists. The Collegiate Alumnae Association supports the same culture lines and undertakes the same charity work but its members are trained for each phase of work along specific lines. The woman who has made a study of sociology, undertakes her "laboratory" work with a scientific knowledge of her subject, and her committee members are competent also. The chief aim of each Branch is to materially aid the women's interests in the colleges near at hand.

It is very easy and natural for the Gamma Phi Beta graduate to join her alumnae chapter and enjoy the companionship of dear and tried friends without caring to enter another territory of strangers. Yet there is sure to be some desire—force of habit perhaps—which urges the college woman to strive still with others of her kind to enter again the field of competition toward the goal of accomplishment.

These "Branches" include in their membership women from the leading Universities, a great number coming from women's colleges

where there are no chapters of Gamma Phi Beta. The sorority which is best represented in these Branches is apt to become the best known in college circles.

And casting duty aside, the social life of these Branches is very pleasant. There are many charming as well as many brilliant young women who attend the luncheons and meetings. No matter what their interests, whether they be home-makers, music lovers, literary women or charity workers, there is a common bond among those women who have completed their college course. The dues of the Association are three dollars a year.

So it is my hope that, after the Gamma Phi Beta graduates have joined their alumnae chapters, they may consider this broad Association of the college women of the United States, and join it for the best interests of their college, their sorority and themselves.

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## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Coming to Illinois directly after our marriage, just one year after graduation, I soon lost connection with Gamma Phi Beta aside from the little white invitations which never failed to come twice a year.

Five years ago my sister Mrs. Mira E. Draper returned from Japan for the purpose of educating her children at Syracuse. Two of them are now members of Gamma Phi Beta. She immediately began to write me how much she enjoyed meeting with the two chapters and sent me many an interesting item of news regarding old acquaintances or pranks of the younger generation.

Then came the convention at Syracuse. Just recovering from a serious illness, almost broken hearted over the death of my oldest son, my family decided I needed a change and so I was sent east for rest and recuperation. Visiting Boston first, I hunted up the chapter of Gamma Phi Beta and passed a very pleasant afternoon in their company.

My visit in Syracuse is one I shall never forget. One afternoon was spent with the Alumnae Chapter renewing old acquaintances. Then came the convention and it was a revelation to see the delegates



from all the many chapters and to watch the business like way in which all matters moved, culminating in the banquet where two hundred Gamma Phis sat down together. The appointments were perfect and the girls seemed to me the most beautiful company I had ever seen.

Then we four founders were together for the first time in thirty years. We had just one hour to spend in each other's company and during that hour we had our picture taken!

When I returned home I said, "Why cannot we have a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta here at Illinois! Our girls are just as sweet and attractive as any I have seen." I thought how delightful it would be to be associated with such a group and then in my dreams I thought it would be grand for them to visit back and forth and exchange courtesies with the chapters at Wisconsin and Northwestern.

Dear old Northwestern where, when my father was president, I had passed parts of two beautiful years as a student! I well remember the witchery of moonlight strolls under the trees beside the shimmering lake.

Not long since I wrote every chapter a personal letter endorsing a petition which was the outcome of these dreams and I now take great pleasure in thanking each one for the cordial way in which it was received. If the vote had been unanimous my thanks could not be more sincere.

At present the girls and I are living in hope and expect to spend our hours of adversity in enlarging our boundaries and strengthening our tent-ropes in the confident expectation that time will bring about a recognition of our merits.

Meanwhile my Phi Beta girls join me in the warmest holiday greetings to all the sisterhood, and extend to each one who can make it convenient to do so a cordial invitation to visit them in their cosy and attractive home in Urbana, Illinois.

(FRANCES E. HAVENS MOSS)

To each and to every Gamma Phi Beta I send my heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Christmas wish cannot add nor detract from the season which now is past. It can but cause you to pause and think whether that

was a season of real joy to you. Did you experience the joy and peace which springs from the satisfaction that you have given of yourself to the world? This gift mankind has a right to expect of you and you have no right to with-hold.

With the coming of the New Year, new opportunities are opening to you. Each one as a Gamma Phi Beta has an added opportunity. If then, I wish for you the most possible, it must be that each one may be of great usefulness and of wide service in the world. If in the past year you have not given your gift to the world, may you do so in the year we are just entering.

ANNA M. DIMMICK, (Zeta).

*Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:—*

Miss Barbee asks for a "few lines of greeting or good wishes," and I am glad to be given such a good opportunity of saying that, although I have not had the pleasures of Gamma Phi comradeship for several years, with the single exception of Mrs. Moss, our loyal founder, and of a few temporary sojourners in our community, I watch with increasing interest the progress and successes of Gamma Phi throughout the length and breadth of the land, and read with great pleasure her ideals as they express themselves in the various articles of *THE CRESCENT*. My own undergraduate experience in Gamma Phi has always been one of my happiest memories, and I wish for all of you who are still undergraduates such happy associations and warm friendships as Gamma Phi has given to me. I am sure, however, that since those early days, the sphere of sorority influence has widened, and that with its larger place in University life have come not only the sweet pleasures of youthful friendship but opportunities for a stronger discipline in unselfishness and for service to the college community of which the chapter is a part. May Gamma Phi always stand for the best in the student life about her is my New Year's wish!

VIOLET JAYNE SCHMIDT, Beta, '87.







AILEEN CLEVELAND HIGGINS, (Epsilon)



## A GROUP OF GAMMA PHI'S

GRACE SMITH RICHMOND, (Alpha, '88)

Perhaps no Gamma Phi is more widely known and more generally loved through her writings than Grace Smith Richmond. "The Indifference of Juliet" quite won our hearts; "A Court of Inquiry," "Round the Corner in Gay Street," "The Second Violin," "Red Pepper Burns" and others have followed and each succeeding book has been enthusiastically received by the public. "Christmas Day in the Evening" just issued, is a charming story of the holiday season with its sweet message of peace and good-will.

AILEEN CLEVELAND HIGGINS, (Epsilon)

From time to time, Aileen Cleveland Higgins' charming and fanciful verses have appeared in the leading magazines; "A Little Princess of Tonapah," "A Little Princess of the Pines" and several others have appeared in book form, while "Dream Blocks" has been issued in most attractive dress. Miss Higgins has been signally honored by admission to the Lyceum Club—an international organization to which only women who have done original work of high standard in literature or the other arts are eligible. The club membership includes the names of Lady Balfour, Alice Hegán Rice, Jane Addams, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Edith Wharton Princess Karadja, Anne Warner and Alice Meynell, and has the largest club house in London on Picadilly with branches in Berlin, Paris and Florence.

KATHARINE ALDRICH WHITING, (Delta, '99)

Katharine Aldrich Whiting has been known to the readers of THE CRESCENT, since the magazine began to be—and in addition to many contributions from her pen, her chapter letters have held first place in interest, cleverness and originality. Miss Whiting, for some years has been a constant contributor to the leading magazines, her first poems being immediately accepted by the *Atlantic Monthly*. She has the honor of being the first woman to read a poem before any Phi Beta Kappa meeting which event occurred at

Tufts College in 1901—this poem, “The Elect” afterwards appearing in the sorority magazine. When *Collier's Weekly* held its five thousand dollar prize competition in 1905, her clever football story “The Goddess from the Car” was one of the few selected for purchase by the magazine.

JANE SHERZER, Ph.D., (Beta, '93).

There are but three women who have attained to the great scholastic distinction of winning the doctorate of philosophy at the University of Berlin, and from this number, Gamma Phi Beta proudly claims Jane Sherzer. Dr. Sherzer graduated from Michigan in '93, was a student of languages in Paris, Zurich, Jena and Munich, was for three years in Berlin, taking the degree of M.A. and Ph.D. in English, German, old Scandinavian and philosophy. She spent about eight years abroad in travel and study; taught in the Academy for Women and Illinois College, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and is now President of the Oxford College for Women for which position she is unusually equipped. It is with just pride that we read of her successful work while her achievements have brought scholastic honor to Gamma Phi.

VIOLET JAYNE SCHMIDT, (Beta, '87).

Violet Jayne Schmidt was graduated at Michigan in '87, took her Master's degree in '96, her doctorate at Minnesota in '03, studied in the University of Zurich and taught English for several years afterwards. She was given Phi Beta Kappa at the founding of the Michigan chapter and in 1897 was appointed Dean of Women in the University of Illinois, being the first to fill that office. In 1904 she was married to Professor Schmidt, now a member of the Engineering faculty at Illinois.

While teaching in San Jose, California, she with two other members of Beta chapter helped to establish Eta at Berkeley.

It is interesting to know that the college girls during Mrs. Schmidt's term as Dean of Women so appreciated the fine quality of her work that they always spoke of her as “Lady Jayne.” As one of her loyal friends asserts—“We may point to her as the true Gamma Phi type.”







VIOLET JAYNE SCHMIDT, (Beta, '87)



## MATER NOSTRA CARISSIMA

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*By* KATHARINE ALDRICH WHITING, (Boston Alumnae)

The trees wave green in the still retreats  
Where Scholars dwell—apart;  
She stands in the roar of the city streets  
Who bore us 'neath her heart.

The fair tradition of old ways falls,  
The arras of Oxford's throne;  
Our mother laughs from her naked halls,  
"Children ye weave your own!"

Poor she is as Erasmus of old,  
Poor as the saints away;  
But her hands are clean of tainted gold,  
And her wealth fades not away.

Her robe is torn and old and worn,  
Her fearless feet are bare,  
She has no grace of rose-flushed face—  
But oh, her eyes are fair!

Spartan, she drives her children forth  
To toil, to fight, to live—  
Strong in the strength of her iron worth,  
Strong in the pledge they give.

The fight is long; youth's visions fade  
In the glare of things as they are;  
But her kind hand gave the accolade—  
Her eyes are their battle-star.

Home they come, from all the earth  
To bend at their mother's knee.  
The young mother who gave them birth,  
She asks no gold in fee.

But one he brings her a laurel wreath  
To crown her stately head,—  
And one creeps home, who has sunk beneath  
The strong men's ruthless tread.

Fair, ah! fair is the laurel crown,  
And sweet the bended knee;  
But the unstained faith of the man that is down  
Is a holier thing to see.

Naught she asks, from the child she bears,  
For herself—she trusts her own.  
He may forget his mother's cares—  
Her faith is bone of his bone.

They shall come home while the years endure,  
To hear, while her life runs warm,  
“Have ye kept the faith? Has your truth made sure  
The Republic suffers no harm?”

(This poem was read at an Alumni Reunion of Boston University,  
in answer to the toast, “My College.”)



## THE FIRST YEAR OUT OF COLLEGE

OR

## DIANA'S QUEST OF ALADDIN'S LAMP

(BY KATHRYN ALLEN, THETA '09)

When Diana was a wee small girl, fairy stories were her especial delight; for her youthful soul reveled in all the mysterious transformations which brought just retributions to both good and evil fairies. The story which possessed the greatest fascination for her and which fired her imagination to the highest point was that of Aladdin's Lamp. So potent was its influence that Diana determined to spend her whole life in a quest of the mysterious lamp so that she might obtain her heart's desire. Whatever may be said in regard to Diana's aim, the zeal with which she devoted herself to her undertaking was at least commendable.

Twelve years of experience in seeking knowledge only proved to our youthful enthusiast that her search has been in vain until one day she heard of a great College situated on a high hill and renowned for the store of wisdom hidden within its ancient walls. As this was the final goal of her hope, Diana determined to make one last effort to discover the abiding place of the will o' the wisp lamp which had so long eluded her.

As she slowly wended her way up the steep path to the College, her heart struggling between hope and fear, she saw at the top of the hill a band of Grecian Maidens carrying a shining Crescent and dancing and singing joyfully. As they drew nearer, they began to encircle her and finally the leader beckoned to Diana to join in the mystic circle. Diana gladly did as she was bid and soon found herself dancing and singing like the others while an ineffable peace and happiness stole over her unaware. She followed her guides to a dear little brown house with three mystic symbols over the door and then she was told that whosoever entered within the sacred portals should obtain her Heart's Desire.

Diana timidly crossed the threshold and the first object which

met her eye was a wonderfully illuminated lamp. Taking it in her hands, immediately there opened before her a new vista of life—a life filled with high aims and aspirations and devoted to the service of others. She sat down upon a nearby stool and turning the lamp from side to side a panorama of beautiful scenes—scenes of four happy years at College—passed before her eyes. She saw the little brown house turn into a stately temple which she had helped to dedicate to her order; the band of novices whom she was to initiate into the strong bond of a Sisterhood marched proudly by with their Crescent shields; and finally she saw the great store of wisdom which she had piled up by earnest endeavor and a continued striving after truth.

As Diana was musing over the blessings which the Magic Lamp had revealed to her, she heard a great commotion without and putting down her kaleidoscope she stepped outside the little house. She found herself in a great wide place which seemed without bounds. Crowds of people surrounded her and she caught her breath, so strange and portentous did this sudden change seem. She turned in terror to seek again the protection of her sanctuary but a voice within her cried, "You must not betray the Trust placed in you; it is time for you to enter upon the real duties of Life."

Diana now realized that four years had passed by since she had first found her Heart's Desire in the little brown house. Once again she gazed back with longing eyes at the little place nestling under the wing of the old College; then, starting resolutely forward with a great lump in her throat, Diana entered into the field of life.

She found that the knowledge she had treasured for four years she must now impart to little cherubs who sometimes appeared without their halos. Trials and tribulations followed each other in quick succession occasionally interspersed with rays of sunshine caused by happy memories of the past.

A year had passed by since Diana left her Alma Mater and the little brown house. What of the dreams and ideals she found there? Not all were realized, alas! The little brown house remained still the little brown house instead of a marvelous temple. The



store of wisdom did not seem quite so colossal as she had imagined it. Her faith in Humanity alone remained unchanged and so Diana buoyed up by the strength of those wonderful bonds of love and fealty which she had cherished in her Sisterhood whispered softly to herself,

“Ah, but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp  
Or what’s a heaven for?”

Thus encouraged, Diana again took up her burdens, contented with the thought that Aladdin’s Lamp had once been within her grasp.

## GAMMA PHI BETA RELATIONSHIPS

Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Relationship (latter to former)
Frances E. Haven Moss	Alpha, Founder	Myra Haven Draper	Alpha, 1876	Sister
Myra Haven Draper	Alpha, 1876	Marion Draper	Alpha, 1909	Niece
Bertha Boomer Brooks	Alpha, 1881	Winifred Draper	Alpha, 1907	Niece
Austiana Taylor Goreth	Alpha, 1888	Winifred Draper	Alpha, 1907	Daughter
Georgiana Taylor Carpenter	Alpha, 1894	Marion Draper	Alpha, 1909	Daughter
Alvia Horton Fish	Alpha, 1888	Ella Brooks	Alpha, 1908	Daughter
Louise Klock	Alpha, 1891	Elizabeth Brooks	Alpha, 1907	Niece
Hazel E. King Stacey	Alpha, 1902	Isabel Brown	Alpha, 1910	Niece
Florence Taylor King	Alpha, 1904	Isabel Brown	Alpha, 1910	Daughter
Marion Beecher	Alpha, 1907	Mildred Fish	Alpha, 1910	Cousin
Elizabeth Brooks	Alpha, 1907	Isabel Brown	Alpha, 1908	Sister
Winifred Draper	Alpha, 1907	Ruth King	Alpha, 1907	Sister
Nettie Daniels	Beta, 1876	Gladys King Banks	Alpha, 1904	Sister
Anna May Soule	Beta, 1882	Elsie E. Hatch	Delta, 1909	Sister
Isadore Thompson Scott	Beta, 1882	Ruth Hatch	Delta, 1909	Sister
Estella Guppy	Beta, 1883	Laura Beecher	Alpha, 1910	Sister
Gertrude Steven Lewis	Beta, 1883	Ella Brooks	Alpha, 1908	Sister
Millicent Hunt Heaton	Beta, 1886	Marion Draper	Alpha, 1907	Sister
Emma Ballentine Hinchman	Beta, 1887	Josephine Daniels	Alpha, 1895	Sister
Honta Smalley Bredin	Beta, 1888	Marie Goodman	Beta, 1891	Cousin
Maybelle F. Randolph	Beta, 1888	Fannie Goodman Symonds	Beta, 1894	Cousin
May Culver West	Beta, 1889	Alice Beckwith Thompson	Beta, 1891	Sister-in-law
Helen Randall Kidder	Beta, 1889	Ruth Guppy	Beta, 1883	Sister
Bess Ryder Symonds	Beta, 1889	Edith Stevens Fitzgerald	Beta, 1885	Sister
Mae Carpenter	Beta, 1889	Elizabeth Bostwick	Beta, 1910	Niece
Augusta Dufree Flinterman	Beta, 1890	Kate Ballentine Heavenrich	Beta, 1893	Sister
Sara den Bleyker Van Deman	Beta, 1890	Alice Smalley McKinney	Gamma, 1907	Sister
Marie Goodman	Beta, 1891	Louise Randolph Gay	Beta, 1887	Sister
Frances Riley Beck	Beta, 1891	Caroline Culver Potter	Beta, 1896	Sister
Isabella Hosie MacKay	Beta, 1891	Mabelle Randall	Beta, 1883	Sister
Margaret Douglas Bement	Beta, 1891	Mary Symonds Hoag	Beta, 1899	Sister-in-law
Lucy Davis	Beta, 1894	June Carpenter Greely	Beta, 1890	Sister
Ada Gilbert Close	Beta, 1896	Emile Flinterman	Beta, 1894	Sister-in-law
Caroline Culver Potter	Beta, 1896	Marion Brownell den Bleyker	Beta, 1899	Sister-in-law
Ruth Burrington	Beta, 1896	Fannie Goodman Symonds	Beta, 1894	Sister
		Esther Rich Riley	Beta, 1891	Sister-in-law
		Carrie Hosie	Beta, 1898	Sister
		Helen Douglas Creelman	Beta, 1892	Sister
		Clara Davis	Beta, 1900	Cousin
		Irene Gilbert Watkins	Beta, 1901	Cousin
		Marion Hubbard	Beta, 1900	Sister
		Ednah Burrington	Beta, 1902	Sister



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Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Relationship (latter to former)
Margaret Dodds Nelson	Beta, 1898	Elizabeth Dodds Kane	Beta, 1903	Sister
Florence Brownell	Beta, 1899	Marion Brownell den Bleyker	Beta, 1901	Sister
Margaret Shearer Willard	Beta, 1902	Marie Shearer	Beta,	Sister
Edna Lowrey	Beta, 1904	Louanna Meeker	Beta, 1907	Cousin
Emily Ely	Beta, 1906	Clara Ely	Beta, 1907	Cousin
Ethel Smurthwaite	Beta, 1908	Bessye Smurthwaite	Beta, 1910	Sister
Frieda Haller	Beta, 1908	Hermira Haller	Beta, 1910	Sister
Marguerite Burdall	Beta, 1909	Gertrude Burdall Arnold	Epsilon, 1896	Sister
		Ruth Burdall	Beta, 1909	Sister
Gertrude Barron Harrison	Gamma, 1886	Helen Harrison	Gamma, 1910	Daughter
Florence Baker Hays	Gamma, 1887	Elizabeth Hays	Xi, pledge	Niece
Anna Spencer Harrington	Gamma, 1892	Marion Spencer	Gamma, 1909	Niece
Ethel Houser Jackman	Gamma, 1896	Hazel Houser	Gamma, 1906	Sister
Nell Perkins	Gamma,	Louise Perkins	Gamma, 1907	Niece
May Pratt Bright	Gamma, 1892	Verona Pratt	Gamma, 1908	Niece
Maud Terry	Gamma, 1904	Belle Flick	Gamma, 1909	Cousin
Clara Jensen	Gamma, 1906	Lydia Jensen Johnson	Gamma, 1907	Cousin
Marie Carey	Gamma, 1906	Gladys Hayden	Kappa, 1907	Sister
Alice Smalley McKinney	Gamma, 1907	Honta Smalley Bredin	Gamma, 1908	Cousin
Helen Scofield	Gamma, 1908	Florence Scofield	Beta, 1888	Sister
Edith Easterbrook Whitmore	Delta, 1887	Clairibel Moulton Waterman	Gamma, 1910	Sister
Annie E. Boardman	Delta, 1887	Mabel I. Dyer	Delta, 1889	Cousin
M. Ella Dame	Delta, 1888	Katherine Dame	Delta, 1887	Cousin
		Helen M. Dame	Delta, 1891	Sister
		Mabel A. Fitz	Delta, 1893	Sister
Emily Ladd Butler	Delta, 1889	Rachel Bessom Ladd	Delta, 1894	Cousin
Minnie Nichols Morris	Delta, 1889	Bessie Nichols Merrill	Delta, 1899	Sister-in-law
Louise Putnam	Delta, 1887	Augusta Putnam	Delta, 1894	Sister
		Elizabeth Putnam	Delta, 1887	Sister
		Annie M. Putnam	Delta, 1893	Sister
Helen Chick Davidson	Delta, 1891	Sarah Chick Danton	Delta, 1890	Sister
Annie M. Hayward	Delta, 1891	Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike	Delta, 1891	Sister
Harriette Stone Townsend	Delta, 1891	Grace Hooper Hall	Delta, 1896	Sister
Bertha Jenkins	Delta, 1893	Marion Jenkins Skinner	Delta, 1902	Cousin
Grace Ward Lofberg	Delta, 1893	Eugenie Ward Rigby	Mu,	Sister
		Margaret Eaton Whiting	Delta, 1897	Sister
Grace G. Newhall	Delta, 1895	Bessie Newhall Sanger	Delta, 1894	Sister
Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike	Delta, 1896	Mildred Thorndike	Delta, 1895	Cousin
Helen Osgood	Delta, 1903	Rachel Osgood	Delta, 1905	Sister-in-law
Florence Beiler	Delta, 1903	Mary Beiler	Delta, 1906	Sister
Carlotta Brant	Delta, 1903	Marguerite Brant	Delta, 1904	Sister
Elise E. Hatch	Delta, 1904	Ruth Hatch	Delta, 1909	Sister
		Florence Taylor King	Delta, 1909	Sister
			Alpha, 1904	Cousin

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Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Name	Chapter and Date of Initiation	Relationship (latter to former)
Florence Barbour	Delta, 1905	Louise Barbour Capin	Delta, 1900	Sister
Mary Bell Holderman	Epsilon, 1888	Bessie Drew Barbour	Delta, 1902	Sister-in-law
Louise Williams	Epsilon, 1892	Ella Holderman	Epsilon, 1889	Sister
Clara Eckert Cobb	Epsilon, 1892	Harriet Holderman	Epsilon, 1892	Sister
Minnie L. Patterson	Epsilon, 1893	Margaret Williams	Epsilon, 1907	Sister
Edith Patterson King	Epsilon, 1890	Blanche Eckert Zollinger	Epsilon, 1895	Sister
Louise White Haller	Epsilon, 1895	Florence Eckert	Epsilon, 1894	Sister
Mary Lyons Dibble	Epsilon, 1896	Florence M. Patterson	Epsilon, 1895	Sister
Gertrude Burdsal Arnold	Epsilon, 1896	Ellen Pollock	Epsilon, 1909	Niece
Grace Adele Lasher Berry	Epsilon, 1896	Bertha White	Epsilon, 1898	Sister
Laura Hutchins	Epsilon, 1901	Alice Lyons	Epsilon, 1902	Sister
Jessie White Ryons	Epsilon, 1901	Marguerite Burdsal	Beta, 1909	Sister
Sidney Hall	Epsilon, 1902	Ruth Burdsal	Beta, 1909	Sister
Mary Bierer Alberton	Epsilon, 1904	Grace Lasher	Epsilon, 1903	Cousin
Helen Cowles	Epsilon, 1905	Myrtle Hutchins Key	Zeta, 1902	Sister
Laura McCarty Vance	Epsilon, 1905	Lillian White Bianzino	Epsilon, 1901	Sister
Alice Jenks	Epsilon, 1907	Ruth Hall	Kappa, 1905	Sister
Nelle Ade	Epsilon, 1909	Laura Hall	Epsilon, 1909	Sister
Jessie Vawter	Epsilon, 1910	Ida Bierer Neal	Epsilon, 1906	Sister
Anna M. Dimmick	Zeta, 1895	Marguerite Bierer	Epsilon, 1906	Sister
Myrtle Hutchins Key	Zeta, 1902	Ethel Cowles	Epsilon, 1906	Sister
Jean Thoburn	Zeta, 1906	Carolyn McCarty	Epsilon, 1908	Cousin
Elizabeth Sanderson Freyer	Eta, 1894	Frances Jenks	Epsilon, 1910	Sister
Lena Reddington	Eta, 1894	Ardis Ade	Epsilon, 1909	Sister
Cora Mott Chick	Eta, 1894	Anita Hostetter	Theta, 1909	Cousin
Blanche Emily Fish	Eta, 1894	Alice Dimmick Boyd	Zeta, 1896	Sister
Edna Gearhart	Eta, 1897	Laura Hutchins	Epsilon, 1901	Sister
Edna Faith Wychoff	Eta, 1898	Helen Thoburn	Mu, 1905	Cousin
Zeno West Henderson	Eta, 1901	Charlotte Sanderson Gardner	Eta, 1894	Sister
Cora Patton	Eta, 1901	Vida Reddington Volkshardt	Eta, 1894	Sister
Inez Eleanor Whipple	Eta, 1902	Nellie Mott Jones	Eta, 1894	Sister
Mary LeConte Hoffman	Eta, 1902	Grace E. Fish	Eta, 1897	Sister
Sue Hagdon Dunbar	Eta, 1902	Frances H. Gearhart	Eta, 1901	Sister
Alice Benson Beach	Eta, 1902	Girle Elston Wychoff	Eta, 1895	Sister-in-law
		Della West Bassick	Eta, 1900	Sister
		Elizabeth Jane Patton	Eta, 1902	Sister
		Ruth Seely Genung	Eta, 1910	Cousin
		Tallulah LeConte	Eta, 1900	Sister
		Josephine LeConte	Eta, 1908	Sister
		Mildred LeConte	Eta, 1908	Sister
		Esto Dunbar Linscott	Eta, 1904	Sister
		Caroline Benson	Mu, 1905	Sister



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Carmel Riley	Eta, 1903	Zoe Riley Dyer	Eta, 1903	Sister
Hazel Pierce	Eta, 1904	Mary Riley	Eta, 1906	Sister
Mary Justine Griffith	Eta, 1905	Mabel Pierce	Eta, 1905	Sister
Sue Adele Ross	Eta, 1905	Margaret Griffith	Eta, 1905	Sister
Lucille Daniels	Eta, 1906	Jean Ross	Eta, 1910	Sister
May Morgan	Eta, 1906	Rita Daniels Hall	Eta, 1904	Sister
Pauline Davis	Eta, 1910	Sara DeCamp Morgan	Theta, 1904	Sister
May Atkinson	Eta, 1910	Susanna Kirk Davis	Mu, 1908	Sister
Edna Iliff Briggs	Theta, 1893	Genevieve Atkinson	Eta, 1910	Sister
Lindsey Barbee	Theta, 1899	Louise Iliff	Theta, 1896	Sister
Beulah Steele Jenness	Theta, 1897	Helen H. Barbee	Theta, 1910	Sister
Blossom Henry	Theta, 1903	Muriel Steele	Theta, 1909	Sister
Sara DeCamp Morgan	Theta, 1904	Anne Henry	Theta, 1908	Sister
Ethel Tucker Garth	Theta, 1905	May Morgan	Theta, 1908	Sister
Helen Garrigues McGrew	Theta, 1902	Ada Tucker	Theta, 1910	Sister
Irene Poole	Theta, 1908	Edith Garrigues Painter	Theta, 1906	Sister
Edith Hoop	Theta, 1909	Frances Brown	Theta, 1909	Cousin
Anita Hostetter	Theta, 1909	Harriette Hoop	Theta, 1910	Sister
Edith B. Wallace	Theta, 1898	Jessie Vawter	Epsilon, 1910	Cousin
Carolyn Wolfe	Theta, 1908	Ruth Wallace	Theta, 1904	Sister
Anne Carroll	Iota, 1904	Gertrude Wolfe Foley	Theta, 1909	Sister
Linda Savitz Thomson	Iota, 1905	Ruth Carroll	Iota, 1909	Sister
Ellen O'Gorman Duffy	Iota, 1905	Helen Savitz	Iota, 1906	Sister
Margaret Bell	Kappa, 1902	Alice O'Gorman	Iota, 1909	Sister
Ethel Works	Kappa, 1902	Julia Bell	Kappa, 1906	Sister
Lora Gooding	Kappa, 1904	Dorothy Bell	Kappa, 1909	Sister
Anna E. Nachtrieb	Kappa, 1904	Bernice Works	Kappa, 1902	Sister
Ruth Hall	Kappa, 1905	Frances Works	Kappa, 1910	Sister
Lila Root Hoppin	Kappa, 1906	Helen Sheridan	Kappa, 1910	Sister-in-law
Mary Fitzsimmons	Kappa, 1906	Margaret Nachtrieb	Kappa, 1909	Daughter
Lydia Jenson Johnson	Kappa, 1907	Sidney Hall	Epsilon, 1902	Sister
Kathleen Hart	Kappa, 1909	Laura Hall	Epsilon, 1909	Sister
Eva Wilkinson	Kappa, 1909	Julia Hoppin	Kappa, 1910	Sister-in-law
Alice Ames	Kappa, 1910	Helen Fitzsimmons	Kappa, 1908	Sister
Helen Jeanette Perry	Lambda, 1903	Clara Jenson	Gamma, 1906	Sister
Helen Wetzel	Lambda, 1903	Maud Hart	Kappa, 1910	Sister
Margaret Brown	Lambda, 1903	Katheryn Smith	Xi, 1910	Cousin
		B. June Ames	Kappa, 1910	Sister
		Luella Ames	Kappa, 1909	Cousin
		Charlotte Perry	Lambda, 1906	Sister
		Adella Wetzel	Lambda, 1903	Sister
		Ruby Brown Rucker	Lambda, 1903	Sister

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Bertha Powers Sohns	Lambda, 1903	Myrtle Powers	Lambda, 1906	Sister
Edith Prosch	Lambda, 1903	Beatrice Prosch	Lambda, 1904	Sister
Ethelin Coffman Bell	Lambda, 1903	Phoebe Prosch	Lambda, 1910	Sister
Lillian Eisenbeis	Lambda, 1903	Florence Coffman	Lambda, 1903	Sister
Bess M. Henehan	Lambda, 1905	Hilda Eisenbeis	Lambda, 1906	Sister
Alice Payne	Lambda, 1906	Martina Henehan	Lambda, 1906	Sister
Zella Steele	Lambda, 1906	Sallie Haddock Hill	Lambda, 1907	Cousin
Lura Pendleton	Lambda, 1907	Helen Steele	Lambda, 1910	Sister
Inex Hadley	Lambda, 1908	Verna Pendleton	Lambda, 1910	Cousin
Gertrude Young	Lambda, 1908	Katherine Hadley	Lambda, 1909	Sister
Caroline Benson	Lambda, 1910	Anna Young	Lambda, 1910	Sister
Jessica Bird	Mu, 1905	Alice Benson Beach	Eta, 1902	Sister
Ruth Gilbert	Mu, 1905	Sue Bird Coombs	Mu, 1905	Sister
Helen Kate North	Mu, 1905	Winifred Gilbert Braun	Mu, 1905	Sister
Helen Lewis Dudley	Mu, 1905	Florence Ross North	Mu, 1910	Sister-in-law
Marion Junkins Skinner	Mu, 1906	Jean Thoburn	Zeta, 1906	Cousin
Mildred Hayes	Mu, 1906	Laura Dudley	Mu, 1906	Sister-in-law
Winifred Higgins Park	Mu, 1907	Bertha Junkins	Delta, 1894	Sister
Esther Shaw	Mu, 1907	Lyetta Hayes	Mu, 1910	Sister
Susan Davis	Mu, 1908	Margaret Higgins Stokes	Mu, 1907	Sister
Ruth Hutchinson	Mu, 1908	Ruth Shaw	Mu, 1910	Sister
Bertha Masters	Mu, 1908	Pauline Davis	Eta, 1910	Sister
Javina Stanfield	Mu, 1909	Edith Hutchinson	Eta, 1910	Sister
Clara Caulfield	Nu, 1908	Rosa Forney Harrison	Mu, 1910	Sister
Helen Beach	Nu, 1908	Jennie Perry	Xi, 1910	Cousin
Erna Clifford	Nu, 1908	Edna Caulfield	Nu, 1908	Niece
Bertha McKinney	Nu, 1908	Ruth Beach	Nu, 1908	Sister
Vivian Holmes	Nu, 1908	Blanche Huston Clifford	Nu, 1910	Sister
Lenora Hansen	Nu, 1909	Helen McKinney Arnsperger	Nu, 1908	Sister-in-law
Mary Howard Noon	Nu, 1909	Gertrude Holmes	Nu, 1908	Sister
		Ruth Hansen	Nu, 1908	Cousin
		Grace Gray Perkins	Nu, 1908	Sister
		Mary Gray	Nu, 1908	Cousin
		Jeane Gray	Nu, 1908	Cousin
		Bertha Masters	Nu, 1909	Cousin
Rosa Forney Harrison	Xi, 1910	Florence Baker Hays	Gamma, 1887	Aunt
Elizabeth Hays	Xi, pledge	Eva Wilkinson	Kappa, 1909	Cousin
Kathryn Smith	Xi, 1910	Abbie Mix	Xi, 1910	Sister
Lucy Mix Day	Xi, 1910	Gretchen Zumbhof	Xi, 1910	Sister
Florence Zumbhof	Xi, 1910			



## THE COLLEGE WOMAN AS A SOLVER OF PROBLEMS

(By WINIFRED WILLARD, Denver Alumnae)

To College Women, the questions of our relations to the world, and through us, the value of college training upon the life of today are of great importance. Governor elect Wilson, of New Jersey, said recently that a college was valuable chiefly as it turned out men and women who knew how to use their materials; who knew where to look for the information they wanted and how to use what they found. The interesting statement is made in a forceful little book, just out of press, that the best thing the college of today is doing is the equipping of students to be problem solvers. Some of us in our school days, fondly fancied that with the passing of the class room experience, would go the vexation of working out difficult and perplexing problems.

But, as the Editor of THE CRESCENT wrote, in her junior year at college—

Life's problems are far harder  
Than the mystic X, Y, Z.  
And after them we seldom write  
The welcome Q. E. D.

Perhaps there is nothing that is more needed today in this age of wonderful opportunity in sciences and commercialism and philanthropy, than men and women who are trained and who can see into and see through the great questions that force themselves upon the thinking world, and who can offer some sensible, practical solution that will help to better humanity's condition. It is the business of the college to give the world men and women whose minds have been disciplined by years of study. Whose horizons have been set farther back and whose visions have been made clear, so that they can see opportunities for helpfulness, rather than excuses. Every year, hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in the higher education of the young people of this country and for this

tremendous capital invested, the world demands a commensurate return of trained ability,—of people who work with a keen intelligence to add at least something to the sum of the world's knowledge and happiness.

Along the lines of economics and social sciences, the field is large enough to attract the most ambitious and almost daunt any but the strongest hearted. The social problems are so vital, the situations often so pathetically difficult to handle, that none but the trained can hope to grapple successfully with the conditions. That these economic questions are being solved splendidly, though sometimes slowly, is to the credit of present day application of heart and brain which have been trained for that work.

The domestic servant question is but one phase of the economic problem. Why do we often fail so utterly to find servants who are in any way competent for the work they pretend to do? Largely it is because they are people without training of any kind, and whose efforts are wholly hap-hazard. A bright Wellesley graduate said to me the other day that she often used to wonder why her maid would not or could not accomplish her work in the systematic, thorough manner which the mistress would use. Finally, said this little lady, she had come to the conclusion that of course she might be able to solve a domestic problem better than her maid, for had she not been trained to think and plan and systematize even the simple things of life?

In this great day when there is such a wide-spread interest in world evangelization, and when in Christian countries, one of the paramount questions is how best to carry the gospel to foreign lands, with special force this problem appeals to college students. Only the one who has become familiar with the mental resources which come from hard study, can hope to carry effectively the civilization and Christianity of the western world to the effete and Christless countries of the Orient.

Bishop McDowell once said, "You are either a field or a force." Either we are using our talents to discover the missing factor in some one of life's equations, or else we are being false to our opportunities. If we are a force, we are using our time and ability in



the worthy doing of some essential thing in life; we are facing squarely and capably the knotty problems that we meet in the social, business or domestic life, and we are finding a daily solution.

If we are merely a field for the effort of others, we are negative when we should be positive, we are failing in the solution of some problem that may never be untangled without our help, we are failing to give the right return for the investment made in our education, and we are losing the highest development of our own minds and souls.

For the sake of our college, of Gamma Phi, of ourselves and of the world, let us be solvers of problems.

## WHAT THE ALUMNAE CHAPTERS ARE DOING

### CHICAGO

Chicago is the mater of alumnae chapters in Gamma Phi. To the enthusiasm of a few girls, who nearly twenty years ago loved to get together just because they were Gamma Phis, the establishment of our alumnae chapter is due. The suggestion to make of themselves a real chapter, with a vital working interest, was born of the love and loyalty for Gamma Phi instilled in these girls during their college life. For a year or two they met at each other's homes on occasional Saturday afternoons, when sorority news was discussed, and perhaps a little light refreshment served. Sometimes four or five were present—often only two. Interest in the general sorority was keen, Gamma Phi spirit was strong, and this led to a desire to keep actively "in it," to have some little voice in the affairs of the Sisterhood which they loved and worked for in college, and which they wished to continue to love and to serve,—for after all, were they not in truth, "Gamma Phis forever?" And so the little chapter was born, the charter being granted to five or six girls, of whom all were from Beta, except one from Epsilon. And Beta for many years was in the majority, although, during recent years, Gamma and Epsilon have furnished the greater number of initiates, till of our present chapter roll of twenty, Beta, Gamma and Epsilon are about equally represented, the remaining few from Alpha, Zeta and other chapters.

The membership necessarily changes from year to year, as is to be expected in any large city, but a good number are "fixtures," among them two charter members, one of whom, Alice Hosmer Preble, has been with the chapter always. Frequently there are visitors present at the meetings, girls who happen to be passing through the city. They are always most welcome, and it is hoped that all who read this will take it as a personal invitation to attend the meetings whenever they happen to be in Chicago. They are held the second Saturday of each month at the homes of members,



with an occasional one down town, usually in Marshall Field's Tea Room. It is always a luncheon meeting, for owing to the great distances most of the girls have to travel, this is the only satisfactory arrangement, to give them time enough together to make the trip worth while. As it is, there is time after luncheon for only the business meeting, so no program is attempted, for the departures begin as early as three o'clock, though there are always a few to stay late. But the lunch hour is the jolly, talkative time, and one has only to listen to that happy buzz of conversation to guess the reason of the chapter's existence. Its work, its aim is for the beloved sisterhood—to keep burning for her the fire of interest and love that was kindled in college.

#### BOSTON

Pray do not be deceived! The members of Boston Chapter are not really Brahmans, although after reading this admission of their *dolce far niente* existence, you might be led to suppose that Nirvana was the sole end and aim of their non-activities.

A worthy divine, addressing a body of college students, was solemnly warning them—"Young men, Hell is paved with cigarettes, champagne and chorus girls," when quizzical voice from the rear of the hall ejaculated—"O death, where is thy sting?"

With apparently equal irreverence,, when some energetic alumna is urging that the Alumnae chapter living only for itself is nothing, some of us might murmur—"Blessed be nothing." We hope, however, we are not so selfish, frivolous and indolent as this sounds. It simply means that at present, all Boston Chapter's vital energy has to be directed towards self support, and the occasional help to her other self, Delta, which she wishes she could make much more frequent and abundant.

We are asked for the story of our life, past, present, and future. It comes perilously near to being "a blank, my Lord." We have vague memories of days when our Alumnae used to "do things," dreams that flit through our consciousness with a hint of reproach that we of today, are not contributing our share, as an organization, towards the upward lift of humanity. Those earnest workers of earlier days, over burdened with other cares, have dropped out of

the chapter, leaving the work for younger girls to take up. But if the younger girls do not respond, what is to become of the work? We are too handicapped by the small number of members to do much more than sustain life in the chapter.

Still, "even in the memory of our fathers," something has been accomplished. We have a tiny nucleus of a building fund, which we hope will some day swell to the desired amount, and we have done our share towards helping to raise Boston University's \$500,000 Endowment Fund. With only a few members, however, all of them busily occupied through the week with teaching, literary and charitable work, or social duties, it is almost impossible to do much outside the chapter. Many of our girls are personally undertaking work that we as a chapter, would be glad and proud to accomplish, were it possible.

A Delta freshman was once heard to say—"Why I thought all the *alumnae* belonged to your chapter." Would that it were so! With a strong body of enthusiastic girls, believing in and living up to the Gamma Phi spirit, an *Alumnae* chapter could be a great power in a community, for civic and social betterment. This is our vision of the future, a chapter that includes every one who has ever been an active Delta girl, and our other sisters whom chance may bring near us. Then we can hope to turn our interests beyond the mere struggle for existence, to channels of helpfulness to others.

As for our present, the chapter letters tell its story from month to month, and though we are not doing any active work of service outside our circle, is it nothing that these meetings with their short, hilarious business sessions, their merry lunches and happy memories make a bright spot for us in the whole month? That many a girl, tired out mentally and physically, can just "frivol" here till the whole world seems a different place to live in? And that others who are lonely or sorrowful go away feeling that there is some one who cares, after all? It seems inevitable that any Gamma Phi girl who shares in such happy, friendly meetings, must be more in tune with the world, and that her individual influence for good must be broadened and strengthened because of them.

"Yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision, but



today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope." Until the tomorrow when her vision is fulfilled, Boston Chapter must be content with trying to make today count in the lives of her individual members.

#### NEW YORK

The New York Alumnae Chapter was organized about nine years ago for the purpose of keeping alive the Gamma Phi spirit, which is especially strong in us at graduation. New York seems to be a veritable Mecca, for many of our sisters are attracted thither by the prospect of advanced literary courses in Columbia, by superior opportunities in almost every branch of endeavor, and last, but not least, by better salaries in the public schools.

As there was such a good chance to foster a new chapter, Iota was soon afterward founded, and has always been considered our own particular child, of whom we are duly proud. We have members from Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Zeta, Theta and Iota, and have had representatives from Eta, Lambda, and Mu, so we feel that we are truly cosmopolitan thus bearing out the international reputation of our city.

There are five regular meetings during the winter which take place at the homes of the members, a pleasanter custom than going to a rented hall. We gather at one for luncheon, which is usually a time of animated visiting, and later, have our business meetings. Those of us who are in school, want the purely social meetings, and those of us who are homekeepers, are leading too busy lives for much active literary work; consequently, our programmes have been confined to short accounts of trips abroad, or reviews of interesting plays some of us have enjoyed. In May, comes our annual banquet, when we enjoy a feast of reason and a flow of soul with Iota, and then we scatter broadcast for the summer months.

This winter, we have made a special effort to reach all Gamma Phi's in the vicinity, for our Directory contains the names of many whom we have not seen. We think that our homes, schools, or other fields of activity, are brightened by our frequent meetings with our

college mates, and so are desirous of having every Gamma Phi who can, become one of us.

We will repeat what we have so often said that we will welcome very gladly any wearer of the crescent, whenever she finds her way to New York, and we will try to make her feel very much at home with us.

#### MINNESOTA

Minnesota stood perplexed. Here was a large number of alumnae Gamma Phi's in the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, all variously but intensely busy; some were mothers of little children; some were deep in society—how could the Alumnae Association serve them best? Finally, Minnesota decided that it would issue a calendar of meetings, just before the year's work began, letting each Gamma Phi in town and out of town know where and when and for what purpose the meetings were to be held.

Believing that the purpose of an alumnae chapter is to hold together Gamma Phi girls out of college and at the same time serve the girls in college—the Minnesota Alumnae chapter made the following program for the year 1910-1911 and mailed one to each Gamma Phi on the first of September.

MEETING I.—Business Meeting Friday, September 30, 3 P. M.

Miss Sarah Preston, 149 N. 15th Street.

MEETING II.—Reception for the Freshmen, October 28, 3 to 5.

Mrs. John Downey, 1115 5th Street.

MEETING III.—Gamma Phi Beta Christmas Party, December 30.

Miss Ethel Works, 2542 Colfax Avenue.

MEETING IV.—Business Meeting January 27, 3 P. M.

Mrs. Ivan Thorson, 809 6th Street S. E.

MEETING V.—Reception for the Fathers and Mothers.

Gamma Phi House, 1405 6th Street S. E.

MEETING VI.—Business Meeting April 21, 3 P. M.

Mrs. William Sudduth, 2609 Portland Avenue.

MEETING VII.—Gamma Phi Beta Banquet Tuesday evening May 23

“Lest Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot.”

The alumnae are also glad to report that they have been most helpful in settling and furnishing the big thirteen room chapter house, and in carrying on rushing. At present, two alumnae are



on the board of five that controls the management of the Gamma Phi House.

We feel that this systematizing of our meetings this year has been a big step forward. However, there is one problem still to be solved; why does not every Gamma Phi join? Our meetings are purposeful; our dues not exorbitant. Perhaps we still lack something in method or in spirit, and we are eager to know what our sister chapters are doing in order that we may perfect ours.

#### DENVER

In 1901 the alumnae of Theta chapter formed what we were pleased to call the Colorado Alumnae Association of Gamma Phi Beta. Meetings were held regularly each month and the organization proved a joy to all its members. It must be confessed that parliamentary rules were not strictly observed, for business affairs did not weigh heavily upon the assembly and—too often, alas!—the minutes of the Secretary read, “The meeting resolved itself into a social gathering.” But there was so much else with which to be concerned! Perhaps a faraway girl happened into our midst; perhaps a dear Gamma Phi baby came in for its share of comment; perhaps—but why enumerate? For does not each alumna know the joy of these monthly meetings, the strengthening of old ties, the happiness of merely being together?

But a grave question confronted us. How were we to merge the interest of the older girls, many of whom had home duties and cares with that of the younger girls coming in from year to year? An alumnae charter seemed the solution of the problem—so the meetings were reorganized, the Theta seniors were asked to enlist themselves in an effort to gain the charter and to build a strong Alumnae Chapter in Denver. In 1907 came the charter, and we entered upon our broader life with much zeal and enthusiasm. “Rome was not built in a day” and we found many discouraging circumstances to hinder the growth of our chapter. We found that organization under the charter at once helped to unite our members but we spent a year in experimenting with our meetings in order to unite our interests and

pleasures. During this time we tried many suggestions and at last we feel that we have found the way.

For this year the chapter is running in a most thoroughly business-like manner and our chapter roll numbers with an average attendance of twenty-five to thirty at each meeting. Meetings every two weeks, a definite program for each meeting, the presence of active girls each time and informal "at homes" to the different alumnae associations of the city have quickened our enthusiasm and have held our interest. The chapter has issued a year-book containing the place, date, hostesses and subject for discussion of each meeting during the year and so far the meetings have been very successful. During the months of October and November our corresponding secretary sent out 109 communications to alumnae members in the city and state, so you may judge of our activity.

The chapter held its first reunion and Founder's Day celebration, November 12, in co-operation with the active Theta girls. Theta initiation was held at ten in the morning, followed by a luncheon at the Tea-Cup Inn at half after one. At three, we enjoyed a joint meeting and discussed our building fund and the purchase of a new building site for our Lodge; in the evening we all attended an informal "sing." At our luncheon fifty-eight were present and at the meeting sixty-five,—so we voted the reunion a great success.

Denver Alumnae justly feels that there is a very bright and promising future before her and extends her best wishes to all her sister alumnae chapters, trusting that each organization may feel the same satisfaction of rewarded effort.

#### YEAR-BOOK, DENVER ALUMNAE

September 2—1910—Election of officers.

September 16—1910—History of Theta followed by Gamma Phi "sing."

October 14—1910—Gamma Phi Authors.

October 28—Fraternity History. (Progressive Games).

November 12—Reunion Day.

November 25—Reception to Pi Beta Phi.

December 9—Parliamentary Drill.

December 23—Baby Party.



January 13—1911—Letters from "Old Girls."

January 27—Reception to Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

February 18—Discussion of the Fraternity Problems.

(a) What should be the relation of the Alumnae to the Active Chapter?

(b) Sophomore Pledging.

February 24—Luncheon.

March 10—Study of the Constitution and the Ritual.

March 24—Reception to Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Phi.

April 14—Senior Day.

April 28—Parliamentary Drill.

May 12—Reception to Sigma Kappa and Chi Omega.

May 26—The Active Chapter.

June 9—Fraternity "Exchanges."

June 23—Picnic at Gamma Phi Beta Lodge.

## A CHILD'S OUT-OF-DOORS

BY AILEEN CLEVELAND HIGGINS, (EPSILON)

Reprinted from *The Craftsman*).

## A RAINBOW SONG

Rainbow, Rainbow over my head,  
Orange, violet, yellow and red,  
Blue and indigo, bordered with green,  
Rainbow, Rainbow, what is your sheen?  
Snatched-up color, glimmering near,—  
Only Shadows, Shadows of Here.

Mist in dawn-light, floating in whirls,  
Heart of opals and satin of pearls,  
Shining feathers of ring-throated dove.  
Tears made bright with the wonder of love,  
Fairy bubbles poised in the sun,  
Trembling cobwebs, gossamer spun,  
Peacocks' tails and lining of shells,  
Morning glory's wide-a-wake bells,—  
These throw shadows into the sky  
These weave Rainbow Ribbons on high.

## THE BLUE FAERY

At noon, at noon,  
I saw the Blue Faery.  
She came at my wishing,—  
I heard a gold swishing—  
I saw a blue shimmer and this was her veil—  
Blue Faery, Blue Faery!  
She came and she went in a daffodil trail,—  
At noon, at noon,  
Blue Faery of light!







1. Harriet Wilcutt, 1 year, 11 months. (Harriet Rose Wilcutt, Delta)
3. Sherman Shults, 2½ years. (Anna Sherman Shults, Alpha)
4. Barbara Ann Hoyt, 15 months. (Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, Alpha)
5. Frederick Winterburn Harsen, 20 months. (Una Winterburn Harsen, New York Alumnae)
6. Charles Taney Silverson, 2 years. (Katherine Taney Silverson, Kappa)
7. Walter Lees Hoffman, 7 months.

#### GAMMA PHI BABIES



## OUTDOOR FRIENDS

I do not have to change my clothes,—  
Nor hide the way I feel—  
Nor sit in proper pose  
As stiff as any jointed doll,  
With hands and feet just so  
And wound-up things to say,  
When I decide to go  
To call on Outdoor Friends.

## FOUR WALLS

So many people love the careful walls  
And do not think of Open Doors.  
When just a little rain-drop plops and falls  
They watch, behind a window-pane,—  
They're so afraid of Weather out-of-doors.  
They like to walk on rugs and floors,  
The ground and grass do not feel right  
Beneath their house-taught feet;  
And when they walk outside  
They think what People they will meet—  
They never see the Wonder-world at all.

## STRAIGHT LINES

When I look anywhere and see  
A very prim Straight Line  
What makes me feel so fidgety,  
So puckered up and cross,  
As if I felt a jerky string,  
That pulls and tangles everything?

## SUNSHINE IN THE WOOD

Oh, have you seen the bits of sun,  
The sprinkly sunshine on the moss  
In specks like shining peppered fun  
Which spills through tree-tops in the wood?

I sit quite still and then it comes  
To twinkle on my dress and hand—  
A Something Golden holds me close—and hums—  
The wood is My Enchanted Land.

### A SEA PICTURE

The sea-foam tosses on the blue  
Like softly moving lace  
In changing patterns, strange and new.  
Around the whirling place  
Where waters leap and dash  
Against the rushing ship,  
I see some green-gold lights a-flash.  
I watch them rise and dip,  
Then sink beneath, where sponges grow  
Where cockle-shells and corals live  
With star-anemones and ferns  
And sea-weed like a sieve  
Which sifts the waves with twists and turns.  
Then comes a swirl of gulls,—  
A blur of land shows through the mist,—  
On every side move creeping hulls,  
Above the roofs I see my dome—  
And then—and then—we're *Home!*







2. Sarah Margaret Stover, 3 years. (Lucile Timberlake Stover, Theta)
8. Thomas Batson, 3 years; Cynthia Batson, 1 year. (Geraldine Brown Batson, Mu)
9. Robert Dean Thorson, 3 years. (Lillian Johnson Thorson, Gamma)
10. Charles Eugene Thorson, 1 year. (Lillian Johnson Thorson, Gamma)
11. Anna Ruth Crosby, 2 years. (Saida Baechtold Crosby, Theta)
12. Millie Chase Page, 3½ years. (Effie Chase Page, Gamma)
13. Helen Rawson. Grace Foster Rawson)

#### GAMMA PHI BABIES



## REPORT OF NINTH PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE

CHICAGO BEACH HOTEL, CHICAGO. ILL., September 16-17, 1910

### FIRST SESSION

The Ninth Pan-Hellenic Conference was called to order Friday, September 16, 1910, at 10 a. m., by Mrs. A. H. Roth, Kappa Kappa Gamma, presiding officer. Miss Marguerite B. Lake, Delta Gamma, acted as Secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

*Pi Beta Phi*.—Miss Elda L. Smith, 710 South 6th street, Springfield, Ill.

*Kappa Alpha Theta*.—Miss Eva Hall, 327 W. Sycamore street, Sycamore, Ill.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma*.—Mrs. A. H. Roth, 264 West Tenth street, Erie, Pa.

*Delta Gamma*.—Miss Marguerite B. Lake, "Crannog," Forest Hill, Maryland.

*Alpha Phi*.—Mrs. John H. McElory, 1514 East Fifty-fourth street, Chicago, Ill.

*Gamma Phi Beta*.—Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Ill.

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

*Delta Delta Delta*.—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 7318 North Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

*Alpha Xi Delta*.—Miss Mary E. Kay, 75 South Union avenue, Alliance, Ohio.

*Chi Omega*.—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, 425 College avenue, Fayetteville, Ark.

*Sigma Kappa*.—Mrs. Antha K. Miller, 1232 Fifty-sixth street, Chicago, Ill.

*Alpha Omicron Pi*.—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 1610 South Seventh avenue, Maywood, Ill.

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

*Alpha Gamma Delta*.—Miss May Willis, Winona, Minn.

*Alpha Delta Phi*.—Miss Lillian Moore, 923 South Seventeenth street, Birmingham, Ala.

*Delta Zeta*.—Miss Martha Railsback, 1624 North Illinois street, Indianapolis, Ind.

It was moved and carried that the reading of the minutes of the Eighth National Pan-Hellenic Conference be dispensed with, as copies were in the hands of the delegates.

The report of Miss Stoner, Secretary of the Conference 1909-1910, was read by Mrs. A. H. Roth.

*Secretary's Report.*

Ten hundred and twenty copies of the report of the Eighth Conference were printed and distributed.

Seventy-five copies of a letter to librarians in colleges where the conference sororities are represented were sent out, asking which college would accept the magazines of the conference sororities. From the 71 librarians addressed, 51 were willing to receive the magazines, 9 did not wish them, and 11 made no response.

Forty copies of a letter to the Grand Presidents were sent out, submitting all the recommendations of the Eighth Conference to the votes of the Grand Presidents.

Seven hundred copies of the Constitution were printed by order of the Eighth Conference.

Two sororities have been admitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference during 1910—Alpha Delta Phi, January 11, 1910, and Delta Zeta, June 27, 1910.

From the results of the work of the year, the secretary feels first, that if the work of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference is to accomplish real reforms, a vote less than unanimous is necessary—and second, that the Ninth Conference will find as a part of its work the drawing up of a Constitution for local Pan-Hellenics, as the one submitted by the committee of the last Conference did not survive the votes of the Grand Presidents in good order.



Other work of the Secretary was the correspondence incidental to the office.

The financial report of the Secretary was as follows:

Total receipts for the year.....	\$119.54
Total expenditures for the year.....	100.70
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 18.84

Moved and carried that the Secretary's report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Recommendations, and the Financial Report to an Auditing Committee, said committees to be appointed by the chair.

Each delegate then presented a report from her fraternity, giving convention action on subjects of Pan-Hellenic interest, conditions of local Pan-Hellenics, and recommendations from her fraternity to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed by the chair to condense the reports, and to put them in some accessible form to be placed in the hands of the delegates and the Grand Presidents.

The chair appointed the following committees:

*Recommendations:*

Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Holcombe, Chi Omega.

*Constitutions for Local Pan-Hellenics:*

Miss Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta.

*To Compile Informal Report:*

Miss Railsback, Delta Zeta.

Mrs. Miller, Sigma Kappa.

Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

*Constitution for National Pan-Hellenic Conference:*

Mrs. McElory, Alpha Phi.

Miss Lake, Delta Gamma.

Special reports upon Pan-Hellenic conditions at Northwestern, California, De Pauw and Indiana were presented.

Adjournment.

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SECOND SESSION.

The second session was called to order at 2:20 p. m., Friday, September 16.

It was moved and carried that the privilege of the floor be extended to the visitors present.

Mrs. Tennant, Alpha Chi Omega, presented her report on Chaperons. This committee, of which Mrs. Tennant is chairman, keeps an application list for sorority houses wanting chaperons, and women wanting positions as chaperons. During the past year six applications for the position of chaperon were filed. With one exception, all asked for some remuneration for services. As was stated in the report of this committee at the Eighth Conference, there is, as a rule, no definite agreement between the chaperon and the girls. The chaperon has no definite idea of what is expected of her, and before the end of the year there are apt to be misunderstandings on both sides. The position of the chaperon is not recognized in college, as it should be. The committee recommends again, as last year: (1) that a small salary in addition to board and room be offered the chaperon, (2) that the chaperon be required to confer twice a month with the Dean of Women, and once a month with the social committee, where one exists; and (3) that a definite and clear agreement be entered upon on the part of the chapter and the chaperon.

Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, then presented the report of the committee appointed to attend the Conference of the Deans and Advisors of Women in State Universities. The three members of this committee, Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, and Mrs. Bigelow, Alpha Omicron Pi, attended this Conference, which was held in December, 1909. Of the 41 institutions which are members of the "Association of State Universities of the U. S. A.," 21 listed a Dean or Advisor of women,



and 14 of these 21 were present at this conference. The questions of Chapter Houses, House Rules, Chaperons, Scholarship Eligibility, Fraternity Conventions, and Visiting Delegates were discussed at length, and the following recommendations are taken from the brief printed report:

Recommended that:—sorority houses should stand in as close a relation as possible to the University through the co-operation of students and chaperons; that no fraternity conventions be held during term time; that the conference concur with the National Pan-Hellenic Conference in recommending sophomore pledging, the abolition of rushing, and a scholarship requirement for membership in fraternities.

Moved and carried that sufficient copies of this report be made to put into the hands of each delegate.

The petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic for dispensation to pledge high school seniors was presented. Mrs. Schlotterbeck, Chi Omega, spoke for the local Pan-Hellenic at Michigan. It was moved and carried that for this one question only, those delegates of the fraternities having chapters at Michigan vote upon the petition, with the understanding that this conference make provision for voting in similar cases.

It was moved and carried that the dispensation be granted for another year, until September, 1911, allowing the fraternities of the Michigan Pan-Hellenic to pledge senior high school students, provided that if the pledged girl be not initiated within the year, she is regarded as dropped.

The report of the Committee on Extension was presented by Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi. The committee reported that the chapter rolls of Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Zeta were investigated, and these two fraternities were admitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference. Four applications for membership in the Conference have been received—Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Delta, and Phi Mu.

It was moved and carried that this report be referred to the Grand Presidents.

The report of the Committee on Scholarship Standards was

presented by Mrs. Roth, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Letters were sent to the conference fraternities asking for information concerning the eligibility requirements in the respective fraternities.

*Committee on Scholarship Requirements.*

*Pi Beta Phi*—(1) Only regular music or art students in the music or art departments in an institution which recognizes its work by a diploma or a degree, shall be eligible to membership.

(2) No special student in any college of Liberal Arts who carries less than three-fourths the number of hours required of a student in regular course in that college, or who has less than 1-10 the number of credits required for graduation from that college, shall be eligible to membership.

*Kappa Alpha Theta*—Requires 12 hours out of a full requirement of 15 hours. Four-fifths of the published catalog requirements for one year, in a full four years' course in a college or university where the fraternity has a chapter.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma*—No student shall be initiated who has not fulfilled the entrance requirements, and who does not take at least two-thirds the required amount of work. No music, fine arts or domestic science students shall be initiated except those who have fulfilled the entrance requirements in their respective institutions, and are taking two-thirds the required amount of work leading to a degree, and some work in the Liberal Arts Department.

*Delta Gamma*—Must have fulfilled the entrance requirements, and must register to take two-thirds required work.

*Alpha Phi*—Registered for a degree, with standing of a regular student, taking at least twelve hours' work. Exceptions are sometimes made in special cases where work is equivalent to that of a regular student. This is rarely done, and only with the sanction of the General Board.

*Gamma Phi Beta*—No requirements made by their rules.

*Alpha Chi Omega*—(1) Regular Freshman (Liberal Arts) classification. (2) Must take full music course, if in music school. (3) 50 per cent. allowed in Liberal Arts Department; must carry 12 hours' work, 3 of which may be in the regular music courses.

*Delta Delta Delta*—Regular work, no specials.



*Alpha Xi Delta*—Must be fully accredited freshmen; no specials.

*Chi Omega*—Must be full freshmen. Not more than one-third membership of chapter to be taken from schools other than Liberal Arts. Chapters urged to take only girls who plan to take a degree.

*Sigma Kappa*—No regulations.

*Alpha Omicron Pi*—No regulations. Policy not to take many specials.

*Zeta Tau Alpha*—Only those who register for a prescribed course leading to a degree.

*Alpha Gamma Delta*—Registered as regular student. No specials.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations of Chapter Houses was presented by Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma. The committee recommended the following rules for the consideration of the fraternities:

*Model Chapter House Rules.*

1. All rules of the house shall be in force during vacations and while any member of the chapter is living in the house.

2. All house rules shall be binding upon guests visiting the house.

3. The chaperon has unlimited authority to enforce rules of calling and such other rules as affect the common good. She has the power to confer twice a month at least with the Dean of Women on chapter house conditions.

4. The social committee shall consist of the chaperon, the president of the chapter, and two members whom the president shall appoint. The social committee shall be accountable to the social committee of the university for enforcing its rules.

5. All Self-Government Association (if there be any) rules are house rules; namely: All girls must leave parties at 12 o'clock. No girls shall attend mid-week parties, etc.

6. Gentlemen may not call during the week except on permission of the chaperon, but may call Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings until 10:30 P. M.

7. Freshmen can have no mid-week social engagements except with the consent of the Social Committee of the chapter.

8. There shall be a committee of upperclassmen who shall have supervision of the freshmen in regard to their college work and general conduct.

9. Quiet hours for rest and study shall be from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. until 12 noon, except on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

10. No member of the chapter shall be out of the house after 10 o'clock except by special permission of the chaperon.

11. No entertaining shall be permitted at the house that is not approved by the chaperon before arrangements are made and the invitations given.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Recommendations.

Adjournment.

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### THIRD SESSION.

The third session was called to order at 10 a. m. Saturday, September 17, 1910. The following questions were discussed:

1. That the National Pan-Hellenic Conference be given legislative power. Leader, Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi.

It was moved and carried that the fraternities be asked to vest in their delegates such limited legislative power as the conference may deem necessary to make its action effective.

2. That a majority vote be the deciding vote in the conference. Miss Holcombe, Chi Omega.

It was moved and carried that a seven-eighth vote be adopted as the deciding vote in matters voted upon by the conference.

3. That there be a ratio representation in the conference.

No action was taken upon this question.

The report of the Committee on Social Customs was presented by Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

It was moved and carried that the recommendations in the report on Social Customs be adopted and recorded in the minutes.

Your committee further recommends that the National Pan-Hellenic urge each fraternity to seize its opportunity to help im-



prove the social conditions surrounding chapters by the adoption of customs or rules:—

1. That will keep the college business day free from social engagements. Such respect for the business day as the salaried business world demands and receives without question.

2. That will prevent any fraternity social affair from conflicting with any college social function. If college loyalty of fraternity members is not sufficient to lead them to participate in the college social life, they should, for the sake of the fraternity cause, be required to refrain from exhibiting their disloyalty.

3. That will establish in every chapter a definite rule limiting the number of college offices or other work any one member can undertake at one time. Our reputation for scholarship, and more vital still, the health of our members demands such legislation.

4. That will not permit any chapter to entertain in any hall that is not approved by the Dean of Women and also by its fraternity's national president, or some one to whom she delegates her authority in the matter. The committee feels that the use of public halls should be prohibited our members, but, until data is at hand to show if this can be done fairly, we feel we must be content with the above expedient.

5. That will make fraternity membership imply obedience to university rules. Living off the campus, or at home, should not exempt fraternity members from this obligation. The reputation of fraternities, especially in our city colleges, is menaced by this failure of their large town membership to come under the regulations of normal college life. Each chapter should insist upon such conformity from all active members.

6. That every fraternity party must be properly chaperoned. We believe this to be a general custom now. We know it must become an inviolate rule.

7. That each fraternity uphold the efforts of the college toward better conditions, by requiring its chapters to conform to college rules as to hours, time, etc., of parties, even when the chapter chooses to give the same off the campus and thus technically beyond college jurisdiction. The evidence is strong that fraternities

frequently choose to entertain in outside halls and nearby towns to evade college rules on these matters. Such a practice is harming the whole fraternity world.

Furthermore your committee suggests that the National Pan-Hellenic recommend to every local Pan-Hellenic:—

1. That it take cognizance of the tendency of social affairs to conflict with college duties, and of fraternity affairs to conflict with college social affairs, and that it attempt to pledge its fraternity chapters to reform along these lines.

2. That it endeavor to pledge its chapters to conform to all the college social rules, though by living in chapter houses or homes the members are not under these dormitory and campus rules.

3. That its attention be called to the superabundance of fun for the fraternity girl and often the sad lack of pleasure for the other college girls, and that it be urged to improve this condition by at times substituting the outside girls for members of other fraternities with whom there is, at present, a constant interchange of social courtesies.

4. That it consider the days when fraternity girls will entertain, or accept entertainment, and the hours when parties shall close. If the college has rules or customs regulating these matters, insist upon their adoption by the chapters, unless they are too lax. If none exist, the Pan-Hellenic should at once make its own, and then, through fraternity members in other organizations, try to bring such reform into the larger college social life.

5. That it should arrange a social calendar that will distribute social activities of its chapters over the college year, instead of over-filling certain months popular for entertaining.

6. That it try to limit the number of social functions to be given by each fraternity.

7. That a definite pro rata cost be established for each type of entertainment, and that this plan be made effective by a wise auditing system. By agreement, the extravagance in decorations and other non-essentials so sharply criticised by the colleges can be eliminated, since social emulation between chapters is the chief cause of this display. We do not wish even to appear to disap-



prove of college fun; we fully desire our members to enjoy all possible college good times, but we seek to divorce social life from the nervous strain, the excess, and the extravagance which makes the individual cost outweigh the pleasure.

It was moved and carried that the present committee on Social Customs be continued another year.

The report of the committee to draft a constitution for local Pan-Hellenics was presented by Miss Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha.

It was moved and carried that the model constitution be incorporated in the minutes as a suggestion to local Pan-Hellenics, and this constitution be printed separate from the minutes.

It was moved and carried that the report of the committee appointed to draft a constitution for the National Pan-Hellenic Conference be deferred until the Tenth Conference, and that the present committee be continued.

#### *Recommendations.*

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was presented by Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi. The following recommendations were approved by the conference:

1. That the Committee on Extension be continued and be given authority to define a standard of admission for fraternities in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, and to enforce this standard.

2. That a committee be appointed to tabulate the recommendations of the past conferences, to send copies to the secretary of each local Pan-Hellenic, who shall report (a) the action taken by the Pan-Hellenics on each recommendation, and (b) the success or failure that has attended the recommendations adopted.

3. That a committee be appointed to study the situation at the University of Nebraska, with a view to merging the Pan-Hellenic in the University Council.

4. That the University of California, through Mrs. Colby, be granted three or more hundred copies of the next N. P. C. report.

#### *Recommendations to Grand Presidents.*

1. That at some time the sororities have their conventions at the same time and place, with one open or general meeting.

2. That a seven-eighth vote of the Grand Presidents, instead of a unanimous vote, be required on recommendations from the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

3. That students in a university summer school be declared ineligible for fraternity pledging.

4. That the suggestion of a dean of women be observed, viz.: that an officer of the fraternity obtain from the dean of women, when possible, an official report of the scholarship of the members of each chapter.

5. That the governing councils of fraternities be urged not to allow chapters to withdraw from local Pan-Hellenics under any circumstances.

*Recommendations to Local Pan-Hellenics.*

1. That scholarship be encouraged in every possible manner, such as (a) the offering by the local Pan-Hellenics of scholarship prizes to which every woman student shall be eligible; (b) the sponsor system, by which each underclassman is assigned to an upperclassman who shall supervise the social, moral and scholastic standing of her charge.

2. That all chapters supporting a chapter house where as many as ten girls room, pay a cash salary to the chaperon, who shall be given unlimited authority to enforce rules of calling and such other rules as affect the common good; and who shall consult with the Dean of Women in regard to chapter house conditions.

3. That the local Pan-Hellenics adopt the "no rushing" policy.

It was moved and carried that each fraternity be requested to increase the annual subscription from five (5) dollars to ten (10) dollars, payable within thirty (30) days.

It was moved and seconded that the Tenth National Pan-Hellenic Conference meet in Evanston, Illinois, the second Friday and Saturday in October, 13 and 14, 1911.

It was moved and carried that the Grand Presidents be urged not to allow their chapters to withdraw from the local Pan-Hellenics under any conditions.



*Committees Appointed by the Conference.*

Committee on Extension: Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Delta Phi.

Committee on Chaperons: Alpha Chi Omega.

Committee to Report on Deans' Conference: Delta Delta Delta.

Committee on Social Customs: Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta (Miss Green), Delta Gamma (Miss Shepard).

Committee on National Pan-Hellenic Constitution: Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi.

The conference was declared adjourned until October, 1911.

MARGUERITE B. LAKE, Delta Gamma,

*Secretary of Ninth Pan-Hellenic Conference.*

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## MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL PAN-HELLENICS

The committee on a model Local Pan-Hellenic Constitution begs to submit the following:

Model Constitution for the College Pan-Hellenic Association.

*Article I—Name.*

The name of this organization shall be the Pan-Hellenic Association of ——— (name of College).

*Article II—Purpose.*

This Pan-Hellenic Association of the ——— shall

1. Fix the date of pledge day.
2. Regulate the rules for rushing.
3. Regulate other matters of local Pan-Hellenic interest.
4. Encourage the chapters to take an active interest in all college activities for the common good.

*Article III—Organization.*

1. This Pan-Hellenic Association of ——— shall be composed of three delegates from each chapter of the National Fraternities represented in the institution, and from such locals as they may see fit to admit. The delegates from any one chapter to be one alumna, one senior and one lowerclassman; the lower classman of one year to be the senior of the next year whenever possible.

2. These delegates shall be elected by their chapters to serve for one college year; and are not to be substituted for, unless the delegate leaves college.

3. Every delegate shall be assessed a fine of \_\_\_\_\_ (sum to be fixed by the unanimous vote of this Local Pan-Hellenic) for non-attendance at any regular meeting, unless her excuse in writing is accepted, prior to the meeting in which she expects to be absent.

*Article IV—Meetings.*

1. Regular meetings of the Local Pan-Hellenic Association of \_\_\_\_\_ shall take place \_\_\_\_\_

2. Special meetings shall be called at the request of any chapter represented in the Local Pan-Hellenic.

*Article V—Officers.*

1. The officers of this Pan-Hellenic Association of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_

2. The officers shall serve for a term of \_\_\_\_\_. The term of office to begin \_\_\_\_\_

3. The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon such offices.

*Article VI—Voting.*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ (preferably *less* than unanimous) vote shall be necessary to fix the date of pledge day and make rules regarding rushing, and a majority vote shall be necessary to carry all other questions.

2. The power to vote shall be granted each delegate.

*Article VII—Penalties.*

1. Any chapter pledging a girl in violation of the rule for "lifting" in by-law No. 2, shall be reported in writing by the officer of the Local Pan-Hellenic to the Grand President of the fraternity of the offending chapter, and to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

2. Any chapter breaking any of the rules of rushing, pledge day, etc., which she has promised to abide by in this constitution, shall be reported by the officer of the Local Pan-Hellenic to the Grand President of the offending chapter and to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

3. No girl who has broken her pledge to one fraternity shall be asked to join another for one calendar year.

*Article VIII—Amendments.*

1. This constitution can be amended by the \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the delegates of the Pan-Hellenic Association of \_\_\_\_\_.

*By-Laws.*

1. No girl shall be asked to join a fraternity until she herself has matriculated.



2. Any girl pledged to a fraternity leaving college before she is initiated, shall be considered released from her pledge at the expiration of one year's absence from the college. In case she returns, she is open to bids from all fraternities.

3. There shall be printed rules on rushing and a copy of these rules shall be mailed to every girl who is being rushed by any fraternity.

4. No chapter shall initiate any girl until she has passed (i. e., registered for the courses, attended lectures and passed satisfactory examinations in) at least ten (10) hours per week of collegiate work.

5. There shall be a standing committee, representing three different fraternities to be responsible for all fraternity magazines in the College Library. They shall notify any editor whose magazine is missing from the files, and report at each meeting the magazines to be found in the library. They shall provide for binding of all magazines every two years at the expense of the Local Pan-Hellenic Association.

6. The constitution and by-laws of this Pan-Hellenic Association of ———— shall be printed not later than May 1st of each year and five (5) copies of the same be sent to each of the Grand Presidents of the fraternities represented in the Local Pan-Hellenic.

7. All chapters shall announce any expected visiting delegate, and she shall be asked to address the Local Pan-Hellenic.

MAY AGNESS HOPKINS,

*Grand President, Zeta Tau Alpha.*

EVA R. HALL,

*Grand Vice President, Kappa Alpha Theta.*

MRS. RICHARD TENNANT,

*Inspector of Alpha Chi Omega.*

## THE NINTH PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE

The Ninth Pan-Hellenic Conference resembled preceding conference in that it was crowded with business from beginning to end. At the adjournment of each session delegates scurried away to special committee meetings, or continued in the dining-room the discussion of particularly interesting Pan-Hellenic questions. It was not until after all the business of the conference had been disposed of that the delegates relaxed for the one social event, the open Pan-Hellenic luncheon. The attendance at the luncheon was larger than last year, there being present 122 fraternity women. The fraternities of the conference were represented as follows: Pi Beta Phi 13; Kappa Alpha Theta 13; Kappa Kappa Gamma 13; Delta Gamma 5; Alpha Phi 9; Gamma Phi Beta 17; Alpha Chi Omega 4; Delta Delta Delta 14; Chi Omega 15; Alpha Xi Delta 6; Alpha Omicron Pi 6; Sigma Kappa 1; Alpha Gamma Delta 1; Zeta Tau Alpha 2; Alpha Delta Phi 2; Delta Zeta 1. At the close of the luncheon a number of speeches were made with a view to interest the fraternity women in Pan-Hellenic matters. Mrs. Roth, Kappa Kappa Gamma, presided. Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, spoke in "Past Work of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference;" Miss Lake, Delta Gamma, reviewed the work done by the Ninth Conference; Miss Potter, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Dean of Women at Northwestern University, gave arguments in favor of sophomore pledging; and Miss Hutchins, Gamma Phi Beta, talked on "The Value of the Alumnae to the Fraternity World."





THE report of the Ninth Pan-Hellenic Conference held in Chicago, September 16-17, appears elsewhere in this issue and should be of interest to each and every sorority woman. In the brief time allotted them, the members of the Conference accomplished much, and the practical recommendations submitted to the different sororities prove that the work is being rapidly and effectively advanced. The model constitution for local Pan-Hellenics has been compiled with great care and thought, and each college association should endeavor to adapt it to local needs. In respect to one discussion of the Conference—that of scholastic requirements for the different sororities—Gamma Phi Beta is strongly lacking. Almost every sorority has some standard of eligibility—why not our own? Our achievements in the scholastic line have always been our glory; we have stood nationally for high aims and broad culture; why not impress our views upon the entering Freshman? Doubtless each chapter has its own fixed rule in this matter but it seems that convention should rectify our apparently careless position by adopting some national ruling in regard to this very question.

NOW is the time that good resolutions are greatly in vogue. Among all those that you are making for the New Year, oh Gamma Phi Alumnæ, remember your duty to THE CRESCENT. There is very little that the average alumna can do to help the national sorority, and a subscription is not too much to ask of any Gamma Phi. Bring yourself in touch with your own chapter, help to make

the magazine better and larger, give us your support, your enthusiasm and your dollar! As to those whose names are upon our mailing list and who are not members of any alumnae chapter your subscriptions are long since due. Now that holiday tasks and pleasures are over and the serious affairs of 1911 confront you, let your first duty be to swell our treasury.

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THE burning of the hospitable and palatial Warren mansion in University Park will be of more than passing interest to many Gamma Phi's who have been guests within its portals. The fire occurred on the morning of November 12—the very date that Theta and Denver Alumnae had chosen for the celebration of Founders' Day—and it proved dangerous and disastrous. In its collection of books, fine paintings, tapestries, bric-a-brac, hand-carved and inlaid furniture, the residence was excelled in few cities of the west, for the household treasures had been accumulated in India, France, Germany, England, Corea, Japan and other countries.

To the Theta girls it was a loss indeed for many of their happiest hours have been spent within its walls. Here it was that the Alpha Iota girls held high carnival; here they met in jubilee when the telegram came telling that they were to be Theta of Gamma Phi Beta; here the last farewell was whispered to Alpha Iota; and here on December 27, 1897 the mystic rites made them true Gamma Phi's. What wonder that the passing of the House Beautiful leaves in its after glow tender memories, sweet associations and never-to-be-forgotten days.

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THE heart of the editor was made glad this last month by the receipt of several voluntary contributions—and this gives opportunity to present an urgent plea for similar blessings. THE CRESCENT is the official organ of Gamma Phi Beta—it appears but four times during the year—and it seems reasonable to expect that active and alumnae members from time to time shall submit articles and shall take more than a passing and passive interest in the publi-



cation. Which suggests that the omission of a chapter letter is hardly pardonable. Gamma Phi Beta has few chapters and each of the few should have enough chapter pride to be sure of its representation in every issue of the magazine. Another New Year resolution then! Be sure that you have a place in the chapter correspondence; and if you are asked for a special article or a special report of your chapter work, respond promptly and graciously unless you can offer the only excuses an expectant editor will receive—"battle, murder and sudden death."

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IT is well for the Freshman, the Sophomore—aye, even the Senior—to think sometimes of the *alumnæ*, to listen to their words of wisdom; to learn of their achievements; to be proud of those who have preceded them. We have endeavored in this *Alumnæ* Number, as far as possible, to interest and to instruct; to give the Present and the Future a glimpse as it were of the Past. To those who have generously contributed their time and talent we are duly grateful; and even if a few *alumnæ* chapters failed to recognize the editorial plea, still, the several accounts which appear in these pages prove that the organizations are truly worth while, and that they are beautifully furthering the work and strengthening the ties of dear Gamma Phi.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will the correspondents send all chapter letters and personals to Miss White *not* to Miss Barbee? Time is lost and work is hindered by failing to observe this request. Remember then—Miss Bertha White 1010 Park Avenue, Omaha. Copy for the next issue must be in her hands by Feb. 15, 1911.

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Any subscriber who fails to receive THE CRESCENT will immediately inform the editor. If there is a change of address, prompt notice of the fact will be appreciated.

Kindly settle all delinquent subscriptions. The magazine hopes to start the New Year on a firm basis and your practical assistance is needed.

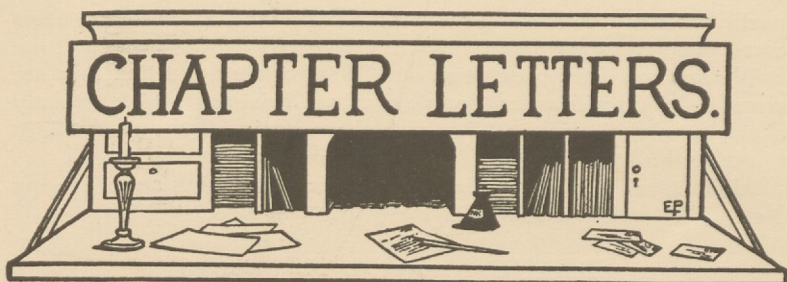
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Xi and Eta lack Volumes I-II-III of THE CRESCENT. Can any chapter supply the missing numbers?

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The March number of THE CRESCENT will be known as Freshman Number. Accordingly each active chapter is requested to send, *without fail*, a picture of its Freshmen, copies of the Freshmen songs, contributions from the Freshmen and anything that is of interest to them and concerning them.





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Send all Chapter Letters and Personals to Miss White.

Next letter must be in her hands Feb. 15.

#### ALPHA (SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY)

Dear Sisters: College is now well started, all the exciting times of rushing over, and everything is going smoothly.

We were very fortunate in our rushing this year, and have initiated twelve freshmen of whom we are very proud. They are: Hazel Peck, Cortland; Ruby Beckley, Binghampton; Isabel Brown, South Orange; Lydia Rhodes, Fairmount; Helen Stevens, Scanondoa; Henrietta Bidwell, Norwich, Conn.; Marion Weaver, Rochester; Mildred Fish, Mae Loveland, Esther Potter, Laura Beecher, and Gertrude Shaver, Syracuse.

Many of the girls attended the wedding of Gladys King and Mr. M. Beal Banks, which took place October 29, at Ilion, N. Y. It was a home wedding, the house being beautifully decorated with pink carnations and ground pine. The ribbon bearers were all but one Syracuse Gamma Phis. They were Marion Beecher, Mildred Fulmer, Irene Baltzel, Olive Pierce, Edna West, Mary Nellis, and Edna Brand. Ruth King was the maid of honor. This was the second Gamma Phi wedding that has taken place recently.

Friday, November 11, we held our annual fall banquet at the new Onondaga Hotel. This was a departure from the usual custom of holding banquets in the chapter house, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The charming decorations of the Hiawatha room in which the banquet was held added much to our enjoyment. Mrs. Laura Page Flick, who was the toastmistress, proved a very witty and amusing one, and entertained us highly.

The night after the banquet we held our freshman party at the home of Mrs. Flick. We danced until eleven o'clock, when the

party broke up with expressions of delight and appreciation from every one.

We are now just back from our Thanksgiving vacation, but are already looking forward longingly to Christmas which is only about three week away. Then we'll have again all the good things to eat, and all the fun and jollity that home provides.

Alpha sends her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the sister chapters.

#### BETA (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Rushing commenced very early in Ann Arbor this fall, and when college opened on October 4, we were practically through. Twelve girls answered "present" at the first roll call, and we were indeed glad that so many of them were able to return. Mary Hollington, one of last year's freshmen, whom we miss much, could not return, but we hope she may be with us again next year. Rushing teas were given by Mabel Leonard Douglas, Isadore Thompson Scott, and Grace Collins Breaky. The active chapter greatly appreciates the hospitality of the town alumnae.

Initiation was held November 12, and besides the active chapter and town alumnae, several other girls from out of town were present, making forty in all. Beta is very proud of her freshman class, and takes this opportunity of introducing them to their sisters: Elizabeth Kneeland, of Battle Creek; Maleta Moore, of Dowagiac; Hermina Haller, of Ann Arbor, sister of Frieda Haller, '08; Bessye Smurthwaite, of Manistee, sister of Ethel Smurthwaite, '08; Elizabeth Bostwick, of Alpena, niece of Millicent Hunt Heaton, '86; all of whom were pledged during their senior year at high school, also Pauline Kleinstuck, of Kalamazoo; Wanda Seeman, of Denver, Colorado; Marguerite Melvin, of Detroit; Edith Benson, of Fort Worth, Texas; and Frances Rhodes, of Columbus, Ohio, who were pledged this fall. Frances Rhodes was unable to be initiated, but we hope she may be at some future time.

It might be well to mention here that Beta is very joyful over the fact that the sororities at Michigan have again received a dispensation to pledge High School seniors during the coming year. As five of our freshmen were pledged while in High School, we feel that the dispensation is a necessary factor, not only for Gamma Phi Beta, but for all of the sororities at Michigan.

October 1 we gave a tea to introduce our freshmen, and on October 28 we entertained for some High School seniors. All of us were



dressed as little girls on the latter occasion, and the features of the evening were children's games and Hallowe'en stunts.

On November 1 we pledged three High School seniors who live in Ann Arbor, Marion Scott, a daughter of Isadore Thompson Scott, one of the charter members of Beta, Myra Anklin, and Helen Crane.

In college affairs we have come in for our share of honors. Lora Hall has been initiated into Mortar Board, an honorary senior society, and Edna Thuner has been elected treasurer of the Woman's League.

Christmas will have come and gone when this number of THE CRESCENT is out, so Beta sends wishes for a happy and successful New Year to all her sister chapters.

#### GAMMA (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It really doesn't seem possible that Thanksgiving has come and gone, and that Christmas is dangerously near. So many things have happened since that cold rainy day last fall when we first come back, that it is hard to know where to begin with our tale.

Of course the most important thing is rushing and its results. I suppose it is needless to say that both were eminently successful. The former was, of course, a bit strenuous, but the results were eleven fine freshmen. Among them we have our first daughter from this chapter, Helen Harrison, of La Crosse. The other ten are Dehlia Lindwell, of Northwood, North Dakota; Lina Duffy and Genevieve McCrory of Fond du Lac; Coryl Shaffer of Des Moines, Iowa; Marie Chamberlain, of Phillips; Florence Scofield, of La Crosse; Florence Sayles, of Milwaukee; Cora Ellis, of Platteville; Loreen Pollock, of Fargo, North Dakota; and Dorothy Deming, of Salem, Ohio.

The rushing stunts this year were similar to those of others—a formal dinner at the lodge, a breakfast at Mrs. Brittingham's, and a theatre party. These were the only formal affairs, and the remaining time was taken up with drives and picnics.

After rushing everything settled down to the usual calmness, which however, suffered a severe relapse, when six of the girls went to Minneapolis, and visited Kappa chapter at the time of our football game with Minnesota. We all wished we could go with them when they started off, but we wished so more when they returned. We sat up almost all night listening to their glowing accounts of their good times and of Kappa's hospitality. We only hope that

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we may have the pleasure of returning it some time during the year.

Soon after the Minnesota game came that with Chicago, and it was a most festive event from the start to finish. Among the alumnae who were back for the game and other festivities were Margaret Ryan, Marie Carey, Winifred Coon, Helen Harrison, and Edith Brooke. We also had with us for that week-end Polly Fitzsimmons of Kappa, and Ruth Eastman of Epsilon.

At present a number of the girls are preparing for a performance to be given this week by the Associated Charities. This seems to complete our list of interesting events, and we have only to wish to every one of our Gamma Phi sisters the merriest kind of a Christmas and a very happy New Year.

#### DELTA (BOSTON UNIVERSITY)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The sororities of Boston University are trying the scheme this year of "no rushing." We pledge the first part of second semester, and just now, we are not sure whether the plan is to succeed or not. We have some splendid freshmen, and are, of course, anxious to pledge them into Gamma Phi. The plan is just "naturally getting acquainted," with no rushing at all.

The sororities have been entertaining each other. The seniors of Gamma Phi entertained the seniors of the other sororities at the home of one of our girls, last month.

Delta chapter is very pleased to have girls from other chapters with it. Luella Ames from Minnesota is studying in Boston at the Normal Art School, again this year. Judith Waite of California is taking a course at the Conservatory of Music. We are so glad to have these girls come to our meetings. We have also had as visitors Anna Palmer of Baltimore and Alice Redfield of Minnesota. Caroline Squires of California is studying at Simmons.

We think our annual banquet, called this year the "Founders' Banquet," was the best ever. It was held November twelfth at Hotel Vendome in Boston, and nearly every class since 1887 was represented and heard from. Some members came a long way for the sake of being there, and the Delta girls certainly appreciated it. Katherine Hardwick made an excellent toastmistress.

By the time you get this letter, I suppose it will be too late to wish you a "Merry Christmas," but it will not be too late for a "Happy and Successful New Year."



## EPSILON (NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: So quickly has time flown since the last letter, we hardly realize that Christmas is at hand, with the dread thought of semester examinations soon after.

But to pleasant thoughts—at the end of a very strenuous rushing week, we were the proud possessors of nine pledges, Beulah Truitt, Klea Cozzens, Florence Hildebrand, Jessie Vawter, Freda Recher, Helen Paddock, Gladys Whitham, Irene Dimmick, and Ruth Warrington. The last three were initiated October 13. To “introduce” these new girls our alumnae gave us a very delightful informal at Kenilworth Club the eleventh of November. Since the new rule has gone into effect at Northwestern, that each sorority can give only one party a year, social affairs have been rather few and far between compared to the number given in former years. Imagine then our gratitude to all the alumnae and to Mrs. Page who originated the idea.

An interesting question which has been raised here is that of building a sorority house to be shared by all the sororities in common. The university has offered to pay seventy-five per cent. of the expenses of building, if the sororities will raise the rest of the money. This would be a decided innovation, because sorority houses have hitherto been denied us, and the fact of it being on the campus makes the plan doubly attractive. As yet nothing definite has been done, but by next time we hope to have the promise of a suitable place where we can entertain our Gamma Phi sisters “with loads of room to spare.”

## ZETA (GOUCHER COLLEGE)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Zeta has very little news to offer for this number of THE CRESCENT. At present we are all hard at work rushing freshmen. The rushing season is shorter this year than it has ever been, consequently we must do more strenuous work than we have done heretofore. Our prospects are splendid, and we hope to be able to tell you all of some fine new Zeta pledges on December the tenth.

We are very glad to announce that we have taken into the sorority a new sophomore member, Adeline Snapp, whom we initiated on November the twelfth at the home of Marie Ohle, '13. We feel that with the enthusiastic work of thirteen active girls and the help of our old members we are bound to have good results on pledge day.

As this letter will reach you all too late to bring our Christmas greetings, Zeta sends her best wishes for a very happy New Year to all of the Gamma Phi Beta chapters.

## ETA (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are all looking forward to Junior Day, the twenty-sixth of November, because two of our juniors are in the plays. Josephine Le Conte has a splendid part in the curtain-raiser, and Carmelita Woerner has the ingénue part in the farce.

Our Thanksgiving dinner for our alumnae is to be given the night before Thanksgiving. During this semester we have been enjoying the delightful experience of having alumnae as chaperons. Sue Dunbar, '03, Margaret Henderson, '04, Margaret Webb, '99, and Bertha Knox, '97, were with us for a short time. Emma Lee, Iota '08 paid us a long visit. It has meant a great deal to the active chapter to become intimately acquainted with our older members.

November twelfth California won the Rugby game from Stanford, 25 to 6. We were so fortunate as to have most of the Stanford chapter, also Helen Salisbury, Mu '05, and Elsie Owens, Mu '07, at the house for lunch. We were delighted to have a number of the girls over the week-end.

Since our last letter we have initiated Elizabeth Nadjé Root of Milwaukee. In September we had a delightful visit from Mrs. Miller, Theta, whose husband was attending the Delta Upsilon convention in San Francisco. At our last faculty dinner we had as our guests Prof. Henry Morse Stephens and Dr. and Mrs. Hodgen. Louise Kellogg entertained us at the last alumnae tea.

The Pasmore Trio, sisters of Hariet Pasmore, '14, are giving a series of concerts in the northwest, and have been most hospitably entertained by Nu and Xi.

Eta sends greetings and best wishes to all her sisters.

## THETA (UNIVERSITY OF DENVER)

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters: Theta wishes first to introduce her new members: Allys Boyle, Elizabeth Hessler, Frances Hoop, Jean Mentzer, Carlota Roose, Irene Seltzer, and Ada Tucker.

Our initiation took place on November 12, so we held a Founder's Day celebration. At ten o'clock initiation began, at the home of Eunice Robinson. Then at two o'clock the alumnae and active chapter had a most delightful luncheon at the "Teacup Inn." Mrs. Shannon offered her home for the joint meeting in the afternoon, where we met many of the alumnae who were unable to attend either the initiation or luncheon.

We finished our day with a "Sing" at the home of Ethel Clark—it



had been a most strenuous one, but we went home glad that we were Gamma Phis.

Immediately after the holidays we will begin work on our play. We hope that Lindsey Barbee will be able to write it, but her mother has been ill and she cannot promise as yet.

The annual convention of the Colorado Teachers' Association met in Denver during Thanksgiving week, so examinations came a week earlier. Everything was over and our vacation began on Friday the 18th, and we certainly made the most of it. It is only a few short weeks until Christmas and Theta wishes you all a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

#### IOTA (BARNARD UNIVERSITY)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Indeed and surely we were sorry to have an "Iota-No letter stare gravely at us with reproachful eye (in the Iota) when we opened our last CRESCENT! But you can blame it all on the fascinations of Europe. Our corresponding editor was abroad for the summer, and she didn't get home on time—*there's* the reason.

Having missed one letter it has been suggested that we ought to make this one doubly interesting. But how can we? Now after we have had snow several times it seems rather late in the day to hope you all and sundry had pleasant summer vacations! And we have forgotten everything about our houseparty, except that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and that it rained all the time. The first naturally goes without saying; the second is *not* a cheerful or interesting topic. It brings up sad memories of how we lost our temper—at the weather.

Of course we might write you about Pledge Day and our quite too splendiferous new pledges. Only, unfortunately, Pledge Day does not come until several days after this letter is due, and pledges are as yet but unmaterialized possibilities. We have our hopes, but we are initiating Tar Baby and "ain't sayin' nuffin," It's much safer!

Our rushing season has been a very quiet one. In fact it has not been "rushing" at all, for by Pan-Hellenic resolution, the rushing policy was abolished at Barnard last year. So we have had no parties or formal affairs of any kind, but have simply tried to get acquainted with the sophomores in a natural friendly way.

The list of eligibles was somewhat cut down by the adoption last spring of a scholarship requirement for fraternity membership. This will, we think, be very advantageous in the long run. It is not

so severe but that the average girl can easily come up to the standard if she tries, and we hope it will tend to make fraternity membership more a reward to be striven for than a plaything to be carelessly accepted.

We hold our first dance of the season at the Hotel St. Andrew in the second week of December. Wish you could all be there!

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### KAPPA (UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA)

Dear Sisters: Ever since college began, we have been busy paying dues and voting—for our sisters when possible. The result, as far as Gamma Phis are concerned, is that Louise Summer has been elected to the Woman's League Council as junior representative, and Mary Jones as sophomore; and Frances Works has been elected secretary of the freshman class.

The last week of October was a busy one for us. Initiation came the twenty-fourth, and thirteen, our lucky number, went through the ceremony. Which reminds me, that three of them have not been properly introduced. Allow me, Blanche and Grace Wilcox from Virginia, Minn., and Mary Rhodes from Minneapolis. Such presentations are most unsatisfactory, because, in all probability, you would not know the girls if you saw them; but at least their names will be familiar. Friday, the twenty-eighth, the alumnae officially recognized the freshmen at a truly gorgeous reception. We remember how we pondered and deliberated over the date of initiation, wondering if the august alumnae could bear up under two such affairs in one week. They did, and liked it.

These little scraps of news will not fit in anywhere, but boldly demand individual attention. Margaret Menzel and Frances Works have been admitted to the Euterpean Club, the girls' glee club. Louise Sumner was elected secretary of Thalian, a literary society. About the beginning of the second semester, the Masquers plan to stage "Trelawny of the Wells," our energetic Frances to play the second lead.

The choicest morsel of news—the most delightful to us—we have saved for the last. Seven Gamma Phis from Madison came up for the game (football of course) on the fifteenth of November and four stayed until Tuesday, the night of our informal. Words are cold and empty when we try to tell others of our pleasures; but you who have had visits from other chapters know our sensations. How curious we were in the beginning, wondering what the girls were like; how eager to meet them for the first time; how anxious to get



acquainted; then how reluctant to say good-bye. But the farewell is always tempered by the thought that we may—no, we must—meet again.

So, to the Gamma Phis whom we know and those whom we hope to know, good-bye and good luck for New Year.

#### LAMBDA (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: With the opening of college this fall, Lambda was plunged into a very hard and strenuous rushing season, and never before had there been such a large number of rushees. According to Pan-Hellenic ruling the season lasted two weeks, and each sorority had to give out date books for the first week on the opening day of college. Then on the Friday of the first week each sorority sent out their date books for the second week. The rushee thus had the advantage of selecting her own dates, and had to inform the sorority whose dates she accepted for that week, by the Saturday evening.

Lambda's date books were very original and attractive. The cover design was made in brass with the monogram on the top, the book being about two inches long by one and one-half inch wide.

We felt amply repaid for our work during the season when at the end we were successful in obtaining nine pledges, seven of whom are freshmen in college, one a junior, and one a sophomore. Now we are happy to introduce to you as your future sisters in Gamma Phi the following: Ruth Allen, '12, of Chicago, Illinois; Florence Jones, '14, of Tacoma; Virginia Hadley, '14, of Bellingham; and Frances Markee, '14, Esther White, '14, Orpha Meacham, '14, Leah Miller, '13, Ethel Miller, '14, and Mabel Posson, '14, all of Seattle.

We deeply regret the loss of six of our active girls this year, and are all hoping that next semester will bring them back to us.

Marie Kettenback, charter member of Xi chapter, is attending Washington this year.

The invitations for our formal Christmas party have been issued; the date is December 17, and we are all busy planning to make it a success. College closes for the Christmas vacation on December 21, and opens on January 3. Closely following that we are looking ahead to the mid-year examinations.

Hoping that Christmas will bring only happy and pleasant things to all our sisters, Lambda says good-bye.

## MU (LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: At last the nineteenth of November, our bidding day, has passed and we are "satisfied" with our seven fine freshmen. They are Ruth Show, Edith Hutchinson, Lyetta Hayes, Helen Batchellor, Edith Ireland, Cordelia Smith, and Emily Steel. On the whole, however, we were not pleased with this ten weeks' rushing season; it had all the disadvantages and none of the looked, for advantages of a long period. We became heartily tired of entertaining and thinking of "something to do" for we sent out date-lists every Sunday for three dinners, three afternoon dates, and a luncheon, and sometimes a drive. We were also hindered because we could not have elaborate "stunts" of any kind. We did manage to have impromptu ones, however, such as baby parties, an Arabian dinner, a peanut evening, and a take-off on the big rally when the girls dressed to imitate the captain of the team, the coach, the trainer, and the chaplain, and gave characteristic speeches. It was great fun, for we also had yell leaders, and sang all the Stanford songs in the intermissions.

Also due to the long rushing season, we have not been able to enter into college activities as much as we should have liked to this fall and our scholarship has suffered. Consequently Gamma Phis at Stanford do not advocate semester's rushing, because the sororities here are so accustomed to a short season that they adopt its methods in a long period, and this kind of rushing could naturally not be expected to be successful. Now that it is over for this year at least we can devote more time to matters of importance outside of the house, athletics, entertainment of girls not in the sorority, and faculty dinners. We have also sent out invitations for a large reception on the second of December.

Unfortunately for Stanford, California won the "big game" this fall. Despite the rivalry of our colleges, the Eta girls were certainly most hospitable to us when we visited them in such numbers at that exciting time, and we especially appreciated their "open house" the day of the game.

We were all very proud when Gertrude Brainard, one of our seniors, was recently elected into Phi Beta Kappa.

Ruth Hutchinson, '12, has been chosen as a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Mildred Gilbert, '13, is a member of the sophomore play committee and Grace Childs, '12, is on the junior opera committee.

Helen Batchellor, one of our freshmen, has been elected into the tennis club.

Wishing every Gamma Phi the merriest Christmas possible, Mu sends love to them all.



## NU (UNIVERSITY OF OREGON)

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our week of rushing under our newly organized Pan-Hellenic rules terminated very successfully and we are proud possessors of six fine freshmen: Ruth Beach, Edith Sheehy, and Marie Zimmerman from Portland; Esther Carson and Alsea Hawley, from Salem; and Grace Bean from Pendelton. We have twenty girls in our house with our house mother. We are more closely united and more keenly interested in each other than ever before. Mrs. A. L. Fuller of Portland, our new house mother, has already worked her way into the hearts of each of us, and we feel we could never get along without her now.

The college honors we have acquired so far are: Alsea Hawley, Vice-President of the freshman class; Lenora Hanson, member of the Sophomore Hop Committee, and Pearl McKenna one of the Associate Editors of Junior Annual.

Hallowe'en evening brought around an extremely successful party. The house was artistically and originally decorated in cornstalks and pumpkins. Partners for each course of refreshments were decided by the Fates in unique ways.

The Beta Theta Pis were entertained at the house later in the week with an informal dancing party, when the Betas did their share in making the evening especially pleasant. Each Sunday we give a Faculty dinner and we find it an enjoyable way of becoming better acquainted with the members of the Faculty and their wives. Once a month we give an informal Sunday-night supper, each girl inviting a college friend. There is keen competition among the classes in preparing the best supper.

About two-thirds of our number went down to Corvallis for the Oregon-Oregon Agriculture College game. They all came home happy in victory. The score was Oregon 12, O. A. C. 0.

The girls are scattered now for Thanksgiving vacation, but those who remained at college gave a formal Thanksgiving dinner at the house for those of their friends who stayed over. Mrs. Fuller chaperoned the girls.

Before this letter is read by our sisters, Christmas will have passed and we will be starting out on a new year, which each of us hopes will be most successful for the rest of us. May Gamma Phi Beta prosper and grow with the growing loyalty of each of her sisters.

## XI (UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO)

Dear Girls: Each of us came back this September with reports of a delightful summer, but were all more than glad to be here together again. Our house, which had been remodeled during the vacation, is much larger and now we are very cozy and comfortable.

But most of all we want to tell you about our success in our first year's rushing as Gamma Phi Betas. We have nine splendid girls who are wearing the pledge pin, and we are very proud to introduce them to you. They are Georgia Kaufman, Elizabeth Hays, Marguerite Allen, and Gladys Lessinger of Boise, Idaho; Gladys Collins and Maud Bonham of Wardner, Idaho; Harriet Bolger and Mabel Wilson of Spokane, Washington; and Ida Walker of Alexandria, Minnesota. We think that this has been one of our most successful years, and we are confident that we have the dearest freshmen girls in college.

About two weeks ago we gave our annual reception to the women of Moscow and the University girls. It was a very successful afternoon affair. We have also entertained each of the three fraternities at parties, and each party was delightful. Those of us who are unable to go home for our Thanksgiving recess are planning several informal affairs, among them rather a large Thanksgiving dinner party, and we hope to have a pleasant week-end.

In the university honor list for last year which was given out in October the names of four Gamma Phis appeared. They are Elizabeth Dunn and Veronica Foley, two of our seniors, Linda Rae, our only junior, and Kathryn Smith, one of the sophomores.

Veronica Foley was re-elected last spring as secretary of the A. S. U. I. and was this year also made secretary of the senior class. Margaret Stolle is the sophomore class secretary, and Linda Rae is society editor of both the *Argonaut*, our university paper, and the Junior Annual. Gladys Collins has already gained distinction and has been asked to be university reader. Mabel Wilson, another freshman, and a B. M. student, is the accompanist for the university orchestra.

We send our sincere love to all of you and hope that this year will be a very prosperous one for Gamma Phi Beta.

## CHICAGO

Dear Sisters: The Chicago Alumnae chapter has had two very enthusiastic meetings this fall—one in October at the home of Grace Adele Lasher Berry, in Evanston, and the other in November with Effie Chase Page also in Evanston. We already have several new



members, and this year promises to be a very successful one. Those of us living in Evanston meet once a month with Epsilon chapter for a spread, and so keep in close touch with college affairs. On November 11, the Chicago Alumnae chapter entertained the active chapter, their pledges, and several rushees with a dance at the Kenilworth Club, and everybody had a royal good time.

CRESCENT readers will be very glad to learn that Florence Shaw Page, Gamma '02, has a clever poem in *Life* of October 6, entitled "The Bridge Player."

Grace Lasher, Epsilon, '06, is to be married to Mr. Herbert Moore Boice on December 10. It is to be a home wedding, and Josephine Russell, also Epsilon, '06, will be her maid of honor. Several pre-nuptial affairs have been given for her by Gamma Phis, including parties at the homes of Harriet Durham Coffman and Elisabeth Davidson Barbour; and on Saturday, December 3, Mrs. Thomas L. Berry gives a reception in her honor.

Chicago Alumnae chapter wishes to her sister chapters the very best success for the coming year.

#### SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters: We sometimes hear of a club collectively engaged in a great work while individually the members admit that they amount to little or nothing.

Now it happens that the Syracuse Alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta occupies the exactly reverse position in society. Individually we are about fifty busy women. Some of us fill responsible places in our city's educational scheme; one of us is a private secretary and expert stenographer; three of us are conspicuous in the support and work of various churches; another has freely given time and money to one of our great hospitals; another is devoting her life to an invalid mother; a whole lot of us are raising little future Gamma Phis. Individually we are all important and thoroughly industrious and philanthropic people; but collectively as members of Syracuse Alumnae chapter, amount to nothing, absolutely nothing, in the world's work. We haven't any program, any aim, we haven't done any work in the past, we don't expect to in the future, we haven't a particle of individuality, and we never have had our picture taken.

Once a month we meet simply for the good old-fashioned reason that we like each other. At the door we leave behind us the schools, office, clubs, churches, and family; we let the years roll away from us; we talk of the days when we played dolls together; we often sit

on the floor and sociably eat peanuts and olives; we sing the old songs; we discuss hobble skirts, Christmas presents, aesthetic dancing—anything and everything that girls like to talk about; and when the afternoon has gone, and we separate for another month to follow the various busy paths of life, it never occurs to anybody that she has been wasting time.

#### BOSTON

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

That is perfectly proper so far, I know, because Katherine Whiting used to write it that way. But as your newly elected corresponding secretary starts to write her first letter, her great wish is that she might be able to write it all in as interesting and original a way as her predecessor has always done. But she will do her best, you may be sure, and if she fails—the blame be on the heads of those who put the office upon her, a mere '09-er.

Enough, however, of my trials, and my "fear and trembling." Now let me try to tell you a bit of what we have been doing here in the Hub since the college year commenced.

Katherine told you in her last letter about the delightful meetings Boston Alumnae enjoyed this summer. The account did not include, I think, our October luncheon, which was held at the home of Bess Newhall Sanger in Arlington. A most delightful time we certainly did have. At the November meeting, which was held at the rooms of the active chapter, 1100 Boylston Street, occurred the election of officers for the coming year.

The most important and enjoyable affair of the autumn so far has been the Founders' Banquet. A Founders' Banquet is a new institution with us, but we find it a very successful one, and this is the way it happened. At Boston University, this year, second semester pledging is being tried, with no rushing during the first semester. For many years now the active girls and the alumnae have been accustomed to meet at the initiation banquet which has always taken place some time in November. As the time approached this year, and we realized that there would be no chance for a "getting together" until February, we began to want each other more than ever. Then some of the active girls had the brilliant idea of holding a Founders' Banquet, and it was received with enthusiasm as the attendance showed. One member from each class was appointed to serve as secretary for her class, writing to all of the other members and urging them to attend. In this way nearly everyone was reached.



And everyone who could come was there. Those who could not be present sent some message to be read at the roll call, which was given by classes, and it certainly was heart-warming to see the two representatives of the first class in Delta's history rising in response to the call for "the class of 1887." These two were Mrs. Reynolds, who told us in an interesting way of her three children, and Miss Emma Lowd, a teacher in New York City, who brought down the house by saying: "Mrs. Reynolds has told you that she is married and has three children. Well, I can say that I am not married and have *three thousand!*"

You can see that people really wanted to come when I tell you that Grace McHenry Moore came all the way from Kentucky to be there, and two others came from Connecticut. We were also fortunate in having with us several girls from other chapters. The toasts were all delightful, and Katherine Whiting's "To the Founders," would have made all you glow with love for Gamma Phi and the joy of working for her glory. Oh! It certainly was a wonderfully good time for us all. It seemed odd, and yet in a way it seemed good, to be just by ourselves, true and tested lovers of Gamma Phi, and with no new pledglings.

In the spring we feel confident that we shall welcome the very best of this year's freshmen class into the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

For the first letter of a new corresponding secretary, I fear this has rambled on too long; my enthusiasm, however, ran away with me. Please forgive if I have bored you, and lay it to my "newness at the business."

Best wishes from Boston Alumnae to all the active and alumnae chapters in the winter work.

#### NEW YORK

Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This correspondent feels very ill-equipped to write a letter for a special alumnae number—the members of our chapter are so widely scattered over New York, New Jersey, and Long Island, that she seldom sees them or hears from them, so news is meagre. On the eighth of October we had our first meeting for the year at the home of Helen Newbold in New York City; there was very little meeting in a parliamentary sense, but such a lot of socialibility—every one wanted to say something to every one else right off, so that the conversation was so thick you could cut it with a knife, truly. Indeed the real purpose that the New York chapter serves is neither charitable nor educational at all, just social. With-

out our six winter meetings we should lose track of each other completely. So we feel quite justified in having no serious aim. We should never succeed in being that kind of a Women's club anyway; an afternoon every six weeks is so seldom to see each other, don't you think? And we do enjoy ourselves so much that we should never be able to settle down to business. On the third of December we are looking forward to another gathering at Mrs. Harsen's. We wish you could be there too. If any of you are in New York, you must let us know so that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at our meetings.

#### MILWAUKEE ALUMNAE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our worthy editor has asked us to give an account of ourselves through the pages of THE CRESCENT. The Milwaukee Alumnae chapter has a membership of sixteen, three of whom are new this year. We have lost one member, Barbara Curtis Rose, who moved to Chicago. Our meetings are purely social, and are held on the third Saturday of each month, one month in a Gamma Phi home, three members acting as hostesses, the next month at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, where we have a luncheon. The social nature of our meetings does not imply that the Milwaukee Gamma Phis are not active in many kinds of philanthropic and literary work.

Our September meeting was in the form of a luncheon at the home of Mabel Walker in Racine. Eight Milwaukee girls went down on the interurban and spent a delightful afternoon in her hospitable country home.

The October meeting was a luncheon at the Athletic Club on the sixteenth.

Etta Smith Laffin, Allison More Kieckhefer, and Mary Laffin Jones entertained us at the home of Mrs. Laffin November 19. After a short business meeting, we spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting over our coffee. Mrs. Zerlena Knox Winton, Duluth, one of Gamma's charter members was with us for the afternoon.

Our December meeting will be a luncheon at the Athletic Club on the 17, which we will have to tell you about in our next letter. The Milwaukee girls wish for you all the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: San Francisco Alumnae Chapter sends you New Year greetings and wishes you much gladness through the coming year.



We feel that this year has been an exceptionally happy one. Circumstances of mutual interest have drawn the active and alumnae chapters closely together, enlarging our scope of activity and usefulness, and increasing our personal interest in each other and in the impersonal well being of our respective chapters.

The spirit of Gamma Phi alumnae which in earlier days smouldered in more breasts than it burned, has been steadily brightening until now our meetings are largely attended and our membership list increasing, to our great satisfaction.

There are two causes for our unusually happy year. We have had a most capable and far-seeing President, who has actively worked for the betterment of us all, and who has not only taken herself but caused others to take an active interest in all chapter affairs, the result to be seen in works not words. Then we have had a common interest in the procuring for the active chapter a home of its very own. We have a lot in the most beautiful section of Berkeley, and the whole chapter as well as the active girls are enthusiastic in their interest and co-operation towards erecting a new house. This entails, as any home builder knows, a remarkable lot of hard work, money, ideas, and sisterly love and forbearance. All are rising to the exigences of the occasion and working in unity and peace towards the goal.

The teas inaugurated by the chapter two years ago, occurring every few months, to which the active chapter is invited and often guests from the faculty and from the outside, have been a fine feature in the upbuilding of the chapter and the strengthening of the social tie which grows closer and sweeter as we grow older.

So San Francisco alumnae closes its little recital of joys of the year past, and hopes that all will continue to express more and more as time goes on, the ultimate of true living as taught in Gamma Phi

#### DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The description of Miss Barbee's play in the October CRESCENT deprives me of the pleasure of writing at length about our Pan-Hellenic entertainment; so I will only say that it was quite the success we had hoped for, and that the only criticisms we heard from our sisters in Greece were complaints that Gamma Phi had set a pace too hard to follow.

A month after our dramatic début, we had another function almost as enjoyable in its own way. This was our reunion celebration—by both active and alumnae chapters: initiation in the forenoon; luncheon at the "Teacup Inn"; and a double meeting in the afternoon at Mrs. Shannon's. Out-of-town girls were urged to be guests

of the city matrons, and we were only sorry that more could not avail themselves of our invitations. We plan to make this reunion an annual affair, to be celebrated as nearly as possible on the anniversary of our founding.

Large and delightful meetings at the homes of Mary Allen Green and Esther Doll, and an informal reception to Pi Beta Phi at the beautiful and spacious home of Mrs. Stanley Edwards fill the list of our official activities. Our meetings now occur every fortnight—an arrangement that makes for intimacy among us. We are not perhaps very parliamentary at these gatherings; but the writer for one believes that more formality would be bought at the high price of a loss of the close sisterly feeling that now makes each one of us look forward to "every other Friday," and hopes that the time may not soon come when Robert's Rules will take the place of spontaneity.

#### MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: What a very long time a quarter of a year is, after all! The hours fly by us, and we pursue them, as swift of foot as they; but when we step a moment to the path's quiet edge and look back over our course—see how it stretches half obscure already in its bright dust and mellow mists! The little heaps of stones we built, the flowers we dropped in passing, are only blurs to backward-straining eyes. So it seems to your correspondents when they try to recount for each CRESCENT the incidents of the last four months. But you will be lenient in judgment, remembering that it is a far simpler matter for him who runs to read, than write.

Just about the time the last CRESCENT went to press, Minnesota Alumnae Chapter held its first business meeting of the year. It was exceptionally well attended, so that many urgent affairs could be considered. As they talked, the girls hemmed table linen for the Gamma Phi house, and the session closed as all nice meetings should, over the tea cups. Our second affair was of a purely social nature, the annual reception for the freshmen, which took place on the afternoon of the twenty-eighth of October. Mrs. John F. Downey opened her beautiful new home for us, and in this setting we "showed off" our thirteen new members to our friends in town and college.

Next on our Gamma Phi calendar came initiation, always as much a part of the life of the alumnae as of the active chapter. The new house opened up well for this important purpose, and the ritual was read in a beautiful setting, with over sixty girls in the mystic



circle. We gathered at the house again on the great day of the football game with Wisconsin, when the active chapter held open house for the girls from Gamma, who came, saw, and conquered us all, though their warriors went down to defeat. Isn't it too bad we cannot all exchange visits, chapter with chapter, oftener than we do? We miss convention so much this year, largely for that very reason that we do not see girls from other chapters, get their ideas on our common problems, and grow close to them in our common fellowship. This brings up naturally another question—whether, especially in the year when there is no convention, we should not use the pages of THE CRESCENT more freely for comparing notes, sharing good ideas, and threshing out our policies and problems. Surely, our editor will welcome this, and it will add greatly to the helpfulness of our quarterly. What think you, sisters?

With congratulations for our editors on the attractive October issue, and all sorts of good wishes for the New Year to you all, Minnesota closes her report.

## PERSONALS

## ALPHA

Nan Morrison spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of Genevieve Joy, Cazenovia, N. Y.

Olive Beaver and Margaret Lighthall visited the home of Ruth King, in Iliion, during the vacation.

## BETA

Helen Gable, '09, is doing settlement work in St. Louis.

Mildred Malloney, '10, was with us over Thanksgiving.

Gertrude Burdsal Arnold, '99, has moved from Three Rivers to Omaha, Nebraska, where Mr. Arnold is engaged in business. Marguerite Burdsal, '13, is spending the winter with her, and their address is 4006 Harney Street.

Clara Davis, Zaidee Vosper, Paula Henza, Lorette Sherman, Martha Banker, Caroline Culver Potter, and Mildred Malloney were back for initiation.

## GAMMA

Prof. and Mrs. W. B. McDaniel (Corinne Garlich, '95) are spending the year abroad. Most of the time will be spent in Italy. Mr. McDaniel is Professor of Latin at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ethel Virgin O'Neil, '99, and family are living in Florence, Italy, where Mrs. O'Neil is studying vocal music. Her address is 1B Piazza Bellosguardo, Villa Matenotte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kreutzer (Minnie Knox, '87) and children returned in September from a three months' trip abroad. Mrs. Kreutzer had the unusual experience of spending a month in a hospital in Amsterdam.

Mrs. J. F. Case (Nell Smith, '89) has gone to Havana, Cuba, where she joins her husband, who is with the Cuban Engineering and Contracting Co.

Annie T. Chapman, '90, who spent the summer in Madison visiting relatives and friends, returned in October to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Platt Brush (Bernice Dow, '05) are travelling in the west and expect to locate permanently in California.

Edith V. Gibson, '99, is in Berlin, Germany, studying vocal music. She has just completed two years in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hays (Florence Baker, '91) of 3211 North



31st St., Tacoma, Washington, have been in Wisconsin visiting relatives and friends. They returned to their home in October.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ivins (Sarah Seeber, '02) are living in Plymouth, Indiana, where Mr. Ivins is rector of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rose (Barbara Curtis, '02) and family have moved from Milwaukee to Chicago, and are now at 5717 Magnolia Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Nielson (Helen Stensland, '89) and two children, will spend the winter in California, leaving in November.

Daisy Virgin, '95, is at 220 Grant St., Redlands, California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conzelman (Florence Findeisen, '07) have moved from St. Louis to 408 East Park Ave., Webster Groves, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Bright (May Pratt, '92) have moved into their new home. Their address is 13138 Forest Hill Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. George G. Bohres (Minnie Jacobs, '99) is at present at 564 West 160th St., New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Watt (Effie Whyte, '07) are living at 1017 West Johnson St., Madison. Mr. Watt is instructor in English in the university.

Mary Allan, '10, is teaching in Atchison, Kansas, and Magdalena Carpenter, '09, is teaching in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Beulah Hedellers, ex-'13, and Emily Winslow, ex-'11, are spending the winter abroad.

Honta Smalley Bredin has gone from Madison to live in Evanston, Illinois.

Nina Miller, '11, was obliged to leave college shortly before Thanksgiving, on account of illness.

#### DELTA

Katherine Dame, '94, has accepted an appointment at the New York Library at Albany.

On September 21, Governor Draper nominated Florence M. Marshall, '99, as a member of the commission which is investigating the laws of the commonwealth relative to factory inspection.

Sarah Louise Nelson, '10, is a student at the Young Woman's Christian Association training centre in New York City. She intends to engage in college-student work in January.

Olive R. Marshall, last year's Senior Proctor, is teaching in the Coburn Classical Institute, at Waterville, Maine.

Mary K. Taylor, '10, daughter of Prof. Joseph Taylor of the

College of Liberal Arts—the most thoroughly appreciative and appreciated Gamma Phi father any chapter was ever blest with—is teaching English and history in the Concord, N. H., High School.

Mary Beiler, '08, daughter of the Acting Dean of Boston University School of Theology, will soon leave for Korea, where she will undertake missionary work as a representative of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All good go with her! We of Delta Chapter, who have known her and loved her, have no doubt of the success of her mission, and no fear that her splendid loyalty to the sorority and its ideals will grow dim in that far-off place.

The last report of the principal of the Classical High School, Lynn, Massachusetts, contains the following appreciative notice of Mrs. Grace Ward Lofberg, '97—known to all Delta girls as a brilliant student, the last Speaker of the College, and author of a delightful children's book called *In the Miz*:

"Miss Ward became a teacher in the school in 1897, and was successful from the start. Her devotion to the school was exceptional. Repeatedly she refused to consider offers from larger schools with higher salaries; and when, a few years ago, Latin was put into the ninth grade and some teacher must be delegated from the Faculty to teach it, she at great personal sacrifice consented to undertake the arduous and exacting service, which in any other hands would have been at best a doubtful experiment. Such unselfish devotion to a school calls for special commendation, as scales of salary make no provision for it, and too often it is accepted by all as a matter of course."

The pin of Gamma Phi Beta is safe in such keeping.

#### EPSILON

Sue Moore, '12, and Helen Greene, '12, spent a few days with Epsilon during rushing week on their way to Vassar.

Mabel Sell, '13, expects to return to college the second semester.

Alice Jenks, '10, who is teaching this year, paid us a short visit in November.

Lillian Paulson, '12, is attending Drake University.

Frieda Hansen, '98, has accepted a position with the Associated Charities of Calumet, Michigan.

#### ZETA

Caroline Smith, ex-'07, visited Jessie Wilson, '08, in Princeton, New Jersey, in October.



Helen Armor, '07, and Caroline Smith, '07, were in Baltimore in November to attend Ethel Shriner's wedding.

Mary Sawyers, '07, and Bess McCann, '03, visited Bell Baker in October.

Mary Leary, '09, visited Caroline Kline, '09, in November, and paid the chapter a visit on her return.

Louise Tiedeman Hartley, ex-'11, visited the chapter in November on her return from New York.

Nell Watts, '05, and Bess Brown, '03, visited Ethel Carr in November.

Adeline Snapp, '13, and Charlotte Romberger, '13, attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mathilda Omwake, '12, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Philadelphia.

Myra Manifold, '05, visited Helen Brown during Thanksgiving week.

Helen Armor, '07, visited Jessie and Margaret Wilson in November.

Letitia Simons, '00, is taking advanced work in Domestic Science at Columbia this winter.

#### ETA

Margaret Griffith, '09, paid us a visit in November.

Kitty Nason, ex-'13, is spending the winter in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hal Hall, '08, is now residing in Los Angeles. Lucile Daniels, ex-'10, and Mrs. Daniels are spending the winter with her.

Mr. Pierce, father of Mabel and Hazel Pierce died in October.

Mrs. F. H. Dam has lost her infant son.

#### THETA

Grace McDonough, '12, and Jessie Austin, '13, will not be in college this term.

On January 1st Eleanor Reynolds goes to Chicago to take a course at St. Luke's Hospital Training School.

Just after rushing season Grace McDonough entertained Belle Connor, Eleanor Reynolds, and Elizabeth Hessler at her summer home in Glen Park.

#### IOTA

Helen Newbold, '09, is completing her work for a Master's degree in Economics and Sociology at Columbia University.

Sara Rome, '09, is studying at the School of Applied Design for Women in this city.

Helen Aiguier, '09, is teaching in Madison, N. Y.

Helen Savitz '09, is teaching German and Latin in the High School at Rahway, N. J.

Margaret Hart, '11, received the Flarsheim Prize for English Composition in June 1910. She is acting as student assistant this year in the Experimental Psychology laboratory.

Katherine Francher, ex-'12, who last spring announced her engagement to Mr. Charles Chappell of Goshen, N. Y., is studying domestic science at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.

Frances Rogers, Katherine Fancher, Mabel Barrett, and Alice O'Gorman traveled abroad this summer.

Mabel Barrett has been elected captain of 1912's hockey team.

Laura Bennett, '11, has been elected vice president of the Brooks Hall Students' Association.

#### LAMBDA

Mary White, '12, leaves on November 4 for Los Angeles, California, where she will begin her studies to become a trained nurse.

Edith Prosch has been visiting in Alaska for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Will Sanders, formerly Helen McDonald, visited the chapter lately while in Seattle on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. Thomas Scott, formerly Arlene Hasson, has been visiting in Seattle for the past few weeks.

Beatrice Prosch left Seattle some time ago for Japan where she is now teaching English to the officials of the railroad of the Japanese Government. She was recently bridesmaid to Zoe Kincaid, Lambda.

#### MU

We were delighted to have a week's visit from Helen Salisbury, '05.

Helen Thoburn, '07, is expected home from New York for her two months' vacation in February.

Raebelle Morlan, ex-'12, has visited us for the last few weeks.

Elise Owen, '08, is teaching at Antioch, California.

#### NU

Mrs. William Albert Noon (Mary Howard, ex-'11) has been visiting at the chapter house for a week, where she renewed old friendships and met the younger girls.

Ruth Dunniway, '10, and Gladys Farrar, '09, are living in a cosy little cottage near the chapter house. Ruth Dunniway is assistant



librarian at the university, and Gladys Farrar is teaching in the Eugene High School.

Mary Gray, '05, is teaching in Portland this winter.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Helen Duff, our house mother for several years. She died at her daughter's home in New York.

## XI

Mary Belle Meldrum, '10, who is teaching in the Genessee, Idaho, High School, has visited our chapter several times.

Ruth W. Broman, '09, was chosen county treasurer at the recent elections. She will be in Moscow and will live at the house after the New Year.

Sadie Stockton, '08, visited the chapter for about two weeks in October. She was here for the Athletic Ball.

The Misses Pasmore of California, who are touring the west in concert, were at the house for dinner during their stay in Moscow. We enjoyed meeting them very much.

Mrs. Samuel Hayes, a regent of the university, visited her daughter Elizabeth, during the fall session of the Board of Regents.

Mrs. Thomas Heney spent a recent week-end at the house visiting her daughter, Veronica Foley.

Mrs. Kathleen Magee Horton visited in Moscow for a few days. She and her husband came to see the W. S. C.-Idaho football game.

Edna Dewey, '09, who is Domestic Economy Supervisor in the Lewiston, Idaho, Public Schools, visited our chapter several days last month.

Abbie Mix, who is teaching in Lewiston, Idaho, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jerome J. Day.

## SYRACUSE

Mary Whitford, Alpha, '80, has been enjoying a visit from her brother, Oscar Whitford, '90, who has spent the last ten years in Mexico.

Louise Cole and Kate Hathaway, Alpha, '94, have recently visited Milicent Hinckley.

Louise Cole is secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in New York City.

Cora Frederick, Alpha, '08, has been spending the fall in the family home on University Avenue.

Martha Schultze, '91, has been spending a few days in Syracuse.

## NEW YORK

The members of the chapter to spend Thanksgiving out of town were Miss Jermy and Miss Russum—the former visited in Oneida, and the latter in Schenectady, N. Y.

Jane Henderson, Alpha, '01, has joined the chapter and attended the December meeting. She is living in Ridgewood, N. J.

Mrs. H. W. Frink, Theta, has made us very happy by coming in with us for the winter.

Miss White, Denver Alumnae, spent Thanksgiving in Cambridge, and is planning to spend Christmas there too.

Helen Hersey, Theta, held a tea for her mother, who was visiting her in New York, on November 12. Miss Shakleton of Pi Beta Phi was among those present.

Helen Newbold, Iota, is working for her Master's degree in Sociology and Economics at Columbia.

The active chapter gave a tea for Helen Carter shortly before her marriage. It is the last time we shall see her for a good while, for her home will be in Indianapolis.

## MILWAUKEE

Mrs. Allison More Kieckhefer, Gamma, '09, who has been seriously ill, is recovering. Her mother, Mrs. More, of Sioux City, Iowa, is spending several weeks with her.

Mrs. Laura Case Sherry, Gamma, '94, gave a reading of Mrs. Josephine Preston Peabody Marks' prize drama, "The Piper," recently produced at Stratford, before the Drama Club, Saturday evening, November 19.

Mrs. Mary Knox Kreutzer, of Wausau, and Mrs. Zerlena Knox Winton of Duluth, two of Gamma's charter members, have been spending a few days in Milwaukee.

We are glad to announce an addition to our chapter in Hazel Milverstedt, Gamma, '09, who, with her parents, has moved here from St. Louis.

Ann McLenegan, Gamma, read a paper on English before the English section of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association, which convened here the first week in November.

## DENVER

Mrs. Barbee, the mother of Lindsey Barbee is convalescent after a long and serious illness due to heart trouble.

Beulah Hood has resigned her position in East Denver High



School to become an officer among the Roycrofters at East Aurora, New York.

On the morning of November 12, Fitz Hugh Place, the beautiful home of Louise Iliff at University Park was considerably damaged by fire. As a good part of the loss was by way of injury to works of art, it cannot be covered by insurance.

The father of Helen Garrigues McGraw and Edith Garrigues Painter was elected on November 8 to the Supreme Bench of Colorado.

Winnie Shumway Thompson of Gunnison with her two babies has been visiting her mother at University Park for the past few weeks.

Marion Van Dyne was the reunion day guest of Chellie Stevens Wright.

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## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James N. H. Campbell, (Marion Moulton, Beta, '05) a daughter, Judith, on October 13, at Hartford, Conn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ryons (Jessie White, Epsilon) a daughter, on September 2, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Born to Jeanette Cole Gilman, Mu, '09, a daughter, Anne, in September.

Born to Bessie Nichols Merrill, Delta, a son, John Leverett, on October 7.

Born to Rachel Bessom Ladd, Delta, '05, a son, Robert Bessom, on October 1.

Born to Helen Flanders Allen, Delta, '06, a daughter, Helen Burgess, on October 6.

Born to Betty Drew Barbour, Delta, '08, a son, James Humphrey, on November 5.

Born to Helen Douglas Creelman, Beta, a daughter, Margaret Anne, in July.

Born to Grace Hooper Hall, Delta, '06, a daughter, Dorothy, on August 28.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. E. L. Thorndike, on September, 22, 1910, a son, Robert Ladd Thorndike.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Robertson (Mildred Lauderdale, Kappa) a son, Walter Dale, on November 2.

## ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Esther Show, Mu, ex-'12, to Mr. Earnest Hopkins, '11 of Stanford University, has been announced.

The engagement is announced of Aileen Cleveland Higgins, Epsilon, to Mr. John Sinclair, Sigma Phi, of Duluth. The wedding will take place in June.

Helen Worrall, Iota, '10, has announced her engagement to Mr. Clarence Haight, Columbia, '06.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Lula Leismer, Beta, '06, to Mr. Edwin White, Harvard, '05, of Ishpeming, Michigan. The marriage will take place this winter.

The engagement of Emily Ely, Beta, '10, to Mr. Waldo Mack Abbot, Chi Psi, '11, of Ann Arbor, has been announced.

The engagement has been announced of Madge Miller, Beta, '08, to Mr. Clement Smoot, Sigma Phi, '08, of Highland Park, Illinois.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Bess Bigelow, Beta, '09, to Mr. John Alfred Moore, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mary Sawyers, Zeta, has announced her engagement to Mr. William Baker, of Baltimore.

Marion Scranton, Zeta, '09, has announced her engagement to Mr. Raymond Curtice, of the United States Consular service in Japan.

Helen Worrall, Iota, has announced her engagement to Mr. Haight of Michigan.

The engagement of Alice Payne, Lambda, to Mr. Ralph McDonald, Sigma Nu, has been announced.

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## MARRIAGES

Edna Wychoff, Eta, was married to Mr. James Walton Mosher, in October.

The wedding of Grace Steiner, Gamma, '10, and Mr. John Lindsay, on October 26th, in St. James Episcopal Church, was one of Milwaukee's prettiest fall weddings.

Tardy announcement in THE CRESCENT, is made of the marriage of Lillian White, Epsilon, to Mr. Arturo Bianzino, on May 20th, 1909, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Paris, France. Jessie White Ryons, Epsilon, her mother, and youngest sister, were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Bianzino are living at Milan, Italy, and Lillian is expected home on a visit soon.



Josephine Allen, Gamma, '04, was married to Mr. Harold Weeks, Delta Tau Delta, in November.

Loretta Cary, Gamma, '07, was married to Mr. Alvern S. Wendell, in October at Sioux City, Iowa.

Helen Carter, Iota, '06, was married to Mr. Edward M. Greene Professor of French at Butler College, on Thanksgiving Day.

News has been received of the marriage of Gertrude Marion White, Alpha, to Mr. Clyde Loomis Williamson, on October 5, at Bloomingdale, New York.

The marriage of Ethel Shriner, Zeta '07, to Mr. Arthur Dulaney of Baltimore, took place October 25, at the First Methodist Church in that city.

Louise Tiedeman, Zeta ex-11, was married to Mr. Daniel Peyton Hartley, on October 19, at her home in Charleston, South Carolina.

Anna Moore, Zeta ex-'99, was married at her home in Boise, Idaho, on October 28, to Mr. Frank H. Parsons.

On December 31 Frances Young, Kappa, was married to Mr. Thomas Welch of Saint Paul. The wedding was a quiet one at home, May and June Welch, Kappa, '13, being the only attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Welch will reside in Saint Paul.

Zoe Kincaid, Lambda, was married on November 3, to Mr. John N. Penlington in Yokohama, Japan. Mr. Penlington is editor of *The Japanese Advertiser*, in Tokio, their at home cards reading "19 Hi Kawa-Cho, Akwaka."

The marriage of Gladys King, Alpha, ex-'10, and Mr. M. Beal Banks, Phi Gamma Delta, '10, of Syracuse, took place at the home of the bride's parents at Ilion, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Banks are residing in Danville, Kentucky.

On Wednesday, November 23, Helen Carter, Iota, became Mrs. Edward M. Green. She will make her home at 63 North Hawthorne Lane, Irvington, Indianapolis.

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## DEATHS

All Gamma Phis are sympathizing with Addie Curtis, one of our founders, who has just lost her father, Edward E. Curtis, for many years treasurer of Syracuse University.

Stella McIntyre, Alpha '92, has met with a heavy loss in the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. Emma Wright.

Cora Willard Frederick, Alpha, has recently lost another member of her family, Mrs. Willis Gage. Mrs. Gage was not only the sister of a Gamma Phi but the mother of another, Belle Gage Dibble, and to both of them we extend our sincerest sympathy.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK  
AND WHITE

FOR SEPTEMBER—*The Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

FOR OCTOBER—*The Beta Theta Pi*; *The Shield* of Pi Kappa Psi; *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *The Delta Chi Quarterly*; *The Kappa Alpha Journal*; *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *The Phi Chi Journal*.

FOR NOVEMBER—*The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *The Kappa Alpha Theta*; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *The Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *The Beta Theta Pi*; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *The Delta* of Sigma Nu; *The Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *The Circle* of Zeta Psi.

FRATERNITY EXTENSION

Pi Beta Phi.....	{ University of Wooster University of Oklahoma University of Wyoming
Alpha Chi Omega.....	University of Washington
Delta Tau Delta.....	University of Wooster
Delta Delta Delta.....	University of Oregon
Phi Delta Theta.....	Washburn College
Phi Mu.....	{ Brenau College (Gainesville, Georgia) Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Zeta Psi.....	University of Wisconsin

RECENT CONVENTIONS

It is interesting to note the accounts of recent conventions:

Delta Delta Delta convened at Evanston in June, and the gathering proved the largest in its history. A "stunt night," a beach



breakfast, a reception, a theatre party and a banquet helped to make the time pass quickly. The silver loving cup for the largest delegation and the largest percentage of members present was awarded to Mu chapter of Madison, Wisconsin.

The convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held in Bloomington. The delegates endorsed the Undergraduate Student Aid Fund and an *alumnæ* committee was placed in charge of its money with power to loan without security or interest to any member of the fraternity who has successfully completed her freshman work; it was advised that annual letters containing matters of college and fraternity interest be sent to graduates; in a discussion of local and national Pan-Hellenic, it was recommended that there be no rushing before matriculation and that Sunday rushing be abolished; that sororities be asked to give their delegates legislative powers.

One of the most attractively described conventions is that of Chi Omega held in Lexington, the very heart of the Blue Grass region. A model initiation, an Eleusinian myth, a play, a banquet, side trips to the many fascinating Kentucky spots made it truly memorable. A Founders' Hall was planned; a song-book is to be published at once; and a committee was appointed for educational and social service.

The twenty-first biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi was held at Swarthmore in June with an attendance of two hundred and twenty. Three college charters were granted; the *alumnæ* were authorized to found and maintain a school for mountain whites as a memorial to the founders of the sorority.

Alpha Chi Omega's gathering was in Detroit. A new Initiation Service was adopted; a scholarship fund was authorized; and Sophomore pledging was approved.

The nineteenth biennial of Kappa Sigma was held at the Hotel Astor in New York City and proved the "largest, most important, most enthusiastic and most harmonious national gathering in the fraternity's history." A revised constitution was adopted, also a flag and waltz. The convention endorsed the attitude of President Faunce of Brown University as expressed in his address before the N. E. A. at Boston upon the subject of Greek letter societies;

it was decided that no senior should be sent as delegate to a convention and that no chapter be allowed to send as active delegate a member who would not return to his active chapter the following year. At the banquet, a cup for the largest delegation at convention was awarded to the Denver chapter.

The Phi Delta Thetas assembled at Niagara in August. The purpose of the 1910 convention was to secure control of the fraternity birthplace and it was decided to rent from Miami University the dormitory room in which Phi Delta Theta was founded in 1848.

Phi Kappa Psi convened in Toledo. The editor of the magazine was made a member of the Executive Committee without the right to vote; life subscriptions of twenty-five dollars are to be placed in a fund and used for the magazine.

Zeta Psi, on a special train, went to California for its convention and the banquet was served out-of-doors in a red-wood forest. Delta Upsilon also went to San Francisco and enjoyed an eleven day trip.

Hear what *Beta Theta Pi* says in regard to the oft-lamented chapter letter:

When persons are admitted by initiation it is quite sufficient to say so without indulging in metaphor and hyperbole such as "*On the memorable night of November 5th, the following barbarians were permitted to see the light of the mysteries of Wooglin,*" or  
... "*Six trembling neophytes passed the awful portals of the temple of Wooglin last Friday at midnight.*"

Don't indulge in greetings either at the beginning or end of your letter. Don't say:

"*Gamma Upsilon sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that the opening school year sees them all as auspiciously situated as we are here at Podunk College.*"  
and don't end with

"*with best wishes for a prosperous year to all the followers of Wooglin, and particularly to the editor of this magazine, we remain, Yours ever sincerely.*"

Don't indulge in prophecy,

*This is going to be the banner year in history of our chapter,* doesn't mean anything. It simply fills up space which might be better employed. Similarly it isn't wise to indulge in comparisons



where the person writing them is necessarily incompetent to make them. When a lad with two years experience in a chapter which has been in existence fifty years, writes

*This is the most prosperous year old Gamma Upsilon has ever enjoyed,*

he is stating something inherently absurd. It may be true but he can not say that it is.

And this leads us to remark that it isn't wise for a secretary to praise his own chapter over much. It usually induces a suspicion in the reader that he is doing so to attract attention from some obvious fault.

While with Delta Delta Delta we wish that thread bare expressions of chapter letters might be sunk to "Poseidon's realm" and that we might "tie the heaviest stone to—

"of whom we are justly proud."

Then add heavy enough ones to these so they will sink to utter oblivion:

"the pick of the Freshman class."

"of *we* girls—for *we* Seniors" etc.

"Greetings to sister chapters."

"it does not seem possible it is time for another letter."

"time for the terrible ordeal of midyears."

"dainty refreshments were served."

"of the true Tri Delta Spirit."

"glad and proud to introduce to you."

"secure our share of college honors."

"all voted it the best party of the year."

Again, the following from *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi is good advice for the chapter correspondent:

So tell about your college life. How are freshmen welcomed at your university? Does each class entertain them as at one eastern college? What part does the Y. W. C. A. play in your college? Do you have a Bible class in the chapter house? What elective honors are open to women in your university? Does your section of the country have an intercollegiate self-government conference? When you sit down to write, think of all the things which have happened in the college and fraternity life which would interest, not only your own alumnæ, but undergraduates and alumnæ of other chapters three thousand miles away.

The real world in which we live is that which lies within the vision of our mind's eye. The ruling impulses of our lives come from within. We are moulded and changed within by the influence of the love of those who care for us. They set the ends of life. They are the inspiration for overcoming all that is hard. They lend the steadying hand when we falter, and leads us into the mysteries of the best and noblest. Such are our friends.

The sorority has within its grasp this tremendous power of shaping the lives of its members by the ideals which it holds. It has the opportunity of giving to the world women of great ideals, great purposes, great hopes.—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The times are such that the fraternity system must justify its existence. It is a thing worth while or it must go the way of all useless things in the progressive age. No one can dispute the justice of this judgment of the day. "Usefulness," in this successful era, is a key-word and that which is not conducive to a bettering of conditions in the midst of which it is existing is a thing not to be tolerated and, peremptorily, it is removed to give place to a something which seems better and more efficient. The fraternity system, then has before it the task of proving to the world that it has a right to exist, and, because of the attitude of the modern mind, the proof must come in terms of usefulness.

The sphere of this usefulness must not be narrow. If the fraternity fulfills its mission it must give more than present pleasure to its fortunate membership; it must reach out; it must better and beautify everything with which it comes in contact. The fraternity member must be broadened, she must be given wider interests, she must reach more people or she must become more efficient in dealing with those whom she already is associated, else the fraternity is meaningless and a farce, or, she is an unworthy member of it.—*The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.