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CONVENTION!

Delta and Boston Alumnae chapters again most cordially invite all Gamma Phis to attend the convention to be held in Boston this fall.

We would not be true Bostonians if we did not feel sure that our city is worth coming across the continent to see. Those who have never been to Boston will surely want to come, and those who have been here will *most* surely want to come again. As for convention itself, the equation is the same and we hope that the eagerness of those who know Gamma Phi conventions from hear-say is only exceeded by that of the ones who have had experience.

We are eager to have as many as possible visit us and even though there is likely to be more business to transact than usual (as we have not held a convention for two years) we hope to find time somewhere between the business sessions to have lots of fun together and each to get better acquainted with the other chapters.

We are sorry that we have no chapter house to turn over to our visiting sisters for convention week but we shall have accommodations for all the delegates at least and we hope to be able to furnish entertainment for all visitors as well. If we are unable to do

this we shall be glad to make arrangements for their board and room upon request.

Here is a skeleton program of convention. It is subject to change but we give this much now so that if it is possible for some to come only for a day or two they may get an idea of the dates of the most important events.

Tuesday, November 7—4 p. m., Alumnae Council; 6 p. m. Informal reception to delegates followed by Baked Bean Supper.

Wednesday, November 8—10-12 a. m., Business meeting; afternoon, Sight-seeing; evening, —————

Thursday, November 9—10-12 a. m., Business meeting; 2-4, p. m., Business meeting; 8 p. m. Formal reception and dance Hotel Tuileries.

Friday, November 10—10-12 a. m.—Business meeting; 7 p. m., Banquet, Hotel Tuileries.

As soon as possible we should like to have the names of all who expect to attend the convention. If each chapter will send us the names of delegates, we will communicate directly with them in regard to the toasts, etc.

All inquiries may be addressed to Miss Celia Marshall, 71 Summer Street, Everett, Mass.

THE PAN-HELLENIC SPIRIT

BY MARGARET LEVY (Editor of THEMIS, Zeta Tau Alpha)

That Pan-Hellenism has come to stay and to grow is a fact which we should hail with thanksgiving. The time has passed when we can merely be members of a sorority—we must be *sorority* girls, interested in the fraternal system at large, while giving our most loyal efforts to the propagation of the sisterhood of our choice. We must individually be cognizant of the great movements of the college fraternity world, and not shift the responsibility to the chosen few who represent us “when Greek meets Greek.”

The average sorority girl sees clearly how the officers of her organization can keep in touch with the ways and means of the national Pan-Hellenic movement; how they can be well acquainted with even trivial changes. For these are they on whom the purple of the sorority lays many a law, written and unwritten. The alumnae are not bound by the thousand and one activities of undergraduate work, and they are often called upon to discuss the fundamental principles or policies of their own and other fraternities. They may be so much in ignorance of the doings of the inner temple of their own body-politic as to consider themselves practically outsiders, yet they must know what other outsiders know, if they are to hold their own.

When we come to the active members of the chapters, however, we face a problem which is almost a paradox. We find the most need for acquaintance with the progress of other fraternities, and yet we see true Pan-Hellenism least understood and most crowded-out. We see the girls guided largely by guess, hearsay, local contentions, and personal prejudice, in their remarks and judgments on their competitors—for it is usually in the light of a disagreeable rival, to be triumphed over at almost any sacrifice, that the ordinary girl looks upon the other sororities in contact with her. Very often we find friendships between girls of different organizations discouraged, and even destroyed by their sisters, who seem to fear that the discovery of lovable and admirable qualities in one who wears a different pin is the confession of dwindling

loyalty or the acknowledgment of greater excellence in the rival body.

Perhaps these conditions are not so general as we may be led to believe, and yet we could hardly deny their existence. One problem is to root out such prejudices, to recognize in our local relations the same principles which govern our national policies, to give our girls a birdseye view of the general fraternity world, a telescopic view of the fraternities with which we come into contact locally, and a microscopic view of our own advances and workings. We have also to make our members realize that without these viewpoints we can never do entire justice to the system of which our own fraternity is merely a fractional part.

If we seek the approximate causes of the lack of real fellowship among Greeks in order to prescribe our remedies, we would probably settle first upon the local Pan-Hellenic association—or its absence. To most school girls the name Pan-Hellenic signifies merely a body of arbitration, composed of a very limited number of members from each local fraternity, which assembles to pass inconvenient rushing rules, listen to reports from the National Pan-Hellenic—a larger edition of the same story—and to fix upon several formal social events, in the expenses and success of which all must share. The duty of the local chapter consists in furnishing a few representatives, listening to reports, and fulfilling instructions. Otherwise this Pan-Hellenic association is some vague and shadowy thing. There seems to be little knowledge of other fraternities except the shape of the pin and the number of chapters, and strong ideas of the worth of the fraternity based upon the calibre of some of the local representatives. And yet, if we were asked to suggest remedies, we would acknowledge that the fault lies not in the restricted nature of the local Pan-Hellenic association, which must of necessity be what it is, but in the spirit of each separate chapter of each sorority. And most likely we would plead for more instruction along general lines, even at the sacrifice of less research into our own fraternity. Examinations arouse a great deal of interest in the handbooks and much gratuitous study is given them, but we would urge a more consistent acquaintance with the *current events* of the Greek and college world.

Suggestions as to methods of arousing this interest are numerous, and possibly old stories to the majority of us. For a general outlook, however, upon all phases of college activities, the *American College* offers excellent opportunities, and one chapter copy would serve all purposes. In fact, one chapter with which we are acquainted, has prepared a regular course of study, in which a few minutes is given each meeting to a rapid review of important or interesting college notes, and a few more minutes set aside for a more detailed view of some special fraternity. Another simple way to encourage Pan-Hellenic spirit is a more careful reading of the exchange department of the various journals of the fraternities. Primarily the extracts are made with a view to their especial application to our own fraternities, yet secondarily they should acquaint us with the attitude of other fellow Greeks as such. Along the same line is the local exchange library. From the officers who receive official magazine exchanges copies of fraternity journals may be obtained. But a surer source of supply is the appointing of certain girls to exchange with certain other girls from different fraternities each new issue of the journal. Thus copies of the publication of each fraternity with which you are in contact will find its way into your chapter rooms, and you will begin to look at your fellow Greeks with wider open eyes.

Instead of being merely a menace to the success of your chapter, rival organizations may become the most educative factors in your fraternity life. Pan Hellenic spirit means broader sympathy and the realization that *coöperation*, and not merely *competition*, is the true life of progress.

THE FRATERNITY MAGAZINE

BY L. PEARLE GREEN (Editor of KAPPA ALPHA THETA)

The fraternity magazine grew from the desire of chapters to know something of other chapters, from the constant demands for fraternity news by members no longer in college halls and chapter activities, and—judging from the contents of early numbers—from the universal desire of a print medium for undergraduate literary effusions. Today these class periodicals are devoted entirely to fraternity and college interests, either wisely refraining from any ambition to enter the general literary field or else recognizing the college magazine as the proper and sufficient repository for college-produced poetry and fiction.

The mission of the fraternity organ is an ideal—an ideal of high altitudes but always drawn earthward by the practical limitations of publication and the human limitations of editor and contributor. Perhaps these very limitations are true blessings, for certain it is that the most influential and helpful of these journals are those that speak directly of the problems and obligations of fraternity and college life.

The always present departments of chapter letters and alumnae personals serve to acquaint the chapters one with another, and to give each alumna (who subscribes) news of her chapter and friends. Every editor labors earnestly and hard to have these departments fulfill this mission of the dissemination of fraternity news, but a formula for an ideal chapter letter has yet to be invented, while the reporter's trained instinct for news is seldom at the service of the alumnae section.

The general articles of these periodicals are more and more reflecting the broadening of fraternity interests. College activities, educational movements, the fields where college graduates serve, and now constantly reflected on the pages of these magazines. This is as it should be.

The fraternity journal has an influence hard to reckon. It can lead the thoughts of its fraternity toward any goal it will constantly present in readable, attractive articles. Its place in the fraternity

is that of a pioneer for new expressions of ideals, for a broader fraternity life, for such an adjustment of fraternity activities as to fit the fraternity into its place as a part only of college life.

The possibilities of such leadership are tremendous. The fulfilling of this mission is a stupendous task. The future alone can judge our efforts. But in the meantime we can enjoy our work and entertain ourselves with dream pictures of the ideal fraternity magazine.

SOPHOMORE PLEDGING

By RUTH CAPEN FARMER (Alpha Omicron Pi)

Possibly it is unbecoming in one who has never actually experienced sophomore pledging, to have opinions on the subject. In such case, I must plead guilty, for my opinion is one of strong opposition. In some colleges where the rules of the institution prohibit freshman pledging, a protest would be out of place and futile, but where sophomore pledging is a regulation by the fraternities themselves, there is room for argument.

In the discussions of the question, I have listened to at various times, I have never heard any argument favoring sophomore pledging that has convinced me of its being a wise provision. I am even archaic enough to feel that the less legislation there is in regard to pledging, the more natural the atmosphere and the better the feeling existing between fraternities.

One basic argument that believers in sophomore pledging expound is,—the gain to the fraternity in their being certain of the scholarship of its initiates. Whatever the gain to fraternity in this direction, seems to me far outweighed by the gain to the individual, in having four years of fraternity life instead of three.

It takes nearly a year for the average initiate to realize the full scope of the opportunity fraternity life offers,—both in congenial companionship for herself, and in a field of service to her chapter, and through it to the university. What a pity, by the mere regulation of sophomore pledging to curtail this double benefit by a whole year.

Then to the fraternity itself the loss is very great, when she is prohibited from adding to her circle, members of the freshman class. Oftentimes a large delegation will graduate. Possibly, the following autumn, several members from the junior and sophomore classes will fail to return to college. The fraternity, prohibited from augmenting its membership from the freshman class, is left to face the year with greatly depleted numbers, and with practically the same expenses to be met in carrying on the chapter life as when there was double the number to bear them.

On quite another side it weakens the fraternity not to have freshman members. The first year in college, the student is the most impressionable, and in that year, the more readily inspired with enthusiasm for fraternity and the ideals for which it stands. If a girl is not initiated until her sophomore year, she will, in the majority of cases, have acquired so many other interests, that her fraternity never wins quite the same whole-hearted devotion as is accorded it, by those who have tended it's altars from their earliest days.

ALPHA DELTA PHI SORORITY

BY ODILLE K. DASHER AND NEWEL MASON

No better description of the founding and purpose of the Alpha Delta Phi sorority may be given than that of Mrs. Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, its originator and first president. In an address to the Adelpheans of 1896 at Wesleyan Female College the home of the sorority, she says:

"I entered the college in 1851, graduated with first honor in 1852, and received my A. M. degree in 1863. When I came here I found among the girls but little disposition to read or meet together for any purpose but mischievous frolics. Devoted to reading myself, it occurred to me that I might do something toward forming a society for mutual improvement. Dr. Myers was president when I applied for permission to establish a secret and literary society. He assisted me in framing the constitution and by-laws; Rev. O. L. Smith, one of our professors, suggested the name Adelphean; I chose the motto. The first meeting was held in my bedroom. The names of the girls who took part in those meetings I give you as I recall them: Octavia Andrew, daughter of the Bishop; Ella Pierce, daughter also of a Bishop; Bettie Williams of South Carolina; Sophronia Woodruff; Mary Evans, daughter of a useful and beloved pastor; Eugenia Tucker, daughter of Dr. N. Tucker, Laurens Co., Ga. Other names were soon added; at first the number of members was limited to fifteen."

The first pledge given was "to aid each other in reading and study;" the first purpose of the society was the "mental, moral, and social improvement of its members." "As late as 1896 membership in the Adelphean society depended upon class record," the high average of ninety per cent being required. By the ruling of the convention of 1911 this tradition was revived in the adoption of a standard of fourteen hours of college work.

The society was chartered as a national organization in 1904, this change being suggested by the attempt of a national sorority to absorb both the Adelphean and the Philomathean local societies.

The Adelphean society has always maintained some kind of

literary journal. The first was issued in 1856, and was kept secret. This was called the "Adelphean Chronicle." It appeared once a week and was written entirely by hand. This contained original compositions by the girls, as well as college news. It was continued until 1897. In 1900 a book called the "Adelphean" was printed—very much on the order of a college annual. Then in 1907 was begun the first formal publication of an "official organ of Alpha Delta Phi," which was called "The Adelphean."

Since nationalization the sorority has founded fourteen chapters; has had four national conventions; has founded and conducted its publication, "The Adelphean"; has been recognized as A rank; and has become a member of the National Pan Hellenic Conference.

A PAN-HELLENIC POSSIBILITY

BY RUTH CAMERON, (Alpha Xi Delta)

I suppose the Pan-Hellenic is a very busy body but there is one new function which I should like very much to see it perform. I do not necessarily mean just now but "someday"—someday when it gets its house in order sufficiently to have time for outside interests. And that is the function of statistics-collector.

I wish that there might be collected through the vast reach and influence of our Pan-Hellenic organization some good suggestive statistics (1) on means by which girls can partially or wholly earn their way through college (2) on unusual occupations in which college graduates (or other women) are earning their bread and butter, or even a little jam to go with that bread and butter.

There is the widest possible interest in both these subjects. As the writer of a syndicated woman's corner, I receive letters from women and girls all over the United States and Canada and I can't tell you how many of them are on such subjects. "Can you tell me how I can earn enough money to keep myself at college one more year? If I don't earn enough to buy my clothes and pay for extras I shall have to leave," "Can a girl earn enough money to put herself through college?" "Is there anything which a woman with such and such educational qualifications can do at home to earn a little extra money?"—this is the kind of question with which I am constantly bombarded.

As everyone knows women have rushed into the industrial world in vast numbers during the last ten or twenty years. And although much is said about their having gone into all kinds of work I think the more general tendency is for them still to flock in the main travelled roads. As a natural result main travelled roads are abominably crowded. One must travel them slowly and hampered by the crowds or not at all. The absurdly insufficient pay in the teacher's profession is but one symptom of the overcrowding.

Now if we could do anything to clear this congestion I think we would be doing an immense service to humanity. And I believe we could help by getting together such statistics as I have suggested.

Each Pan-Hellenic representative would confer with the proper authority in her sorority and ask her to get from each chapter all possible information regarding ways in which any of its members has helped herself through high school or college and regarding any unusual occupations which its alumnae are following.

Such information would be reported to headquarters and perhaps embodied in pamphlet form with a view to high school distribution, perhaps printed in book form or given serial publication in some large Woman's Magazine.

If this could be done in the thorough and far reaching way our Pan-Hellenic organization could do it, I feel that many girls might be shown the way to earn an education and many women might be diverted from overcrowded vocations.

Perhaps this is all impracticable. I do not know. I merely submit it as a dream, a vision of a monument which our Pan-Hellenic organization might raise for itself, "some day," some day when its own house is in order and it has time to think of monument building.

THE WORK OF PI BETA PHI

BY SOPHIE PARSONS WOODMAN (Alumnae Editor of *THE ARROW*)

One of the founders of Pi Beta Phi, in a recent letter touching on the small beginnings of forty-four years ago says: "As I read of the coming school among the mountain whites it reminds me of the 'I. C. spirit for others.' The first winter, I remember, we bought the coal for a poor man's home; he and his wife considered us a 'nice bunch of girls.' We did not know what a secret society should do, so we concluded that should be one of our secrets." We sometimes think that this spirit of helpfulness is a product of recent years and so it is a pleasure to know that it is as old as the fraternity.

Many of our active chapters and alumnae clubs undertake some altruistic work each year. In an age of chapter house building the actual sums expended may sometimes be small but the spirit gives fair promise for the future. The chapter at the University of Vermont maintains a rest-room in Burlington where farmers' wives may stop after shopping; the girls at Carlisle hold mission and Bible classes at the Indian School and they also dress dolls for Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth; the girls at the University of Toronto dress dolls for the Children's Hospital. A number of other chapters express their Christmas good will in similar ways. The New York Alpha's of Syracuse maintain a committee which calls at the Old Ladies' Home, and at the request of the matron, they have given several musicals there. The chapter and alumnae of Nebraska University have furnished one of the rest rooms in the new city Y. W. C. A. building. Two alumnae clubs maintain a room in the hospitals of their respective cities.

Another sort of good work is represented in the library at York, Nebraska. The young women of the Hastings chapter decided that their town needed a library. Before their plans could be completed, however, anti-fraternity laws were enacted by the college. The girls, although scattered, went on with their enterprise and the library stands today, a monument to their loyalty and enthusiasm.

The chapters are seeking to coöperate with their various colleges, for the general good. For over ten years, Kansas Alpha has maintained a scholarship in the name of Lucinda Smith-Buchan open to *any* woman student of Kansas University. The girls at Denver University have just completed the sum of \$1200 which the chapter pledged toward the new gymnasium.

Since 1906 the fraternity has maintained a graduate fellowship which has been used in this country, in Germany and in England. At the last convention a year ago a loan fund was established which is used to assist needy Pi Phis through college.

For number of years each chapter has been obliged to maintain a scholarship committee whose duty it is to look after the girls' college standing. As a further incentive to good work the alumnae of several chapters offer a loving cup, or other prize, to the freshman or sophomore attaining the highest grades.

The whole fraternity is now much interested in the proposed school for the southern mountaineers and which we hope to dedicate as a memorial to the founders on the fiftieth anniversary. The matter of procedure and location has been found to be a tremendous problem which is not yet satisfactorily solved. However, this fall two Pi Phis are to be sent to a mountain district of Tennessee to begin the work. This undertaking is enlisting the sympathy of our older women as well as those still in college and, especially, is giving the forty five alumnae clubs something definite to work for of which we, as college women, may be proud.

PAN-HELLENIC POINTS

The following sororities have patron goddesses: Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Sigma Alpha, Athene; Chi Omega, Demeter; Zeta Tau Alpha, Themis; Delta Delta Delta, Poseidon; Alpha Chi Omega, Hera; Beta Sigma Omicron, Hestia.

In 1907, Pi Delta Kappa was organized at Ohio University. It has lately received a charter, has established chapters at Miami and Cincinnati and is publishing a magazine called *The Hour Glass*.

The Adelphean Society which is now known as Alpha Delta Phi issued a literary journal as early as 1857.

Six women students of the University of Washington have organized a journalistic honor society, Theta Sigma Phi, which they plan to make national. Only those women of the upper classes who have shown marked ability along literary lines and who intend to make journalism their life work are eligible.

The following sorority journals receive life subscriptions: Delta Delta Delta *Trident*, \$25; *Kappa Alpha Theta*, \$15; Pi Beta Phi *Arrow*, \$5. Pi Beta Phi has 1200 life subscribers to its magazine while fifty per cent of its total membership subscribe. Thirty-five per cent of Alpha Chi Omega take *The Lyre* while twenty-one per cent of the alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta take the *Journal*.

Alumnae clubs of Pi Beta Phi maintain two hospital rooms, one at the Galesburg, Ill., Cottage Hospital, and the other at the Burlington, Iowa, Hospital.

Alpha Theta Mu is the name of a new sorority organized at Baker University.

Sorority members at Northwestern University are discussing and planning for an inter-sorority house in which each society would have a room for its weekly meetings while the downstairs would be given over to rooms for entertaining.

Chi Omega issued the first secret sorority magazine, its *Mystagogue* appearing in 1905. Delta Delta Delta started its quarterly

Triton in 1906 and also publishes a secret annual called the *Trireme*.

Pi Beta Phi was first to establish alumnae associations. Delta Delta Delta was the first sorority to make provision at its very beginning for alumnae associations which they term alliances. These alliances have a special constitution and a special ritual.

Alpha Phi erected the first sorority chapter house at Syracuse.

The following figures show interesting statistics of sorority growth.

WOMEN'S GENERAL FRATERNITIES

NAME	1909	1910	Founded
Pi Beta Phi	5,404	5,750	1867
Kappa Kappa Gamma	5,000	5,500	1870
Kappa Alpha Theta	4,078	4,500	1870
Delta Gamma	2,563	2,606	1874
Delta Delta Delta	2,500	4,000	1888
Alpha Phi	1,800	2,080	1872
Gamma Phi Beta	1,633	1,700	1874
Chi Omega	1,500	1,927	1895
Phi Mu	1,500	2,100	1852
Alpha Chi Omega	1,270	1,340	1888
Kappa Delta	850	850	1897
Alpha Xi Delta	800	813	1893
Zeta Tau Alpha	725	725	1898
Beta Sigma Omicron	600	1,000	1888
Sigma Kappa	600	775	1874
Alpha Omicron Pi	500	900	1897
Sigma Sigma Sigma	340	370	1898
Total	31,663	39,936	

Quoted in *Phi Chi Quarterly* from *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS OF FRATERNITIES, 1875-1910

No	Fraternities	Found- ed	1875	1885	1895	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
1	Pi Beta Phi	1867	5	14	24	34	35	37	39	40	43
2	Kappa Alpha Theta	1870	5	14	19	25	27	28	28	32	32
3	Kappa Kappa Gamma	1870	7	22	27	30	32	33	33	34	35
4	Delta Gamma	1872	1	12	13	16	17	18	18	18	19
5	Alpha Phi	1872	1	3	8	12	14	14	14	14	15
6	Gamma Phi Beta	1874	1	3	6	12	12	12	13	14	14
7	Sigma Kappa	1874	1	1	1	3	6	6	8	8	10
8	Alpha Chi Omega	1885		1	6	9	10	13	15	15	16
9	Delta Delta Delta	1888			13	23	23	23	26	28	31
10	Chi Omega	1895			1	16	18	19	20	23	25
11	Alpha Omicron Pi	1897				6	6	7	11	11	12
12	Zeta Tau Alpha	1898				8	8	8	7	8	11
13	Alpha Xi Delta	1902				11	11	14	15	16	16
14	Delta Zeta	1902				1	1	1	2	4	6
15	Alpha Gamma Delta	1904				2	3	3	8	9	9
16	Alpha Delta Phi	1851	1	1	1	2	5	7	7	6	10
	Total		22	71	119	210	228	243	264	280	304

Quoted in *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi from Kappa Alpha Theta *Journal*.

The women's fraternities in order of the number of chapters were as follows at the end of the year 1910: $\Pi B \Phi$, 43; $K K \Gamma$, 35; $K A \Theta$, 32; $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, 31; $X \Omega$, 25; $\Delta \Gamma$, 19; $A X \Omega$, 16; $A \Xi \Delta$, 16; $A \Phi$, 15; $\Gamma \Phi B$, 14; $A O \Pi$, 12; $Z T A$, 11; $A \Delta \Phi$, 10; ΣK , 10; $A \Gamma \Delta$, 9; ΔZ , 6.

The above are members of the Women's National Pan-Hellenic and are the only ones recognized as "nationals" since they alone have met the standards of the Pan-Hellenic.

The oldest of these is $A \Delta \Phi$, which existed at Georgia Wesleyan as a local under the name of The Adelphean Society until about 1905, when it assumed the name of one of our oldest and most honored men's fraternities and extended to other schools. During the last five years twelve charters have been granted, but only nine chapters have survived. The greatest gain during the last ten years has been made by $X \Omega$ —seventeen chapters. Every fraternity has shown a gain and the total number of active chapters is twice what it was in 1900. Six fraternities— $X \Omega$, $A O \Pi$, $Z T A$, $A \Xi \Delta$, ΔZ and $A \Gamma \Delta$, have been founded within the last eighteen years. The chapters of $\Delta \Gamma$ at Mt. Union and $K A \Theta$ at Albion have become defunct. The chapters of $\Pi B \Phi$ at Iowa State College and Leland Stanford have been revived. The last ten years have shown a remarkable activity among the sororities to expand into the western country. $A \Xi \Delta$, $X \Omega$, $A X \Omega$, $K A \Theta$, $K K \Gamma$, $\Pi B \Phi$ and ΣK have entered the University of Washington. $\Pi B \Phi$, $K A \Theta$ and $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ have entered Oklahoma. $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, $\Gamma \Phi B$, $K A \Theta$ and $X \Omega$ have entered the University of Oregon. The State Universities of Montana, California, Nebraska and Colorado have received from three to five charters. Individual ones were placed at Idaho, Southern California, Wyoming, Denver and Stanford.—Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*.

Chi Omega sells post cards containing verses by one of its members, 20 per cent of all sales, going toward the building of Founders' Hall.

The Galesburg Alliance of Delta Delta Delta furnishes a room at the Free Kindergarten of Galesburg.

To Kappa Kappa Gamma belongs the honor of the Pan-Hellenic movement. In 1890, the Boston University chapter of the sorority

secured permission to invite the other sororities to meet in convention at Boston.

Kappa Alpha Theta was the first sorority to bear a Greek name.

"No student of the sorority system could fail to notice the rather remarkable similarity in the case of Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta as regards birth place, age, monogram badge and chapter roll."—*The Sorority Handbook*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma elects its editor, historian and director of catalogue for a term of ten years.

Mu Phi Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Iota are musical sororities; Alpha Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Tau and Zeta Phi are medical sororities.

In addition to the many national sororities at the University of Michigan there is a local society called Sorosis, which is non-secret and a branch of the New York Sorosis. Also, at Goucher College, there is a prominent local sorority, Tau Kappa Pi, which has its national charter, but does not care to affiliate with any other organization nor to establish other chapters of its own.

Alpha Chi Omega was the first musical sorority. At the beginning of its existence it received only members of the colleges of music connected with the institutions at which its chapters were located; later on it admitted such students of the liberal arts as were also studying music; in 1908, it was decreed that fifty per cent of the membership might be drawn from liberal art students with *no* music.

Chi Omega is unique in having for its honorary member, Dr. Richardson, of Kappa Sigma; George Banta of Phi Delta Theta, official publisher of so many Greek letter magazines possesses a Delta Gamma pin, granted for services to that sorority; Delta Zeta claims as its Grand Patron, Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont and secretary-treasurer of the national association of state universities.

SORORITY CONVENTIONS

Kappa Alpha Theta—Pasadena, California.

Delta Gamma—Chain o'Lakes, Waupaca, Wisconsin.

Sigma Kappa—Boston.

Phi Mu—Atlanta.

Alpha Xi Delta—Madison.

Lest we forget the flowers and the colors:—

Alpha Chi Omega—Scarlet carnation, with smilax; scarlet and olive.

Alpha Delta Phi—Violet; pale blue and white.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Red and buff roses; buff and green.

Alpha Omicron Pi—Jacqueminot rose; cardinal.

Alpha Phi—Lilies of the valley and forget-me-nots; gray and bordeaux.

Alpha Xi Delta—Pink rose; light and dark blue and gold.

Chi Omega—White carnation; cardinal and straw.

Delta Delta Delta—Pansy; silver, gold and blue.

Delta Gamma—Cream-colored rose; bronze, pink and blue.

Delta Zeta—Pink rose; old rose and nile green.

Gamma Phi Beta—Carnation; light and dark brown.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Black and gold pansy; black and gold.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Fleur-de-lis; light and dark blue.

Pi Beta Phi—Dark red carnation; wine red and silver blue.

Sigma Kappa—Violet; maroon and lavender.

Zeta Tau Alpha—White violet; turquoise and gray.

[Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Delta and Phi Mu have applied for membership in the Pan-Hellenic Conference, and their petitions have been referred to the Grand Presidents. Mrs. Martin's Sorority Handbook furnishes us with information concerning each.]

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA

November 15, 1901

Chapter Roll—Brenau College, Columbia College (S. C.), Mt. Union, Randolph Macon, St. Mary's School, Virginia Normal, Ward Seminary.

Badge—Shield with four concave sides, with sorority letters, a crown and a star in gold on a field of black enamel.

Colors—Crimson and gray.

Flower—American Beauty rose.

Magazine—*The Aegis*.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

April 20, 1898

Chapter Roll—Hollins Institute, Nashville, Randolph-Macon, Southwestern Union, Virginia Normal.

Badge—Equilateral triangle with indented sides, the raised inner portion of black enamel having a Sigma in each corner and a skull and cross-bones in the center.

Colors—Purple and white.

Flower—Violet.

Magazine—*The Triangle*.

KAPPA DELTA

October 27, 1897

Chapter Roll—Alabama, Columbia College, S. C., Fairmont Seminary, Florida, Grunston Seminary, Hollins Institute, Illinois Wesleyan, Iowa State College, Judson College, Louisiana, Northwestern, Randolph-Macon, St. Mary's School, Virginia Normal.

Badge—Diamond-shaped, with dagger. The sorority's initials and the letters A. O. T. in gold on background of black enamel.

Colors—Olive green and white.

Flower—White rose.

Magazine—*Angelos*.

PHI MU

1852

Chapter Roll—Belmont College, Chevy Chase School, Hardin College, Hollins Institute, Newcomb, St. Mary's School, Southwestern, Tennessee, Wesleyan College.

Badge—Shield of black enamel, displaying in the center a hand holding a heart. Above is a ribbon of gold bearing the sorority's letters and below is another bearing three stars.

Colors—Rose and white.

Flower—Pink Carnation.

Magazine—*The Aglaia*.

PREFATORY NOTE

(This poem received the first award of the Emily Chamberlain Cook prize offered by Professor Albert Stanburrough Cook of Yale University to the University of California for the best unpublished verse, the Committee of Award consisting of Professors Cornelius Beach Bradley of the University of California, Albert Stanburrough Cook of Yale University and Charles Grosvenor Osgood of Princeton University.)

ODE TO THE PIONEERS

BY ALICE LORRAINE ANDREWS, (Eta '12)

I

Proud children of creative Destiny,
Which, prescient of your coming, erstwhile clove
Through barriers 'stablished from eternity
The gateway of that West toward which ye strove!
Brave hearts of hope, that dared live out your dream,
Nor feared to hazard the Titanic rage
Of elemental powers, but steadfast pressed
On, following far the gleam—
Promise of fuller freedom for the age,—
Nor recked you of the cost, nor stayed your quest!

II

How joyously ye sought your rendezvous,
Drawn irresistably upon the breast
Of confluent streams! What courage did endure!
How girded ye your loins! What fiery zest,
Forward impelling, bade forsake each haunt
Of childhood's tenderest memory, that weaves
A chaplet spring wildings for the heart
To cherish—secret vaunt
Of how throughout Time's book the loosened leaves,
Albeit tattered, never tear apart!

III

Whether ye came because the leprous hand
Of servitude was knocking at your door;
Or the Nez Perces forth from their far land
Had sent their braves to eastward searching for

The White Man's Book of Heaven; or whether lust
Of way-wide wandering hung upon your soul,
Till earth's far vacant places summoned loud;
Or golden lure and dust,
Garnered in granaries of rocks, claimed toll,
Returning thousand-fold—or else a shroud.

IV

What purposes soe'er, what high resolves
Had set your feet to walk in company,
Guessed ye, 'On us God's mighty will desolves
The fate of all the West and its calm sea'?
Or did ye ponder, plodding 'cross the flat
Monotony of prairie stretching out
To greet the same horizon day by day,
How by the shallow Platte
Ye wove the cincture lengthening slow about
Man's globe, linking the nations close for aye?

V

Perchance some whisperings prophetic stole
Into the silent musings of a few;
Perchance none caught the deep, portentous roll
Of purposes imperial, nor knew
Themselves as instruments of such great plan
As ne'er before had seized and swept a nation
Full fronting westward to the setting sun.
Oh, ne'er before to man
Was proffered nobler prize of gratulation
Than in the race reserved for you to run!

VI

A weary way, a long and weary way,
Was yours to traverse, fraught with perils thick,
Untried, undreamt of; hardly durst ye stay
To lay the dead to rest, or soothe the sick,
Lest from invisible ambuscade should pour
With raucous devil-howls a murderous throng,
Lithe, painted tiger-forms, joying to kill
Your babes, and drive before
In mad stampede your frightened oxen strong,
Leaving the wagons desolate and still.

VII

Or when, no more by hostile tribes bestead,
Ye slow, with arduous, unfaltering toil,
Gained upland reaches, at its font and head
Drank of the Sweet Water, and passed to soil
Virgin, untrod save by the nomad's feet,
Smote on you then a chill and parching blast
From off Wind River's bleak, blue mountain-side;
And lo! a film of heat
Palpitant hung above the desert's vast,
Till with day's parting pageantry it died.

VIII

The known behind; before, the wilderness;
The continent outstretched beneath; all round,
Gaunt Famine's lowering threat. Still durst ye press
On, till the hoped for guerdon should be found.
How could ye thrid those haunts of death? No fear
Gripped your stout hearts, ye comrades, at the glint
Fateful of Donner, deep within his cup
Of darkling pines. No tear
Dimmed your firm gaze. Naught but a sigh gave hint
Of pity stirred within, full-surgings up.

IX

Then, then ye clomb Sierra's ramparts' strode
The summit of your Pisgah. 'Lo! behold
The Land of Promise!' Richer far it showed
Than Canaan to the wanderers of old. ,
O Souls intrepid! young, for ever young;
Careless of fame, but holding honor dear,
And conscience, God-bestowed, and liberty—
Great Conquerors unsung!
Your vision shall not fail. Clearer, more clear,
It shapes itself, informs the day to be.

THE WORK FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN ONE FRATERNITY

BY HARRIET BLAKESLEE WALLACE (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

The movement to build up scholarship is rapidly extending in all the women's fraternities, and university faculties are giving aid and encouragement.

The committee on scholarship in Kappa Kappa Gamma has been honored by the request from "THE CRESCENT" of Gamma Phi Beta to give a brief account of its work.

We first arrange to receive from the college authorities regular reports of the standing of all our members. In order to have the reports from different institutions on a uniform basis, we mark the grades "Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor" and "Failed." By thus eliminating figures from the marks, we are able to compare more justly the marks from various universities.

We then draw up charts or tables to show the percentage of work done in each grade by each chapter. To reckon these percentages, we first add the entire number of hours of work done by all members of a chapter, and then take the number of hours marked "Excellent" and compute the percentage that it bears to the whole. This we do with the other grades marked "Good, Fair" etc, and record the whole upon the chart. After making a similar record for all the chapters, we can see at a glance just what is being done by each chapter. When a chapter has 90% to 95% of all its work graded as "Excellent" or "Good," we consider the record well worthy of commendation. We make mention in "THE KEY" of those chapters which have the largest percentage of high grade work.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the work is the correspondence between committee and chapters. The committee aims to incite free discussion of ways and means to promote good scholarship; the chapters write enthusiastic accounts of methods and results.

Some of the suggestions that are being followed by many chapters are as follows:—

1. The adoption of a card catalogue system having a card for

each study with student's name. These cards are sent at regular intervals to the professors who record the standing upon the cards and return them to the chapter committee. The cards are then kept on file in the chapter hall or the president's room, open to inspection by all members.

2. The adoption of a rule to admit no new members unless their work reaches a certain average during the first semester, or during the time preceding initiation.

3. The adoption of chapter rules to provide for a systematic scheme of work, with definite hours for study and for recreation, and a limit to the number of social engagements; and the appointment of a monitor to see that the rules are enforced.

As to results, we believe that much advancement is being made, and that chapters are gaining in scholarly attainment.

NOBLE WOMANHOOD VS. RUSHING SEASON

From the View Point of Any Sorority Woman.

BY ETHELYN MILLER, (Sigma Kappa)

"Earth's noblest thing, a woman perfected," may be considered to express the foundation purpose of every sorority. Though given varied expression in our rituals and variously symbolized in our insignia, yet the effort of all sisterhoods is toward the same achievement—noble womanhood. And likewise, the girl we want is the same in each group. She must typify, actually or potentially, the social, intellectual and spiritual qualities which blend in noble womanliness. The girl who possesses these qualities may present herself in two guises, the girl to whom we may give, and the girl from whom we may receive, help.

And, similar again is the love we bear our sorority, whatever her name or emblem—that love which is not only sentiment but involved principles, and upon that elevated ground every sorority member commands the fellowship of every other Greek woman. With these like phrases in mind the evils of the present rushing system come vividly before us.

We all recognize in that something which we call atmosphere a force, subtle, pervasive and unconsciously influential. Peter, while warming his hands at the enemy's fire, was influenced by atmosphere, and denied his Lord; so we, in the deceptive warmth of surface considerations, are wont to think of acquiring for our chapter, wealth, individual beauty or popularity, and an atmosphere of social recognition based upon these things. But when the name of our sorority becomes a synonym for college social position it is well to examine searchingly into the spiritual condition of the chapter.

To these false estimates is added, in many places, the haste due to a short rushing season, and the hamperings of Pan-Hellenic agreements too often unwisely framed with a view to preventing freedom of intercourse between sorority girls and those whom they should wish to know well.

Do we stop to ask ourselves what are the objects to be attained in rushing? Is it not as thorough an acquaintance as possible with the new student, her standards, her manner, her surroundings, and, providing she prove pleasing to us, the winning of her to our membership? But should not this winning be based upon personality and congeniality, and not upon the lavish display and evident expenditure given our rushing parties? The proposition calmly considered—the girl who accepts our invitation to membership upon the basis of the cost and elaborateness of our functions is scarcely a girl calculated to maintain the high standards of our ideals or to manifest the type of womanhood which we so proudly claim for the members of our society; and yet, persistently, our expensive parties—not elaborate in the clever use of our wits, mind you, but in more ostentatious, competitive outlay of cash—contradict the spirit of our sisterhoods, and extend to the freshman the opportunity, nay importunity, to value us upon that very basis.

And again in the fear of losing a desirable girl, we stoop to infringements of the spirit of our Pan-Hellenic contracts, we condescend to slander or pick flaws in the fair fame of our sister societies, and we adopt measures incompatible with the tenor of the solemn vows we have taken to represent that honour which is finer than honesty, and that sisterhood which is universal in Christ.

And after pledge-day, what then? Shall we manifest that "thoroughbred spirit" which expresses respect, good-will, and which is congratulatory, to our sister sororities? Shall we maintain an attitude of friendliness toward the girl who was not elected, and who, on her side, may have feelings which were hurt, pride which was lacerated, and who, for all her non-election, may be worthy of friendship and social diversion?

Splendid indeed are the rewards which accompany the fulfillment of sorority ideals. Dignity, poise, serenity, a life enriched, broadened and ennobled with the lessons and experiences wrought into character by sympathetic friendships; all of these come in glorious fruitage to the sorority woman who lives close to her ideals.

DELTA ZETA SORORITY

BY RUTH LOCKWOOD GADDIS (Editor of "THE LAMP")

Miami University is the home of three national fraternities—Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi. In the early days, at the time of the founding of these fraternities, Miami was strictly a men's college; but, by and by, since all good things come in time, the girls arrived at Miami in great numbers. And, as one of the college songs declares:

"Now of late, thyself invigorated, larger usefulness awaits—

Youth and maiden throng thy gates."

October 24, 1902, some of these very maidens—six in number—met with the determination to found a sorority; not to organize a local which would petition and after a time be admitted into a national, but to make Miami University the home of a national sorority, as it was already the birth place of several national fraternities. The night of October 24, Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the institution was chosen Grand Patron of the Delta Zeta Sorority. By his aid, the ritual, constitution and by-laws were written; the charter of protection together with the privilege of establishing other chapters, was obtained from the state of Ohio; and a design for a pin, based on suggestions from the sorority, was accepted from one of the instructors in the Cincinnati Art School. Old rose and Nile green became the colors and the Killarney rose was chosen as the flower.

The years which followed were spent in strengthening the Alpha chapter. It was also the vital idea of the sorority to grant a charter only when the local chapter which petitioned and the university it represented were of the very highest type. So it was not until the spring of 1908 that the Alpha chapter saw fit to grant a charter; then, a band of girls at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, was made Beta of Delta Zeta. The following year, a local at DePauw University and one at Indiana University took upon themselves the vows of the sorority. In 1910, chapters were installed at University of Nebraska, and at Baker University, while this past year a local at Ohio State University has been made Theta chapter.

In the spring of 1910, our application to the National Pan-Hellenic was formed and in June of that same year, our national convention was held at Indianapolis. At that convention a sorority crest was adopted and within a few weeks, word was received that we were admitted into the Pan-Hellenic Conference. "THE LAMP," the official publication of the sorority made its initial appearance in December, 1910.

We are happy to have as our Grand President, one of our founders, Alfa Lloyd Hayes. There is one national alumnae association, local chapter alumnae associations and several territorial organizations. As this is our convention year plus the celebration of our tenth anniversary, we are anticipating a truly grand reunion.

BITS OF NEWS

(FROM THE EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.)

A letter from Isabelle White (New York Alumnae) gives a fascinating account of her interesting summer trip. We are glad to quote the greater part of it:

"Here is a brief outline of the trip. We left New York July 1 on the "Niagara," the smallest of French boats, and landed at Havre ten days later, after a very calm passage, which even so poor a sailor as myself could enjoy. From there, we went to Rouen, where we spent twenty-four hours, not the least gratifying of which were the *few* passed in the arms of Morpheus. Rouen was just recovering from the celebration of its thousandth anniversary, which must have been very interesting, judging from the post cards which fairly lined the streets. The town proved just as fascinating as when I saw it five years ago, with its narrow, twisting streets, its gabled Norman houses of black oaken beams and plaster, almost touching brows as they lean out to see what is going on in the streets below, its wonderful churches of pure Gothic, inspired and inspiring, and its busy quays along the swift river, beyond which rise the softly undulating hills. We spent a couple of hours of a bright morning on a hill overlooking the city and the beautiful valley in which it lies, a picture which stands out in my mind as one of the most satisfying of the many that passed before me. I saw only one change in the city, and that was that Jeanne D'Arc, has now entered into the churches, since she has become a full fledged saint. The statutes of her are less repellent, however, than those of most of the saints that disfigure these beautiful churches. I often wonder why it is that the French and Italians, who are so essentially artistic, and have such an innate sense of the beautiful, should erect such hideous emblems of religion. I suppose I haven't the seeing eye that looks beyond the symbol, my sense of the fitness of things is always outraged to such a degree that I can think of nothing else.

From Rouen, we went to Paris, where we stayed ten days, revisiting old haunts, and hunting out some new ones. We spent one delightful afternoon at Malmaison which is a more home-y royal residence than any I had ever seen. It is small and cosy, with attractive English gardens about it, much more pleasing to my eye than Versailles, with its pomp and artificiality. One can quite easily picture Josephine moving contentedly about the pretty

rooms and the quiet gardens until her selfish husband decided that she was an obstacle to his greatness. Another day was spent in the wide, beautiful forest of Fontainebleau, with its spreading beeches and sunny glades. Then we turned our faces southward to Italy. The leaning tower of Pisa leans just as much as it appears to in all the models with which we've been familiar from our earliest infancy, and with the cathedral, dominates the town which impresses one as being a poor, bare place. Even the Arno lends it no charm, but keeps all its poetry for Florence, which interested me more than any other Italian city I visited. The very stones in the streets seem to whisper the names of the great men who lived, and worked there, enriching by their genius, not only their city, but the whole world. Every part of the city appeals to me, from the beautiful Campanile of Giotto in the cathedral square to the outermost walls and beyond—to the summits of the olive clad hills that rise on every side.

From Florence to Venice is not so long a trip counted by hours; but when the mercury is disporting itself at the top of the tube and threatening to spill over, the journey seems interminable. I might write at some length of our adventures on the way, chief of which was our leaving the train at some station to get a drink of anything that was wet, and seeing the train pull out. Imagine our dashing madly about, trying to put together the few Italian words with which we had a speaking acquaintance, to ask where that train was going and if it would come back. Finally a nice soldier man appeared who spoke French and told us that the train would return—it was merely switching. Strange to say, he spoke the truth; the train did return, with our only hats and the rest of the impedimenta. We got the drink, too. We reached our destination late at night, went from the station out to the quay, stepped into one of the waiting gondolas, and felt that we had arrived in Venice. It seemed very mysterious and romantic, as we slipped along the narrow water-ways; hearing nothing but the cry of the gondoliers as we neared the corners. I felt that *that* was really Venice. When, however, the door of our room at the hotel was thrown open, I was convinced that we were being ushered into the seven-times heated furnace of the unpronounceables of the Old Testament. The heat was frightful until the very last evening of our stay, when the sirocco ceased blowing, and one could breathe. We spent half that last evening in a gondola, listening to the singing on the Grand Canal, and the rest, sitting in St. Mark's Square, enjoying a band concert. That last evening on the Grand Canal forms my happiest recollection of Venice, which appeals to me far less strongly than Florence,

in the lap of its green hills. From Venice to Milan, thence to Como, which is the most beautiful spot I saw in Italy; then back to Milan, with its pathetic Last Supper and its too ornate Renaissance cathedral. The exterior is so elaborate in detail that one loses sight of the design of the whole; but the interior is most satisfying—with the beautiful, upspringing columns of the vast nave, seeming to meet far above in graceful arches, a real forest in stone.

From Milan, we went to Grenoble, for the rest of the summer. The town, an old Roman city, lies in a basin-like valley, at the junction of the Isère and the Drac, two rushing mountain streams coming down from the snow capped mountains which rise on every side, as far as one can see. The country all about is surpassingly lovely. I left it most regretfully, for in spite of the heat, I greatly enjoyed the weeks I spent there. It is the custom of the university, where I did some work, to arrange week-end excursions for the students, to the various parts of that most interesting country. I took advantage of one of them to go to Avignon, a place which I have longed to see. We started early one morning, reaching the old city, with its wonderfully preserved cressellated walls, at noon. We spent part of the afternoon visiting the old papal palace, now in process of restoration, it having been very ill-treated by the soldiers who used it as a barracks until the city awoke to the fact that its most precious historic monument was fast being destroyed. We crossed the Loire, here very broad and swift, on an old ferry, roamed about the island in mid-stream—went out on the old bridge of Avignon "*où l'on y chante, l'on y danse,*" which played such an important part in the history of France, drove around the walls and explored the town until it was time to start for Orange, when I spent the most enchanting evening of the whole summer. Orange is also an old Roman town, and contains among other Roman relics, a theatre, very well preserved, which has been restored just enough to make it usable. As you know, there are a number of these old Roman theatres in southern France, all more or less well preserved. Of late years, festivals, of a week's duration are held in the old theatres, and the best actors France affords, go from one to another giving classic plays or operas. It was our good fortune to see "*Electra*" and the "*Two Helens*" given in the old theatre at Orange by the best actors from the *comédié Française* at Paris. The great amphitheatre, with its rows of stone seats, rising tier upon tier to the surrounding wall; in front the proscenium, transformed into a wooden stage, but without disturbing the trees that have grown up through the centuries, forming scenery and green-rooms; and behind the stage, a lofty wall—gaunt and

bare now, stripped by the relentless hand of the ages and the still more relentless hands of man, of all its former splendors—all gone, save two slender, graceful Ionic columns far up on its face. All this forms an ineffaceable picture. The grandeur of it is noble and touching. Once the thousands are seated, all lights are extinguished save the foot-lights, and one looks up into the soft darkness of the southern night, with its golden stars, and breathes the sweet air which suggests sun-drenched hillsides, fragrant vineyards and honey dripping heather bells, as one sits entranced before the unfolding drama. So wonderful are the acoustic properties of the place that every syllable can be heard without any effort. It is, as I have said before, the summer's happiest memory.

As August drew to a close, we had to leave, with much regret on my part, at any rate. We spent three days more at Paris, sharing in the excitement that attended the disappearance of the "Mona Lisa," taking one last peep at the things we love best, and doing the shopping in which every woman delights—in Paris. Thence to Cherbourg—to board the "Olympic" and then home, which we reached in exactly six days from the time we embarked at Cherbourg. I might add, for your edification, that sea-sickness is just as unpleasant on the Olympic as on any other boat, and mine lasted a great deal longer. We had very rough weather for the first three days, then fairer and fairer skies as we drew near this land of promise."

Ruth Guppy (Beta) who is teaching in the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, writes the following interesting news: "Friday, July 14, was Gamma Phi Beta day in Tacoma. In response to a cordial invitation from Myrtle (otherwise, "Bobbie") Powers, several Gamma Phi's met at her home on Proctor Street, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Those present were Bertha Powers Sohns, Bobbie Powers, Beulah Blackmore, Florence Jones and Edna Johansen from Lambda; Jennie Perry, (Mu), Florence Baker Hays (Gamma) and Ruth Guppy (Beta). The next meeting—July 25—is to be a luncheon and all visiting Gamma Phi's are most cordially invited to attend these gatherings."

Edith W. Hamlin (Alpha) has joined the ranks of playwrights. We quote from her letter: "I have been busy (outside my profes-

sional duties) with a play, so enclose you a program and press notice of the same. * * * * I occasionally see Grace Twombly Miller of your chapter here in Philadelphia * * * * Gertrude Hamlin McKee lunched with me before leaving for her summer home in Hamlin, Pennsylvania. She will remain there for some time as her husband is in poor health."

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.....Miss HOLZBAUR

BETTY PAGE (Corinne's sister who has just parted from her stage-struck husband)Miss HAMLIN

ROBERT PAGE ALIAS BROWN.....Mr. SMYTHE

CLAUDE ELBERSON (Bonnie's cousin, just returned from Paris)

.....Mr. KEENE

HERR SPIELMANN (Director of P. C. M. and in love with you'll

soon know who)Mr. WILSON

Scene, The apartment of Corinne and Jean.

Time 1950.

The Chandler Club, consisting of the faculty, alumni and advanced students of the Pennsylvania College of Music, ended an unusually brilliant season on Monday evening with an evening of music and an original comedietta entitled "Wanted—A Chaperone, or Does Advertising Pay?" written by Misses Hamlin and Holzbaur, members of the faculty.

This was pronounced the best play of the many presented by the club.

Beulah Steele Jenness, (Theta) who has made her home in Evans-ton is enthusiastic over the wearers of the crescent in that very delightful little place: "The girls here have been lovely to me inviting

me to their spreads and meetings. Mrs. Berry and Honta Smalley Bredin both live within a few squares of me. Mrs. Page the president of the alumnae is in the next square. I see her often for she belongs to two clubs that we do."

"I've been going to the Art Institute and taking a course in Decorative Design. This keeps me busy for I go five days in the week from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. with the extra time consumed in going and coming." Writes Inez Ridgway (Theta) from Chicago.

Milicent Hinkley (Alpha) who—if reports be true—is always doing nice things for people—has been sending her friends pretty little cards of her own design and handiwork—to be used on the walls of summer cottages. They bear the verses—

"This is just a summer cottage and it is rather small,
But there is room a-plenty to accommodate us all.
If we are only thoughtful and unselfish all the time,
The days will pass as gaily as a cheerful little rhyme.
We may be free and natural, but must have enough restraint,
Not to mar each other's pleasure or give friendship any taint."

Theta girls will be interested in the following extract from Grace Evans Shannon's letter. "While we were in Los Angeles we spent part of a day with Emma Stover Putman (Theta) in her pretty home and enjoyed a picnic lunch in her back yard."

Mary Lyons Dibble (Beta) is an editorial comfort—her letters are always full of encouraging words, helpful suggestions and bits of news. Lately she writes—"Smead School is Toledo's finest girls' school and ranks very high in this vicinity. The Misses Smead have had the management of it for many years, but at this Commencement saw best to give up their active work in that line. We Gamma Phi's in Toledo have felt pretty proud that it has been put in the hands of Miss Rose and Miss Grace Anderson who have been connected with it as instructors for some time. They are

Beta girls and I know their friends will be very much interested in hearing of it—and, too, there may be Gamma Phi's who will like to know of such a school for their own daughters and friends." The following items from the catalogue are of interest:

The school occupies two houses: the residence on School Place and the schoolhouse on Irving Street. The residence with its large and attractive rooms is admirably suited to its purpose. The situation affords an unusual amount of sunlight and air, and a pleasant outlook from all its windows.

The school is on the list of schools accredited by The North Central Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools—and also holds the certificate right from Smith, Holyoke, Wellesley and Wells.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO THE N. P. C.

BY R. LOUISE FITCH (EDITOR OF TRIDENT AND INSPECTOR
OF DELTA DELTA DELTA.)

That Pan-Hellenics—local and national have accomplished much is unquestionable. Possibly it is also undebatable that there is much more for them to do. My acquaintance with them, gained from attending several of its National Pan-Hellenic Conferences and from visiting, as a fraternity official, fifty colleges, is responsible for these opinions.

Each fraternity should elect a representative in whom it has enough confidence to give her practically power in N. P. C. She should merit their conference by being thoroughly acquainted with conditions in every local Pan-Hellenic in which her fraternity is represented, and by being fair and level headed.

Each fraternity should educate its chapters and other members in conditions at other colleges, in general fraternity subjects of common interest and in local Pan-Hellenic conditions. (We have not yet passed two motions advocated as worthy of adoption at the first fraternity conference in 1897, now being considered and discussed).

Above all each fraternity should completely uproot and destroy in each Chapter the old feeling "My king can do no wrong." This is essential to the accomplishment of anything at all worth while. No local Pan-Hellenic should be governed by *minority* rule, as is generally the case, one dissenting vote only being necessary to block all legislation, even to fixing pledge day. The vote in N. P. C. should not be equal among the fraternities, but proportionate, based perhaps upon age, and chapter roll.

We have accomplished much—but we haven't even made a faint beginning of what we might do. It has taken us ten years of annual meetings to get slightly acquainted. Let us consider every one else as honest, as fair, as trust worthy as we consider ourselves—and begin to do things.

THE ALPHA CHI OMEGA STUDIO AT PETERBORO

BY FLORENCE A. ARMSTRONG (EDITOR OF THE LYRE OF
ALPHA CHI OMEGA.)

"If chosen souls could never dwell apart,
In deep mid-silence, openoored to God,
No greatness ever had been thought or done;
The nurse of full grown souls is solitude."

Genius needs solitude and beauty. The genius of Edward MacDowell demanded solitude and beauty for the growth of his master pieces. He understood the seriousness of the need of the growing artist for these two things to nurture his growing productions, and sympathized fully with the young artist hampered by cramped surroundings.

"Why does not someone endow a building where workshops could be given as scholarships?" was his frequent query. MacDowell's own Peterboro House is a partial answer to this query.

In 1895, Mr. MacDowell discovered a deserted farm in New Hampshire, three hours ride from Boston. It lies at the foot of Mt. Monadnock, and was a spot of the wildest beauty, covering two hundred acres, of which one hundred and fifty was forest. This farm MacDowell bought, and in the years that followed transformed into a home, an estate that combined the natural wild beauty of the hills and forest with comfort and order.

This spot MacDowell came to love above every place on earth. Here were produced the greatest of his compositions. He longed to make of it an artists' colony, but financial limitations prevented, and his health was failing. Gladly he turned the estate over to the MacDowell Association, including most of America's great artists in every field, and entrusted to them the completion of his plans.

It was thus that Peterboro House became an artists' colony, to which creative artists in any sphere are eligible to election. Studios have been built, and are building, and their use is conferred

upon the chosen artists as a scholarship. The first studio was built by the young women of Barnard College, and is known as the Barnard Studio; the Barnard girls have the privilege, in consequence, of recommending Barnard alumnae, if they wish, for its occupancy. One studio has followed another. One of the early studios built was the Alpha Chi Omega Studio.

Fay Barnaby Kent, a member of the MacDowell Club of New York, and one of MacDowell's pupils, saw the significance of the project, and presented to Alpha Chi Omega this opportunity of helping to nourish the life of Art in America; as the Fraternity's foundations had been hewn out of the principle of nourishing the Arts, and as Mrs. Kent was a well beloved Council member, the chapters responded at once, and the Alpha Chi Omega Studio has become a reality.

It is an attractive studio, deep in the forest, with perfect privacy secured by its distance from the other studios. It is, in size, eighteen by twenty feet, with square colonial porch, tiled. A closet for cooking, and a big fireplace add to the comfort of the spot.

To this nook, where there is inspiration in the very atmosphere, the worker goes in the morning from one of the dormitories, and a rich day's work, free from interruption, awaits him. At noon, luncheon is brought in a basket from the main house. At night all the artists repair to the common dining room for dinner, and then spend an evening of delightful social intercourse at the main house.

Only the use of the "workshops" is given to the artists; their board is paid by all, at the rate of one dollar per day.

The oversight of every thing is in the hands of Mrs. MacDowell, who is giving her life to the carrying out of the wishes of her husband. To the numberless duties of Peterboro House, she has added the supervision of the memorable pageant at the estate in 1910, and this past year though she has been very fragile indeed, she has given, throughout the United States, a lecture-recital of MacDowell's compositions. A young woman has accompanied her, singing the MacDowell songs. To the contributions of Mrs. MacDowell's indefatigable energy, much of the success of the colony is due.

While time is required to spread the fame of the Peterboro colony abroad, and establish its traditions, it is already a glorious institution. Alpha Chi Omega is glad to be able to send thither, year by year, one of her number whose creative genius will be enriched by the associations and the ideal environment of the colony.

HISTORY OF ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

BY GEORGIA A. DICKOVER.

In 1871, only one year after the founding of Syracuse University, a fraternity chapter for men and another for women was established there. The growth of chapters continued to keep pace with the increase in enrollment until, in the first year of the new century, there were seven national fraternities for men and seven for women represented. In 1904, however, the still urgent need growing out of the unprecedented increase in matriculation was met by the establishment of two more sorority chapters, one of them, Alpha Gamma Delta, being an entirely new organization.

On the evening of the second day of the month of May a very small group of girls met in the room of Marguerite and Estelle Shepard at 620 South Crouse Avenue, and discussed, not without grave misgivings, the beginnings of our fraternity. Many were the whispered conferences and exchanges of messages in the halls and on the campus of old Syracuse during those real May days, but before they had passed, an organization had been effected, pins secured, and on May 30, notices were boldly sent to the various city and college papers telling of the foundation of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity with the following eleven charter members: Jennie Clara Titus (Mrs. C. H. Smith) '05, Lamar, Colo.; Marguerite Shepard, '05, Forestville, N. Y.; Ethel Evelyn Brown, '06, Euclid, N. Y.; Flora M. Knight, '06, Bath, N. Y.; Georgia Otis, '06, Wolcott, N. Y.; Estelle Shepard, (ex-'07) '08, Forestville, N. Y.; Emily Helen Butterfield, '07, Detroit, Mich.; Georgia Alberta Dickover, '07, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Mary Louise Snider, '07, Walden, N. Y. (now of Concepcion, Chile); Edith Ethel MacConnell (Mrs. C. R. Hickok), New Berlin, N. Y.; Grace Robertson Mosher, (ex-'07) '08, Parish, N. Y.

The regular meetings for the first year were held in a large room, which occupied the entire third floor at 1005 E. Genesee Street. In recalling them now it seems as if, at the meetings in that unpretentious room, some most important decisions were made, and a tremendous amount of work accomplished during that first year

together. Here we adopted as our official badge a bright golden monogram of the three Greek letters with the Delta plain, the Gamma chased, and the Alpha which may be jeweled, superimposed upon the other two. As a pledge pin we designed one which has the Alpha and Delta slightly tilted against a straight Gamma. Here we chose the deep red and buff roses with their rich green foliage as our cherished floral signs; here we sang our first songs and here we voted to grant our first charter to a group of a "darling dozen" in the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, and on June 16, 1905, they became our Beta chapter.

Even before Beta had received its charter the opportunity for establishing a chapter at Old Wesleyan was warmly welcomed and in 1906, Zeta Epsilon, a local fraternity of over twelve years standing became Gamma of Alpha Gamma Delta. However, through the action of the college trustees which prohibited women from entering Wesleyan after 1909, the course of a few years must see the dissolution of Gamma as an active chapter. Soon other groups were organized and installed as chapters at the state universities of Minnesota, and Kentucky, and DePauw University and Goucher College. Zeta chapter at Ohio University was formerly Alpha Alpha Alpha, a local fraternity of six years good standing and Iota at University of Washington was formerly the local Theta Phi. The alumnae of Syracuse, Wisconsin, Wesleyan, Minnesota and Ohio are also organized in five strong associations.

The first and second national conventions were held in Syracuse and the third one at Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. Besides important legislation, each one has added something of lasting value. The first convention adopted the fraternity crest which had been designed by Emily H. Butterfield '07 of Detroit, Mich., who is a close student of heraldic symbolism. The second convention authorized the publication of the Alpha Gamma Delta magazine which has just completed its second volume, and the third made possible a splendid new song book which is now being published. Each chapter has a well written historical record and a part of the national history has already been published. May 30 is each year observed as Founders' Day.

THE PEORIA PAN-HELLENIC

The Peoria Pan-Hellenic was organized in April, numbering thirty-nine representatives of nine national sororities, three Alpha Chi Omegas, six Alpha Phis, eight Delta Delta Deltas, two Delta Gammas, three Gamma Phi Betas, three Kappa Alpha Thetas, five Kappa Kappa Gammas, seven Pi Beta Phis, and two Sigma Kappas. The object at present is social consisting of three large luncheons a year and informal one o'clock luncheons on the third Saturday of each month in the Schiffer and Block tea-room. Any sorority girl in Peoria on that day will be most cordially welcomed.

The officers elected were—Mrs. Clara Lynn Fitch, K A Θ, president; Mrs. Irma Brenning Terlume, A Φ, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Barnes Haskins, Δ Γ, secretary; Miss Louise M. Miles, A Φ, treasurer; Miss Cassandra A. Gild, K K Γ, corresponding secretary. Executive committee, Mrs. Charles T. Wyckoff, K K Γ, chairman; Mrs. Hugh S. Weston, Π B Φ; Mrs. Arthur Allen, Π B Φ. Entertainment committee, Mrs. G. L. Avery, Π B Φ, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Frazier, Δ Δ Δ; Mrs. Berne Mead, Δ Δ Δ.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When the suggestion was made by our Editor, that the CRESCENT would soon be out, and that a farewell message would be acceptable, the thought at once presented itself, that this passing from office and from our Executive Board, should not be and is not to be, a farewell to our Sorority, but rather, our Commencement.

With the service on the Executive Council, has come the opportunity to know and appreciate Gamma Phi Beta, nationally.

Since we have come to know and view the Sorority at a wide range, rather than in the limited circle of our individual active and alumnae chapters and have come to feel the importance of every act of a single chapter to our Sorority Nationally, we must now, profess a different and a deeper interest in the importance and well-fare of our National organization.

During these years we have been brought into close contact with each active and alumnae chapter on our roll and have come to understand something of the inner life of the individual chapters.

The endeavor on the part of the active chapters to keep up the standard of scholarship, we believe, to be the most important.

Our Alumnae Chapters are for the most part, devoting themselves in various ways, to assisting the active chapters.

The one thing that has made the greatest impression, is the deep and unwavering loyalty of the members of our Sisterhood. We had no conception of this devotion, previous to the time of our appointment on the Board.

Our unwritten motto seems to be "Always ready for service." During the past two years, we have failed to make an appeal for assistance in any department, that has not met with a hearty response and a willingness to undertake the work suggested or to attempt, at least to solve the problems as they were presented.

At the time when our former Editor-in-chief, Anna Dimmick, (Zeta '99) found it necessary to give up her efficient and painstaking work on the CRESCENT, the administration was slow to accept her resignation but finally acquiesced.

Rumors of Lindsey Barbee's (Theta '99) successes in editorial

and literary work had come to us at various times and after presenting the situation to her, she concluded to accept the undertaking.

You have all recognized Miss Barbee's inestimable worth, we are certain, and we speak for a continuation of your support of the CRESCENT, both by your contributions to its pages, as well as by your subscriptions.

Then there is the instance of the loyalty of Carrie E. Morgan, (Gamma '86); a woman whose time is fully occupied with large responsibilities in her position as Superintendent of Schools in Appleton, Wisconsin, and whom we were able to convince that her Sorority needed her trained mind and business-like methods in the conduct of the office of Business Manager of the CRESCENT.

When Marion Dean accepted a position to teach in Honolulu last spring and Boston Alumnae was suddenly called upon to appoint some one to take up the work of the secretary of our Executive Council, Elizabeth Putnam, a former president, came to the front with her experience and at once entered into the duties of the office and will continue in her well-known capable manner to look after it all until Convention time. Then Mary E. Sheperd, (Delta 1903) another loyal sister will take up the reins of our government.

Miss Shepherd is a busy woman: a teacher in the Lynn, Mass. High School. We are told that she is a modest little woman but an untiring worker in the interest of Gamma Phi Beta as well as in other lines.

We are happy to have this opportunity to introduce Miss Shepherd to the Sorority and to be able to assure her of the support and good cheer of every member of Gamma Phi Beta.

We have only endeavored to bring to your notice, some of the more recent evidences of loyalty to our Sisterhood, and we feel confident, that with all the forces at our command concentrated on the one object, the success of our Sorority, that we cannot fail in our undertakings. The best we can wish for our successors is that they may meet with this same willingness for service and with the continued cordial co-operation on the part of each and every chapter as well as the individual members of Gamma Phi Beta.

MABEL E. STONE.



THE national Pan-Hellenic claims our interest and our enthusiasm; the local Pan-Hellenic will eventually bring order out of chaos; the Pan-Hellenic spirit, theoretically, belongs to all of us—an intangible thing until some deed of good fellowship makes us realize just how potent a factor it is. An evidence of this Greek bond—an example of the willingness of one sorority to help another—is given in the present issue of *THE CRESCENT*. It was no little thing for your editor to ask a busy woman of each organization recognized by the National Conference, to give her time and energy in behalf of the Gamma Phi magazine; but editors dare do all that may become their profession, and as a result we have the wisdom, the achievements and the suggestions of other sororities—all of which we may read, may ponder and may put to practical use. Our own ideas, our own doings, our own contributions have heretofore been faithfully crowded between the covers of our magazine; we have devoted time and space to our own alumnae, our freshmen and our seniors; why not enlarge the vision and learn of the work of our fellow Greeks? Why not profit by their knowledge of the great and vital subjects that belong to the Pan-Hellenic world? If this number of *THE CRESCENT* quickens the interest of its readers in sister organizations, if it brings the realization that we are one link in the chain of Hellenism, that it behooves us to keep our link strong, bright, beautiful and shining, the effort will not have been in vain. To those who have been so courteous, so cordial and so generous in their help, who have made our pages interesting and instructive, we are deeply grateful; we can but repeat the words of the editor of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*—"Do we believe in Pan-Hellenism? Till death us do part. There is a species of Pan-

Hellenism that has grown into a large and flowering plant without seed-time or cultivation. We could preach a sermonette on that theme."

THE CRESCENT now boasts a Business Manager—one whose ability in practical lines is unquestioned. This new member of the staff is Miss Carrie E. Morgan who holds the responsible position of city superintendent of schools in Appleton, Wisconsin. Miss Morgan is a loyal and interested alumna of Gamma chapter, always ready to give her best efforts to the organization; and under her able management, our magazine must surely grow and flourish. The following message she sends to THE CRESCENT readers:

"Gamma Phi Beta has over fourteen hundred non-active and alumnae members, and less than five hundred of them are subscribers to THE CRESCENT. What THE CRESCENT needs more than anything else is the support of its alumnae. Sample copies of this issue of the CRESCENT have been sent to a limited number of alumnae. If you are one of the favored ones, will you not reciprocate the favor by sending in your dollar for a year's subscription?"

If the dollar has not been received before the issue of the January CRESCENT, it will be understood that you do not wish to become a subscriber and the January number will not be sent.

Show your loyalty to your sorority by helping her in the way in which she most needs your help."

NOT long ago, a very enthusiastic member of our sorority was present at a gathering not in her own home city. During the course of the evening, one of the guests, spying the Gamma Phi pin, casually remarked, "What is your sorority?" A trifle amazed and quite convinced that "not to know *my* badge argues yourself unknown," the wearer of the crescent gave the desired information. "Is it national?" was the next question. And yet the speaker was herself a member of an old and prominent Greek letter society! All of which leads up to the text—"Know thyself first, and after

that, study the Sorority Handbook." If a sorority has no chapter in your college, the more reason that you should learn its history; if you are ignorant of those societies lately admitted to the Pan-Hellenic Conference, it will repay you to read of their remarkable growth and ambition. A college woman who is not well-versed in the current topics of the day is not true to her heritage; the sorority member who does not see beyond the boundary of her own province and who is not alive to the existence, the growth and the achievements of her fellow Greeks may be a loyal but not a progressive member of her order. We talk much these days of the Pan-Hellenic spirit; does not this very spirit of good fellowship demand a knowledge *of* each other and a vital interest *in* each other?

WE had determined, contrary to the usual policy, not to bring the chapter correspondent into the public eye—but the temptation is great and apropos of the preceding editorial, we cannot refrain from the following suggestion. Why not devote a part of the chapter letter to the doings of the other sororities in college? Our girls have not the monopoly of cleverness, of originality, of ambition or of achievements—and while, of course, the readers of the magazine are most interested in their "very own," still it will help to give us a "birds-eye-view" of Greek life as it may exist in the different institutions of learning. If Theta gains special honor, if Kappa has a clever stunt, if Tri-Delt does something very worth while, isn't it all worthy of chronicling? And doesn't it insure a clearer vision and a broader horizon?

'TIS said that the women of the present day do not know how to relax. Their muscles are tense, their faces are set and they fail to gain power through repose. College is a miniature world, and now when the firmament is bright with the constellation of freshman stars, when the sorority telescopes are turned full upon them, it is time for the mad astronomers to quiet each throbbing nerve, to ease their weary bodies and to rest from strenuous effort.

Relaxation and rushing—the words are alliterative but not synonymous; what a wise little band we should be if we could make them so! After the excitement is all over, after the star has become a fixed one, beware of too much exultation. If your good fortune has been gained by the loss of others, do not let your freshman feel that, after all, it is the victory that counts, not her little self. If the star passes beyond your sight, be generous, be a graceful loser; be able to meet your conqueror with a friendly hand clasp and a word of greeting.

FEW of us realize how much wisdom, patience, and tact is needed in the guiding of our ship of state; how carefully our pilot must turn us aside from the rocks of mismanagement, the shoals of misfortune and the quicksands of mistakes. For two years, Mabel E. Stone our president has labored zealously in our behalf; she has wisely solved each problem, she has been tireless in her efforts for Gamma Phi's growth and prosperity. Beset with many other duties, she has given us a very part of herself; conscientious in each detail of her work, she has strengthened the organization; and Gamma Phi Beta is grateful.

WHAT can be said concerning convention that has not been said before? The city itself offers many attractions; the business to be transacted is important; the delegates themselves are well worth knowing; the happiness of being together is best of all. The pleasure gained will be immeasurable; the friendships formed will be lasting; the information acquired will be inestimable; the inevitable inspiration and enthusiasm will be invaluable to the individual and to the chapter. On to convention then—make it the grandest gathering in the history of Gamma Phi Beta!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The most important announcement we make is that of the appointment of Miss Carrie E. Morgan as Business Manager of THE CRESCENT. Therefore send to Miss Morgan all subscriptions, all business communications and all lists of alumnae who are not already subscribers.

The next issue of THE CRESCENT will be Convention Number, and each Gamma Phi who attends the gathering at Boston is hereby appointed reporter upon the staff of the magazine. She is requested to send to the editor all snap-shots of delegates, of officers, of Gamma Phi groups and of historic places; accounts of happenings outside of the regularly scheduled program; any items that will be interesting to readers.

Each senior of 1911 is receiving a copy of this October CRESCENT and it is taken for granted that she will become a subscriber. The first year out of college is a trying one in many respects; one misses the routine, the glad, free life on the campus and—most of all—the girls. Don't lose track of your chapter; keep informed of your sorority's progress—and at the same time, help materially. Be a loyal alumna and send your dollar to the business manager—for silence on your part will mean that you desire your name to be taken from the mailing list of the magazine.

There are still subscriptions that have not been paid. Personal appeals even seem to be fruitless and we make a last plea in the pages of THE CRESCENT for the dollars that we so need in the carrying on of the work.

Chapters! Be sure to send the names of your delegates to Delta chapter as soon as possible. Early communications help to avoid confusion at the last.

Delegates! Be prompt in making your arrangements with the entertaining chapter. Remember that your hostesses are busy and that they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



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Send all Chapter Letters and Personals to Miss White.

Next letter must be in her hands Dec. 1.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters: Alpha is very happy to write to her Gamma Phi Beta sisters, for we can give you the good news that we at last have a beautiful new house. Our thoughtful alumnae moved our belongings in the early part of September, and when we came back we found our new quarters ready for us. Of course, we have had many parties and teas already, for who wouldn't be proud to entertain in such a place? Sunday afternoon, the seventeenth, we served tea to several of the freshmen, Monday, the eighteenth, we gave a party and entertained our guests with some impromptu charades and stunts. On Tuesday, Matriculation Day, and also pledging day, we gave a rushing breakfast and gained several freshmen for Gamma Phi Beta. Tuesday afternoon Alice Graves, Alpha, '98, gave us a garden picnic at her house, and we had a delightfully informal afternoon. Several of our city girls helped us give a progressive dinner Wednesday evening, and even this prolonged list doesn't begin to tell you of our many rushing stunts.

Alpha is proud to introduce to you thirteen pledges, Zade Light-hall, Dorothy Potter, Gladys Timmerman, Kathryn Sears, Katherine Dawley, Marion Barker, all of Syracuse, Augusta Briggs of Homer, N. Y., Florine Deuel of Middletown, N. Y., Helen Leete of Detroit, Michigan, Gladys Fearon of Oneida, N. Y., Ruth Holdridge of Medina, N. Y., Marion Bretz of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and Grace Beaver of Coeymans, N. Y.

We are glad to welcome back to college Pauline Ballou, '13, and Lucile Peirson, '13, who were not in college last year. Ethel Snyder comes back after a year at Randolph-Macon College, and Bertha Dodson has re-entered college after a year in Europe. We are sorry to lose Ruby Beckley, '14, who cannot return this year.

College is just getting into swing again, but in spite of all our classes and work, we find plenty of time to be good Gamma Phis. We wish all of our sister chapters a successful year, and hope that we may see some of you at convention which comes so soon.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Another season has rolled by, and autumn with his great harvest baskets filled to overflowing has stepped into the warm place that summer has occupied. Already the smell of frost is in the air, and the cold biting winds from the north herald the coming of winter. All the dying leaves and flowers hang wilted upon their stems, and vegetable life seems tired and weary of this earth; and as the bronzed and shrunken leaves sway listlessly to and fro, they seem to echo the sigh of the pine trees, and since they have done their duty are glad to die.

This feeling is not echoed in the hearts of Beta chapter, however, for each and every one of us is full of life, and energy and ambition for our sorority. We will have a great opportunity of showing our loyalty, too, for there is much work ahead of us. Just before college closed last summer the owner of our house informed us that it had been sold, and that we must vacate within a month. For a week we hunted the whole town over, looking for a desirable house, and finally secured one which, though it does not come up to our regular standards we are obliged to take. We all signed a pledge to return by September 19th, to settle and rush, and so with high spirits we are now hurrying from all parts of the country towards Ann Arbor, where we plan to secure the finest freshman class in college. We feel that we are very fortunate in already having eight pledges, Dorothy Garrett and Margaret Hoyt of Kalamazoo, cousins of Pauline Kleinstück, Beta, '14, Meta Shirmer of Saginaw, Marion Davis of Owosso, Marie Brooks of Detroit, and Helen Crane, Marion Scott, and Myra Conklin of Ann Arbor. As most of these pledges will enter the university this year, with a few others we will have an ideal freshman class.

In many ways we do not feel that our move is an unfortunate one, because now we are more sure of having our own house for 1912-1913. Our alumnae have already purchased a beautiful lot, covered with trees, on one of the most desirable streets of the city, and plans are now being drawn for the house, which when ready will undoubtedly be the finest and most complete sorority house in Ann Arbor. The alumnae are just as anxious as we are about it, and they are making every effort to hurry things along.

The last few weeks of college were busy ones for all of us, for six of Beta's girls were preparing for graduation, and every one was trying to have as much fun as possible before the long separation. Over Decoration Day all but five or six of the girls went to the nearby lakes and summer resorts for houseparties, and just before Commencement week many again attended these pleasant parties. Motoring and canoeing were also sources of great enjoyment, some of the girls taking trips of several days' duration. We felt very honored, too, to think that Edna Thuner, '12, was elected president of the Women's League, the greatest women's organization in the university. She won this honor with a big majority, and with no effort to gain votes except her own capability and great popularity with the girls on the campus.

Ethel Smurthwaite, one of our seniors, graduated from the School of Music, and the newspapers in Ann Arbor and Detroit all claimed that her recital was the best that had ever been given in the school. The hall was filled to overflowing, and the great bouquets of flowers that were showered upon her, showed the high esteem in which she was held.

We enjoyed the Senior number of the CRESCENT immensely, but were sorry to say farewell to all of the Gamma Phi Beta seniors; still they are not lost, for with their advent into the world, each and every one will probably feel more closely bound to her own chapter and to the sorority as a whole.

Beta trusts that all of the chapters will have a most successful year, and that each member has had a happy summer.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Back again, and all of us mightily glad to be here! It surely does seem good to climb the old hill once more—even though we do puff and gasp a good deal until we get used to climbing again—and to see everyone smiling and happy, all of them pleased to think they were not graduated last spring. Of course we are "gladdest" of all to be back in the dear old Gamma Phi lodge, with the best girls in the world.

And now we are looking forward to the time when we shall welcome into our chapter the new Gamma Phis who as pledges have already endeared themselves to us. Our rushing this year was so well managed that it was a real pleasure rather than a burden, and we feel very proud of the results. We have pledged eleven girls, among them three Gamma sisters, namely Katherine Ryan, Stella Hayden, and Ernestine Spencer, the sisters of Margaret Ryan, '09, Gladys Hayden, ex-'12, and Marian Spencer, ex-'13, respectively.

Our other pledges are Agnes Boling, Anna Kellogg, Margaret Puster, Elizabeth Kreis, Potia Miars, Jessie Sumner, Hildegard Hagerman, and Mildred Harrington. On the evening of October fourth we held the formal pledging service.

Bess Farrel, who took her A. B. degree last spring, is back again taking advanced work on the hill. Clara Jensen, a Gamma girl, but who spent last year at Minnesota University, and Grace Burgard, who left college at the close of her freshman year in 1909, are also with us, and Harriet Brown of Theta chapter has transferred to Wisconsin.

A number of the girls were here just during rushing, among them Hazel Houser, '11, Gertrude Wright, '09, Marian Spencer, ex-'13, Marie Mabis, ex-'12, and Irene Wilson, ex-'13.

Several of the girls are planning on going to convention. Ruth Cotton and Clara Jensen are delegates, and they are certainly looking forward to their visit to Boston with keen delight.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

MEMBERS

Celia Marshall	Ruth Norton
Elizabeth McClelland	Ruth Paul
Helen McNeil	Rachel Rice
Alice Moulton	Helen Clark
Mabel Page	Jeanette Collins
Eda Tarbox	Constance Flanders
Florence White	Lucy Ford
Susan Williams	Millicent Harrison
Ruth Bartlett	Elsie Jordan
Marguerite Brant	Margaret Osgood
Ruth Hatch	Edna Simmons

Dear Gamma Phi Beta Sisters: The summer has taken wings and flown, as summers have a way of doing, and in a very few days we Boston girls shall be back at college, deep in plans for convention. We want you to have such a good time here that you will regret to leave, and wish to come back. Some famous man (I think it was Thoreau—we are going to show you where he lived) once said contentedly that he had been born not only in exactly the right place, but also just in the nick of time. All the active members of Delta chapter echo his words; for of course Boston is the best place in the world, and we fortunate people are congratulating ourselves that convention comes in our time.

The event of the summer was the houseparty, which we held at Point Allerton immediately after college closed. We had a very large cottage, right on the edge of the ocean, and spent two very merry weeks there. One Sunday there were twenty-six at the house,

and you may picture to yourselves what a good time we had. Another day at Allerton, the girls entertained Professor Sharp, his wife, and four boys. He is our English Composition teacher, and if you want to know more about him, read his essays in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

After the houseparty came Silver Bay. Five Gamma Phis went from Boston,—Celia Marshall, Alice Moulton, Mabel Page, Marguerite Brant, and Rachel Rice. Harriet Goodridge, a Delta alumna, chaperoned a delegation from Wheaton Seminary. The girls had the pleasure of meeting several other Gamma Phis from Syracuse, Barnard, and Baltimore. One afternoon they all went off together on a launch trip, and held a meeting on the launch. It is a great thing to be able to become acquainted with girls quickly, because of the common bond and interest in Gamma Phi Beta.

The girls who were in Boston this summer had two good picnics, one at Revere Beach, and one at Nahant.

The Round Robin letters show that some of our girls have been busy bees during the summer, and some have been frivolous butterflies. Some have been bees part of the time, and butterflies the other part; this is a development unknown to biology, but Gamma Phi sets aside the laws of science whenever it is necessary.

Of the class of 1911, four are going to teach,—Belle Dalton, Margreta Hastings, Agnes Hayward, and Maud Hodges. At the latest report, Esther Lurvey had not decided upon her vocation,—she was too busy with her vacation. Our versatile school ma'ams are going to teach everything under the sun, subjects "too numerous to mention," as freshmen say.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls: How good it will be to hear from you all again, and to know what you have been doing through the long vacation! The summer has simply flown by, and it is hard to realize that we have not heard from each other for over four months.

Although Epsilon girls have been scattered, we have managed to keep in close touch with each other by means of houseparties, rushes, camping expeditions, and so on. L. Louese Wheeler, Mary Richardson, Dorothy Winchel, Florence Holdebrand, Francis Fischer, and an equal number of Delta Upsilon, spent a week camping near the Kankakee River. Nelle and Ardis Ade and Mabel Sell entertained Zita Murphy, L. Louese Wheeler, and Mildred Ross at their homes in Kentland, and from there they all went to Onarga, Ill., where they spent another week at the home of Louese Wheeler. Another camp-

ing party consisted of Nelle and Ardis Ade, Ruth Eastman, L. Louese Wheeler, and Mabel Sell.

The annual banquet in June, which was held at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, was attended by many alumnae and members of the Chicago alumnae chapter. Persis Rollins was toastmistress.

During the summer we have had some very pleasant rushes, combining forces with Gamma, and entertaining at a beach party, a luncheon, a theater party, and just a plain party. Our regular rushing season begins Sunday, September 24th, and of course we have planned the usual number of luncheons, dinner, dances, spreads, and so forth, at which many of the alumnae will be present. Despite the fact that we lose eight of our last year's members, there are sixteen old girls returning. Our losses include one senior, Edna Luke, who won Phi Beta Kappa, and who will teach this year in Hampton, Kansas; two, Ruth Warrington and Gladys Whittam, who are matrimonially inclined; one, Ethelda McClure Clafford, who has already indulged; and several who have not made their reasons known to us.

Hoping that the year will bring success and happiness to every chapter, Epsilon sends love to you all.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We Zeta girls are still rather widely separated, for college does not open until September 25. With rushing season looming up in the distance, however, letters have fairly flown back and forth from loyal Gamma Phis and we have discovered promising material in the new freshman class. Zeta has many friends who are entering college this fall, and after our three weeks "season of rest," and three weeks of strenuous rushing, we hope to announce a list of freshmen worthy of our sorority.

In June we held initiation twice, and Marion Jones, '14 of Baltimore, and Grace Atkinson, '14, of Philadelphia, became full members of the sorority.

From all accounts the summer has been a most happy one for the whole chapter. Our fraternity friendships, formed during the winter at college, were strengthened by reunions at the shore and in the mountains, where we found that the very jolliest way to enjoy good times is to share them with other Gamma Phis who are sure to be kindred spirits. Zeta was represented at Silver Bay by Lilia House, '13, and Margery Sawyer, '14.

At Asbury Park Gamma Phi had two reunions, attended by Elizabeth Sells, Helen Dingle, Mrs. Cannon, Caroline and Isabel Kline,

Marion Jones, and Mrs. Moore, all of whom are Zeta girls, and Mary Huntington of Delta. Charlotte Romberger and Margaretta Williamson spent five weeks with a camping party, in the Pocano Mountains of Pennsylvania. Mathilde Omwake and Isabel Kline visited Margaret Handy at her home in Smyrna, Delaware. Lilius House and Grace Atkinson visited Margery Sawyer at her summer cottage on Lake George.

Zeta has very much enjoyed knowing Mrs. John Watson (Mary Ickes, Epsilon, '05) who is now living in Baltimore, near the college. Dr. and Mrs. Watson have two delightful children, John and Mary, who have found fast friends in our whole chapter.

Two Gamma Phi sisters were married the early part of this month—Lou Tiede to Dr. Haeckman of Gilsen, Germany, and Helen Wetherald to Mr. William Moore of Sandy Spring, Maryland. Although these girls are not Gamma Phis themselves, we consider them at least "adopted," and wish them all possible happiness.

Of Zeta girls the following will teach:—Kezia Manifold, '09, biology in the high school at Poughkeepsie, New York; Jean Thornburn, '09, anatomy in the Pittsburgh high school; Elizabeth Barnes, '11, in York, Pennsylvania; Irene Blank, '11, in Raleigh, North Carolina; and Faye Myers will study this winter at the School of Civics and Philanthropy in Chicago.

Zeta wishes you all the very best of luck in rushing and a most successful college year in every way.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This semester has started us on a new epoch of our university life, marked particularly by the opening of the magnificent new Doe Library. The 1915 class, which Professor Henry Morse Stephens aptly calls the exposition class has a larger percentage of girls than any previous one and this has made rushing much more exciting. Our local Pan-Hellenic has again had simple rushing and matriculation pledge day, with even greater success than last year.

But to turn to more personal matters. On September 9th, Eta initiated nine fine girls. They are Beth Hoyt, a sister of Alice Hoyt, Eta, '10, Marion Norvell, a sister of Florence Norvell, Lambda, '10; Margaret Garthwaite and Dora Atwater, both of Oakland, Katherine Philleo of Corina, Emily Stewart of Visalico, Luzina Denio of Vallejo, and Imogene Mason and Ida Hale of Berkeley. We feel very proud of this large class, and expect to have an informal dance for them this week.

Aside from rushing, the girls have been taking an active part in

college affairs this term. You all know that Loraine Andrews, '12, is president of the Associated Women Students for this year, and several other girls are on standing committees of that body, as well as of the Young Women's Christian Association. Margaret Hodgen, '13, is an associate editor of the *Occident*, and Gertrude Comfert, '13, is secretary of the Girls' Mandolin Club. We are exceedingly proud of Lurita Stone, '14, who has made the part of Lucrezia in "Paola and Francesca," the English Club play for this fall.

THETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

"For 'tis clubs that are triumphant when we rush for Gamma Phi—
And 'tis clubs we would be using when the hostile force is nigh—
Yet when doughty foes beguile,
We are pleasant all the while,
We would fight—but we must smile
When clubs are trumps!"

Dear Girls of Gamma Phi Beta: Out from the dizzy, maddening whirl of rushing season, "when rushers madly rush and gushers gladly gush," Theta emerges to send you greetings.

College opened the eleventh of September, and for a week we have rushed and smiled and hovered as near the ethereal borders of sainthood as we dared. How can a girl go any way but Gamma Phi, if she has the opportunity, yet isn't the freshman a sphinx? It is lucky that Oedipus lived in the ancient, mythological days before dainty freshmen were thought of; for, though he was so apt in answering the riddle-propounding Sphinx of Thebes, undoubtedly he would have been routed by this modern enigma, and lost both his life and his text-book notoriety.

Isn't it all exciting, exhilarating, and tantalizing? One more week and then we shall hear the answer of the sphinx. May Theta find that she holds all the highest clubs and be able to tell you of her wonderful new girls!—Dear unsuspecting maidens, what a wonderful store of advice and warning our sophomores will give them.

We started to entertain early in the spring for the high school seniors and our freshmen by giving a series of beefsteak fries which proved very popular. Several of the girls were hostesses, also, at charming card parties just before commencement, so that when the summer vacation opened we were acquainted with many of the girls we wished to rush this fall. During the summer there was the usual round of card parties, teas, theater parties, and picnics, at each of which we had a few new girls.

Just before college opened we gave a progressive luncheon at

the homes of six of the girls. The first course was the D. U. course, and this was followed by the freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and Gamma Phi courses. The place cards were cut in the traditional Theta class mascots, the club, heart, spade, and diamond, and, as Lindsey Barbee composed the verses for them, you know that they were cleverly written. Both active and alumnae girls met at the last house, and we spent a merry afternoon singing and discussing our vacation experiences.

Pan-Hellenic allows us only two formal rushing stunts after college opens. We gave the first, a musical, on Friday afternoon at the home of Irene Poole, and on the evening of the twenty-third, will give a dance at the Brown Palace Hotel. From a Gamma Phi standpoint the musicale was delightful. Each day Theta Phi stands more proud of her talented members.

May each chapter of Gamma Phi Beta have the happiest success during rushing season, and enjoy her rushing stunts as much as Theta has!

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We feel glad to greet you again after vacation, and hope yours was as pleasant as ours. Since our last letter so much has happened that it seems almost impossible to tell it all here. On May thirteenth Frances Rogers, '12, gave a dance at her home in Babylon, Long Island, and announced her engagement. After this event Margaret Hart's and Ethel Richardson's engagements were also announced.

We were well represented at the conference at Silver Bay, and all our girls returned full of the good times they had had, and of the many Gamma Phis they had met there.

We had our house party at Point Pleasant, New Jersey, on June the twelfth. Only seven girls could attend, but that did not hinder them from having a wonderful time. Besides, they had lovely weather, which is something no other Iota house party has enjoyed for a long time.

We have not been able to have a meeting since our return to college, as the girls are so busy arranging schedules, looking over the freshmen, and being nice to the sophomores, who by the way, are now nearest our hearts, as it is among their number, we must get our initiates. Louise Cones, '13, will give a party for a number of sophomores at her home in Hackensack, New Jersey. We hope to send, in our next letter, the names of our new pledges.

Best wishes for a splendid term to all the chapters from Iota.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Autumnal tints in the landscape and a certain crispness in the atmosphere serve to remind us that college is at hand. We are in the midst of that familiar confusion which always accompanies the opening of college. We are swarming over the campus, greeting old friends and making new ones, meeting our instructors, overhauling our books, and assuring ourselves that it is to be a banner year in every respect.

We are established in our new chapter house at 1014 University Avenue S. E. We moved during the summer, and it required a great deal of work to get it in shape for rushing. The downstairs rooms are in brown, and Mrs. Crooker made us a lovely and very timely gift in the shape of new curtains. Since college has started one always finds animated groups of girls about the fireplace and piano, and the house has begun to assume that pleasant livable look which we want our college home to wear.

The strenuous rushing season which commenced the first of August is over, and we are proud to present you with eight Gamma Phi pledges, girls whom we feel sure will live by Gamma Phi standards and sympathize with Gamma Phi ideals. There are three sisters among them—Louise McGilvra of Milaca, Enid Wilcox of Virginia, and Helen Clark of Minneapolis. The others are Ella Morse, Gertrude Hagy, Helen Crane, Gertrude Prescott, Jeanette Welch, all of Minneapolis, and Marion Brown of St. Paul.

Before the mad excitement of rushing, before the long lazy vacation days which we all appreciated so much, were commencement and the attendant festivities. The class play was a comic opera called "Know Land," written by Edgar Allen, a senior, and a brother of one of our girls. It was a huge success, and we were all very proud of Ruth Fagundus who took a leading part in it. Anne Hull, Mary Haupt, Julia Bell, and Ruth Fagundus were our seniors, and took their degrees in June. We do not know what we shall ever do without them.

During May we held our banquet and also our formal dancing party. The former took place at the Radisson Hotel, and about sixty Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, attended. Rewey Belle Inglis was toastmistress, and the toasts were entitled the names of well known books. The formal was held at the Minnekahda Club, a picturesque place on the shores of one of our pretty lakes.

We have told you some of the results of the spring elections and the honours which they brought to Gamma Phi. Later, Eunice McGilvra made Quill, a society of women interested in creative

writing, and was appointed Album editor of the "*Gopher*." Also Lynnfred McMahon was elected president of the Women's Athletic Association.

Kappa chapter wishes her sister chapters all good luck in the college year ahead, and to Gamma Phis everywhere she sends many loving greetings.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: With weary bodies, but happy hearts, Lambda comes to talk to you all once more. Our strenuous fall rushing has just come to a close, and as a result of it we have eleven splendid new Freshmen to introduce to you. They are Geraldine Doheny, Airdrie Kincaid, Emma Schmitz, Margaret Meany, all of Seattle; Dorothy Saunder, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Bonnie West, of Lewiston, Idaho, Josephine Eisenbeis, of Port Townsend, Wash., Mabel Springer, of Olympia, Wash., Nell Tower, of Marshfield, Ore., Palma Lee, of Everett, Wash., and Helen Brown, of Valdez, Alaska.

The method of rushing this year, although somewhat better than last, was not satisfactory. Pan-Hellenic decided upon two weeks, only luncheon and dinner dates to be made on college days, open rushing Fridays from noon on, open rushing on Saturdays, Sundays absolutely closed. We feel that every sorority here is with us in seeking a more sensible and effective method, and we wish we might hear from some of you who feel you have solved the problem.

Lambda often wonders if there is the same ideal co-operation of active and alumnae girls in all sororities that there is in Gamma Phi. We have such glorious times together. It is just like a big family, all of whose children, no matter what age, can work and play together in perfect harmony. The tie that binds is indeed very strong, when a girl who has been out of college five or six years, calls up in the midst of getting her two young sons off to school, to find out what girls we are at that moment pledging.

We are most fortunate this year in the return of two of our most enthusiastic sisters, Florence Lewis, to the active chapter and Theresa Preston McCarthy of the alumnae. Mrs. McCarthy is not yet here, but we are expecting her at any time.

Ethel McGinnis, a Lambda pledge, has gone away for a two months' trip and expects to visit both the Theta and the Mu chapters.

Lambda sends best wishes for the coming year, and lots of love, to every Gamma Phi.

MU—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last chapter letter was sent to the CRESCENT, we have initiated a new member, Dorette Jones, from Seattle, Washington, and since our rushing season is over we have four pledges, Grace Helmirk, of St. Helena, Montana, Gladys Allen of Los Gatos, California, Florence Mackaye and Lois McCoy of Los Angeles, all of whom are dear sincere girls, sure to be the right kind of Gamma Phis.

The summer months were happy ones for all of our girls, and each has come back to college with a surplus of energy and spirit. Perhaps the most interesting event of the summer was the house-party held at Balboa, one of the southern beaches, in the last week of July. About fourteen of the girls were there with Mrs. Palmer, who was our house mother in 1910.

Rushing season this year was limited to a month, and though there have been unpleasant features connected with it, as a whole the season was unsuccessful, and strengthens our belief in the benefits of a short one. Three of our alumnae were with us for a part of the season, Sarah E. Bundy, '10, Florence Forbes, '09, and Mildred Hayes, '11. Of course the attitude which one of the national sororities has taken towards Pan-Hellenic has been most unfortunate, and no definite action regarding it has been taken for next year.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: How glad we are we're Gamma Phis! How often Nu chapter quotes our dear Theta sister, and says with feeling "We're the best bunch in college!"

As we look back upon the year just past, it seems one of the shortest and happiest in our lives. Commencement week came too soon, the time when we realized that six of our members, whom we all love so well, Gertrude Holmes, Helen Beach Pearl Wilbur, Sophie Catlin, Edith Woodcock, and Beulah Bridges, would leave us, and become a part of our dear alumnae. Many of our mothers, fathers, and the older girls came back to see our proud seniors obtain their degrees.

Just the week before commencement we gave our annual spring banquet at the Osbourne Hotel, for the alumnae members who had returned. The table was spread in the Japanese tea room, and toasts, songs, and general talks from our alumnae filled our hearts with more and more love for Gamma Phi Beta, and sent us away determined to grow in the way our more experienced sisters pointed out to us, as we know it must be the true one. Lilah Stafford,

Ruth Duniway, and Gladys Farrar were the alumnae present. Next year by means of systematic letter writing, we hope to have all of our graduates with us at the annual banquet.

Vacation scattered us broadcast. The beach, the mountains, the lakes, and the ranches—each claimed its devotees. However, some remained in the city, and Newport proved to be quite a Gamma Phi Beta center. Picnics and bonfires were given there to entertain the girls who gave signs of having the characteristics that typify a Gamma Phi Beta. One evening Ruth Duniway, Grace Bean, Esther Carson and Flora Dunham entertained about fourteen of their friends with a motor boat trip around Newport Bay, and with "eats" afterwards at Judge Bean's cottage.

The Portland girls have been hostesses at several teas, and many long motoring trips have been given for girls who enter the university this fall as freshmen. One delightful motoring party was given by Florence Cleveland from Portland to her country home at Gresham. The day was ideal, and we all felt as one guest expressed it: "This day has all seemed like a happy dream!" Just Thursday of the last week before college opened a motoring party was given by the Portland Gamma Phis, and tea was served at Marie Zimmerman's home later on in the afternoon.

This week-end finds all of our girls busy packing, getting ready to enter upon the most promising year of the chapter's existence. Every one of the girls is going back this year, and we are enthusiastic over the girls we consider worthy to be Gamma Phi freshmen.

Nu chapter truly hopes that the coming year looks as big and bright to each and every one of our dear sister chapters as it does to us, and here are the very best wishes for the success of all from the Gamma Phis at Oregon.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: After a pleasant vacation we send our greetings. The first news that suggests itself at this time is rushing. Until this year we have had no Pan-Hellenic, for the chapter of Delta Gamma was not installed until the beginning of this college year. Since there were no rushing rules, rushing began as soon as all of the old girls arrived. We are happy to say that we had the best of luck this season, and now have eleven pledges, of whom we are very proud. Our new girls are Beth Soulen, Irene Tosney, Katherine Skillern, Dorothy Ellis, Grace Boldger, Claire Sharkey, Laura Whitwell, Lois Rowley, Marguerite Means, Margaret Butler, and Flo McConnell. Beth Soulen was pledged last

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: As Boston alumnae chapter looks forward to convention, she sends to all Gamma Phis most cordial greetings which she hopes to repeat in person to a great many when they visit the Hub in November.

This summer we planned to repeat our last summer's plan of holding a meeting each month, as we enjoyed them so much. But, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the July meeting was omitted. Now if anyone should tell you that it was the fault of "yours truly," the associate editor, please do not listen to her; although she seems to have a most remarkable ability to forget things, she pleads innocence in this case. In August Katherine Whiting entertained the chapter at her home, and as Katherine is a perfect hostess, it goes without saying that each one who went enjoyed herself thoroughly. In September the meeting was held with Beth Hacker in Lynn, right near the grand old ocean, and at this meeting we elected officers for the coming year.

To our delight the Putnam girls invited us to their summer home in Danvers for the October meeting. We had such a good time there last year that we are looking forward to it with much pleasure, you may be sure. After that the meetings will be held at the rooms of the active chapter. The address is not known yet, nor the time when the meetings will be held, but we will surely tell you later so that any one of you who happens to be "doing Boston," this winter, may know where to call and see us.

Convention is the chief thought in our minds now, so of course it is the chief topic of conversation in our meetings. We do hope that many of you will come, and that we may be able to give you "the time of your lives." Come one, come all, and enjoy our Boston baked beans.

NEW YORK

Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: I am not a CRESCENT correspondent at all and I cherish a grudge against whoever is for she refuses to present herself and write this letter. And in such a mood, you may expect a very cross one from me. I have had a perfectly lovely summer, and I hope and trust that the rest of the chapter have too, but I can't say, for they do not write letters as you may judge for yourselves when you see me appearing in these pages once more. It ought to be in order just here to say that I am just in the spirit for starting a lot of hard work, though I truly would like having four more months of vacation.

spring, the day after her graduation from the preparatory department.

Just before commencement last June, we initiated three more alumnae members of our local chapter, Mary Prather, Cidroe Reeves, and Geraldine McCown.

CHICAGO

No letter received.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Those of you who have realized your dream and seen your own chapter house grow, stone upon stone and stick upon stick, while you watched the mails for the wherewithal to purchase those sticks and stones, know the thrills and joys of Alpha's summer. Wherever a few of us have gathered together, "the house" has absorbed all interest, and the joy of giving has been increased a hundredfold by selling each other everything from cake to neckties "for the cause." We have discovered the deep—and substantial—interest of many of our friends, as well. Now college has re-opened, the comfortable, beautiful home is filled with twenty happy girls,—and we're glad we did it!

Syracuse alumnae has had no meeting since our last letter, for in place of the spring luncheon at a certain famed table near Skaneateles Lake, the active chapter joined us there in the annual spring banquet, heretofore held at the chapter house.

The week after college opened, several of the alumnae opened their homes for a "progressive dinner," to aid in rushing, but as the girls already have fifteen fine freshmen pledged, further exertion on our part has not seemed necessary. We groan steadily about the "frightful system" of pledging directly after matriculation,—and truly it is a matter requiring serious consideration,—but we do like the looks of this freshman delegation!

The worst charge ever brought against Syracuse alumnae is that we like ourselves so well that we neglect to join the University Alumnae and kindred associations. We are going to try to do better, and perhaps by the next letter we'll be distinguished enough in a public way to talk about. At present, we rest in peace—and smile upon that new house.

The chief topic of conversation, when any one does get together with herself, is convention. We are all going—we expect to have the time of our lives, individually and as a whole, and we just can hardly wait.

All of our news is weddings, and all our bills are from the same source—you know how it is yourselves. Last Thursday we all went to see Helen Worrall married. It was a pink wedding, and very pretty and impressive with the bride's grandfather to read the service. Wednesday a week Helen Aiguier is to become Mrs. Warner at a yellow and white affair, and we expect to have a very good time at this wedding. Margaret Hart and Marguerite Reynar had lovely weddings in the very early fall, and there are more coming.

If I had not the above mentioned "grouch" I might enthuse a lot over the Iota girls becoming A. B.s and MRS at the same time almost.

The only news items from the New York Alumnae are "teaching again." We will tell you all the rest, and when we meet in Boston you will all be there too.

MILWAUKEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Milwaukee alumnae chapter sends greetings and best wishes for the coming year, but regrets that she has so little to report. Our last meeting in the spring took the form of a delightful luncheon at the home of Margaret Ryan in Milwaukee, and the June meeting was omitted as so many members were out of town.

During the vacation months we were all widely separated. Gertrude Ross spent her time in the mountains of Colorado, while Laura Case Sherry motored through England. The Wisconsin lakes proved very popular with all of us, so that we have come back to town thoroughly rested and ready for the winter.

Our sincerest sympathy has gone out to Margaret Ryan in the sudden death of her father, Timothy E. Ryan, a very prominent man in the state.

On September 23rd, Gertrude Ross entertains the alumnae members and the active Gamma girls at her home at luncheon. The university opens the next week at Madison, and we are much interested in the plans for the coming year.

SAN FRANCISCO

No letter received.

DENVER

If the good fairy were to grant three wishes for 1911-1912, what should we Denver alumnae ask? First—that our year's work may be helpful, not only to us but to others; second—that we may be brought into closer touch with the active chapter; third—that the true Gamma Phi spirit may be found in each one of us.

Did we tell you in the last CRESCENT about the Pan-Hellenic luncheon where more than one hundred sorority women sat down to the numerous little tables decked with pink carnations and toast-cards in double brown—all in honor of Gamma Phi? The toast scheme is so clever that we shall insert it—

A banquet of the Greeks there'll be—
With a toast for you, and a toast for me.

TOAST-MISTRESS

MISS LINDSEY BARBEE

Gamma Phi Beta

- Milk Toast (The Freshman) Sigma Kappa
 "She's young—so very young," you say—
 That fault decreases every day.
- Soft Toast (The Sophomore) Kappa Alpha Theta
 Oh Soph'more cunning; Soph'more wiles—
 Oh subtlety of Soph'more smiles!
- Buttered Toast (The Junior) Chi Omega
 The Junior maid will suavely say
 The proper thing in the proper way.
- Cream Toast (The Senior) Delta Delta Delta
 Note-books and text-books—life full and free—
 Knowledge, a little bit—and a degree.
- Hash on Toast (The Alumna) Delta Gamma
 Sunshine and shadow; laughter and tears—
 Memories sweet of the college years.
- Burnt Toast (The Flunker) Kappa Kappa Gamma
 The cap and gown; the dread A. B.;
 The laurel wreath—are not for me.
- Dry Toast (The Faculty) Pi Beta Phi
 This master of many an ancient tongue—
 Does he ever smile? Was he ever young?
- French Toast (The Sorority Girl) Alpha Phi
 "Then, here's to ourselves!" we gaily cry;
 "We're true to the Pan-Hellenic tie."

After this festivity came the supper at the lodge, given in our honor by the active girls, where we threw our dignity to the winds, sat on the floor as of yore, and lustily sung the dear old songs. Commencement came before we were aware of it—and five Gamma Phis were made Bachelors.

In June we began to scatter—and we kept on scattering until there were not enough left in the city to have the summer meetings

which have always been our specialty. But even if we were not busy in Gamma Phi affairs, we turned our attention to things hymeneal, for three of us chose this very time to become brides. Edith Wallace—loyal and true from the time when as an irresponsible freshman she giggled continually in meeting—quietly married the man of her choice, while we were all away; Daisy Dillon brought to a climax the pretty romance of her college days; Carolyn Wolfe considerably waited until we returned, and then amid a very bower of flowers wedded her Phi Psi man. To these three new Gamma Phi brothers we offer our sincere congratulations and are duly grateful that they are not taking their wives to the uttermost parts of the earth!

Then, there are babies galore to chronicle. Nelle Woodard Ault and Edith Boughton Denious are very proud of their adorable little Gamma Phis; May Wheeler Shattuck, Edith Garrigues Painter, and Lisle Brownell Milton are just as proud of their wee laddies. Speaking of babies, Elizabeth Ramey Lee brought her small son to Denver not long ago, and to celebrate her visit, Janet Newkirk Birkins gave a most delightful card party where we welcomed Nelle Woodard Ault, Marion Moore, and Daisy the bride; and said good-bye to Clara Sperry ere she left for Porto Rico.

September has been full of pleasant reunions; we alumnae are busy with our plans for the coming year; we are eagerly discussing convention. At present, we all are anxiously awaiting pledge day of the active chapter, and are doing our best to convince the very attractive freshmen that we are equally attractive. Theta generously includes us in the list of guests for the musicale and dance, and we are just as excited as they over the outcome of this strenuous and incapacitating season.

May the coming year be rich in Gamma Phi blessings for all of us!

MINNESOTA

No letter received.

PERSONALS

Kittie Lee Bishop, Theta, is visiting in Cleveland.

Allene Seaman, Theta, spent September in Denver.

Helen Brown, Iota, is going into Y. W. C. A. work.

Margaret McNeil, Theta, is visiting in Kansas City.

Agnes Bassett, Epsilon, spent the summer in Crystalia.

Saida Baechtold Crosby, Theta, is now residing in Denver.

Winifred Morse Kinne, Beta, has returned from a trip abroad.

Clara Sperry, Theta, will teach in Porto Rico, the coming year.

Aurill Bishop, Iota, is working for her Master's degree at Columbia.

Elinor Culton, Theta, is back in New York, pursuing her dramatic work.

Adeline Snapp, Zeta, '13, will probably spend the winter in Texas.

May Farquhar, Alpha '11, of Boston, visited Syracuse in September.

Helen Aiguier, Iota, spent the summer at Glen Eyrie, Lake George.

Edna Stitt, Iota, '06, recently enjoyed an automobile trip to Niagara.

Lindsey and Helen Barbee, both Theta, spent the summer in Missouri.

Lucile Timberlake Stover, Theta, is convalescent after a serious operation.

Dorothy Bell, Kappa, '13, spent the summer studying in New York City.

Helen Newbold, Iota, '09, is taking a six weeks' trip through the middle west.

Bess Rothemel, Eta, '99, has gone to Columbia University for two years' study.

Kate McGraw, Beta, '04, is taking post graduate work at California University.

Harriet Brown, Theta, '13, will attend the University of Wisconsin this winter.

Ruth Fagundus and Anne Hull, both Kappa, '11, have gone to Porto Rico to teach.

Mrs. Clara Worden Wilcox, Alpha, our "first initiate," will winter in California.

Mary Palmer Babcock, Epsilon, has returned from Berlin, and is now living in Boston.

Christina McLennan, Alpha, '09, has gone abroad for a year's travel and musical study.

Eva Davis and Mildred Hansen, both Denver alumnae, spent their vacations in California.

Katherine Hardy Dickson, Gamma, '92, and her daughter, Ruth, have gone to California to live.

Augusta and Louise Putnam, both of Delta, have returned from a very pleasant trip to Alaska.

Bessie Bowen, Theta, '13, who has been in Wyoming for a year, spent the rushing season in Denver.

Mary Crary Moore, Theta, has been in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, where she has had a summer cottage.

Elinor Pudor, Alpha, '10, of Savannah, Ga., spent the summer visiting friends in and about Syracuse.

Alice Hoyt, Eta, '10, has gone east to visit for a few months. She expects to visit Delta chapter while away.

Marie Allen, Kappa, ex-'14, will attend Bradford Academy, at Bradford, Massachusetts, the coming year.

Louise Iliff, Theta, has left for an extended visit at "The Breakers," her summer home in Santa Cruz.

The houseparty of Ruth Hakes, Iota, is one of our happiest memories of this vacation, writes Sara Rome, Iota.

Mary LeConte Hoffman, Eta, '07, has been visiting at her old home, but expects to return to Mexico shortly.

Winifred F. Draper, Alpha, '11, will spend a year in the Cincinnati Training School before returning to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jackman (Ethel Houser, Gamma, '00), spent a month in Yellowstone Park this summer.

Emilie Treadway, Alpha, '08, has resumed her duties as assistant principal in the high school at Park Ridge, N. J.

Mrs. William J. Graham, Alpha, '00, has returned to her home in Brooklyn, after spending a few weeks in Canada.

Eunice McGilvra, Kappa, entertained a group of Gamma girls at her home in Milaca, during the month of August.

Lilian Cole, Beta, now Mrs. Durrell, with her husband and daughter, spent a month in Ann Arbor this summer.

Persis Rollins, Epsilon, has left Chicago for an extended trip in the east, not expecting to return until the holidays.

Annie T. Chapman, Gamma, '90, and her mother, of Williamsburg, Virginia, spent the summer on the coast of Maine.

Katherine Sullivan and Maud Hart, both Kappa, who spent the winter in Southern California, returned to Minnesota in May.

Marion Moore, Zeta, and Wanda Seeman, Beta, spent the summer in Denver, and were Theta's guests at several fall rushing stunts.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Howard Gowing (Deirdré Mace, Alpha,

'08) stopped in Syracuse on their way home to Burnsville, W. Va., after a summer in Europe with Professor and Mrs. Mace.

Frieda Hansen, Epsilon, has been called to Sioux City, owing to the death of her father, Mr. Ferdinand Hansen, on September 25.

Mrs. Ralph Robinson (Corinne Lewis, Alpha, '98) who spent the summer visiting friends in the north, has returned to her Florida home.

Eleanor Reynolds, Theta, '11, who is taking a course at St. Luke's Training School for nurses in Chicago, spent her vacation in Denver.

Elizabeth Hacker, Delta, has given up her position in the high school at Hudson, Massachusetts, to accept one in the Everett High School.

Gretchen Lydecker, Beta, spent part of the summer in Port Huron, Michigan, and Isadore Scott, Beta, and family, motored through the east.

Laura Hutchins, Epsilon and Zeta, who spent the summer abroad, going with Dr. Flick's party, of Syracuse, N. Y., will spend the winter in Berlin.

Tallulah LeConte Elston, Eta, '04, has returned from her honeymoon trip through Europe, and has a cozy little home near the Gamma Phi house.

Florence Trowbridge and Helen Gowing, both Alpha, have returned to their teaching in the Syracuse High School after vacation trips in Europe.

Edna and Frances Gearhart, Eta, have been visiting the chapter. Frances will have an exhibition of her water color drawing in San Francisco this month.

Grace Evans Shannon, Theta, had a delightful summer in California, where she saw Emma Stover Putnam and Edna Iliff Briggs, both of Theta chapter.

Mrs. Allan Dawson (Nell Perkins, Gamma, '91) has returned from a summer trip abroad. Her home is in New York, her address being 45 East 12th Street.

The members of New York alumnae chapter at Iota's house-party were Edna Stitt, Helen Newbold, Sara Rome, Hazel Plate, and Edna Fink, all of Iota.

Henrietta Pyre, Gamma, '01, will teach in the high school at Highland Park, Illinois, this year. Adah Grandy, Gamma, '01, is also a teacher in this school.

Professor Minnie Mason Beebe, Alpha, of the College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, has published a French Grammar for use in high schools and colleges.

Ethel Clark, Theta, '13, returned from California, and spent a couple of weeks in Denver, leaving for Grand Lake where Jessie Austin, Theta, '13, was her guest.

Elizabeth Stephenson, Theta, '11, and Marguerite Stephenson, Theta, '14, have moved to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where Marguerite will enter Bucknell College.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nielson (Helen Steensland, Gamma, '89), and family have decided to make their permanent home in California. Their address is Altadena.

Catherine Douglas, a Beta pledge, and a sister of Margaret Douglas Bement and Helen Douglas Creelman, died in Ann Arbor after a long illness of tuberculosis.

Mary T. McCurley, Zeta, '10, has returned from Porto Rico, and will spend the winter in Baltimore. Jessie Gore Frost, Zeta, will also spend the winter in that city.

Nell Watts, Theta, and Bess Brown, Zeta, have returned from Maine. Marie Ohle, Zeta, who spent part of the summer at Chataugua, New York, has also returned.

Mrs. A. S. Goodyear (Ella Davis, Gamma, '93), has moved with her children from Tomah to Madison, where she will make her home. Her address is 15 West Gilman Street.

Mrs. William B. Heroy (Jessie Page, Alpha, '08,) and little son, John, of Washington, spent July and August in Syracuse, during the absence of Mr. Heroy on the Government Geological Survey.

Eda Burkhalter, Edith Hoop, Genevieve Knight, Blanche Champ-
lin, and Irene Seltzer, all Theta seniors of 1911, and Jessie Austin, Theta, ex-'13, are the new names upon the list of the Denver alumnae chapter.

Ada Tucker, Theta, '14, is teaching school this winter near Brighton, Colorado, and Genevieve Knight, Theta, '11, will be a substitute teacher in the Denver schools this winter. Irene Seltzer, Theta, '11, is teaching in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

The mountain resorts have been popular with Denver Gamma Phis: Lucia Patison Young has been in Shawnee, Mabel Walker Edwards at her summer home in Glen Park, Irene Poole at Glen Elk, Mamie Gallup in Pine, and Theo Price Hough (Alpha) at Grand Lake.

Several former Theta girls have been in Denver during the summer—Grace Twombly Miller of Philadelphia; Ruth Wallace of New York; Nelle Woodard Ault of Fort Collins, Colorado; Elizabeth Ramey Lee of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Marion Moore of Cincinnati.

Dorothea Curtis Chickering, Gamma '02, and Barbara Curtis

Rose, Gamma, '04, and children spent the summer with their mother at Ashland, New Hampshire. Mrs. Chickering's address is 783 Foxdale Ave., Winnetka, Illinois, and Mrs. Rose's is 5717 Magnolia Ave., Chicago.

Iota girls are busy as follows: Ruth Hakes has a position in Mt. Kisco, N. Y.; Helen Lavitz is teaching at Westfield; Laura Bennett has a school in Danbury, Connecticut; Helen Wilkes has a fine position in Philadelphia; and Grace Gilleandean teaches French and German in Mamaredo.

Theta girls spent the summer as follows: Muriel Steele, '13, in Michigan; Frances Hoop, '14, and Harriet Brown, '13, as guests of Grace McDonough, '12, at her summer home in Glenn Park; Blanche Champlin, '11, in Nebraska; and Belle St. Clair, '13, Elizabeth Hessler, '13, and Belle Connor, '12, in the mountainous village of Brookvale, Colorado, where Jean Mentzer, '13, taught summer school.

Denver Gamma Phis are very proud of Helen Hersey, Theta, who, after several years of study in New York, made her musical début in this city on the evening of September sixth. We quote from a Denver paper:

A strong but mellow mezzo-soprano voice, perfectly controlled and pliantly molded to interpret the varying moods of the compositions which she sang, and to which her charming personality added the winning touch, delighted about 500 Denver society people last night as they listened to Miss Helen Hersey at Wolcott auditorium. The occasion was a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Hersey in honor of their daughter, who has lately returned from New York, where she was the pupil of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Toedt.

Miss Hersey rendered the following program in a most delightful way:

EARLY ITALIAN AND CLASSICAL GERMAN AIRS

Se tu m'ami, se sospiri	<i>Pergolesi</i> (1710-1736)
Se Florindo è fedele	<i>Scarlatti</i> (1659-1725)
An den Sonnenschein	<i>Schumann</i>
Lachen und Weinen	<i>Schubert</i>

EARLY AND MODERN FRENCH

Connaissiez-vous mon Hirondelle	<i>Pierné</i>
Bergère Légère	} Bergerettes and Pastourelles of the XVIII Century arranged by Weckerlin
Menuet de Martini	
Paris est au Roi	

MODERN SONGS

Bohemian Cradle Song, from the Opera "Hubicka"	<i>Smetana</i>
Two Folk Songs	<i>Chadwick</i>
The Messenger	<i>La Forge</i>

FOUR AMERICAN INDIAN SONGS

From the Land of the Sky Blue Water	<i>Cadman</i>
The White Dawn is Stealing	<i>Cadman</i>
Far Off I Hear a Lover's Flute	<i>Cadman</i>
The Moon Drops Low	<i>Cadman</i>

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell (Loretto Carey, Gamma, '07), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Durkee (Henrietta Brown, Delta, '03) a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morris (Lillian Horsey, Zeta) a daughter, in June.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Milton (Lisle Brownell, Theta) a son, John Bly, Jr., on July 7th, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Beal Banks (Gladys King, Alpha, ex-'10) a son, Robert King, on August 14th, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wadleigh (Harriet Budd, Alpha, '91) a daughter, Esther, on June 13th, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes (Merriam Ernhout, Alpha, '00) a daughter, Mary Ann, on April 21st, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Winton Ault (Nelle Woodard, Theta, '07) a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on April 22d, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coombs (Sue Bird, Mu) of Banning California, a son, Richard James, in February, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Tanner (Julia Worth, Theta, ex-'12) a daughter, Elizabeth Grant, on September 22d.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shattuck (May Wheeler, Theta) of Greeley, Colorado, a son, Daniel Wheeler, in June, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Hawkins (Mable Whitney, Alpha, '10) a son, Daniel Whitney, on September 2d, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Townsend (Christine Reed, Alpha, ex-'09) a daughter, Elinor Reed, on June 30th, 1911.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Denious (Edith Jean Boughton, Theta, '04) a daughter, Emma Boughton, on August 26th, 1911.

Norine Graves Little, Mu, '10, now living in Pasadena, California, is the mother of a baby boy, Robin Little, Jr., who is now about two months old.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David S. Painter (Edith Garrigues, Theta) of Telluride, Colorado, a son, Dwight Garrigues, on May 26th, 1911.

ENGAGEMENTS

Katherine Scranton, Zeta, '09, has announced her engagement to Mr. Paton of the Consular Service at Seoul, Korea.

The engagement of Olive Curtis Beaver, Alpha, '11, to Dr. John White of the Albany Medical College, has been announced.

Ruth Warrington, Epsilon, whose engagement to Mr. James Harold Gilson was announced in the spring, is to be a bride of November.

Stephanie Clark, Alpha, '10, has announced her engagement to Mr. Robert Meleney, Alpha Chi Rho, of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, '11.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, has announced her engagement to Dr. Sawyer, who is connected with the medical department of the university.

The engagement has been announced of Cecil Harrold, Eta, '07, and Mr. Henshaw Dana of New York City, the marriage to take place this winter.

MARRIAGES

Ethelda McClure, Epsilon, ex-'13, was married in May to Mr. Harry Clafford.

On June 17th, Bess McCain, Zeta, was married to Mr. Charles Dahlinger, of Pittsburgh.

The marriage of Marguerite Reynar, Iota, to Mr. Clarence Osmun took place on August 31st.

Hazel Milverstadt, Gamma, and Mr. Louis Herbert Conger were married in Milwaukee on June 15th.

Moselle Weld, Epsilon and Gamma, and Dr. Olaf J. Hagen were married on June 24th, at Moorhead, Minnesota.

Helen Worrall, Iota, was married to Mr. Clarence Haight on September 26th. Their home will be Hibbing, Minnesota.

Elsie E. Hatch, Delta, '08, was married to Mr. Paul Emerson Wadsworth on September 28th. Their home is to be in Virginia.

The marriage of Maude Terry, Gamma, and Mr. Lawrence Graham Johnson took place on June 14th at Brodhead, Wisconsin.

On August 20th, at her home in Fayetteville, occurred the marriage of Edith McLennan, Alpha, '09, to Mr. Carl Spencer of the same town.

Helen Aiguier, Iota, and Mr. Richard Warner were married on October 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Warner will reside in Upper Montclair, N. J.

Hazel Pierce, Eta, '07, and Mr. Percy Thurston Hincks, a brother of Florence Hincks, Eta, ex-'10, were married in San Francisco, on August 27th.

On June 21st, at Des Moines, Iowa, Sarah Shute, Epsilon, '07, was married to Mr. George Kraetsch. Florence Wallace, Epsilon, was maid of honor.

The marriage of Olive M. Hunt, Alpha, '10, to Mr. Arthur Stanley Herrick, of Syracuse, took place at the bride's home in Clyde, on August 16th.

Margaret Hart, Iota, became Mrs. Edward Strong, Jr., on September 6th. Mr. Strong is an instructor at Columbia, and their home is in New York City.

Della Barnhart, Mu, ex-'10, was married to Mr. H. H. Fitting, a Stanford man of the class of 1909, at her home a few miles out of San José, on September 20th.

On July 29th, Daisy Dillon, Theta and Denver alumnae, was married to Mr. John Stephenson, Beta Theta Pi. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson will reside in Denver.

The marriage of Mabel Haskins, Zeta, '09, and Dr. Carl Maynard of Eveleth, Minnesota, took place at the home of the bride in Sioux City, Iowa, on September 7th.

The marriage of Marian Darby, Mu, ex-'11, to Mr. Anson Hayes, will take place on October 7th, at the home of the bride in San José. Mr. Hayes is a cousin of Mildred Hayes, Mu, '11.

Daisy Dake, Mu, ex-'07, is to be married to Mr. James Vaile, of Pomona College, on October 11th. The wedding is to be an elaborate affair, and will take place at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

The marriage of Winifred Harris, Epsilon, and Mr. Robert Burr Glenn was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride in Beardstown, Illinois, on June 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn will reside in Beardstown.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Aileen Cleveland Higgins, Epsilon, to Mr. John Archibald Sinclair, on June fourteenth, at Evanston, Illinois. After the first of September Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair will be at home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Emily Ely, Beta, '10, and Mr. Waldo Abbott, Chi Psi, on August 30th. The bride's sister, Clara Ely, Beta, '11, was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott motored back to Ann Arbor, and will live in Oakland Avenue.

On September 6th, Carolyn Wolfe, Theta and Denver alumnae, was married to Mr. Edward J. Dittus, Phi Kappa Psi, at her home in Denver. Mr. Dittus is assistant in the Department of Metallurgy in the Colorado School of Mines, and the young couple will make their home at Golden.

Mary Nellis, Alpha, '10, and Mr. Robert D. Frazer, '08, Psi Upsilon, Hamilton College, were married at the bride's home in Herkimer, N. Y., on June 1st. Clara Ham and Marian Beecher,

members of Mrs. Frazer's delegation in Gamma Phi, were attendants at the pretty wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer make their home in Utica, N. Y.

Marion Dickinson, Beta, was married on July 19th, to Mr. Wilfred B. Shaw, secretary of the alumni association of the University of Michigan, at her home in Ann Arbor. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate families being present, and a wedding trip through Europe followed. Their home will be in Ann Arbor.

On Saturday evening, August the fifth, Edith Beatrice Wallace, Theta and Denver alumnae, was married to Mr. Charles Arthur Potter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Miss Wallace was a charter member of Theta chapter, has always been a loyal member of Denver alumnae, and was for some years a member of the Executive Board of Gamma Phi Beta.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR MAY—*Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *The Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Chi Zeta Chi*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Phi Gamma Delta*.

FOR JUNE—*Beta Theta Pi*; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta.

FOR JULY—*Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Chi Chi Quarterly*; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Alpha Gamma Delta*; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

FOR AUGUST—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Alpha Xi Delta*.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Alpha Xi Delta—Ohio University.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—University of Toronto.

Kappa Delta—Coe College.

Alpha Phi—North Dakota University.

Delta Delta Delta—Adelphi College.

Kappa Alpha Theta—North Dakota University.

From an interesting article by Dr. Guy Potter Benton, published in *The Lamp* of Delta Zeta, we make the following quotations:

The problem confronting all institutions in reference to the American college fraternity system at this time is not a problem of elimination but of utilization. The Greek-letter fraternity has been so long a part of college life in America, and most of our leading colleges and universities are so thoroughly ramified with fraternity customs, that, for any one institution to essay the role

of the fraternity iconoclast would be to attempt the destruction of much that is best in the sacred traditions of that particular college.

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Once more, at the risk of bad taste in giving conclusions reached as the result of personal experience, let me say that I have found the fraternity a most potent factor in maintaining standards, both of scholarship and morality. There is no body in the world so easily controlled as a company of college students when rightly approached. The upper classmen among undergraduates, when appealed to by those in authority to see to it that the men in the entering classes take high rank in scholarship and that they maintain a character which shall command respect, will make answer to that appeal in labors of most effective compulsion upon their younger brothers. There is no man so gracious and courteous as a fraternity upper classman during the rushing season; there is no superior so hard on the subaltern as this same fraternity upper classman when he seeks to impress it upon the neophyte that he has united with an organization which expects great things of him. The upper classman can crack the whip over the willing slave below with more effectiveness than could the most accomplished taskmasters among the college professors of the olden day. The victim of the whip looks forward to the day when he may wield it over the luckless ones who are to be his successors. Thus the precedent of upper class supervision once established is forever secure, and that to the great advantage of the organizations concerned when their members make answer in the classroom.

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The one obstacle in the way of making the fraternity entirely ideal in maintaining institutional standards is the fact that all men in college do not belong to fraternities. If every student could find his way in such a group, we should have in these organizations combined, an ally of great influence in maintaining institutional standards. No crowd so appeals to my sympathy as that great unorganized, heterogeneous mass called in the parlance of the campus "the barbs." My heart often bleeds in pity for the non-fraternity man, because, in many instances, some one has been chosen to fraternity membership for purely adventitious reasons who is far his inferior. The man who feels himself worthy of a place in a fraternity, and who remains uninvited outside the pale, often becomes so disgruntled and siur during undergraduate days

that he lays the foundation for a future which marks him as an obstructive cynic. It is not much wonder that these neglected outsiders, usually in the majority, should gather themselves together in loosely-bound organizations of questionable ideals, to control the politics of an institution, thus exerting an influence inimical to all that is best in institutional life. The non-fraternity man enjoys all the advantages which come to a fraternity man save one, and that is the vital one to the collegian. He may have offices and honors in both athletics and scholarship, but social privileges, as a rule, are denied him. A fraternity pin is a badge of admission to social circles which gives to its wearer the love and confidence of womankind denied to the man without this credential, and the life of the non-fraternity man is embittered because of a distinction that seems to him utterly bad in its artificiality.

The *Adelphean* has an excellent article by Mrs. C. B. Alexander upon the gradual decline of scholarship in our colleges:

With the colleges so honey-combed, so worm-eaten with manifold "college activities," with its "atmosphere" so saturated with exhortations to "college-spirit" with even college presidents and professors advocating in print, whole families of "aims" and purposes, as worthy to be placed beside scholarship, with everybody in sight trembling lest the poor lonely "student" should not get his share of "social life," the poor student becomes dazed and forgets what in the world he *did* "come to college for" anyway, becomes an object of interest self-solicitude and is caught in the mad cataract of "college activities." Then,—when it is not committee meetings, games, athletics, it is "spreads," "plays," "Sancrit Clubs," "Latin Circles," "Demosthenes Societies," "Socratic Symposiums," editorial or other work on the "College Spiller." Or perhaps the student is basking on the sun-bright heights of fame to the extent of writing a "poem" for the "university annual," and quite too busy for preparation for any next day's lessons, is laboriously engaged in rhyming "heart" with "part," "say" with something or other "so gay," "our glorious land" with any old thing provided only that it can be characterized on the rhyming-end of the line as "so grand," rising to a stupendous climax in a burst of affectionate reference to this "dec—ar old college" where he is compelled to profess, for the sake of rhyme (and believe us, it is for this *sole reason*) to have come to acquire "knowledge." But be it poems, committees, spreads or whatnot, it is thenceforth "Good-bye Scholarship, welcome the maelstrom!"

We think we have touched some of the underlying causes of the decline in scholarship in fraternities and in the student-body generally:

1. That the diversity of aims and number of distractions in college life are too great.

2. That the estimate put upon the high scholarship, as compared with that on other things having less claim on college life, is too low.

3. That the temptation under the elective system, to choose the easiest course is always a menace to high scholarship.

4. That even if in spite of all draw backs if it is attained, there is no public or private recognition or appreciation of it.

The fraternities, we think, share this culpability to the extent, first, that they do not in their own hearts place a high enough comparative estimate upon scholarship; second, that they do not demand it in their initiates or members, following its attainment or its neglect with perceptibly effective rewards or evidences of disapproval.

In regard to these same "college activities," we have the following from Miss Laura Lockwood, Professor of English at Wellesley—quoted from *Eleusis* of Chi Omega:

I believe, however, that we all concede that the activities add a real something to college life? What then is their essential value! They give first variety, and make a college seem like a play city with all its organizations and suborganizations, its theatre, its charitable organizations, its balls and its politics. This varied life makes a student more versatile. Indeed the adaptability and ingenuity of the college girl is amazing, but is not this something she gets by American inheritance and something every day of her after life will stimulate and develop? We are, I believe giving her too much incentive along the line of least resistance, at the expense of failing to provide her with that which will be more deeply and fundamentally valuable.

The second plea in favor of the activities is that they teach a girl to know her fellows, to subordinate herself to the common interest of a whole, less in size than that of the college or class and hence more easily understood and more certain in its influence. This is by far the greatest gain, and indeed, a rich experience we would by no means take from her.

The third justification of the activities is that they are the chief means of fitting a student for life. Yet, how frequently in

college is the same tale repeated; she broke in health and failed intellectually because she thought she was fitting herself for life being a Jack of all trades instead of trying to be a master of one. As I watch the women of the world, it seems to me what each needs most is a sense of personal responsibility to the task in hand; an order to do the work well and skillfully; a self sacrifice, which becomes not sacrifice at all, but only the surrender of one thing for another that has greater and richer gains.

Apropos of our own magazine!

The part of the examination asking for criticism of the Alpha Xi Delta brought out much that is interesting and valuable. As it is with critics who must act on their own criticism a list is appended showing the result of this question.

Each correspondent owes many duties to the journal besides the mere sending of required material. Let me name some of them: to call attention to any error—that Champaign will not be spelled Champaigne, for instance;—to let the editor know of any of your alumnae who have distinguished themselves, so that we may have articles on eminent Alpha Xi Deltas; to tell of your problems that a helpful article may be written by someone in whose chapter the problem has been solved; to inform the editor of any alumnae who have anything of special interest to write so that she may urge them to contribute it. You have suggested especial features that you would like emphasized and weaknesses that you would like strengthened. Can't you illustrate the improvements you seek by the character of the contributions from your own chapter?

Articles of general interest to women.

Articles concerning vocations.

Travels and experiences.

Articles of inspiration.

Articles by Grand Officers.

Articles about eminent Alpha Xi Deltas.

Articles about Founders.

Annual history.

More practical chapter and sorority problems.

College activities.

Articles on chapter life.

Songs.

College and fraternity news.

Articles of greater literary value.

Stories and poems.

Section for ideas and suggestions.

Ideas for rushing.

Ideas for entertaining.

Larks.

Amusing incidents.

Alumnae articles.

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More Editorials.

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More careful editing.

Better printing.

"More articles from our alumnae," say the active chapters. A compliment indeed! If the younger girls are wise enough to appreciate the value of the ideas and experiences of their older sisters, surely these should not be denied them.—*The Alpha Xi Delta*.—Quoted in *Themis*.

Now when all good Gamma Phis are interested in convention, the following quotation from Kappa Alpha Theta is decidedly worth while:

Two delegates were discussing convention. Said Mary, "I am eager to see how the girls from other chapters compare with the girls of MY CHAPTER." Said Jane, "I am bound to find out just why each chapter represented is a strong link in THETA'S CHAIN."

Each chapter must necessarily give to the fraternity ideal an individual measuring scale adapted to the best expression of that ideal in its alma mater's environment. But such an individual measuring scale will not correspond to another chapter's scale, which has been involved by the numerous claims of its environment and personality.

Mary was preparing to measure the convention by her chapter's measuring scale and her personal prejudices. No one enjoys being "sized up," and Mary's attitude alone would exclude her from many an intimate twilight talk and friendly kimono party where true acquaintance, real appreciation, and genuine friendship are generated, would leave her without the spirit of fellowship which is convention's best gift to its members. No criticism is ever worth heeding that precedes an honest attempt to understand and to appreciate the cause of conditions or facts of which one disapproves.

Fraternity ideals are greater, broader, more noble than any individual interpretation of them. If they were not, fraternity would have ceased to be long ago. Noble womanhood wears many guises, scholarship has many sides, friendship is a versatile fellow, fellowship is called upon to serve in varied fields.

Jane was preparing to measure the convention by fraternity ideals. Her scholarly aim was to seek information, to attempt to understand this bond that unites women of varied interests, of widely different environments, of strong individuality. To her open heart all other hearts would open, no convention frolic would be complete without her, she would garner *all* of convention and would, in turn, be prepared to re-create convention for the unfortunate stay-at-homes. Any criticism that came from her experience would be recognized at once as something apart from petty fault-finding, as clearly indicating some situation where the fraternity needed to strengthen its forces, to increase its efforts for better things.

Are you a Mary or Jane delegate? Is your chapter a Mary or Jane chapter? Is your college a Mary or Jane institution? The scholarly view point, the sympathetic appreciation of all phases of a subject, the careful gathering of facts, the reservation of judgment, all are necessary ingredients of a strong educational institution, whose strength is judged by the expression of this scholar's spirit among the youths it attempts to educate. Your point of view is indicative of your alma mater's position as a Mary or Jane college. Your attitude toward convention will reveal whether your chapter is a Mary or Jane chapter.

From *The Key* we have the following:

The severest trials of the fraternity are popularly and warrantably supposed to fall just before pledge day, but following the successful pledge day comes a test that may easily take the chapter unawares.

It needs no Pan-Hellenic regulation to keep a Kappa girl, or

any self-respecting fraternity woman, from running down another fraternity. But when "the battle's lost and won," when we are suddenly released from a score or more of rules that bound us, and when the first exaltation of success is upon us—oh then, let all devout Kappas pray that they be saved from the abomination of gloating!

Is the week that follows pledge day, when the alumnae keep dropping in to hear how the chapter has fared, no doubt it is the most natural thing in the world, to tell how many bids the other fraternities have lost to us, and to each other, and how some of our freshmen had as many as four bids—as if after all it was not the girl we wanted, but the triumph of winning her from another fraternity. The suggestion of such a charge makes us indignant, and yet have we never laid ourselves liable to this accusation? Does the freshman, who is with us so much, watching us, and listening to us, in those first days after pledging, realize that it is herself and her friendship the chapter wants, regardless of whether she has one bid or five?

Then too, there is, perhaps, among us a freshman who has had a hard time choosing between Kappa and some other fraternity. Having once decided to "come our way," she is as loyal as the one whose heart was fixed on Kappa from the first. But she has made friends in that other fraternity whom she loves and admires, and she wants to be loyal to them too. They may be altogether worthy of her friendship, but it makes us a little uneasy all the same. We are apt to tolerate rather than endorse such relationships, and by our attitude to make the freshman feel our lack of approbation. How short-sighted it is not to see that such friendships will be a strength to the fraternity! How unworthy of our avowed principles, not to know that the glory of Kappa lies not in self-aggrandizement, but in the recognition and acceptance of *all* that is fine in character and human relationships!

The same principle applies to the freshman we have lost—trusting that there was not more than one such. She is as worthy of our friendship, or at least of our friendly interest, as she was when we invited her to membership. For the sake of the future opinion of Kappa, and of our own freshmen's conception of the fraternity, let us not treat her like the proverbial "hot potato."

So much for ourselves, and our freshmen. The final test of the successful fraternity's greatness is its broad-minded attitude toward other fraternities, whether they have lost or won. Success in pledging, while undoubtedly indicative of the health of a chapter, is by no means the criterion of its worth. It is well to

remember that, in judging ourselves and others, possibly less fortunate.

It may seem altogether superfluous to suggest that wearers of the Golden Key must needs be keepers of the Golden Rule; nevertheless, it is possible for fraternity girls to meet disappointment with real pluck and nobility, and yet to fail in the midst of victory,—forgetting that it takes as much true grace to bear success as to endure defeat.

As the life and growth of the fraternity depends to a large extent on the chairman of the rushing committee, she cannot be too carefully chosen. She should be an upperclassman preferably, and one who has seen something of the world; she should be a girl of boundless fraternity enthusiasm and attractive personality; she should have a broad view of life and a keen insight into human character and motives.

Occasionally the duties of the chairman are not well defined, and so, to prevent misunderstanding, why should it not be a good plan to have a policy,—a definite workable policy each year, written down in black and white, so that all the chapter might know what is to be done. In most of our large universities where freshman pledging is still in force, a policy something like the following might be adopted:

POLICY OF THE RUSHING COMMITTEE

CHAPTER, ALPHA CHI OMEGA, 1911-12

“He builds the state who to that task
Brings strong, clean hands and purpose pure,
Who wears no virtue as a mask;
He builds the state that shall endure.”

RICHARD WATSON GILDER.

It shall be the aim of this committee during the coming year:

1. To look below the surface of life, and to consider a girl worthy of fraternity not so much by what she now appears, as by what she may become.
2. To avoid a “type” and to consider a small chapter in which every girl is representative, preferable to a larger one.
3. To take in a limited number of juniors and seniors who have proved their worth.
4. To take in no more than twelve or fourteen freshmen in order to keep the proportion in the fraternity well balanced.
5. To make the organization of the committee as effective as possible by dividing it as follows:

- a.* It shall be the duty of the chairman to set the dates for rushing parties, bring all names and secure all votes.
 - b.* A senior shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to authorize some one to bid the girls.
 - c.* A junior shall be appointed to see that some one calls for the rushees and takes them home.
 - d.* A sophomore shall be appointed to have charge of the entertainment at rushing parties. She shall be assisted in this by all the sophomores.
 - e.* A freshman shall be appointed as soon as possible to assist the committee in all matters of detail.
6. Membership. The members of this committee shall be girls who come in touch with all phases of student life, and who learn to know people.
7. Duties.
 - a.* This committee shall be appointed before the close of the college year, and plans should be perfected for the fall rushing season.
 - b.* The social schedule for the first two weeks of rushing shall be definitely arranged.
 - c.* Cards shall be printed as follows:
 - (1) Do you know any girl entering college next year?
 - (2) Would you recommend her to Alpha Chi Omega?
 - (3) Names.
 - (4) Home address.
 - (5) Graduate of what school.
 - (6) Social position.
 - (7) Financial condition.
 - (8) Character.
 - (9) Talents.
 - (10) What other fraternities, if any, will rush her?
 - (11) Remarks.
 - d.* Each active member who knows of any one coming to college, or has friends in college she would like rushed, shall fill out one of these cards and give it to the chairman.
 - e.* The committee shall send one of these cards to every alumna requesting her to fill it out and return it.
 - f.* When the names are all in, friendly letters shall be written during the summer to these persons offering to meet them at the train and help them find their boarding places. Invitations shall also be extended for rushing dates as far as schedule.
 - g.* Every active girl shall if possible return at least three

days early in order to settle her room and begin rushing immediately.

8. Voting.

a. Personal prejudices shall be laid aside, and the question asked shall be, "Will she be a strong girl for the fraternity?"

b. *In order to prevent black-balling, the chairman of the rushing committee shall state the recommendations of the candidate and call on each girl in turn to give her opinion.*

c. *Seniors who are going out of active chapter shall not vote against a girl if those who are to live with her wish her, unless their more mature judgment convinces them she will bring discredit on the fraternity.*

d. When all but one or two people desire a girl and she is thought to be a strong girl for the fraternity, unless there are definite reasons or decided objections against her which cannot be overcome, the majority should rule, for warm love comes only through months of close companionship.

e. After a girl is pledged, all discussion about her should cease.

Lyre of A X Ω.—Quoted in Arrow.

There is no doubt that "rushing," like electricity, can never be defined; it is abstract, not concrete; it is not a definite action, though it may produce definite action; it is a condition, or state of mind, that, to repeat, has been handed down ever since the first organization. It may be perfectly possible to do away with certain definite action produced, just as it is possible to stop an engine by turning off the current—but "rushing" still exists just as the electricity does even after the current has been turned off.

One thing only is really indisputable—that "rushing" in itself is not a wicked or dishonorable thing that we are trying to prohibit, but that the need is great for some agreement defining exactly how far each sorority is to allow itself and the others to go, so as to keep the whole thing within bounds. It seems to me, first, that this agreement should differ freely with the widely differing local conditions; and, second, that the "fulness of time" for second semester or second year pledging is yet far away, hanging to the skirts of that elusive definition of rushing. But if the agreement, whatever it be, is kept by each girl in the spirit of honoring her own sorority and trusting in the honor of the others, the problem of Pan-Hellenic will be solved."

The last sentence strikes the key note of the present situation which has arisen from an attempt to revolutionize the system of

"rushing." A definite period of rushing or non-rushing with a definitely set pledge day has the following disadvantages:

The sororities have become more selfish as a result; they have become more distrustful of each other; they are exposed to a greater temptation to trespass and are rapidly learning to evade, at least the spirit, of the law; a very tight and very marked line had been drawn between frats and non-frats, for especially in a small college is it very evident on pedge day "who's who?"

It may seem inconsistent in an article of this kind to say that too much notoriety has been given the subject. Isn't it time now to "let the old cat die" at least for the present? Let us taboo the word "rushing." Leave the girls to themselves for a year or two, now that we have started them in what we believe is the right track and let them work out their own salvation while we turn our attention and energies to the larger values of sorority life. Should we put as much effort and interest into a discussion of philanthropic work which is perfectly possible for our sororities to accomplish, I predict marvelous results both in actual product and in internal improvement of sorority conditions.—*Triangle*.

The Pi Phi fellow at the University of London has an interesting letter in the *July Arrow* from which we quote:

Among all these varied organizations there is, however, nothing which corresponds in any way to our American college fraternities. The students of my acquaintance have shown great interest in our customs and I have been frequently asked to tell them something of American student life. I was amused at the remark of a clear-eyed little English girl who said to me one evening, after she had asked innumerable searching questions about fraternities: "Well, I should think you Americans were much more exclusive in your so-called democracy than we are in our monarchy." I do not know how it may be in other English colleges but at University College, the members take pride in the absence of any evidence of class distinction. "We all meet on the same ground here" said the Lady Superintendent to me, "and among our women you may find representatives of all classes from a peer's daughter to the graduate of a free school."

As a fraternity woman interested in the anti-Greek controversy, I have enjoyed studying the social situation in a non-fraternity university. Though the evils which accompany fraternity organization are lacking, their good effects are also quite as conspicuous by their absence. Almost no intercollegiate bond exists between the col-

leges of the various universities and, furthermore, there is no evidence of any such strong personal tie between college and alumnus as is furnished by a fraternity.

Mrs. Theiss, editor of *The Arrow*, in her article for the Ladies' Home Journal, gives us the following information:

Besides attempting to compel their members to be good students the fraternities also stimulate their scholastic ambitions by the offer of prizes and material assistance. Alumnae associations of Alpha Phi maintain a loan fund for the benefit of their members at Boston University, and scholarships for their girls at Syracuse and the Woman's College of Baltimore. At the University of Wisconsin the Alpha Phi alumnae provided a silver loving-cup which is held each year by the freshman member of the chapter who makes the best grades. Alumnae associations of Pi Beta Phi maintain a scholarship at Kansas University and a loan fund at Swarthmore. Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Pennsylvania gives an annual prize for excellence in biology; the same fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta have established funds which are eventually to be converted into scholarships for their members. And several years ago Pi Beta Phi established for its members one graduate and two undergraduate fellowships.

Two years ago, as our ship came into port in Germany, the voices of the loyal Germans aboard arose in song, and our hearts thrilled in sympathy with theirs. "Strangers in a strange land," we yet understood the note they struck, and answering chords vibrated within us. The Fatherland with all it holds of friendship and happiness and sympathy and love! We too had a Fatherland, a homeland, and we understood. Americans and Germans, our hearts beat in the unison of a common experience.

Coming into the port of fraternity life in college, where loving hands clasp loving hands and friendly hearts throb attuned, where comrades work with mutual understanding and common purpose, is there that loyalty and love which understands and responds to the claim of those who have experienced these emotions in the home behind them and yet have seen them as through a stranger's eye only, when the new shore of college life is being reached? Is there a proper sympathy and regard for those who wear no badge, and proper respect for their interests? Do we find among our Greek girls a broad and generous loyalty to all womanhood, wherever we may meet it? Is there not, hidden in some careless action or word, a slight feeling of aloofness which tries not to

make itself apparent, between those who are with and without the golden emblems? A feeling which has no right to exist and yet is the root of much that is not ideal in the turns and trails of the college world,—because the non-fraternity girl feels that she is unneeded and unwelcome within the charmed circle, and because her Greek sister fears misunderstanding?—*Themis*.

Following the report of the Credential committee and roll call, Mr. George Banta, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, of Menasha, Wis., and Mr. Walter Palmer, assistant editor of the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, of Washington, D. C., by invitation of the Grand Council, addressed the convention on the subject of the fraternity magazine. They spoke of its inestimable value to a national organization. Among other things, Mr. Banta said that without a magazine a national fraternity would inevitably become merely a string of local chapters. On the other hand, he pointed out the opportunity which the official organ offers for a broader knowledge of colleges and customs throughout the country.

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A by-law passed at the convention prescribes a fine on the delinquent chapter editor who does not send her material on time, on the chapter historian who does not write a history for the year she holds office, and upon the committee chairman who does not do the work assigned her and present a report. Ignorance of these rules will excuse no one for failing to obey them.—*The Alpha Gamma Delta*.

Zeta Tau Alpha gives us the following good suggestion:

So slight are the possibilities of originality in presenting various devices to accentuate the sisterly ties of the fraternity, that one almost shrinks from making suggestion, for fear of flatness and triteness. One chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, however, has adopted an idea which deserves the notice of us all, in that it has been more than successful in keeping alive the interest of the active chapter in the alumnae, and has caused a kind of semi-organization between all the members of the chapter, active or alumnae. The scheme consists of a bound calendar, prepared in very nearly the same manner as the ordinary birthday-book. Space has been left below each day of the month to register the name and address of each girl whose birthday falls on that date. There is also parallel space sufficient to add a change of name or address, or any relative remarks. Every girl, upon entering the chapter, must register her birthday, which is kept account of by some informal celebration

while she is an active member of the chapter. The chief purpose of the book, however, comes with the remembering of the alumnae upon their birthdays. Some regularly appointed member of the chapter must follow the calendar every week in mailing a card to the alumna whose birthday falls within that week, on which some bit of fraternity news is added to the best wishes of the chapter. The cost of postals and stamps is incorporated into the running expenses of the chapter.—*Themis*.

Let the alumna advise and counsel the active chapter, says Alpha Phi—and she would be responsible for the chapter to the alumnae and to the sorority:

Theoretically, this is what every alumna should be, and it would be Utopian if such were the case; but unfortunately there are all sorts and conditions of alumnae, just as there are of undergraduate members. Often those who are best fitted can not give the time necessary to such a position, and more often we find it the reverse.

The advantages of such a relationship are many. The chapter would be strengthened in having some one who can be relied upon to give advice based on broader experience and maturer judgment; the fraternity would be benefitted by the strengthening of the chapter, for a chain is never stronger than its weakest link; the advisor herself would be repaid in full measure by the privilege of close contact with the joyous enthusiasm of the younger girls and the right to serve the fraternity in this important position.—*Quarterly*.

At the risk of being written down as a hopeless Philistine I am going to state that I do not feel at all convinced that local Pan-Hellenicism is the last word or even the best word on that very large and far reaching question of intersorority relationship, a relationship which shows the greatest tendency to become strained with the recurrence of the rushing season. National Pan-Hellenics seem to have a decided place and an effective field of labor, so bringing influence to bear upon governmental channels it can do much toward creating the desirable intersorority atmosphere. But when it comes to applying the Pan-Hellenic oversight locally upon this particular aspect of fraternity life it becomes so hampering, and of so watch dog a character as practically to destroy the atmosphere of naturalness, in which atmosphere only can efficient and representative rushing be done. For rushing *is* representative and individual, not in the material demonstration but in the fundamental code underlying the material expression.—*To Dragma*.—Quoted in *The Arrow*.

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