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All that untiring effort, generous sympathy, and loyalty to the noblest in Gamma Phi Beta can accomplish, your new president will give to you in the coming years.

UNA WINTERBURN HARSEN

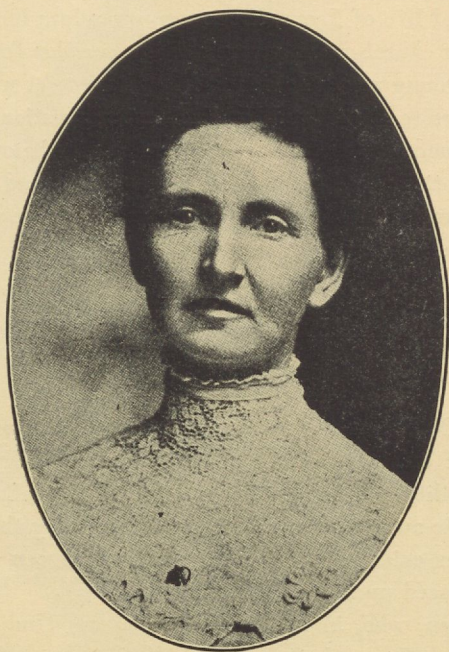
OUR SECRETARY

When the New York Alumnae chapter had the privilege to vote for an officer on the Executive Board, it was fully cognizant of the responsibility such a position entailed. It realized that a conscientious wide-awake person must be chosen. By the result of that election it was evident that the chapter had chosen wisely, for the honor was placed upon Mrs. Harsen.

Mrs. Harsen, who, in her college days was Una Winterburn, is a graduate of Barnard College and a member of Iota chapter. It is with great pride that the chapter claims her as it's offspring, and her loyalty has never wavered. A very recent example is the fact that she offered her home to the girls for their December initiation.

While in college, Mrs. Harsen was an earnest worker for the Christian Association and the College Settlement. Those who have labored with her on committees have always found her ever ready to do more than her share.

The same spirit follows her in the sorority life. She has always



LUCY CHURCHILL BALDWIN, TREASURER

proved to be well informed in all sorority matters, and when her turn of office expires, her books and records will be a lasting proof of her efficiency.

LUCY CHURCHILL BALDWIN

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Lucy Churchill Baldwin, always an interested and active member of the Milwaukee Alumnae chapter since its organization, graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1891 and married in September of that year. She has always been interested in club work being a charter member of the Waupaca Woman's Club and a member and Past President of the West Allis Woman's Club. Thoroughly practical, business-like and experienced she will be an invaluable aid to Gamma Phi Beta.



Top row from left to right—Margaret Nachtrieb, Kappa; Elizabeth Hessler, Theta; Margaretta Williams, Zeta; Ina LaMont, Lambda; Florence Cleveland, Nu.
Bottom row—Helen Brant, Marguerite Brant, Delta: Ruth Annette, Xi.



Marguerite Brant, Delta Junior; Carlotta Brant, Boston Alumnae.
Their home at Newtonville.



On the coast off Lynn, Mass.
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THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THE CONVENTION

BY LILLIAN WELLS BROWN (Beta)

From the business standpoint, as well as from others, the 1911 Convention was more than satisfactory. It might be well to state, at the outset, that at no former Convention, has more business been accomplished. This might be attributed to several facts; to begin with, the president of the Convention conducted the meetings with a great deal of tact and with no less dispatch; further, the delegates came prepared to speak concisely and to the point; lastly, but by no means least important, occasional complications were promptly straightened out by the alumnae delegates and officers.

Among the matters that were touched upon, was the question concerning the District Conventions, which, it was suggested, might be held during the alternate years. This matter was quickly decided with the result that there should be only the Biennial Conventions. The general opinion seemed to be that, while the idea is a good one, in that we might derive benefit from such assemblies, yet it seems inadvisable from a financial standpoint.

In consequence of this action, a suggestion was offered whereby the chapters letters must be sent around to the different chapters during the alternate years, and only the President's letter must be read at convention. This received the approval of the majority and was, therefore, adopted.

Somewhat in connection with this, the matter of a visiting delegate was referred to the attention of the Executive Board, and the convention delegates were asked to carry back this suggestion to their respective chapter.

Rather an interesting discovery was made, in that our pins were found to be incorrect. Authority was gathered by Mabel E. Stone from the University of Syracuse, and by a Beta delegate from the University of Michigan, and the reports agreed. It was decided, therefore, to omit from our pins the characters underneath the letters on the crescent. At present these characters are not in their proper

positions, but are literally squeezed into the spaces not otherwise occupied producing a truly mysterious effect.

The matter of adopting new pledge pins was discussed pro and con. Some felt that the present ones are not particularly ornamental, and while we all agreed that they are not liable to be taken for Tiffany's pride, yet the suggestion did not meet with general approval. However, the matter was carried back to the chapters and the result has not yet been announced.

It was decided that the colors and the seal be affixed to the membership certificates.

The question concerning the adoption of a "Coat-of-Arms" having received an affirmative vote, it was decided to institute a competition among all members of Gamma Phi Beta. The competitors are to send their contributions to the Executive Board, whose members have been authorized to choose from among them.

The Convention voted in favor of publishing a new directory. If there are any suggestions for the arrangement they are to be sent to the Advisory Board.

One very important question was brought up in connection with a financial policy. The scheme suggested is worthy of serious consideration for two reasons. First, it provides for the sending of at least one chosen convention delegate from each chapter, a most important feature. On first consideration this may not seem a very weighty matter, but it should be if our conventions are to be attended by representatives best fitted to "fill the bill." By the proposed arrangement, no delegate would be chosen because she could afford to go, and the matter would be left entirely to the discretion of the active chapter whose members would vote unbiased by any outside influence.

Secondly, it provides for a firmer financial condition of Gamma Phi nationally. Everything that has this end in view should be staunchly supported.

It was moved and seconded that the names of the corresponding secretaries be published in every issue of the CRESCENT. This received an affirmative vote.

Some time was devoted to a discussion of the CRESCENT. This year, and in all the years to come, it is desired that the chapter letters be written faithfully and sent promptly. We all know that the financial condition of the CRESCENT varies directly with its circulation, and that in order to support a publication worthy of such a title, we must recognize it our duty to see that its mailing list constantly increases. Since the increase of finances means a more pretentious magazine, is it not to our advantage to advance its possibilities by assuming a little more, perhaps, than our allotted share of responsibility?

PROMINENT GAMMA PHI'S AT CONVENTION

BY FRANCES ROGERS, (Iota)

One of the greatest pleasures of convention for the active girls is the privilege of meeting the members of the Executive Board and the other alumnae whose names have become well known to us. We were very sorry that Miss Mabel Stone, our national president at that time, was unable to be with us. We had the pleasure of meeting two new members of the executive board, Miss Mary Shepherd, our new president, and Miss Carrie Morgan, our new CRESCENT Manager.

There were four past presidents with us, Miss Mary Wellington, Delta, who is now head of the Latin Department in Manchester, New Hampshire; Miss Louise Putnam, Delta, prominent in club circles; Miss Emma Lowd, Iota, who has done some reviewing for the *Chautauquan*, edited an edition of Browning and is now first assistant in English in the Washington Irving High School of New York; and Miss Elizabeth Putnam, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for representing Miss Stone at convention.

It was a great privilege to meet Miss Clara Whitmore, Delta, whose book, "Woman's Work in English Fiction" has become so popular, and Mrs. Violet Jane Schmidt of Illinois.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET

BY ESTHER POTTER (Alpha)

At seven o'clock, November 10, one hundred and thirty-seven sorority sisters sang the Gamma Phi blessing, and sat down to the thirty-sixth convention. There were a few who had attended before, but for the majority it was a very new and pleasant experience. As the evening wore on each one became more enthusiastic, and particularly when the chapter toasts were called for. Esther Bates of the Boston alumnae chapter acted as toastmistress, and gave us many little surprises, especially when she answered Epsilon's rhymed toast, by Laura Hall, with a little poem on the characteristics of a certain Laura. Gamma Phi nationally was typified by a crescent and the individual chapters as stars, following her on her way. Each in turn answered and told in what particular way her chapter was trying to shine and to brighten the world. The Leland Stanford delegate Helen Thoburn although from the Pacific coast, seemed to be imbued with a true Yankee spirit, and suited her words to the rhythm of "Paul Revere's Ride." As she tells the history of each chapter much better than I could ever do, I shall give you her story in full.

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the reason we all are gathered here.
'Twas November eleventh, '74,
Yet many there are still in our corps
Who remember that famous day and year
When the first sorority appeared.

Over the hills in Syracuse,
It was there that they heard the first glad news,
And like a beacon light in the sky
Flamed out the signal of Gamma Phi.
Like a crescent burning steadily,
Long in the belfry of Gamma Phi
It hung, and shone on the whole fair land,
Till someone whispered the word, "*Expand!*"

Out to Beta in Michigan,
To Gamma, then back to the east again,

Three by land and one by sea
Signalled the light of our history.

Epsilon, Zeta, two lights more,
Then the word flashed from shore to shore,
And lo, as we look, on the western height
Burns the far sign of Eta's light.

'Twas seven by the mother-chapter's count.
Then in Denver and Barnard the clear light flamed,
And up to the north she watched it mount,
And in Kappa's name Minnesota was claimed.

Ten by the mother-chapter's count,
Then she gazed at the landscape far and near,
And off to the north and west she turned
Where out flamed Lambda's signal clear.

Eleven by the mother-chapter's count.
"Now down the coast let our lights be a chain,"
She said, and, "Three is a charm!" and out
O'er the Standard Quad flashed the twelfth bright flame.

You know the rest. In the CRESCENT you've read
Of Nu and Xi, and they'll tell you more.
But forget not to watch for the three linked lights
That burn for you on the sunset shore.

Last of these three Mu burns on the hill,
The house-on-the-hill, with its doors flung wide
Undedicated that house shall stand,
Until in Convention it welcomes you all,
And with all chapters sings, "I'm satisfied."

So over the land goes the signal light,
Turning to radiance what was night,
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,
And a word that shall echo forevermore,
And we shall awake, and listen, and see
The flash of new lights from sea to sea,
Like the glory of crescents aglow in the sky,
Spreading devotion to Gamma Phi.

Space will not permit me to give in full the other toasts, but you may be assured, that they were bright and entertaining, and fully up to the high standard of Gamma Phi Beta. This convention will go down in the history of Gamma Phi as one of the very best it has ever held. Indeed the delegates and sisters who were present are already making their plans to attend the next one at Madison, Wis.

TOAST LIST

Long, long ago, in the years gone by,
In the dawn of coming day,
A crescent shone in a rose-flushed sky,
And whirling stars as they circled by,
Followed her on her way.

Alpha, Syracuse University—GENEVIEVE JOY.

The first of the daughters of earth to rise,
In Syracuse saw light;
She took her place in the eastern skies,
She carries the morn in her shining eyes,
The moon's first satellite.

Beta, University of Michigan—LILLIAN BROWN.

The crescent looked down on the spreading land
And the oceans, east and west.
She said, "Ere the country yet be spanned,
A star midway from strand to strand
Shall follow our starry quest."

Gamma, University of Wisconsin—RUTH COTTON.

Next, Gamma, the star that Isis loved,
Had followed the crescent forth;
Her love we knew, her worth she proved,
So up from the sky line fair she moved,
And hung in the wooded north.

Delta, Boston University—CELIA MARSHALL.

For fear that learning's lamp would fail,
Ere Fate its weird fulfil,
Within the crescent's crystal pale
Rose Delta with her starry trail
To shine on Beacon Hill.

Epsilon, Northwestern University—LAURA HALL.

As fair as any star that shines
In absence of the sun,
Who in our hearts herself entwines,
Worth much more than these halting lines
All this is Epsilon!

Zeta, Goucher College—MATHILDA OMWAKE.

How fitly shall we celebrate her?
How praise a bit of verse?
How tell the deeds and charms of Zeta?
Words fail; and so to underrate her
We'd be a bit averse!

Eta, University of California—PENELOPE MURDOCK.

When Eta joined us, aye to please
Our academic heaven,
We called ourselves, "The Pleiades."
We flung our triumph to the breeze,
And shouted, "We are seven!"

Theta, University of Denver—ELIZABETH HESSLER.

The foothills of the Rockies seem
To touch the western sky,
But far above them comes the gleam
Of Luna's misty silver beam,
The crescent Gamma Phi.

Iota, Barnard College—MABEL BARRETT.

At Barnard long has dwelt Iota,
And graced her Morningside;
She loyally bestows her quota,
And one and all her sisters vote her
A prize and e'er our pride.

Kappa, University of Minnesota—MARGARET NACHTRIEB.

'Twas Gamma found the Kappa star
New shining in the sky;
She took her reckoning from afar,
Found naught to miss and naught to mar,
So made her Gamma Phi.

Lambda, University of Washington—INA LA MONT.

Out on Northwestern boundaries
Another ocean roars;
Far as the last horizon lies,
On stranger land but long-loved skies,
The selfsame crescent soars.

Mu, Leland Stanford University—HELEN THOBURN.

We clasp our hands across the lands.
That reach from sea to sea;
That ye have walked on other strands
But binds the tie, and welds the bands
Of our sorority.

Nu, University of Oregon—FLORENCE CLEVELAND.

Once she was new and still is Nu,
Though not our newest now;
Forever new, shall she be true,
And we be true whate'er we do,
We need no other vow!

Xi, University of Idaho—RUTH ANNETTE.

How sweet and young has entered in
Our latest from afar!
Old eras end, and new begin
With hopes uplift, warm hearts within,
Our little sister star!

Chicago, Alumnae Chapter—PERSIS ROLLINS.

The winds in the city beside the lake
May blow both hard and cold,
But no warmth of greeting can they take
From graduate girls who chapters made
With fervor of heart untold.

Syracuse, Alumnae Chapter—LAURA PAGE FLICK.

The oldest sister's sisterhood!
Dear girls who formed these ties,
Then left the web for younger hands,
To weave anew in starry bands—
The first dear Gamma Phis!

Boston, Alumnae Chapter—No RESPONSE.

Shall we, this gala night, reveal,
This night red-calendared,

To you how cordially we feel?
 Ah no! like all good children, we'll
 Be seen, but not be heard.

*New York—Alumnae Chapter—*LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM.

There's the Great White Way and the Milky way,
 Yet they are not one but twain;
 Though they both have stars, and we might, too, say
 There's crescent moon with a silver ray
 That shines on both full fain.

*Milwaukee, Alumnae Chapter—*CARRIE MORGAN.

The dust of stars, the drift of clouds
 The woven moonbeam mist,
 No sweeter are than love that shrouds
 Our graduate girls in joyous crowds,
 Who keep alumnae tryst.

*San Francisco, Alumnae Chapter—*ALICE HOYT.

Where the orient stars swing softly down
 To the gates of the golden west,
 And gild the roofs of that lovely town,
 The elder sisters give renown
 To a land already blest.

*Denver, Alumnae Chapter—*NO RESPONSE.

Though young in years, in wisdom old,
 Second in love to none,
 A chapter recently enscrolled,
 So may she yet first of the fold,
 Reach perihelion!

*Minnesota, Alumnae Chapter—*LUELLA AMES.

They list to the call of Gamma Phi
 Whenever their paths betide,
 And it brings them back to the starry track,
 Where the crescent shines through the stormwind's wrack
 And the sisters aye abide.

Or ever the swing of the spheres is done,
 While the crescent moon rides high,
 Our orbit shall whirl with the whirling sun,
 And the gathering stars come, one by one,
 To the field of Gamma Phi!

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The Gamma Phis who did not come to Convention would perhaps like to know a little about Boston University, its situation, its spirit, its size. The university consists of the School of Theology, the Medical School, the Law School, and the College of Liberal Arts, mentioned last, not because least, but as a climax.

The departments are situated in different parts of the city, for it is not easy to get several acres of ground for a university in the center of Boston. The college is the heart of the university, and it is admirably located. It is next door to the Boston Public Library, and within a short distance of the Art Museum, the Opera House and Symphony Hall. A little way down the street from us are the buildings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while Harvard and Radcliffe are our neighbors across the Charles river.

There are over eight hundred students enrolled in the college, a number small enough to permit our knowing each other pretty well, and working together as a happy family. The spirit that prevades the place is one of mutual helpfulness, friendliness, and good will. We are not a society college, but the members get together often during the year for receptions, Klatsch Collegium, banquets, and good times of various sorts.

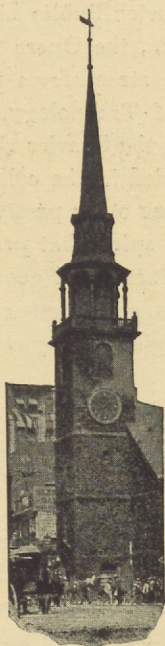
The friendly relation between instructors and students is one of the characteristics of Boston University. The members of our faculty are stars, but they do not "dwell apart," and our faculty members are among the happiest college recollections. Like the stars, to continue the figure, one professor differeth from another magnitude. Some of the notable names among them are those of Professor Lyman C. Newell, whose text-books on chemistry are widely used; Dallas Lore Sharp, a well-known writer on nature subjects, and E. C. Black, the editor of the *New Hudson Shakespeare*.

The men of the college are organized in the Men's Union, and most of the girls belong to Gamma Delta. There are various local associations, musical, literary, historical, athletic, and religious. The national societies represented are Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta. Pi Beta Phi, and Sigma Kappa.

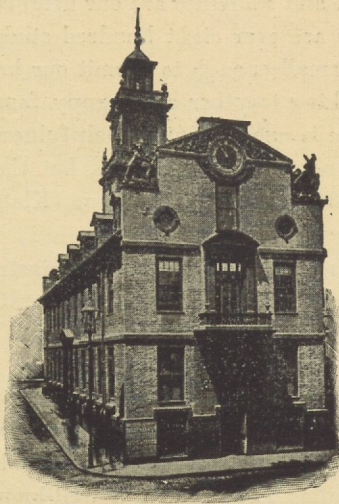
SOME POINTS OF INTEREST IN HISTORIC BOSTON

BY CARRIE E. MORGAN (Milwaukee Alumnae)

One who is making his first trip to Boston cannot fail to be charmed with this city, so like and yet so unlike any other large city in the United States. Boston is in fact made up of two parts, and yet so closely connected that you are in one part and out of the



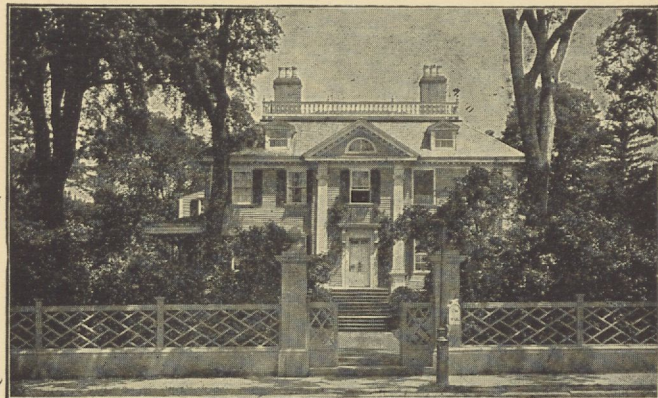
THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH



OLD STATE HOUSE

other ere you are aware. New Boston is like any other modern city, except that it is cleaner and has altogether a more homelike and attractive appearance than any other city that it has been my pleasure to visit; but old Boston is similar to a foreign city and, if it were not for the fact that one hears English spoken about him, he could readily imagine himself across the water.

Undoubtedly the first point of interest to the tourist in this part the city is the old State House, which is now used as a museum, and I might add as a subway station also, for commercialism will creep in even in Boston. In this building the Council Chamber has been restored to its original appearance, but in the Assembly Chamber a great many curios can be found, especially old dishes and odd



LONGFELLOW'S HOME, CAMBRIDGE

bits of furniture. In this building there can also be seen the original Franklin printing press.

From the State House it is only a few steps to the historic Faneuil Hall, the lower story of which is now used as a market place. In fact one now finds himself in the midst of the Boston market, and for blocks around all he sees is venders' carts and all he

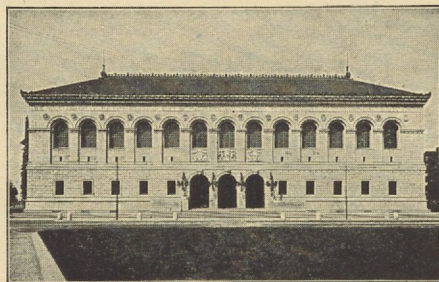


LOWELL'S HOME, CAMBRIDGE

hears is venders' cries. I think it is this, coupled with the appearance of many groups of foreigners, that makes the tourist feel that he is in a foreign land. In this section of the city the streets are indescribably crooked and narrow, and pedestrians must perforce



TRINITY CHURCH



BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

walk in the middle of the street, for the streets are scarcely wide enough to admit of two persons passing. There is, however, an indescribable charm about the place, which makes one loth to go back to ordinary city life, only a few blocks beyond.

In this region one sees the house of Paul Revere and also the famous old North Church, where the lanterns were hung to warn the

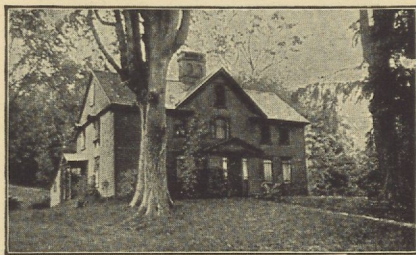
people of the approach of the British troops; and, in speaking of churches, the old South Church of Boston Tea-Party fame must not be forgotten.

Just across the beautiful Boston Common on Beacon Hill is the new State House, and yet not new in our sense of the word, for its



ENTRANCE TO HARVARD

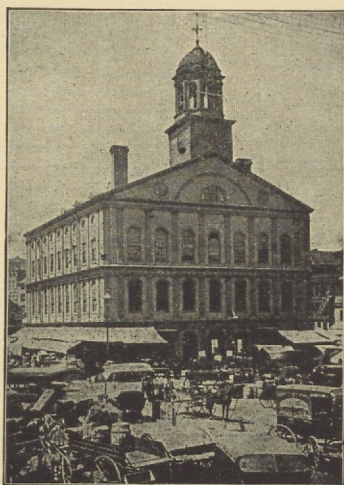
Senate Chamber stands today just as it did one hundred years ago. The first sight of this famous building is a disappointing one, because it is built of brick, not stone; but once inside, one forgets its plain exterior while viewing the beautiful rotunda, the marble columns of which can hardly be excelled by any other capitol in the United States.



THE HOME OF LOUISA ALCOTT

Just across the Common one enters new Boston with its beautiful avenues filled with brown stone fronts and its busy Boylston street. The object of greatest interest in this quarter is the Public Library of which the Bostonians are so justly proud. The points of greatest interest in this building are the three groups of beautiful paintings.

The first group in the stairway consists of a series of panels by Puvis de Chavannes, representing Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemistry, History, Poetry and other Arts, together with a larger panel called "The Muses Welcoming the Genius of Enlightenment". In the Delivery Room are the beautiful pictures of Edwin A. Abbey, illustrating the legend of the Holy Grail. These pictures form a series of panels extending entirely around the room and are most exquisite, both in coloring and design. On the upper floor are the Sargeant pictures. At one end of the hall is the picture of "Moses



FANEUIL HALL

and the Prophets" and at the other end "Christ and the Redemption." One could spend many hours most profitably in this building in the study of these pictures alone.

Across Copley Square from the Library is Trinity Church, the former church of Phillips Brooks, and farther down Huntington Avenue is the mother church of Christian Science, the most beautiful structure of its kind in America. Near Copley Square are the Boston University and the Institute of Technology.

A trip to Boston would be quite incomplete without a sight of Cambridge, the seat of Harvard University, and the home of Longfellow and Lowell. Then, too, one must visit the battle-field at

Lexington and take a run out on the Concord road to the spot where Paul Revere was stopped by the British. In this vicinity one sees the homes of Emerson, Hawthorne, and Louisa Alcott, and here one finds the country where they are buried.

So we might go on indefinitely, for it seems that there is no end, and we begin to wonder why it is that all of the history, literature, and art in the United States seems to center around Boston. Truly the Bostonian may be pardoned for alluding to his delightful place of abode as the "Hub", and we from regions of less historic fame should bow without envy to this most interesting city of which every American is so justly proud.

PAN-HELLENIC, THEN AND NOW

BY LILLIAN W. THOMPSON (Beta)

One day, some ten years ago, I received a letter from the president of the Executive Board directing me to attend a meeting of delegates from a number of sororities, called at the request of the Grand President of Alpha Phi. This sort of meeting was quite new to me. I had only the vaguest idea of what the delegates were expected to do; and having been brought up in the good old school in which those who were not of us were against us, I had no great desire to meet my friends the enemy. There was no time to debate, however, and nothing to do but to go, so one afternoon in September, I entered the lunch room at Mandel's looking for a group of women wearing sorority pins. I easily found them, introduced myself, and then racked my brain for topics of conversation which should be both polite and safe; for I had a most uneasy feeling that some sorority secret might escape me unawares, and fall into hostile hands.

Miss Terry, the delegate from Alpha Phi, whose duty it was to make all arrangements, had found a most appropriate place for our meeting—a safety deposit vault; and before long we were admitted through heavy iron gratings to a long passage way, which led at last to a director's room, closed by a massive wooden door which seemed amply able to keep the biggest secrets from escaping to the outer world. We all sat down at the big table, and for the first few minutes there seemed to be a vague feeling of insecurity—of suspense. We were waiting, I think, for that illusive, and yet most potent thing, “the tone of the meeting” to be established, and until some one supplied it we were ill at ease. This duty fell to Miss Terry, our chairman, and as I look back on that first meeting, I can plainly see that the whole Pan-Hellenic movement was given its successful start by her. Miss Terry is one of those calm, well balanced, fair-minded women, who state business in such a clear unbiased way that one feels impelled at once to consider things without prejudice. Gradually we all warmed to the work, forgot our strangeness, and talked over Alpha Phi's

rushing agreement with the utmost interest and frankness. Before we left, a most friendly spirit had developed; we had enjoyed our afternoon, saw plenty of work ahead of us, and looked forward with pleasure to meeting again.

In a year or so, the director's room became too small for us. A morning meeting was added to the afternoon session, and we decided to meet at a hotel and to take lunch together, that we might have more opportunity for getting acquainted. By this time I had begun to discover a number of "typical Gamma Phis" who had mysteriously strayed into other sororities. The discussions, too, had been bringing out the strong points of the various societies. One had made a striking success of her finances, and could give us all points on how to fill a sorority treasury, and how to spend the money for the benefit of chapters and individuals. Another had worked out sorority organization very successfully, and could show how to keep chapters in touch with each other, and with the Grand Officers. Another had gone ahead of us all in social service work—another in business methods. At each meeting we learned some scheme which we longed to try in our own sorority, and went home full of plans for introducing it.

As year after year went by, we were delighted to see the work of our conference succeeding, though slowly. Our own meetings seemed like the chapter meetings of some sorority, rather than a gathering of delegates from so many different groups. It is astonishing to me, as I look back, to note the unruffled peace and good will of our conferences. Even when there were disputes to settle, there was no bitterness and suspicion. Every one knew that every one else was trying to find out what was best and how to do it. This feeling of kindness and confidence has been the greatest result of our meetings. If we can pass this on to the sorority world, we shall have done the one thing necessary to remove all criticism of sororities.

It was prophesied that quarrels would break up these inter-sorority meetings in five years. Ten years have passed, and no quarrel has yet appeared. The meetings have expanded from one afternoon to two days. The luncheons have grown from less than

twenty to more than three hundred, and include not only delegates, but all sorority girls who can attend. The name has changed from the tentative "Inter-Sorority Conference," to the well established "Pan-Hellenic Congress." But the spirit of those first kindly, intimate meetings has not changed, but has grown in strength, bringing with it to the delegates many valued personal friends, and a broader and more generous sorority outlook.

OUR PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

BY CORA ALLEN McELROY (Alpha Phi) Chairman of National Pan-Hellenic Congress.

The tenth National Pan-Hellenic Conference, on last Nov. 4th, adopted a new constitution which grants limited legislation to its delegates, changes its name to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress and directs its government through an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee for the year 1911-1912 is composed of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer chosen from Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Chi Omega respectively.

Since it began its work this committee has led a strenuous life. The Chairman and Secretary, Chicago women by birth and residence, are to be found frequently lunching together at the College Club while they talk over absorbing problems and their solutions, to which the treasurer in Davenport, Iowa later gives heed and encouragement. The Executive Committee is enthusiastic over this democratic government as the diversified view point of three fraternities through their loyal and interested delegates makes for prompt and efficient service to the interfraternity movement.

Now that the national reports are in print, letters to Pan-Hellenics seeking advice—and more letters to the Grand Councils and editors of the National Pan-Hellenic are written, the committee is making plans to welcome the Deans of Women from State Universities who will be in Chicago for their biennial conference before Christmas. The National Pan-Hellenic delegates are invited this year as usual to sit in conference with these Deans at one session where informal discussions of questions of mutual interest are carried on with satisfaction of both parties. As the Deans refuse the abundant hospitality that always awaits them in Chicago the executive Committee contents itself by securing for them the lunching and tea privileges of the Chicago College Club and Chicago Woman's Club, hoping that they will find time to talk to a diverse group of college and educated women about "The Housing of Women at State Universities," "Duties and Opportunities of the Dean," and kindred subjects.

A popular Vassar alumna in commenting on the anticipated meeting between the deans and fraternity delegates said "I did not know before that fraternities stood for these progressive ideas—I thought they were merely social organizations." Then the Executive Committee grew eloquent and replied—"The fraternities are so anxious to fulfill their ideals that they often unconsciously exaggerate their superficial shortcomings in their Journals in thoughtless speech and uncalled for criticism and do not emphasize the cultural and ethical values of the fraternity system which cannot be estimated by a non-Greek or a faculty which is not alert to use these groups to build up college activities and to foster alumnae loyalty to the Alma Mater, today the inter fraternity spirit teaches every fraternity initiate to value a freer college life and a larger college spirit and as she seeks a rare comradeship in her own chosen circle, she will realize that her chapter should be the best—the best for the college.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the National Pan-Hellenic Congress.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT:

The object of the Pan-Hellenic Congress shall be to improve the conditions of fraternity life and inter-fraternity relationships, to strengthen the position of fraternities in the college community, to cooperate with college authorities in all efforts to improve social and scholarship standards, and to be a forum for the discussion of all questions of general interest to the fraternity world.

ARTICLE III—ORGANIZATION:

The Congress shall be composed of one delegate from each national fraternity represented.

ARTICLE IV—ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP:

Sec. 1. Sec. 1 is referred to a committee:—Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi.

Sec. 2. Any fraternity meeting three Congress fraternities at any institution and not eligible to full membership in the Congress, shall be admitted to associate membership—having a seat and a voice but not a vote.

Sec. 3. The application of any fraternity for membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall be referred to a committee of three, which shall investigate the standing of the petitioning body, and upon their recommendation it shall be admitted into the Congress upon a unanimous affirmative vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS:

Sec. 1. The Congress shall assemble annually, the time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year, and shall be presided over by the fraternities in rotation.

Sec. 2. The official list shall be:

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| 1. Phi Beta Phi. | 9. Alpha Xi Delta. |
| 2. Kappa Alpha Theta. | 10. Chi Omega. |
| 3. Kappa Kappa Gamma. | 11. Sigma Kappa. |
| 4. Alpha Phi. | 12. Alpha Omicron Pi. |
| 5. Delta Gamma. | 13. Zeta Tau Alpha. |
| 6. Gamma Phi Beta. | 14. Alpha Gamma Delta. |
| 7. Alpha Chi Omega. | 15. Alpha Delta Phi. |
| 8. Delta Delta Delta. | 16. Delta Zeta. |

Sec. 3. Additions to the official list shall be made in order of election to membership.

ARTICLE VI—POWERS:

Sec. 1. The powers of the Congress shall be five-fold: First, to make laws that pertain to its own government. Second, to admit at its discretion petitioning fraternities. Third, to levy annual dues—not to exceed \$15.00—to be paid by the fraternities within two weeks of notification by the treasurer. Fourth, to make final settlement of a dissention in a local Pan-Hellenic reported to its Executive Committee. Fifth, to have advisory power over local Pan-Hellenics.

Sec. 2. An unanimous vote of the delegates present shall be necessary to a vote in the Congress.

ARTICLE VII—GOVERNMENT:

Sec. 1. The delegate from the fraternity calling the Congress shall act as chairman of the same, and the delegate from the fraternity next in order shall act as secretary of the Congress. The treasurer shall be the delegate whose fraternity is next on the list after that of the secretary's.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the secretary of the last Congress as chairman, the secretary of the next Congress and the treasurer.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to carry

on the work of the Congress between sessions: to appoint, on application from a Grand President of any chapter involved in local Pan-Hellenic difficulties, a member of the Congress whose fraternity interests are not involved in the question at issue to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic, expenses of the one sent to be defrayed by the local Pan-Hellenic; to make final settlement and inflict penalties, if necessary, on any chapter which withdraws from a local Pan-Hellenic or refuses to arbitrate its violation of any Pan-Hellenic contract or the "lifting" of a pledge, after the Grand President of the offending chapter has been duly informed by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Chairman. The duties of the chairman shall be as follows:

She shall keep the minutes. She shall send reports to the Congress promptly to the members of the Congress and to all Grand Secretaries of the fraternities represented in the Congress for distribution to chapters and officers of their fraternities.

She shall issue questions proposed by the Congress to the Grand Secretaries for presentation to their fraternities and shall, upon receipt of the result, send notices of the same to all Grand Secretaries. She shall report all measures of inter-fraternity interest passed by any Grand Council or by any convention, at once to the Congress. She shall send to each Grand Secretary voting blanks for all motions submitted to the fraternities by the Congress.

She shall prepare, with the other members of the Executive Committee, the program of the next Congress and the instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the next meeting. She shall send, with the aid of the Executive Committee, Quarterly bulletins of Pan-Hellenic interest to each Grand Secretary.

Sec. 5. Treasurer. The duties of the treasurer shall be to collect and hold all moneys, subject to the will of the Congress and to be expended only on a written order from the chairman.

ARTICLE VIII—METHODS OF PROCEDURE:

Sec. 1. Actions of Pan-Hellenic interest passed by any Grand Council or at any Grand Convention shall be reported at once to the chairman of the Executive Committee and also to the Grand Secretary of each fraternity represented in the Congress.

Sec. 2. Suggestions offered by the Congress shall be submitted as soon as possible by the chairman of the Executive Committee to all the Grand Secretaries of the fraternities, and the result of the vote announced by each Grand Secretary to the chairman of the Executive Committee within two months.

Sec.3. The chairman of the Executive Committee shall then announce the result to all the Grand Councils and chapters. The motions that have received a unanimous vote of all fraternities shall at once become binding upon all chapters, the Grand Councils being responsible for the observance.

ARTICLE IX—LEGISLATION:

Legislation enacted by a fraternity at the suggestion of the Congress can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Congress.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of all the fraternities represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress.

This constitution was adopted and ratified by the grand presidents through their delegates in the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

A VISIT TO SYRACUSE

BY RUTH COTTEN (Gamma).

On our arrival at Syracuse, we were met by a number of the girls from Alpha chapter, whose cordial reception made us feel that we were welcome. The freshmen were especially anxious to take our baggage and relieve us of our care. We were greeted most hospitably by the rest of the chapter on our arrival at the house and made to feel at home at once. Naturally our first desire was to go over this wonderful new home that we had heard and read of so many times and we can say that everything came up to our expectations, in fact exceeded them. The chapter hall, we of Gamma, almost begrudge our Alpha sisters since in our house we are unable to set aside one room for that exclusive use. We were also charmed by the attractiveness of the sleeping rooms. After we had explored the house, we gathered around the fireplace and talked of the coming convention; even dainty refreshments stopped our chatting only for a little while. We did so enjoy that visit before the fire! We learned of the way they "do things at Syracuse" and we compared their methods with those of Gamma. The next morning at breakfast the whole chapter was down promptly. The girls from Beta were with us by this time and so we began our talk of the evening all over again. After breakfast we went over the campus. The Stadium stands out very clearly from this walk and we truly admired this wonderful place. The fact that there was so much rebuilding going on on the campus naturally detracted from its beauty but we can imagine how magnificent it will be when everything is completed. We left at noon, sorry not to have a chance to become better acquainted with every girl, but glad of the opportunity to renew the acquaintance with the many girls who were to meet us in Boston the next day.

ALPHA'S HOME

BY RUTH A. LAYCOCK.

"Imagination bodies forth the forms of things unknown," said the poet. "Alas, too true!" said Alpha, a year ago. But since then, in a few short months, not "the poet's pen," but hard work and earnest co-operation have given "to airy fancy a local habitation and a name;"—that name "*home*."

Houses we have had a plenty, but never a home until now. A dearth of good rentable houses, and absolute lack of suitable places to buy, made building a problem to be faced sooner or later; this we had realized for some years, in a more or less definite way. Some of our braver spirits last winter convinced the doubters,—and to-day you'd think we had been there always!

The house seems to us ideally fitted for a sorority home. As each member of the two chapters, active and alumnae, had access to the plans, many valuable suggestions were accepted, and already we have found it equally adapted for home life, for housekeeping, and for entertaining purposes.

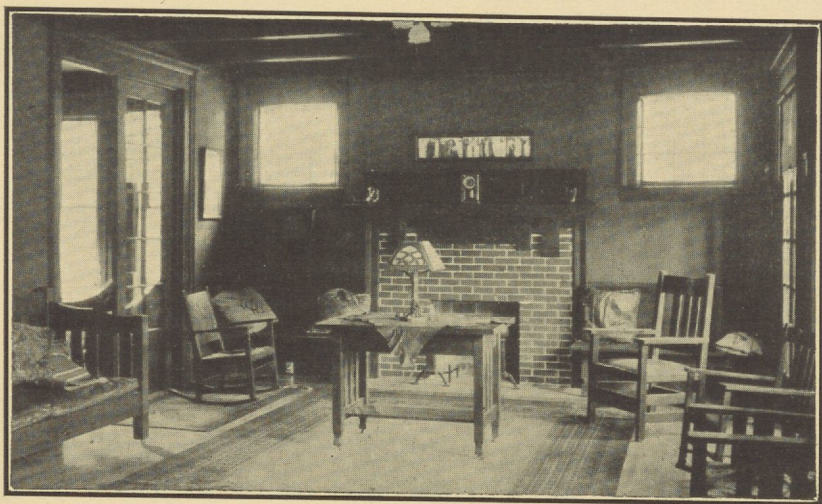
The situation is delightful; only two hundred feet from the campus, at 117 Euclid Avenue, it faces a city park, with a vista of wooded hills beyond. A convenient car line passes the house.

The first story of the building, which is 39 by 60 feet, is of light brown cement on expanded metal lath; the second and third stories of dark brown shingles. Heavy pillars front the wide porch, and extend to the third story. Long French windows open from the living room to this porch, as the vestibuled entrance is on the west side of the house. The entrance door is topped by a beautiful bit of stained glass, the monogram, done in colors. The long glass staircase windows are worked out in similar design.

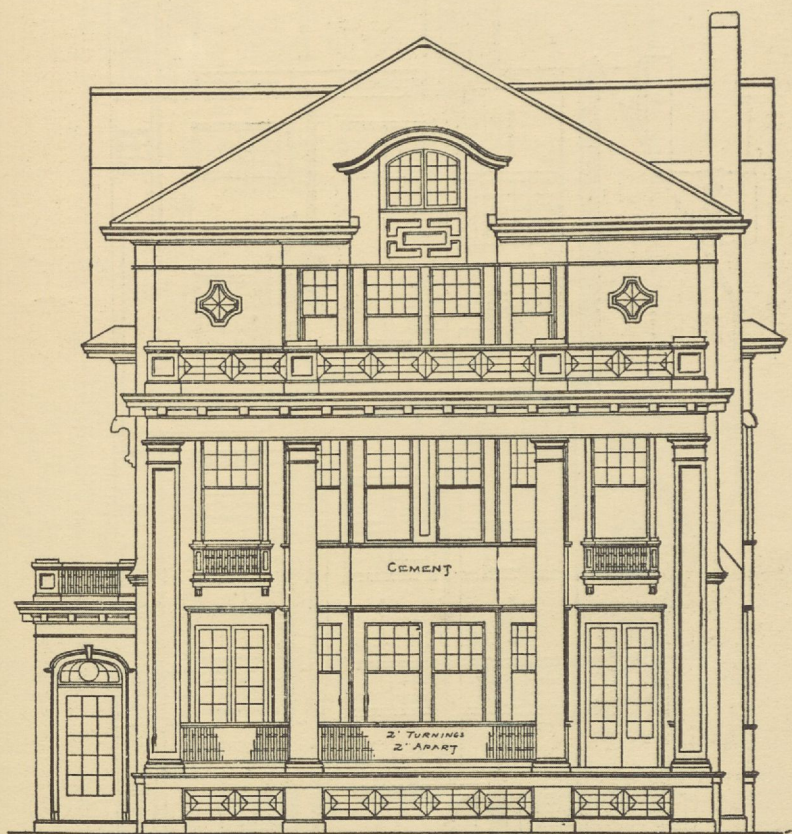
Across the entire front of the house is the living room, heavily beamed, and decorated in light and dark brown, like all of the first floor. This perhaps sounds somber, but the rooms are so very light and high-ceilinged that the effect is most pleasing. Light tan and green rugs, a fine fire place with seats on each side,



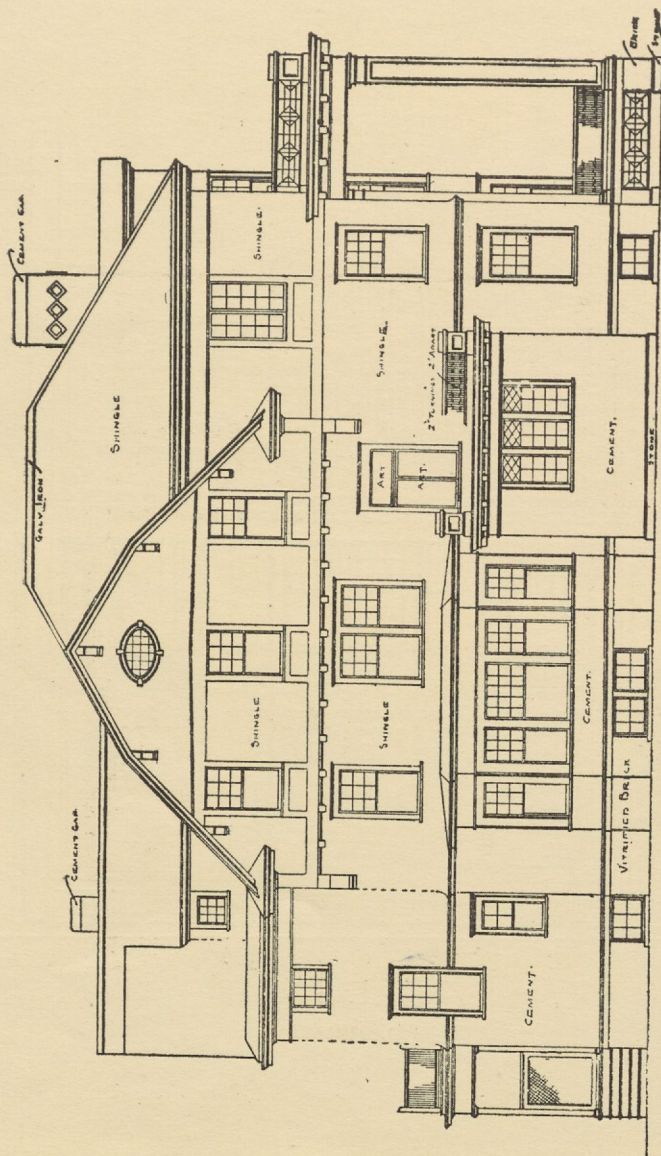
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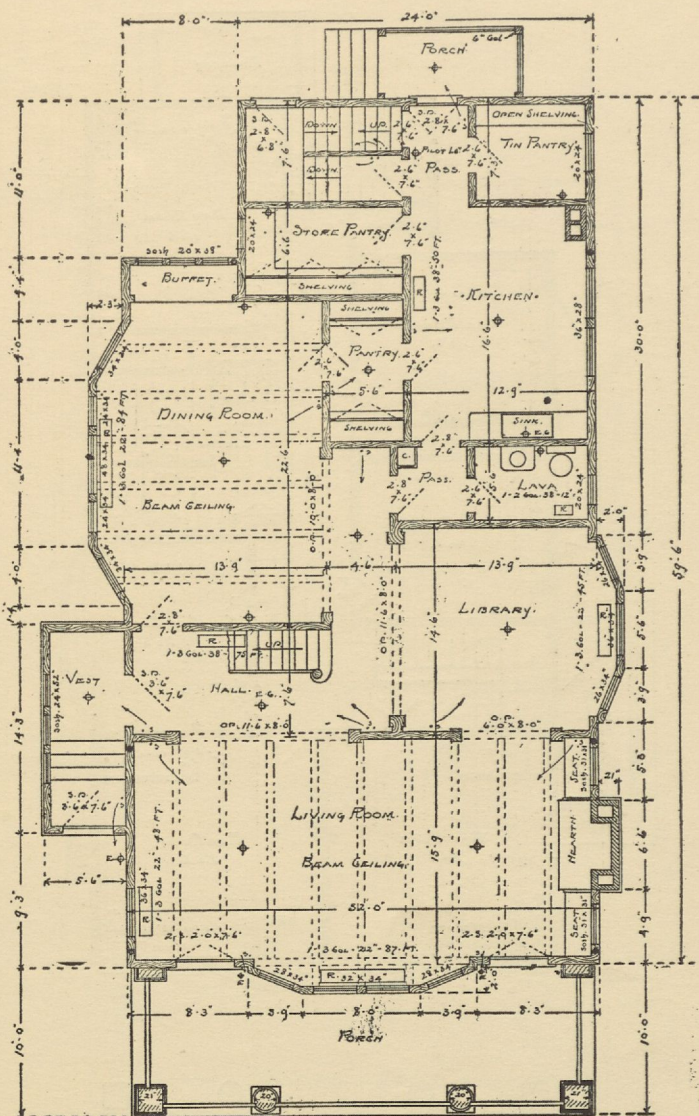
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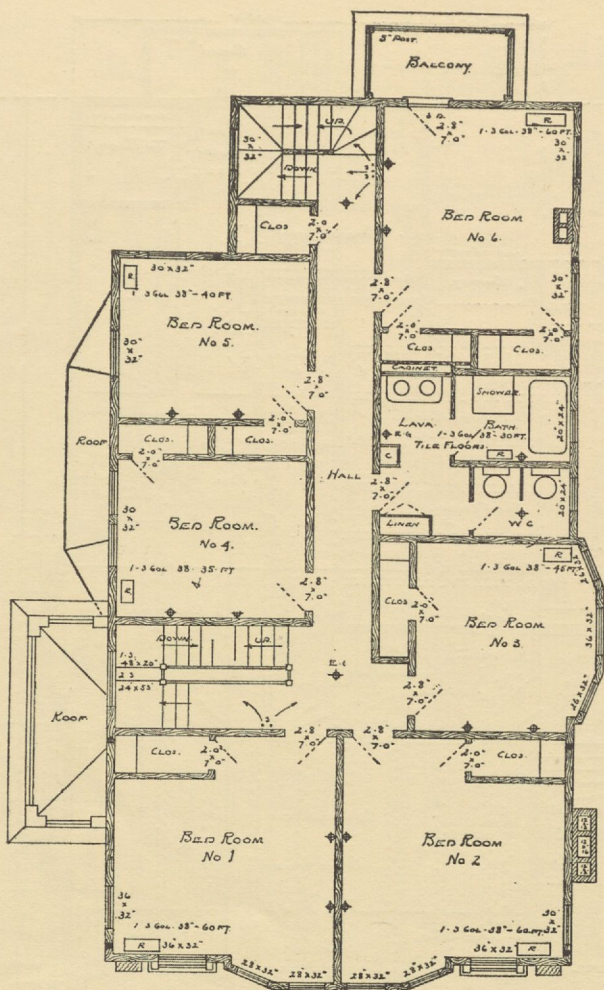
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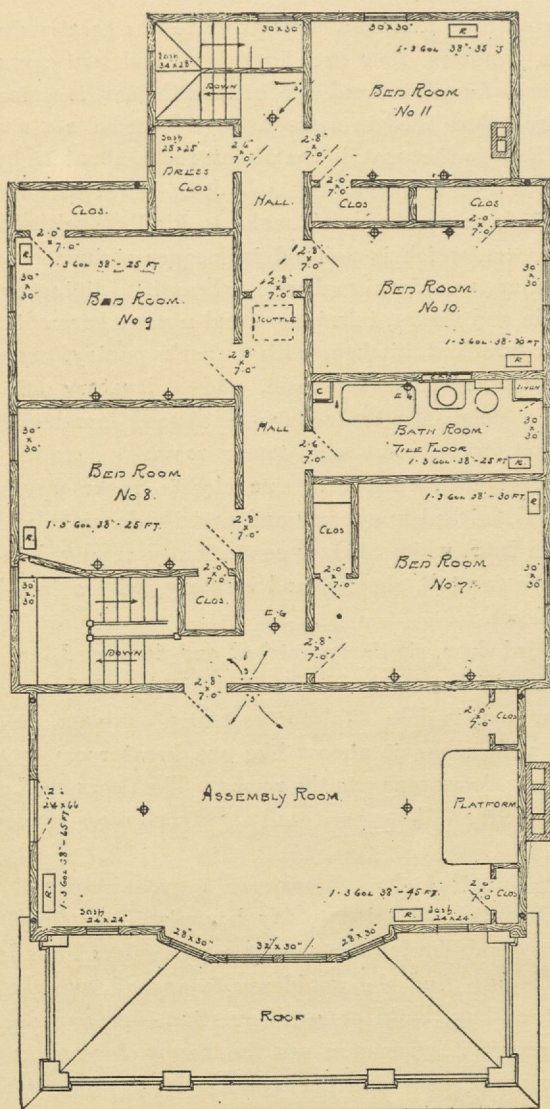
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN.

mission furniture and mission curtains make this great room, with its two French windows, four broad windows and two casement windows. A place of sunshine and comfort. On the east is a smaller room in curly birch, furnished in mahogany, and used for a music room. Across the hall, to the west, is the dining room, about 14 by 23 feet, with a bay of five windows, and a built-in buffet of mission, with casement windows overhead. Thanks to kindly husbands and fathers, this room, which is finished in lacquer stained chestnut like the living room, was furnished with a beautiful dining room table, serving table and chairs, in mission, and a most harmonious rug.

A most convenient kitchen, with butler's pantry, store pantry, tin pantry and refrigerator room, and a lavatory off the hall, complete this floor. In the cellar are a good laundry, hot water heating plant, store room and trunk room.

Six large bedrooms, with fine closets, make up the second floor, which is finished in cypress and prettily decorated. The bath room on this floor, white tiled, is conveniently arranged in separate compartments for tub, shower, and lavatory, with a laundry chute and linen closet.

On the third floor, similarly finished and decorated, are five bedrooms, closets, bath, and the chapter hall, 17 by 31 feet.

The lower floor is delightful for reception or dance, as doorways eleven feet wide make it almost like one great room. Ordinarily curtained glass doors separate the rooms. The floors are beautifully laid and finished, and have been well christened already, you may be sure!

Alpha realizes that she has assumed a great responsibility with this house but she has tried to lay her plans carefully, and has not shouldered any burden she cannot carry, unless Fate deals some unexpected blow. And she would say to any of you who are hesitating on the "buy, build or rent" question,—go and do likewise; you'll not regret it when you see the happy faces and hear the delighted cries of your active chapter.

BITS OF NEWS

(FROM THE EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.)

Florence W. Stone (Eta and San Francisco Alumnae) writes the following: "There is no regular Alumnae Chapter in Los Angeles but we have an association which meets every month. This winter we have planned for monthly luncheons every other month at the home of some member, and the alternate times at some desirable place in the down town district. We also hope to take some part as a sorority in the city's philanthropic circle."

Sarah Shute Kraetsch (Epsilon '07) who is at present in Des Moines, sends a check for THE CRESCENT and the following note: "Enclosed I am sending a check for a renewal of a long lapsed CRESCENT subscription I never voluntarily meant to withdraw a support which each and every Gamma Phi should give." Other alumnae, go ye and do likewise!

Friends of Leora Chase Sherman, a charter member of Gamma chapter and of Minnesota alumnae, will be pleased to know of the honor that has come to her. The following clippings are from Minneapolis papers:

Pressure is being brought to bear by prominent club women of the fifth district of the Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs to have Mrs. V. C. Sherman nominated as president of the fifth district, at the meeting of the district, Saturday, Sept. 23, to succeed Mrs. T. F. Kinney. Mrs. Sherman has consented to have her name presented as a candidate.

The club women who indorse Mrs. Sherman's name for nomination are very enthusiastic in her support. Mrs. Sherman is the past president of the Shakespeare club, she has always been actively interested in club work, and has seldom missed attendance at the annual meetings of the state federation. She is now chairman of the associate members' committee of the Thursday Musical; she is the chairman of the press committee of the fifth district, and is a member of the executive board of the fifth district. Mrs. Sherman is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Sauk Center, Minn., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. V. C. Sherman of Minneapolis was elected vice-president of the Fifth district, Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs, which closed its convention here yesterday. She received 74 votes. Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, the other candidate, received 54 votes.

From the many fine things that have been said of our new Business Manager, we cannot refrain from quoting the following "testimonial" from Mary Clark Brittingham: "Miss Morgan is a charter member of Gamma chapter and has always been most interested in all Gamma Phi doings. She is Superintendent of schools in Appleton and can arrange her work so as to have time for outside undertakings, you may tell her, I said she would be a good one and *ought* to do it. She was my senior room-mate when I was a freshman and I always enjoy dictating to her to make up for all her admonitions."

We of Theta chapter have a very warm spot in our hearts for Louise White Haller (Epsilon '98) who helped to "put us through," and a recent letter from her is a joy to the recipient and a balm for editorial troubles: "I have just closed the cover of THE CRESCENT and before one bit of my enthusiasm vanishes or before I have a chance to forget it in the numerous house-hold duties before me, I want to write you just a little letter to tell you, if I can, how very much I have enjoyed the Pan-Hellenic number and how very much the magazine means to me away off up here. When I finish reading it, I want to start out *at once* to a chapter meeting, a banquet, or, best of all, convention—but since I cannot do any of those things, I'll just tell the editor how successful are her efforts to give us the best, and then mail the new business manager the money for my subscription. I am wondering if THE CRESCENT does not mean more to those of us who are living far away from our chapters than to those who are in close touch with college life. I know I cannot imagine how any alumna can fail to want the magazine, and yet some—a great many indeed—are not enjoying its benefits."

Mrs. John Howard McElroy, Chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, and a prominent member of Alpha Phi has proved a good friend to Gamma Phi by writing a splendid article for THE CRESCENT. In her letter she says pleasant things of two of our members—the former representative on the Board and our present delegate, Esther Rich Reilly who is Secretary of the Congress and whose enthusiasm and efficiency we all know: “Lillian Thompson is able to give you a fine Pan-Hellenic sketch as she sat in the N. P. C. several years was very sane and progressive in her ideas. Her resignation was a great disappointment to us old delegates because of her efficiency and social charm. Mrs. Reilly is of the same type.”



CONVENTION! After rhapsodies and superlatives from the delegates and glowing descriptions from the visitors, what can a poor who-wasn't-there-editor say? To state that convention was a grand success is to declare an obvious fact; to give an adequate idea to the unfortunate stay at homes of its achievements and its pleasures is quite impossible; nevertheless, we trust that the pages of THE CRESCENT will clearly and satisfactorily outline the doings of the four days in Boston. The city itself was a joy; its historic and educational setting meant much to the visitors; Delta and Boston Alumnae neglected nothing that added to the comfort and pleasure of their guests; everybody soon became acquainted with everybody else; and local spirit was merged into national. As to the business—it was wisely, deftly and thoroughly transacted, with many new schemes to test our wisdom and some old ones that we found could be bettered. As to the social functions—we note in addition to the reception, the dance, the luncheon and—*piece de resistance*—the banquet, a baked bean supper to give local color. As to the ethical side—if we may call it so—we know that new friendships were formed, old ones strengthened, narrow prejudices banished and new loyalty, enthusiasm and endeavor were infused into each and every one. From Alpha to Xi reached the invisible but invincible chain of sisterhood, link riveted within link; from east to west passed the indescribable thrill that made hearts beat a little faster, and pulse throb a little more quickly—because it was given each to wear the double brown, to embody in her life the beautiful precepts of her pin, to say with tender love and loyalty, “I’m a Gamma Phi!”

“**B**Y this time, I had begun to discover a number of typical Gamma Phi's who had mysteriously strayed into other sororities,” writes Miss Thompson in the article “Pan-Hellenic—Then and Now,” which appears in this issue of our magazine—and isn't this sentence in itself, a significant tribute to the worth of our national Pan-Hellenic? For if the conference has accomplished nothing but the broadening of our horizon, if it has achieved only this awakening to the worth of other Greeks, it has indeed been worth while. Outside of its wise and practical solution of problems, outside of its business transactions, it has formed many a friendship for us; it has taught us that sisters may be found, not only in our own little circle but in the Pan-Hellenic world; it has shown us that the methods and suggestions of other sororities are worth our study and our emulation. Truly, the National Pan-Hellenic Conference has come to stay.

The annual meeting of this organization was held on the third and fourth of November in Evanston; the minutes will tell of its activities and will enlighten us in regard to Pan-Hellenic conditions. It is most interesting to note that at this tenth anniversary of its founding, the National Pan-Hellenic Conference assumes power of making its own laws, of punishing local Pan-Hellenic violators, and ceases to be merely an advisory body. May we urge upon the local Pan-Hellenic, the keeping of their contracts both in spirit and in letter, and the eliminating of all bitterness and suspicion. As for you, dear Gamma Phi Betas, use every effort and all your influence to establish at your college a system of square and honest transactions. Remember that you are wearing the crescent shield of honor and of truth and that nothing must sully or must mar its shining brightness.

THE new President makes her bow to her faithful subjects and takes up the gavel to call us to order. Our worthy Treasurer moves a step higher and resigns the money bags for the ponderous tome that records our doings within its covers. The chairman of the Advisory Board assumes the responsibility of the exchequer and has a fellow feeling for Atlas with the world upon his shoulders.

To these, our national officers—we promise in return for their service, their efforts and their efficiency, our loyal and unwavering co-operation.

Gamma Phi Beta—New Model 1912—of double brown stands ready for its journey. Correct in every detail, mechanically perfect, rare in its design, rich in its hand polished finish, it satisfies every requirement. It is simple, positive, reliable, self-starting—quite free from the labor and bother of the always obstinate crank; not affected by weather conditions.

Note a few of the other points of striking superiority—

An engine that responds instantly to every demand; silent, quick, flexible, abundantly powerful.

Searchlight tank (reveals all pitfalls and dangers along the way).

Rain-vision wind shield (protects the driver from hostile elements).

Speedometer (Progress—the watchword).

Large tonneau (always room for one more).

Shock absorbers (useful in rushing season).

Horn (guaranteed to clear the way).

Springs (rebound acts upward so that the effect of a bad bump is merely to cause a slight sinking instead of a violent jerk; also useful in rushing season).

Full kit of tools (for all emergencies).

Safety grip (understood only by the initiated).

Trouble proof tires (they make rough roads smooth; eliminate bad punctures and extravagant blow-outs).

May the journey prove a happy, prosperous one, with joys along the roadside and much to see and learn; under the steady touch of the wise and keen-visioned driver, may the car glide safely and sanely to its destination.

IF there is one member of THE CRESCENT staff, who, in fulfillment of sorority duties, truly adds bright and shining stars to her crown, it is the Alumnae Editor. The office is not one of daily delight—rather may it be called in a moment of desperation, an incentive to profanity; certain we are that it cultivates patience to

the degree that it destroys faith in human nature. Several features of the work are worth mention—the anxious waiting for letters that never come; often the fevered copying of epistles which, contrary to all demands, are written on both sides of the paper; the constant perplexity attendant upon the translation of hieroglyphics; the dearth of alumnae news; the constant effort to send to irresponsible editors directions that will be beguiling, forceful, convincing—aye, even threatening! Nobody could have worked more conscientiously, more faithfully and more competently at this task than Miss White, and Gamma Phi Beta should send her a gracious vote of thanks, tied with double brown and stamped with the seal of national approval. Shall we not, as a New Year's courtesy to her, be prompt, careful and satisfactory in our communications?

NEW Year's number is a cheery kind of greeting after all, for there are so many to welcome—those, who after years of service have assumed the guidance of their order and those who have just donned the symbol of Gamma Phi and who are just entering upon the responsibilities, duties and joys of our sorority. Blessings on you, all you Freshmen from Alpha to Xi—and—though it be heresy to breathe it—you give, in your very youth and exuberance, the strongest argument against sophomore pledging; for what would the chapter drama be without the enthusiasm, the mirth, the sweet helpfulness and the careless comedy lines of its youngest members!

THE Christmas season of merry making is over—if we bound it by the calendar—but the spirit of “loving and giving” should be with us all the year. Many a gift has come to Gamma Phi Beta, many a sugar plum has fallen to her lot, many a generous check upon the Bank of Happiness has been drawn for her—and she has been glorified by the very sunshine of prosperity. But receiving is not all—and the peace and good will of the “Merry Christmas” should bear its message for months to come, while the “Happy New Year” will be all the happier if we, as Gamma Phis give to all those with whom we come in contact, the best, the truest and the noblest that in us lies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember that all business communications go to Miss Morgan; all chapter letters and personals are to be sent to Miss White; all other articles belong to the editor.

Mr. Edward R. Roehm, 240 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, writes the following:—

“Will you kindly publish a note in the next issue of the CRESCENT stating that I know the address of a gentleman who found a Gamma Phi Beta badge in the west and would be very glad to return it to the owner. Please have the owner describe the badge in applying for same, so that I may present this to the one who has the badge.”

Miss Morgan, the Business Manager, requests that all corrections for the mailing list and all subscriptions, not payable through the chapters be promptly sent to her.

All subscriptions to the CRESCENT are payable in advance. As many subscribers are still in arrears for last year, will you not, if you happen to be one of these, please send two dollars instead of one to the Business Manager. The size and quality of the March issue will depend almost entirely upon the number of subscriptions paid in within the next six weeks. Please be prompt with your remittances.

A limited number of sample copies of the CRESCENT have been sent out to the alumnae with the hope of interesting new readers. If no response is received by February 15, it will be understood that you do not wish to subscribe for the CRESCENT and the March number will not be sent. It is hoped, however, that every one receiving a copy will show her loyalty and interest in the sorority by subscribing at once.

Help to lighten the load of the new treasurer by sending her your chapter dues *on time*.

Remember that Gamma Phi is to have a coat-of-arms. If you are artistic, let us have the benefit of your genius; let the Executive Board pass judgment upon your design.



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Next letter must be in her hands Feb. 15th.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: It seems full time for another CRESCENT letter, so much has happened in the last few weeks.

Our rushing season finished with great success, and we have two new names to add to our list, Hazel Whitmarsh, of Binghampton, and Mary Stevens, of Syracuse, both of the class of 1915. This makes fifteen new "Alphas" this year, and we feel justly proud of our success.

Convention made a great stir, for besides our three delegates, five other girls went to Boston, and they brought back such glowing accounts that we all feel that we have had a taste of it. We were delighted to have several Gamma Phis from other chapters stop off. Clara Jenson, Hazel Hauser, Ruth Colton, Marie Corey, and Miss MacMillan of Gamma, Lillian Brown and Ruth Birdsall of Beta, Margaret Nachtrieb of Kappa, and Elizabeth Hessler of Theta, visited us on their way to convention. Some of the girls were able to stay to a very informal tea Monday afternoon, when we had a Gamma Phi sing and a nice chat, comparing our chapter customs. It was almost as good as convention.

Florence Cleveland, of Nu, stopped off on her way home, and Ruth Annette, of Xi, was with us for our housewarming and banquet. Alpha sees so few of her sisters in other chapters that such visits are a great treat.

We hadn't really had time to talk over convention before the time came for our housewarming, for on November 16th we opened our house to our friends. In the afternoon we entertained the upperclassmen of the fraternities and sororities, and many others of our college friends; in the evening the faculty members and their wives, and our older friends were invited. The rooms

were decorated with chrysanthemums and ferns, and an orchestra helped to make the evening delightful. The housewarming was given by the alumnae and active chapter together, and we know that the success of the affair was in large measure due to our interested alumnae.

Right on the heels of the housewarming came banquet, and a wonderfully pretty banquet too. The whole of the downstairs was set with tables, each table decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums or carnations. The banquet programs had a dainty little engraving of the house on them, and all the toasts were on "building." There were one hundred and twenty-one present, and we did have *such* a good time.

Our college paper called this last week the week of social unrest, and we all agree. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation, when we will have two or three days to get our breath before the whirl of Christmas comes.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Three months have rolled by, and here it is time for another letter to you. It does not seem possible that rushing and initiation are over; that convention has come and gone, and that almost half of a semester has slipped by us. Twenty-four hours do not seem long enough, especially when we have so much to accomplish.

Beta chapter has been in a perfect whirl of excitement this whole year. First, of course, we had to come back early to settle our house, and then came the early fall rushing which was very strenuous. Our house is not large, but we had no difficulty rushing, because our alumnae were kind enough to open their comfortable homes to us, and many were the teas, coffees, dances, and small social gatherings which we participated in.

After initiation was over we thought our hard work was all done, but in that we were mistaken, for hardly had a week passed before we were in the midst of a high school rushing houseparty. We had several girls with us over the week-end, and for entertainment we took them driving, gave a tea, and also a dance. The dance seemed to be the climax of our fun, because it was such a success. We decided beforehand that it would not be formal, so we even arranged that our programs could not be filled out before we went up to Isadore Scott's, where the fete was held. It surely was lots of fun, for everyone felt at home, and perfectly natural, the men even insisting that they should be allowed to serve us.

We feel more than proud of the four new pledges we have now,

Bernice and Beatrice Abbey of Battle Creek, Michigan, Ethel Gaylard of Detroit, and Elsie Whipple (sister of Lois Whipple, Beta '15,) of Owosso, Michigan.

After initiation we gave a big dance for our freshmen, to help them to become a little acquainted in Ann Arbor. The older girls invited men for the freshmen, and also arranged all of their dances for them. A couple of weeks after the dance, we gave an "At Home," for them, and to this we invited many of our college friends.

It seems to us that Beta chapter has done harder rushing this year than ever before, but we can easily say with much vim, that *it pays*. Last week we had two high schools girls out from Detroit, and at the time of the annual Michigan play, *The Awakened Rameses*, we will have another houseparty.

Over the "Pennsy" game we had guests with us, but we managed very nicely, and no one even knew we were crowded. Many of the girls went to the fraternity houseparties, and others visited friends, so we took care of our guests very easily. All Ann Arbor was crowded, but it was a very happy city the day of the big game. It was such fun to see the old "grads" with beaming faces meet an old classmate or friend. They would slap each other on the shoulders, and then would begin the old recollections of their college days. We felt that we would like to be the old-timers coming back after many years' absence.

At initiation many of Beta's alumnae returned to us, and the reminiscences and stories of college life in the old days simply made that banquet room hum. We heard all the ancient grinds, songs, and jokes of the girls, but on the whole they weren't so very different from our own.

We have heard all about convention and what a great success it was, and every girl in Beta chapter is proud to think that she is a Gamma Phi, and that she has such splendid sisters in other chapters. We are only sorry that more of the girls could not have stopped off to visit us. Ruth Annette, Xi, was the only one we met, and she, unfortunately could only stay with us a few hours. The spirit which our delegates said prevailed throughout convention needs to be highly applauded, and the energy and vim which every delegate exhibited for her sorority should be commended. We are proud of our Gamma Phi sisters, and we only wish we could meet and know each one of you, personally.

We have mentioned our youngest class several times, and have sung their praises, but we have left the best thing for the last, their introduction to you. We have nine grand freshmen whom we want you to know: Marie Brooks, Virginia Grenan, Helen Crane,

Marion Davis, Lois Whipple, Fannie Hogan, Bernice Stewart, Frances Rhodes, and Dorothy Peet.

By the time another CRESCENT is published, semester exams will be over, and a new college era will have begun. Until we hear from you again, we wish you all sorts of success with your mid-year exams, and we wish you all the very merriest of Christmas vacations.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: It would be very easy to make this CRESCENT letter exclusively a football chronicle, for just at this time one hears nothing but football talk on all sides, and then most of our good times this month have been due to the football games. We had the pleasure of entertaining several Kappa girls who came down for the Minnesota-Wisconsin game on November 18th. They stayed for the week-end, and we held open house for them on the Sunday afternoon. Besides the Kappa girls, Lynn McMahon, Helen Little, Eva Kay, and Polly Fit, several Gamma girls came back, among them Helen Smith, '09, Margaret Ryan, '09, Edith Brook, ex-'12, Dorothy Vorse, ex-'13, Marion Spencer, ex-'13, and Dorothy Deming, ex-'13. Of course we in turn, being "loyal sons and true," had to be well represented the following Saturday, when Wisconsin played Chicago at Chicago. Seven of the girls went down, and from all accounts they had all the fun that could be crowded into three days.

Initiation has almost been overlooked in this letter—not that we consider it unimportant, but because our eleven initiates have, from the start, so taken up the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta that they hardly seem like freshmen at all. As the fond mammas always say: "We wish you could see our little ones," for we are all very proud of them. We celebrated initiation on Saturday, October 21st, and it was followed by a banquet, as usual, at which we at last persuaded Mrs. Brittingham to act as toastmistress.

We have a new chaperon this year, Mrs. Anna Mayers, a dear little woman who surely takes the place of mother to us all. On November 16th, we gave a little "At Home" in her honor, so that she might meet some of our town friends. Several of the girls gave readings and musical numbers.

Everyone is preparing for Thanksgiving vacation which lasts from Wednesday night until Monday morning. Several of the girls who live a great distance from Madison will stay in town for vacation.

And after Thanksgiving it is but a little while until we will hang up our stockings by the chimney-place, and shout "Merry Christmas"

to everyone we know. And since it is the only opportunity she will have, Gamma wants to be allowed to wish all of her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta a very Merry Christmas and a glad New Year.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Doubtless the other chapters have been engrossed since college opened just as Delta has,—by convention and freshmen. With us, every other topic, even the inauguration of our new president, has paled into insignificance in the light of these two.

The four days from November 7th to November 11th were the busiest we girls ever spent, and among the most memorable. You will read all about convention in other parts of the CRESCENT; but Delta wants to assure all the delegates and visitors that we looked forward to your coming, we enjoyed your stay, and we thank you for all that you gave us in increased breadth of outlook, unity, and appreciation of Gamma Phi Beta.

By Pan-Hellenic rules, each sorority at Boston was allowed only two rushing parties this fall. We gave our first on October 9th, at the home of Constance Flanders in Brookline. All of us, rushers and rushees, had a glorious afternoon and evening. During the afternoon some clever charades were acted, the freshmen taking part, to their evident delight. After supper we had a very enjoyable, informal time, dancing, talking, toasting marshmallows, and singing Gamma Phi songs.

On December 6th, we are going to give our second party. It is to be held at Margaret Osgood's home, in Lynn, right on the edge of the ocean. The almanac promises us a moon, and we hope the fickle lady will not fail us, for what freshman with a grain of sentiment in her make-up could resist such a romantic setting as the sea and the moon?

Christmas will be over, and the New Year will be upon us before this letter is published. But although belated, our greetings are none the less sincere, and our wishes hearty, for a happy Christmas holiday and a good New Year to every Gamma Phi.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phi Beta Sisters: At the time of our last letter we were not able to tell you the results of our rushing season, but now we are proud to present to you our eleven splendid pledges: Camilla Crane and Wilma Leonard of Chicago, Lois Johnson of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Harriet Sluss of Tuscola, Illinois, Gladys

Moore of Morris, Illinois, Ruth Umphrey of Benton Harbor, Michigan, Helen Lewis (a Gamma Phi niece) of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Ruth Cooper of Peoria, Illinois, Ruby Walton of Scales Mound, Illinois, Joyce Farr of Muskegon, Wisconsin, and Clara Corlett, of Evanston. The last named is the first daughter of the chapter, her mother being Olive Foster Corlett, Epsilon.

By this time everything is pretty well settled down, and we have had time to become well acquainted with our freshmen—a thing which is almost impossible during the strenuous rushing season. We are anxiously and impatiently looking forward to February, the time when they can become full-fledged Gamma Phis.

In class organizations this year we have two new representatives: Klea Cozzens was elected vice-president of the Sophomore Class, and L. Louese Wheeler is president of the Junior Class in Music School. In a social way we have been busy, too. Early in October Mrs. Elias Kay of Oak Park (a sister of Beulah Truitt's) entertained the entire active chapter and an equal number of men at a Sunday night tea. It was a delightful affair, and we all had a splendid time. Zita Murphy and Mildred Ross gave us a Halloween party, on November 14th Camilla Crane entertained ten of the girls at luncheon at her home, and there have been several smaller affairs. There was a Gamma Phi wedding on the ninth, and on the evening of the twenty-fifth we held an informal, having as our special guests the alumnae. Every two weeks, as usual, we have our fraternity suppers, conducted by the freshmen, so you see that even though we are not fortunate enough to have sorority houses at Northwestern, we are together very often and have very good times.

We had the pleasure of meeting two of the western delegates to convention last month, Florence Cleveland, Nu, and Elizabeth Hessler, Theta. We were sorry that more of the girls could not visit us, but realize that this is a busy time of the year for college girls. Our delegates, Carolyn McCarty, Marguerite Robinson, and Laura Hall returned from Boston brimful of their trip, and we have heard all about it from beginning to end. We think Delta is to be heartily congratulated upon the convention, and take this occasion to congratulate her.

Mrs. Esther Rich Reilly was Gamma Phi's delegate to the Pan-Hellenic convention, which was held in Evanston on November 3d and 4th. There were twenty-six of our girls at the Pan-Hellenic luncheon.

Epsilon sends love and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and Happy New Year to all of you.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: All of you other chapters seem so much more real to us since convention. We feel that we know at least some one from each chapter now, and in writing the CRESCENT letters we are now writing to real friends instead of to strangers. Of course this CRESCENT will be filled to overflowing with enthusiastic accounts of those days in Boston, yet we can't help adding our own "Wasn't it fine!" Seven of us were there, and talking things over together so often since then has kept us from forgetting any part of the good times. We shall always feel particularly interested in Delta, for no more gracious hostesses could have been found than they.

Three of our Baltimore alumnae have entertained us at their homes this fall, Mary McCurley, Belle Baker, and Mrs. Arthur Dulaney. All three occasions were typical Gamma Phi good times, also the chafing-dish party given us a few weeks ago by Marion Jones, '14, one of the active girls.

Pauline Gartsmann, Mu, is spending the winter in Baltimore, at the Training School for Nurses, in connection with Johns Hopkins. Zeta has quite adopted her, and we are only sorry that her work keeps her too busy to enable her to come over to college very often.

In the fall class elections Isabel Kline was made treasurer of the senior class, and Margaret Martsoll treasurer and Aleda Hier secretary of the sophomore class.

Besides the fact that we have been refurnishing our sorority room, we have no more bits of chapter news just now.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters: Just now we feel rather proud of Eta, because the honor societies to which women are eligible have announced their fall elections, and we find that a Gamma Phi Beta has been taken into each of them. Lorraine Andrews, '12, was the only girl of the three students taken into the English Club. Lurita Stone, '14, who did so wonderfully well as *Lucrezia*, in *Paola and Francesca* this fall, was one of the three students elected into "Mask and Dagger," the dramatic society. The Prytanean, the only really feminine honor organization, announces Penelope Murdock, '12, as one of their thirteen new members. The other sororities to have Prytanean initiates this time are Theta, Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Pi Beta Phi, and Chi Omega, the remainder being non-sorority girls. We consider ourselves exceedingly lucky to be so well represented in these organizations.

Since our editor has asked for a sort of "bird's eye view" of Greek life in the various universities, Eta's associate editor will do her best to give her one. There has been nothing very thrilling happen, though, so it will not be a startling "view." Delta Delta Delta had a Pacific Coast convention here last month, and some of us enjoyed meeting their visitors at the tea they gave. The Grand President of Alpha Omicron Pi, Mrs. Palmer, visited their chapter here; she talked to the local Pan-Hellenic, and so the girls met her then, and later at their tea. Kappa Alpha Theta has been the only sorority to give a big formal reception this semester, Local Pan-Hellenic has been having one or two "open houses" a term, and at these several chapters entertain on the same day, and everyone "progresses" from house to house. Everyone brings her non-sorority friends, and we all hope to become better acquainted through these teas. The Junior Prom, the most important college dance of the whole year, takes place the Friday after Thanksgiving, and a majority of our chapter expects to go. Margaret Hodgen, '18, is on the decoration committee for the Prom.

We all had the best time visiting Mu over the big game week-end. They entertained us most hospitably, and made every one come away singing the praises of the Stanford girls. Visiting Mu was fully as much fun as the game, though the latter was most exciting. The teams were both splendid, and the game made us all feel how fine Rugby is. California won, by a score of 21 to 3.

Eta is planning a Thanksgiving vaudeville, to take the place of our annual dinner. We expect a good many of our alumnae, as well as our mothers and younger sisters (men not allowed). We also are quite anxious to hear about convention—our delegates must have had a grand time. We are glad so many of us could be there, and wish we all could have been.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Also good luck for finals!

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: O, how happy we are now with our seven new freshmen! Probably all of you other chapters are just as happy, at least all to whom pledge day has come, so let us mentally join hands and sing "Satisfied." With us rushing was most satisfactory in its outcome, and it brought a wonderful spirit of sisterhood and unity of purpose to the old girls as they worked together this fall.

Now for the names of these nice freshmen: Marie Garrison, Mildred Morgan, Lela Tait, Amy Speers, Katherine Herbert, Gertrude

Bent, and Mary Carman, all of Denver. But we must not praise these girls any more, or they will become puffed up, which is verily a bad thing for freshmen.

We held initiation at the home of Grace McDonough, on the tenth of November, and it was one of the most beautiful initiations ever held here.

We are all envious of Elizabeth Hessler, '13, our delegate to convention, for she returned with such glowing accounts of all that happened in "Old Bean Town," that we wish we might have been there too. The Eta delegates stopped in Denver on their way to Boston, and we were delighted to see them.

Theta has just passed through that pre-Thanksgiving malady known as examinations. She is convalescing nicely, thank you, and is able to smile once more. One of the celebrations in honor of her recovery will be an informal dance at the ever-open home of Grace McDonough on the evening of December first.

We are planning our usual Christmas box for some poor family, and if you should drop in on us one of these days, you would find us busily dressing dolls for a childrens' hospital. Then, too, we are beginning to think about our annual play, to which we are all looking forward.

This term has been very busy for us. After rushing was over, we were so in the habit of doing things that we couldn't stop. Beef-steak fries, lunches and teas at the Lodge, informal parties and receptions given by active girls and alumnae, have taken up our time to some extent, and besides, we really have been studying. Our girls are taking a very active part in the different college organizations, also. This is to impress it upon you, if you should come to Denver, that you would not find Theta dull or "slow."

It doesn't seem possible, but Christmas is only a month away, so we will close with best holiday greetings from Theta to all the active and alumnae chapters, and to all wearers of the Crescent, wherever they may be.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: As our pledge day comes in December, we are unable to give the names of any new members, but how hard it is to keep from sending the names of those whom we hope will be among our number!

Our delegates to convention were Mabel Barrett, Frances Rogers, and Louise Cones, and Varian White went to Boston, also as a visitor. Elizabeth Bridge, Eta, now of Columbia, also attended convention. From our girls' point of view, the convention was a

wonderful inspiration, and they came home more ambitious than ever to win for the sorority the best of girls. After their return we all started in to rush with renewed vigor, but until pledge day, we will have to be in a state of fear and misgiving.

Our chapter enjoyed a visit from Ruth Annette, Xi, after convention, and Carolyn McCarty, Epsilon, has visited Helen Boyer here recently. Helen was formerly pledged to Epsilon, and she will be among our new initiates.

On November 16th, the 1911 girls had a reunion at Barnard, and the Iota girls who returned were Helen Brown, Ruth Hakes, and Marion Pratt.

This year we have received great help from our alumnae and two of them have placed their homes at our disposal for initiation. On November 25th, Louise Kimball had an alumnae reunion at her home at Fairview Court, 3129 Broadway, New York City. The object of the gathering was to make a Thanksgiving collection for the active chapter, to help us in our rushing. The result was a fine fat pocketbook for us, and we are heartily grateful to such liberal alumnae, and to Louise Kimball and her successful and unique idea. Margaret Strong, '12, has also recently entertained the chapter at her home in the city. This next week is the last for rushing, and we are going into the fray with maxims such as "'Tis better to have loved and lost"—hoping, however, all of the time, that we will come out victorious.

Here's to the success of all of the chapters in this direction. Anyone who attended convention knows we can't help but win, every one of us!

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: No doubt, this letter will savor of drumsticks and cranberry sauce, for our Thanksgiving vacation is upon us, and the joys of Thanksgiving dinner are in the minds of most of us. Many of the Kappa girls left for home yesterday, so full of glad anticipation that we who live in town felt almost envious. Others, who live too far away to go home, are hinting of inviting holiday boxes, and are dwelling on the delights of midnight spreads. The Thanksgiving vacation, though short, is always such a welcome one, and this year we are all planning to enjoy it to the full.

Since the last chapter letter was written, we have all been very busy in college, sorority, and social affairs. October fourth, a large number of us went to the pretty church wedding which transformed Margaret Kinney into Mrs. Richard Beresford Tudor.

Two Gamma Phis acted as bridesmaids, and several assisted at the reception which followed the ceremony.

October eighteenth, the formal inauguration of Dr. Vincent as President of the University of Minnesota took place. It was preceded by a campus celebration, the evening of the seventeenth, the students, wearing caps and gowns of their class colors and carrying lighted torches, paraded about the campus, and marched on to Northrup Field where an immense crowd was assembled. Fancy drills, wonderful fireworks, and stirring music by the college band made up the demonstration.

We held our initiation at the chapter house, October twenty-seventh. To our great regret, we could not initiate Helen Clark, for she was obliged to leave college, on account of her health. We are all hoping that she will be strong enough to take up her work again, next year. Besides the initiates to whom we introduced you last time there were two others; Anna Brown of Lowell, Massachusetts, and Ruth Hall of St. Paul.

About this time, Margaret Nachtrieb left for Boston. The first meeting after her return was an interesting one. We were not satisfied with an account of the business which had been transacted, but we begged her to tell "all about everything". So she told us of the chapters she had visited, the girls she had met, and the experiences she had had, while we plied her with questions. We all feel much better acquainted with our faraway sisters, since we listened to Margaret's vivid recital.

The informal is over, and now we are looking forward to our fair. There will be a fascinating array of pretty things on sale at the Gamma Phi Beta house on the eighth and ninth of December. Our alumnae have charge of the affair, and we are all trying to make it a great financial and social success.

"Last's the best of all the game." So just before we say good-bye, we'll tell you what some of our girls have been doing. Gertrude Hagy was elected freshman representative to the Woman's League and treasurer of Bibb and Tucker, the freshman girl's society. Helen Crane was elected president of the same organization. Gertrude Prescott and Maud Hart made the University Chorus. Constance Davis was elected junior representative to the Woman's League. Lucile Babcock was invited to join Theta Epsilon, and Harriet Ahlers to join Minerva. Both are literary societies. Margaret Nachtrieb is on the Gopher Board and a new member of Quill.

This is our last opportunity to send holiday greetings. A Merry

Christmas, Happy New Year, and a jolly vacation for you all, is the wish of Kappa chapter.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We feel as though we know you, everyone personally now. For since our last letter we have had a glowing account of the social side of the convention, and, girls, we would like to have the whole letter printed, so that you could see the impression you made on our Ina. Her long letter was filled with pride and happiness, and she says, what we all say, whenever a crowd of Gamma Phis are together: "Oh, how thankful we are that we are Gamma Phis!" She tells us what delightful hostesses the Boston girls were, and what congenial and charming girls she met from every chapter. She mentioned especially how splendidly the Syracuse girls sing, and the plea she sent to us should go to every other chapter: "Make your freshmen buy song books, and *please, please* learn to sing!" There are a few of us who have always been able to play off legitimately on account of our tuneless vocal cords; but since that appeal we mix our discords lustily with the more musical notes of our other sisters. What if you can't sing—make a noise with the right words to it, anyhow!

We haven't as yet heard the report of the convention business, but that will probably come at our next chapter meeting, and we are waiting for it anxiously.

Lambda has taken a great interest this year in bettering the inter-sorority spirit, and in becoming better acquainted with non-sorority women. The freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes have clubs for this purpose that meet every two weeks. Airdrie Kincaid, one of our freshmen, is president of the Freshmen Girls' Club, and is taking a very active interest in it. She has been unusually successful. Airdrie is also secretary of her class, and Orpha Meacham is vice-president of the sophomore class. Bernice Sully also holds an office in the Junior Club. Just now all three organizations are very busy with Christmas sewing, but after December they expect to hold several "mixers" and matinee dances.

Lambda wishes to take this opportunity to recognize the splendid movement started here by the girls of the Washington Pi Beta Phi. They have been using every spare minute in making preparations for a large charity bazaar, which they plan to give a few weeks before Christmas at the home of one of their patronesses. We think this a noble and praiseworthy undertaking for them

to project, and we wish to offer it as a good subject for consideration, not only to every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, but to every chapter of every other sorority.

MU—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

(No letter received)

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters: Rush! Rush!! Rush!!! A luncheon Wednesday at noon, followed by a card party in the afternoon, a Tally-ho ride Thursday afternoon, a tea at Ruth Duniway's cottage Friday afternoon, a box party at the Eugene Theatre Friday evening, and then—oh then—bidding day.

At eight, Saturday morning, the bids went out, and midday found six promising neophytes proudly wearing the buff and brown ribbons of dear Gamma Phi.

Several of the alumnae, who just couldn't stay away, were with us in the mad whirl of the first week, Edith Woodcock, '11, Mary Steiner, '11, Sophie Catlin, '11, and Ruth Duniway, '10. They assisted in everything from the dusting and making beds, to acting the part of "real ladies" at the formal. The freshmen could have easily imbibed a lesson from the willing industry of those ex-students.

The new girls immediately moved into the house, and wondered in silence and through little whispering groups at the mysterious inner workings of a sorority house. Slowly this mystery began to reveal itself to these unsuspecting "dears," when freshman training was thrust upon them. But six more apt maidens you may never hope to find.

Finally arrived the happy days which were to make them Gamma Phis. Wednesday, October 25th, was the day upon which we wreaked out our little knocks which a month of watchfulness had told us might make our "freshies" more perfect than ever. Absolute submission and obedience was shown by each one of them, throughout all the stunts, and two or three of them produced clever little songs for Nu of Gamma Phi Beta. The next evening came the true and impressive initiation, which gave to us Catharine Carson and Lyle Steiner, of Salem, Florence Kendall, Helen Cake, Margaret Sheehy, and Beatrice Lilly, of Portland, as true and loyal members of Gamma Phi Beta.

This was followed by the banquet in the Japanese Tea room at the Osburne Hotel. Covers were placed for twenty-one, which

CHICAGO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The Chicago Alumnae chapter wishes to congratulate the editor and the editorial board on the last issue of *THE CRESCENT*. We think it was one of the best in years, and its strong plea for Pan-Hellenics is just what was needed.

We have had two meetings since September. There was one the first of October at the Great Northern Hotel, when Persis Rolins was appointed our delegate to convention, and later on in the month we held a special convention meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Barbour. Our delegate reports a wonderfully good time at convention, and we are very much satisfied with the work accomplished.

Our membership has been increased by several new members from Gamma, Theta, and Delta, and we hope for a most successful season of down town meetings. Remember! All Gamma Phis in the city are invited to our luncheon at the Great Northern Hotel the first Saturday in each month.

We wish all our chapters a most happy New Year.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We have had stirring times since our last letter, the responsibility of properly "warming" our new home being upon the alumnae chapter. On the afternoon and evening of November 16th, active and alumnae members greeted the faculty, city friends, and upperclassmen of the fraternities and sororities. The house, graced with many chrysanthemums and roses—to say nothing of ourselves in our very best!—justified our pride in it. The next evening one hundred and twenty-one Gamma Phis sat at the banquet table and *talk!*—well, everyone was hoarse next day. Such a banquet never was,—ask Mary Whitford or Kate Cooke: they've never missed one since their college days. "Our genius", Grace Smith Richmond, sent a letter in place of the toast she could not come to give, and Millicent Hinkley made a fine toastmistress, of course.

Many of the out of town girls remained over the week-end, visiting friends, and adding their cheers at our great Syracuse-Carlisle game Saturday.

Alpha alumnae find much of interest in the development of the active chapter, and as the girls can't sing a paean of praise to themselves, we'll chortle a bit for them. In character and pursuits it is a most cosmopolitan chapter at present, and a consequent spirit

of democracy, which our enemies have told us, is Gamma Phi's great lack, seems to be coming to stay. To the usual social popularity is added a little broader interest in college affairs, and an intent to be just and generous to those outside the castle walls. It is a fact, peculiar perhaps to that chapter, that as the machine-made inter-sorority relations have fallen into "innocuous desuetude", the general feeling of friendliness and good-will has increased a hundred fold. To the alumnae chapter, who watched with awe the birth pangs and growth of the local Pan-Hellenic, this is worthy of note. "The reason why, 'twere hard to tell."

When Alpha sits down to her Thanksgiving turkey, she'll "return thanks" with a full heart for her own home, and remember especially those loyal friends outside the chapter who have made the full beauty of it possible. And may all of you who have no such blessing, be thankful for it next year.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: To you all Boston Alumnae Chapter sends most cordial greetings.

Some of you we have been fortunate enough to *see* since our last meeting in THE CRESCENT. If only it might have been all of you! Do you know, I wonder, how glad we were to see you? There is nothing like a convention, is there, to inspire us all with deeper and more loyal love for Gamma Phi? And we always think that the chapter which entertains at convention is the favored one of them all, because each member of that chapter is privileged to get, at first hand, the Gamma Phi spirit of each delegate. And no matter how much enthusiasm the delegate may take back with her, it can never be as inspiring as "the real thing." That is why, at the banquet when you were all expressing your gratitude to us, we felt that we owed full as large a debt to you, if not a larger one—for bringing us so much of the Gamma Phi Beta spirit as a whole.

Boston chapter is looking forward to her meetings this winter, which are to be held the first Saturday in each month, at the Delta chapter rooms, 276 Newbury Street, Boston. They are not carried on exactly according to parliamentary law—these meetings—but strictly according to the rules for a good time. Some of you have learned the way to our "muster-place". Don't forget it. Perhaps since convention, you will be more inclined to come, less in awe of us, so to speak. We never knew that we were considered so formidable until a southern girl—or was it a western?—said to one of us at convention: "Why, really, you aren't so different from

what we are! We expected you to be terribly learned and formal." No, we are not prone to burden others with a "learned pose," as *Queed* was. At least we hope we are not. Drop in some day, and see for yourselves.

When you read this it will be rather late for Christmas greetings, but we send them most heartily, nevertheless, together with cordial good wishes for a most happy and successful New Year.

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our first meeting after the summer vacation was held at the home of Mrs. Slawson in White Plains. Though it rained and few of us live near White Plains the meeting was well attended. The chief topics of conversation were, naturally the summer past, and convention to come. Mrs. Slawson is always a delightful hostess.

Of our number, Mrs. Harsen, Mrs. Graham, Edna Stitt, Sara Rome, and Elda Fink attended convention. They had a happy time in Boston, and were delighted with a visit to Wellesley College, where they were entertained by Marguerite Stitt.

Several of our thoughtful members conceived the idea of a Thanksgiving donation party, the beneficiary to be the Barnard chapter. So invitations were issued for a "shower" of money or useful articles, to be held at the sorority rooms, 3129 Broadway, on November 25th. Those present were Vina Peters, Ethel Knox, Edna Stitt, Frances Rogers, Sara Rome, Helen Newbold, Varian White, Louise Combes, Louise Kimball, Constance Shook, Mabel Barrett, Rosalind Case, Marian Pratt, Janet Seibert, Aurille Bishop, Laura Van Cise, and Ruth Hakes. We are hoping to make this an annual affair. The chief attractions were visiting with old friends, and a generous spread provided by Louise Kimball and Helen Newbold, the hostesses. We alumnae have no rushing duties nor obligations, but we remember those exciting times, and feel a keen desire to help these affairs in Iota, especially so near pledge day. As this is being written, the invitations are setting out upon their journeys, and when you read this, we hope that there will be many new Iotas. So we are glad that our donation party was a success.

Our next meeting will be on December 9th, at the home of Mrs. Graham in Brooklyn.

To each and all, New York Alumnae sends a "Happy New Year."

MILWAUKEE

(No letter received)

SAN FRANCISCO

Is it possible that two CRESCENTS have appeared without letters from the San Francisco Alumnae chapter? Then, indeed, it is because life has been "too full for utterance." Never have we been busier. First, Mrs. Volkhardt invited us all to her home to welcome her sister, Lena Redington, who has just returned from Paris, and to speed Elizabeth Rothermel on her way to New York.

With the opening of college, our chapter activities began. Mrs. Colby, the chairman of our social committee, arranged a series of monthly teas. The first, a tea to Eta and the girls she was rushing was at her home, for as surely as August and May come, Mrs. Colby's hospitable home sees the tea to the freshmen guests of Eta, and the breakfast to the seniors. As guests of honor, we had Lena Redington, Mrs. Arthur Elston (Tallulah Le Conte), just back from her wedding trip abroad, and our latest bride, then Margaret Henderson, now Mrs. Sawyer.

In September, all Gamma Phi mothers and Eta were invited to spend an afternoon at Mrs. Waldron's beautiful Piedmont home. Here Frances Gearhart exhibited her water colors. How proud we are of her!

In October, Marie Derge, our youngset, but very enthusiastic alumna, entertained Eta and the Pan-Hellenic representatives of the other sororities. As queen of hearts, Tallulah Elston captivated all, as she dispensed smiles and tarts.

A few days ago there was a baby party. Mrs. Allen was hostess, assisted by her two daughters and her two sons. Such a wonderful party! Such surprises! Such happy youngsters! And as limitless ice cream disappeared to limitless depths, we realized that no small guest could be happier than Elston Wyckoff, who had consented to attend with these words: "If it is a talking party I don't want to go, but if it is an eating party, I will."

Now we are looking forward to the return of Alice Hoyt from convention, and news of our sister chapters. A joyous New Year to you all!

DENVER

The Denver Alumnae chapter held its first meeting this fall with Lucy Moore. Our active chapter was then in the midst of a very strenuous rushing season, so the discussion of this meeting was mostly as to the way in which we could help them best.

In our second meeting, at Sadie Veachtold Crosby's home, we took our first definite step toward some philanthropic work. We have often talked of doing something of this kind, and this year we decided to serve in the Young Woman's Christian Association Cafeteria on the second Saturday of each month. By smashing dishes and spilling tea we may take most of the profits from the Cafeteria, but our will is good just the same.

Our next afternoon together was especially pleasant, for we had asked our active chapter to bring the pledges they are so proud of, to see us. This afternoon, at Katherine Allen's was spent mostly in a "sing" and just getting better acquainted with the girls whom we are now proud to call our younger sisters.

The next two meetings were given up largely to convention business. At Lindsey and Helen Barbee's home we discussed and voted on the different questions that were brought before us. For our next meeting at Kitty Lee Bishop's our most enthusiastic active delegate, Elizabeth Hessler, was back to tell us all about the convention at Boston. We certainly enjoyed hearing, not only about the convention, but about all our Gamma Phi Beta sisters that most of us have not had a chance to know. Elizabeth had always thought that there never could be quite such splendid girls in any sorority as in Gamma Phi Beta; but when she came back, she said she *knew* it.

At our last meeting, with Margaret Carman, we were particularly interested in the report Kitty Lee Bishop gave of an informal meeting held by the representatives of the Denver Pan-Hellenic Association. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a saner rushing season, to cover its needs by a few broad rules, instead of many petty ones, and to cut down the expenses of rushing. It was suggested by Pi Beta Phi that at the end of the first semester or first year as the case might be, the new girls should apply for sororities, before being asked to join. The suggestion did not meet with general approval.

At this meeting we decided that instead of giving up our Christmas meeting to "the Gamma Phi Beta babies," as we have done for several years, we would make an effort to send a Christmas box to some family that won't fare so well as the Gamma Phis and their babies.

At the last meeting, also, we were very glad to welcome Mrs. Henderson, of Eta chapter, as one of our members.

Besides seeing so much of our own sorority members this fall, we have been able to get better acquainted with the alumnae of

other sororities represented in Denver. The Gamma Phi Betas were delightfully entertained at college euchre on November eleventh by the Denver Pan-Hellenic Association, the girls of Delta Gamma acting as hostesses.

Here's the heartiest greetings of the coming season to you all! From the Denver Alumnae.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Owing to the fact that THE CRESCENT writer committed the folly of flitting away to gambol in other pastures when she should have been in the home meadow gleanings for, and writing the CRESCENT letter, Minnesota alumnae found a blank where that letter should have been. However, that blank did not mean lack of life and activity in our alumnae chapter. The new year books were out, with the dates and places of each meeting, and much useful information besides. We are to have nine official meetings this year, including a reception for the freshmen, a Christmas party, and the banquet. We have about forty members, which is a pleasant thing to contemplate.

The meetings we had during the summer were devoted to trying to co-operate with the active girls in the interests of rushing, and since the rules here said that rushing should begin on August first, it took much thought and planning, and too many valuable summer hours from the faithful. But what must be, must be.

Much interest and talk was naturally given over to the two weddings of the summer and early fall. Maud Hyser came home from the West in June, announced her engagement, was married in August, and was off to the West again, to live in Spokane. Several Gamma Phis were in the wedding party. Hazel Lovell played the wedding music, Kathleen Hart sang, and Mary Norton Sudduth and Millicent Lees Hoffman stretched ribbons to make a pathway for the bride. Alice Redfield chose September for her wedding, and Florence Millspaugh and Florence Snook were in her wedding party. Alice remains in Minneapolis, only transferring her dwelling place from the west to the east side. Needless to say the entertainments before these events were diverting and the weddings very pretty affairs.

We have had two meetings and they have been busy ones. They have been devoted principally to the Gamma Phi fair, which the alumnae are giving. The idea originated, it seems, with our treasurer, Cora Tancy, who, being in close intimacy with the financial condition, was moved to try a scheme to ameliorate our state, and

to enrich us to great extent that we may play fairy god-mother to the chapter house. Hence the fair! Whenever three or four Gamma Phis are gathered together, the "hows" and "wherefores" of the fair fill the air, fingers are busy with useful and fancy articles which we hope will "sell", and enthusiasm and a generous spirit of going in for it is heartily rampant. Your humble servant came home to find the idea whirling along merrily, and hurriedly sought thimble, needle, and scissors, and said, "Me, too!" It is to happen on the eighth and ninth of December at the Gamma Phi house, and we are hoping to make it a great success. Also we want to make it an annual event.

The next thing will be the Christmas party at the chapter house on the twenty-seventh. Every one will bring some gift for the house, it will be a reunion time, and a good time for everyone.

You will probably be interested to know that Kathleen Hart sang a prominent part in the musical comedy "The Talk of the Town", which was given in Minneapolis for the benefit of the "Sheltering Arms". Ellen Brooks, Louise Jenkins, and Helen Little also took part in the production.

The editor wonders if any special notice will be made of the Pan-Hellenic conference luncheon in Evanston. The writer was fortunate enough to attend the luncheon, and would like to mention it in passing. It was given in the beautiful Northwestern gymnasium, and three hundred and sixty fraternity women were present. One man, President Harris of Northwestern, came in to speak to us for a few minutes. The fraternities were seated in groups indicated by the letters of each traced on the cloth in smilax. It was certainly an interesting and delightful sight. Between courses different fraternities sang their favorite songs, which added to the pleasure. We flattered ourselves that we sang "In fair or cloudy weather" lustily and with spirit. The speeches by leaders in the Pan-Hellenic movement were short but interesting.

The convention news was brought to us at the last meeting, by the active delegate, Margaret Nachtrieb; our own delegates, Ella Smith and Luella Ames could not meet with us. We enjoyed at second-hand what we should all have been glad to enjoy with Delta and the delegates from far and near.

Best wishes for the year.

PERSONALS

Helen Little, Kappa, is visiting in Chicago.

Ada Tucker, Theta, is teaching at Henderson, Colorado.

Pearl Wilbur, Nu, '11, is spending the winter in Denver.

Eva Wilkinson, Kappa, ex-'12, has been visiting in Texas.

Edith Furrey Van Duzen, Eta, has lost her infant daughter.

Mildred Hunter, Kappa, '05, is in Los Angeles for the winter.

Grace Sater Rodgers, Theta, '01, is living in British Columbia.

May Schiffer, Theta, '07, is spending the winter in California.

Lorena Kreider, Kappa, ex-'09, visited Mrs. Dormey last summer.

Anna Louise Cole, Alpha, '94, visited Millicent Hinkley, Alpha, lately.

Sydney Hall, Epsilon, is teaching in the high school at Waukegan, Illinois.

Elizabeth Hays, Xi, '14, won the women's tennis championship in June.

Mr. Hakes, Iota, took luncheon at the Beta chapter house, in October.

Emma Norton Brown, Alpha, will make her home in Syracuse hereafter.

Mary Ives, Kappa, '06, is in the Library School at Madison, Wisconsin.

Winnie Shumway Thompson, Theta, is in University Park for the winter.

Ethel Works, Kappa, and Epsilon, '05, has been visiting friends in Chicago.

Ethel Cosgrove, Kappa, '09, is teaching drawing in San Juan, Porto Rico.

Margaret McNeil, Theta, '04, has returned from an extended eastern trip.

Katharine Willis Cowden, Eta, has moved into her new home on Piedmont.

Mary McCurley, Zeta, '10, is teaching this winter in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Katharine Whiting, Delta, is teaching this year in the Chestnut Hill School, Boston.

Belle Conner and Grace McDonough, Theta, will not be in college next term.

Frances Works, Kappa, ex-'14, is at Wells College, Aurora, New York, this year.

Anna Blanton, Zeta '11, will spend the rest of the winter in New York, studying art.

Katherine Taney Silversom, Kappa, '06, has gone to Honolulu to spend the winter.

Martha Gowing, '06, is spending the winter in Syracuse, after teaching for some time.

Alpha feels deep sympathy for Blanche Shore Palmer, who has recently lost her mother.

Helen Riheldaffer, Kappa, '09, is in the registrar's office at the University of Minnesota.

Penelope Murdock, Eta, '12, visited Elizabeth Bridge, Eta, at Columbia University recently.

Jessie Austin, Theta, and Denver Alumnae, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Ruth Annette, Xi, spent a short time with Kappa chapter en route from Boston to Moscow.

Elizabeth Bridge, Eta, entertained the members of Iota chapter, in honor of Alice Hoyt, Eta, '10.

Grace Foster Rawson, Kappa, ex-'06, with her two children, has been visiting in Minneapolis.

Eleanor Peabody Benton, Kappa, has come from Great Falls, Montana, to live in Minneapolis.

Helen Griffith, Kappa, Bryn Mawr, '05, is teaching and studying at the University of Chicago.

Margaret Stolle and Mary Prather, Xi, spent Thanksgiving vacation with the chapter in Moscow.

Blossom Henry, Theta, '08, and Mary Woy, Theta, '08, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Denver.

Margaret Handy, Bess Barnes, and Anna Blanton, all Zeta, '11, have visited the active chapter this fall.

Margaret Bell, Kappa, '05, is assistant librarian at the new Walker branch library in Minneapolis.

Gertrude Wright and Irene Wilson, both of Gamma, were in Minneapolis during the rushing season.

Elizabeth Rothermel, Eta, has written enthusiastically of the New York alumnae and their kindness to her.

Florence Patterson, Epsilon, is studying philanthropy in New York City at Columbia University and under Dr. Devine.

Dora Clapp Danforth, Delta, gave the chapter a most pleasant surprise, by coming east to attend the convention banquet.

Epsilon was glad to have a short visit with Louise Stolp and Alice Jenks, when they attended the teachers' meeting in Evanston.

Lilias House and Charlotte Romberger, Zeta, '13, attended the Pennsylvania State-Annapolis football game at Annapolis, recently.

Florence Underwood, Kappa, ex-'12, and Helen Jewett, Kappa, ex-'11, both of Fergus Falls, came for the informal on November 9.

Mrs. Allen, Eta, is building a new home on Panoramic Way. Elizabeth Austin, and Florence Hincks, both Eta, were her architects.

Mildred Hunter, Kappa, '05, Marie Moreland, Kappa, '06, and Alma Johnson, Kappa, ex-'12, came to Minneapolis for initiation.

Denver Gamma Phis sympathize deeply with Marion Moore, Theta, in the loss of her mother, Mrs. David H. Moore, of Cincinnati.

Eleanor Pudor, Alpha, '10, visited Syracuse for several weeks this fall. She went to convention with the other girls, and then home from Boston.

Helen Little, Kappa, ex-'12, Eva Kaye, Kappa, ex-'13, and Lynford McMahon, Kappa, '12, went to Madison for the Minnesota-Wisconsin game.

Therese Preston McCarthy, Lambda, has lived in Minneapolis for several months but has gone back west again. The alumnae chapter is sorry to lose her.

Nellie Chamberlain, Alpha, '87, who will make her home with her brother in Binghampton, New York, stopped en route with Gertrude Dada Fuller, Alpha.

Veronica Foley, Mabel Wilson, Helen Noyes, Gladys Collins, Mary Prather, and Margaret Stolle, all of Xi chapter, attended the Idaho-W. S. C. game on October 21st.

Marion Jones, Kappa, ex-'04, has come back to Minneapolis to live. In company with Florence Snook, Kappa, ex-'04, she took the trip of the Great Lakes last summer.

Iota's rushing teas were held during the months of October and November by Frances Rogers, Varian White, Mabel Barrett, Ethel Richardson, Rosalind Case, and Constance Shook.

Alpha sent quite a group to convention: Laura Beecher, '14, Dorothy Potter, '15, Esther Potter, '14, Marion Bretz, '15, Ruth King, '12, Genevieve Toy, '12, and Gladys Timmerman, '15.

Gertrude Holmes, Nu, '11, is teaching in Gresham, Oregon; Ruth Hanson, Nu, '10, is teaching in the Salem High School, Oregon, and Beaulah Bridges, Nu, '11, is teaching in Brownsville, Oregon.

Mary Bierer Albritton, Epsilon, ex-'07, has come to St. Paul to live, and Minneapolis alumnae chapter is glad to welcome her among them. Her sister, Marguerite Bierer, Epsilon, ex-'11, has been visiting her.

Jessie Herman, Beta, visited the chapter in November, and Kate

Ballantyne, Beta, spent a few days there during initiation. Bess Bigelow Moore, Paula Henze, and Lora Hall, Beta, have also visited the chapter this fall.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Sparling (Ruth Phillipps, Epsilon, '99) with their two children, will spend the holidays in Omaha, and will later go abroad for several months. Their home is in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Helen Jewett, Kappa, ex-'10, Alice Ames, Kappa, ex-'14, and Florence Underwood, Kappa, ex-'12, were in Minneapolis the first part of November. Mary Heritage, Kappa, ex-'10, was with the chapter at the time of initiation.

Marguerite Birdsall, Beta, has returned to her home in Three Rivers, Michigan, after having spent a year with her sister, Gertrude Birdsall Arnold, Beta, in Omaha, Nebraska. She visited in Evanston on her way home, and later, in Ann Arbor.

Kappa girls are teaching as follows: Marie Moreland, '06, English in Hastings, Minnesota; Clara Taney, ex-'09, kindergarten in Seattle; Ruth Tallant, '09, in Minneapolis; Sara Marshall, '08, English in Spring Valley, Minnesota; Eleanor Sheldon, '04, English in the Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and Rachel Beard, '08, in Clifton, Arizona.

Helen Dame, Delta, '96, has resigned her position as secretary to the Dean of Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, to accept a position as secretary in the Theological School. She will leave a very large place in the hearts of all connected with the department of the college, at 688 Boylston St.; but we are glad she is still to be connected with the university, and wish her the greatest success in her new work.

Among Alpha's out of town members who returned for the banquet and housewarming were Myrtle Stone McNeill, Louise Klock French, Minnie Curtiss Dinsmore, Mabel Fuller Whitmarsh, Mary Crothers McCoy, Lillian and Florence Seeley, Mina Dewey Gallup, Florence Reed Munro, Margaret Graves Hook, Emma Norton Brown, Edith McLennan Spencer, Bertha P. Benedict, Mary Nellis Frazer, Hazel King Stacey, Beth Wildman, Mary Perrin, and Clara Ham. Ruth Annette, of Xi chapter, and Mrs. George Reid, of Kappa chapter, were also most welcome guests.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simpson (Myrta Rodarmel, Kappa, ex-'10) a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks, (Florence Wright, Kappa, ex-'10) a son in September.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown (Geraldine Batson, Mu, '05) a son, Philip Samuel, on July 25th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Day (Lucy Mix, Xi) a son in May.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson (Winnie Shumway, Theta) a son, Stanley Shumway, on October 13th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Foley (Gertrude Wolfe, Theta) a son, Benedict Wolfe, on October 19th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Hartley (Louise Tiedeman, Zeta, ex-'11) a daughter.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Kathryn Allen, Theta, '09, to Mr. Ned Woodard of Denver.

MARRIAGES

Louise Dalziel Shearer, Gamma, was married to Mr. George Otto Buchholz, on October 16, at her home in Janesville, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz are at home in Janesville.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, and Dr. Wilbur Sawyer were married in October. They are now established in a home on College Way.

On November 19th, at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago, Margaret Hills, Gamma, ex-'10, was married to Mr. William H. Witt, Wisconsin, '10, both of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Kathleen Boas, Gamma, ex-'12, was married to Mr. Julius Malory, at Sioux City, Iowa, on December 12th.

The marriage of Ruth Warrington, Epsilon, to Mr. James Harold Gilson, Sigma Nu, took place November 8th, at the McKinley Park Methodist Church. It was strictly a Gamma Phi-Sigma Nu affair, nearly all of the attendants being sorority sisters of the bride and fraternity brothers of the groom. L. Louise Wheeler and Dorothy Winchell, both of Epsilon, were bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Gilson will be at home after April the first in Luseland, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Gladys Lewis, Beta '11, was quietly married to Mr. Benjamin E. Eggeman, Theta Delta Xi, Michigan University, on October 15th. They are at home at Muskegon, Michigan.

Meda Sheldon, Beta, '10, was married on November 11th, to Mr. Harry A. Arnold, Nu Sigma Nu. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are living at Owosso, Michigan.

On October 4th, Margaret Kinney, Kappa, '13, was married to Mr. Richard Beresford Tudor. Their address is 1082 Linwood Place, St. Paul.

The wedding of Vivian Anita Holmes, Nu, ex-11, to Mr. A. Craig McMicken was solemnized in the First Presbyterian Church of Portland on November 22nd. Anne McMicken, Nu, '13, was maid of honor, and Bertha Masters, ex-'13, Edith Woodcock, '11, and Pearl McKenna, ex-'12, all of Nu chapter, were bridesmaids.

Maud Hyser, Kappa, '04, and Mr. Warren Leslie Wallace were married on August 2nd, at the home of the bride in Minneapolis. Florence Riheldaffer, a Gamma Phi sister, Eva Kaye and Mildred Gamble, both of Kappa, '13, were in the wedding party.

Alice Redfield, Kappa, and Mr. William Stearns Davis were married at the bride's home in Minneapolis, on September 5th.

On December 6th, at Little Falls, Minnesota, Florence Mills-paugh, Kappa, and Dr. Arthur Wheaton Ide will be married. Alice Redfield Davis, Kappa, will be the matron of honor, and a number of the alumnae are planning to go up from Minneapolis, for the wedding.

On Wednesday, November 29th, Mary Margaret Uzzell, Theta and Denver Alumnae, was married to Mr. Frederick W. Plattner. After a trip to California and the Northwest, the young people will make their home in Denver.

Lucy Southwick Moore, Theta, '08, and Denver Alumnae, was married on the evening of December twenty-first, at the First Congregational Church in Denver, to Mr. Loring Lennox, Sigma Chi, of Victor, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Lennox will reside in Victor, much to the regret of the Denver chapters. For Lucy Moore has ever been a loyal and devoted member of Gamma Phi Beta; her enthusiasm and tireless efforts for her chapters' welfare have been traditional, and her place will be hard to fill.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

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

FOR OCTOBER—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; Phi Chi *Quarterly*; *Argaliad* of Phi Mu Gamma; Delta Chi *Quarterly*; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

FOR NOVEMBER—*The Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *The Phi Gamma Delta*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Sigma Kappa—Middlebury College.

Delta Gamma—University of Montana, University of Idaho.

Alpha Chi Omega—University of Iowa.

Conventions interest us exceedingly at the present time, and it is quite worth while to read of them. Delta Gamma—two hundred and ten strong—held its convention at the Chain o' Lakes, Waupaca, Wisconsin—and a special Pan-Hellenic session, an *Anchora* boast and a Scholarship Fund are noted among important "business." Hear of the good times from the pen of one of their own members.

You see the environment was just such as could lend itself easily to our joviality—glorious blue stretches of water with a shore line thickly wooded with pines, white trunked birches and oaks. Do you wonder we had launch parties and swimming parties, and long walks in the woods! All of these things we did, and in the evenings you should have seen our stunts. Lambda started the ball rolling with a clever song and dance. We had thought Mr. Banta the only man at convention until two young lads sauntered on to the stage—clothed in white flannel trousers, blue coats and all the accessories that go to make the "well dressed man"—and made ardent love to a bewitching maiden, who flirted impartially with both. Thus, it began.—The next day we were greeted with the good news that "Silly Sigmas

would perform stunts"—which they did. More songs and more dances in costume, and a wonderful tight rope walker whose marvelous balancing made us tremble for her safety. The vaudeville was well begun by this time. Various other stunts followed rapidly. Omega presented a sextette, that rivaled the original Floradora. Upsilon—through the medium of Anne Eva Fay revealed the future of the fraternity and its grand officers.

The following clippings are from papers read at convention. The first from "alumnae," active members should read and ponder; in the second, we might substitute Gamma Phi for Delta Gamma:

When I was freshman, I had the greatest respect for the alumnae of my chapter, who had made it possible for me to be a Delta Gamma. When I grew up and was big enough to go to a National Convention, from that way on, I have never ceased to feel that we never could honor our alumnae half as much as they deserved. When the great honor came to me to work for my fraternity nationally and I studied Delta Gamma from its first days to the present, I realized what we nationally owed these women, who at that time were girls in many instances younger and more immature than the college girls here tonight. These girls guided us through those early days, handicapped by endless discouraging conditions that we can not imagine in this day when we enjoy our "edition de luxe" College and Fraternity life."

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What sort of girl do you picture to yourselves as the Ideal Delta Gamma? You want her to be beautiful in person, gracious in manners, with fine social qualities, and a leader in the school world. Do you not always take it for granted as a sort of foundation that she shall be a good scholar? Do you ever ask yourself how nearly you yourself approach this ideal, or stop to consider what you can do to make yourself more nearly ideal? I sometimes think a little honest self searching of the soul would do more for the individual and do more for the fraternity than any other course we could devise. We could well afford to exact a promise from each of our pledges that she would consider each morning, "What kind of a girl am I? What am I aiming at? What can I do today to make myself worthy of Delta Gamma? Do I in truth, as I am pledged to do, uphold the dignity of Delta Gamma?" Enthusiasm is contagious; we have but to become inoculated with the germ and there would no longer be any question as to the right use of time. Ruskin says in his preface to a second edition of *Sesame and Lilies*:

"There are few things more wonderful to me than that old

people never tell young ones how precious their youth is. They sometimes sentimentally regret their own earlier days, sometimes prudently forget them, often foolishly rebuke the young, often more foolishly indulge, often most foolishly thwart and restrain, but scarcely ever warn or watch them." Remember then that I at least have warned you that the happiness of your life and its power and its part and rank in earth or in heaven depend on the way you pass your days now.

Isn't this a good idea:

At Convention the afternoon session of Thursday, June 29 was devoted to Pan-Hellenic. A short talk on the work of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference was given by Miss Lake, Pan-Hellenic delegate, after which each delegate presented a report of the local Pan-Hellenics. From these reports it was evident that a great stride forward has been made in Pan-Hellenic affairs.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

Kappa Alpha Theta convened at Pasadena and the following extracts from the *Journal* tell of the work and play of this splendid gathering:

The attendance was the largest in the history of the fraternity, two hundred-seventy-one Thetas signing the roll during the week, while the attendance at every session was above two hundred. It is noteworthy that every chapter but one, had more than one member present, and but one chapter we unrepresented—Mu alumnae of Cleveland, Ohio, whose delegate was prevented from attending by the sudden, unexpected death of her father.

"Fellowship" was the slogan for this convention, and that slogan was well lived up to. The convention was a great reunion, and though less real business was enacted than sometimes, the spirit of fraternity received a tremendous impetus, which after all is the greatest result of any fraternity convention.

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Miss Charlotte Walker presented an able paper showing the status of domestic science and other vocational courses in the colleges where we have chapters. As a result of this study the following action was taken: "That regular students in the four year's courses of domestic science or household economics, and other vocational courses for women, shall continue to be eligible to membership in the fraternity, but that special students in these departments be ineligible, and also all students in the two years courses shall be ineligible."

The report of Pan-Hellenic matters showed some marked progress—notably the adoption of sophomore pledging at Missouri and Wisconsin, and the postponement of initiation until a term's credit is earned in many other colleges. The convention selected Miss Eva Hall as National Pan-Hellenic delegate for the coming term and passed two significant resolutions. "That it be the sense of this convention that Kappa Alpha Theta bend her efforts toward creating conditions that will make practical the adoption of a rule that after August 1, 1914, to be eligible to an invitation to membership in Kappa Alpha Theta, a student must have attained sophomore standing in a college where said fraternity maintains a college chapter. And, "That the National Pan-Hellenic be asked to try through co-operation with college authorities, to develop a system of uniform scholarship reports, from the universities to the fraternities."

The Scholarship Fund received much attention at convention. This fund is now getting upon a firm basis: from now on it will have a fourth of the receipts of the Endowment fund, and each alumnae chapter pledged itself to raise at least fifty cents per capita for the next two years. If each alumna, not connected with an alumnae chapter, would make a like contribution, the fund would be complete by next convention.

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I need not dwell upon the social events of the convention, the auto ride about Pasadena, the impressive initiation service on Tuesday evening, the elaborate out-door pageant on Wednesday, the progressive "tea" in Los Angeles on Thursday, the mirthful "Kat Fittes" Thursday evening, for all these will be mentioned elsewhere, and by those to whom California scenes and events are more of a novelty; but this were an incomplete record of my profoundest impressions of the Convention did I neglect to speak of the processional preceding the banquet on Friday evening. No wonder people gathered on the side-walks outside the hotel to view the scene as two hundred and fifty girls in daintiest of evening costume, representing the very flower of our American colleges, lined the spacious corridors and then slowly marched into the banquet room singing the processional written for the occasion by Miss Winifred Webb of Pasadena.

Delta Chi held its seventeenth convention at Chicago July 13-15, and chronicles many festivities, such as trolley rides, auto expeditions, lunches, dinners, baseball games and banquets. The biennial convention plan was adopted, the constitution was revised, the number of chapter representatives of convention was restricted, and the

standard of law schools in which there may be chapters of Delta Chi was raised.

Gertrude S. Martin, Dean of Women, Cornell University has an interesting article upon "The Dean of Women" in the *Eleusis*, from which we make the following quotation:

So we find that the dean of women has a peculiar function, a function which, adequately performed, justifies both her title and the high academic position generally accorded her. She must have the seeing eye and the understanding heart where the training of women is concerned. She must know the whole field of opportunity open to the educated woman and the demands which life will make upon her; and she must be able to adapt a man-made curriculum to the special needs of woman students in such a way as to make it yield the largest possible amount of training for women's special work. Nor can she stop here. She should be the most powerful influence in her institution working toward the widening of men's thoughts in the matter of the education of women; toward securing for them what in simple truth does not even yet exist, equality of opportunity in the colleges, by the building up of courses and schools designed to meet their special needs, such as already exist for the men.

She is no mere dream-woman, this ideal dean whom I have been describing. Here and there in the academic world she is quietly at work, sounding no trumpets before her, calmly certain that her powers are adequate to the task, and never fretting at the barriers which ignorance or deep-rooted prejudice throw in her way and which she gently removes or quietly goes around. May the Providence that watches over the welfare of nations send us more of such women!

The following surely illustrates the true Pan-Hellenic spirit:

It was on the Nevada Desert that we met—the Pi Beta Phi, the Chi Omega, and I—from faraway Gamma of Alpha Omicron Pi. Our train had stopped an hour at noon in the midst of endless sand and sagebrush, and we had crossed the hot platform to the rough station house, where we ate oyster stew, and wondered from whence it came. The thermometer said 105°, there was not a tree in sight. A dilapidated awning at one end of the station platform afforded the only means of shade, and after dinner was over I wandered in that direction. It was there that I saw two girls engaged in conversation, and they wore Pi Beta Phi and Chi Omega pins.

I felt a little feeling of fellowship at the sight of the pins, though

they were not like my own, but the space beneath the awning was small, and I did not wish to intrude. I turned to go away but the girl with the Chi Omega pin called me back, and her hand-shake was very friendly.

"We're strangers, too," she said, "and yet not after all. Come and join us. It's a Pan-Hellenic meeting!" I joined them, and the Pi Beta Phi's hand-shake was not less cordial.

And then the Chi Omega girl said something, the spirit of which I think ought to stimulate every sorority girl in the country.

"I always feel," she said, "a friendship with all Greeks, no matter what pins they wear, for really we're all working for the same thing—all striving for the highest."

We three talked together about many things in the Greek letter world in the half hour we stood there under the awning in that desolate little Nevada town, and I think that we felt in some way strangely drawn together. I saw them again on the train, and quite often in San Francisco, but far beyond the charm of their southern accents and their cordiality, did I remember the saying of the Chi Omega girl—"we're really all striving for the highest."

I tell it here because I think that if that sentiment should take possession of every chapter of every sorority in this broad land, Pan-Hellenic differences would cease, inter-sorority jealousies would vanish, and the college world would be a finer and better place to dwell in. For it is true. Whatever be our name or sign, whatever be our goal, we are all striving for the highest, the purest, the noblest. Why is our sorority dear to us? Not because its aim is higher than the aims of the others—unknown to us. The things that endear it to us are the associations that cluster about it—the friendships that entwine it—the harmony with which we strive to fulfill its purpose.—*To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Every year a chapter should initiate three or four upper classmen. The fact that a girl develops slowly should not exclude her from fraternity membership. Moreover, in electing to membership upper class girls who have developed slowly or who for any other reasons have not previously been invited to membership, we are but developing in ourselves that ability to size up people which is one of the most necessary qualities that a man or a woman can possess. No matter what we do in after college life—whether we teach, practice law or medicine, or marry—always we deal with people. We have to learn how to gauge people, how to handle them as we say. An excellent opportunity to develop this ability, which is so closely related to individual success or failure, comes to us all in rushing.

And in sizing up candidates, we must beware of the ready-made type. We want to be sure that all sorts of girls are in our chapters—we need the scholarly, the gay, the good comrade, the musician, the athletic, the competent of every sort. But we do not want them ready-made; we should not look for them so. As a fraternity we want to have a part in the growth of the characters of our members—*Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

Henry Sydnor Harrison, the author of "Queed" is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He received his start editing the *Record* and was for a time paragrapher, reviewer, poet and finally editor of the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. George Fitch, author of the popular Siwash stories is a Beta Theta Pi from Knox College. The following quotation from "The Greek Double Cross" will appeal to us:

Rushing? What's rushing? Oh, yes; I forgot that you never participated in that delicious form of insanity known as a fall term in college. Rushing is a cross between proposing to a girl and abducting a coyote. Rushing a man for a frat is trying to make him believe that to belong to it is a joy and inspiration, and to belong to any other means misery and an early tomb; that all the best men in college either belong to your frat or couldn't get in; that you're the best fellows on earth, and that you're crazy to have him, and that he is a coming senator; that you can't live without him; that the other gang can't appreciate him; that you never ask men twice; that you don't care much for him anyway, and that you are just as likely as not to withdraw the spike any minute if you should happen to get tired of the cut of his trousers; that your crowd can make him class president and the other crowds can make him fine mausoleums; that you love him like real brothers and that he has already bound himself in honor to pledge—and that if he doesn't he will regret it all his life; and, besides, you will punch his head if he doesn't put on the colors. That's rushing for you.

The tenets of *Phi Gamma Delta* as written thirty-four years ago by the first editor, Bishop W. F. McDowell and recently quoted by that magazine, embody of aims of other editors of Greek letter journals:

"This, the journal of the fraternity, is owned and controlled by the members. All shall be treated alike, and all shall be treated well. This is not the organ of any one, or two, or a dozen men, but is the organ of the order.

"We believe in a fuller and freer understanding of the fraternity; we believe in a closer union between chapters, between graduates and active members; we believe in progress toward better things; we look ahead to an ideal fraternity; we believe, finally, in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, but we want even a better one than we have now.

"We intend to make this magazine the means of doing some good for the advancement of the order. Its loyalty shall be its individuality; its enthusiasm shall be its awakening power; its conservatism shall be its safeguard; its fairness and sprightliness shall be its characteristics, subjects shall be discussed in a spirit of candor and good will. We open our pages to all and invite your subscriptions. We submit it to you, and await the result."

The November number of *Themis*—Founders' Number—is extremely interesting; the October *Key* gives an entertaining account of the Kappa European tour.

Take notice, Freshmen!

The yearly rush season brings the annually repeated charge of lack of democracy among fraternity members and especially among freshmen. Whether it be that the charge is fanciful or that there are always a few freshmen without sufficient balance of character to realize that the bid to a fraternity does not lift them above their fellows and by the worth of that simple square of paper and bunch of flowers they are not changed to a bright superior star above the mass of non-fraternity members, we are not sure. However this may be, the charge recurs regularly. Let us with all our energy work, talk and live against this charge of snobbishness. In some cases no doubt it is not deserved, and in others, no doubt sadly, it is deserved, and it is to prevent in a measure if I can this littlest and meanest of college vices that I write a word to our freshmen especially.

Remember first, girls that there are many among those, whom I have heard mistakenly called "outsiders" who have, and for reason, refused all sorority bids.

Secondly, that fraternity life is a minor phase of college life and that there can be no "outsiders" among girls all of whom share equally the right to the great purpose, a higher education, and often unfortunately statistics show that the privilege is appreciated more highly by non-fraternity girls.

Thirdly—that fraternities are associations with an aim to make happier, easier and better the life of the girl. It is only the honor societies which segregate the girl from the mass, as being a little more capable, or brainy than the average. And lastly that the spirit of undemocracy commonly called snobbishness is unbecoming a gentlewoman which God grant, is the aim of us all.—*To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

The following thought should be with all those who have lately experienced the thrill of convention:

National spirit is the “tie that binds our hearts in Kappa love.” It makes a common feeling even between strangers and arouses within them a common love. Its ties are strong, holding together different types of girls from all kinds of homes, and from far distant places. Before it, all obstacles are swept away; it knows no limit of place or clime, it goes from heart to heart and leaves each life better, happier, more beautiful than before. One touch from its magic finger enriches the life and sets heart strings vibrating that before were held silent by narrowness and provincialism. It is the great mother of us all that clasps every chapter to her bosom and makes us all sisters.

Let us have minds and hearts large enough to take within them not only our own chapter, but all chapters. Let us make an effort to realize a greater local spirit and with this will come a renewal of that great wide-spread national spirit, binding us together, enriching, broadening, and ennobling our lives.—*Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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