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SYRACUSE CUSTOMS

BY MARION R. DRAPER (Alpha)

Syracuse initiates her freshmen into college tradition on Matriculation Day with a Salt Rush. The freshmen men, dressed in their very oldest clothes, and looking a great deal more like tramps than college men,—form into a solid square, and force their way three times around the Hall of Languages. The sophomores, armed with bags of salt try to break up and to scatter the freshmen ranks and while the scuffling is rough, it is pretty good experience for "frosh." The Flour Rush comes off the next day; the sophomores form at the top of Crouse Hill and the freshman squad at the bottom. The freshmen are expected to force their way up the hill and drive down the sophomores. Both sides are armed with stockings full of flour and the flour and dust make the air rather thick for a time. Upperclassmen superintend the rushes, and decide when the conflict is won, and what is fair play. After the rush, wrestling matches between picked men from each class are held and it is considered a great honor to win a match for one's class.

During the first few days, the freshmen are the subjects of a great many practical jokes. One is required to act as door-opener;

another is forced to escort to the door any girl that comes along—and to carry her books. Their “prep” school yells and graduation essays are in great demand, and they must respond to any request from a sophomore. There is no real hazing, but this sort of discipline usually teaches the freshmen submission.

The sophomore class gives the freshman class a reception early in the fall. Freshman men take sophomore girls, and sophomore men escort freshman maidens. The couples are not allowed to reach their destination, but are stopped by groups of upperclassmen; one man escorts the girl to the door, and the others take charge of the man. They make him appear as ridiculous as possible by putting his numerals on his collar with lampblack or turning his coat wrong side out, but if he takes it good naturedly he is soon permitted to find his lady fair and proceed to the receiving line. Speeches are made by class representatives and the freshmen are formally welcomed to the university.

The freshmen are all forced to wear green caps with orange classmen are expected to take off their caps to a senior. The class caps are worn from Matriculation Day till the first snow fall, and from St. Patrick's Day till Syracuse's greatest festival—Moving Up Day.

Moving Up Day is Syracuse's oldest festival. Years ago when chapel was compulsory, the seniors were required to take their examinations several weeks ahead of the other classes. On examination day, they were excused from chapel; some ambitious juniors slipped into the empty senior row; the sophomores into the junior seats, and the freshmen into the sophomore section. Today the custom has been elaborated into a formal moving up. The Chancellor presides at the chapel and John Crouse College is packed with students. The faculty in their splendid caps and gowns sit on the platform and make the exercises very impressive. The seniors don their caps and gowns for the first time, and march into chapel in a long dignified line; the junior girls wear white dresses, the sophomore girls wear blue ties, and the freshmen wear

red ties. The sophomores lay aside their underclassman caps—and the freshmen put on the gray caps.

The Chancellor speaks to the students, and congratulates them on "moving-up"—and then he gives over the proceedings to the president of the senior class. Each class president speaks in turn; the upperclassmen are heard respectfully, but the sophomore is met with a general hubbub. He must keep on speaking, though no one can hear anything he says and frequent calls for "gesture" and shouts of "keep it up frosh"—add to the confusion. After the speeches, the student body sings the Alma Mater,—and it is wonderfully impressive.

The freshman parade is held immediately after chapel. The different colleges furnish floats representing some phase of their college life. There are some clever hits, and the faculty comes in for a good share of the fun. The parade goes down through the city streets, and back again to the campus, where the freshman cap is buried. From Moving Up Day till the close of college, freshman caps are never seen, but they come into evidence again in the fall.

There is a custom in the college of Liberal Arts, of singing on the stairs after chapel. The classes sing their songs and the sophomores try to drown out the freshmen. Football songs are sung in the football season, and the college yells are practiced—until the bell rings for the next class. The seniors are the only ones privileged to start the Alma Mater. Caps come off at once, and every one, junior, freshman, sophomore and senior joins in.



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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BY MARGUERITE MELVIN (Beta).

Like all other colleges and universities we have our football team; and like all other colleges we consider ours the best of all. But really we think we have a good foundation for our belief because of our coach—"Hurry-up" Yost. In fall we fairly eat, drink and dream football, and on the day of the big game the whole town is almost beside itself with excitement. Long before time, the people file toward Ferry Field, girls wearing yellow chrysanthemums, college men in their heavy sweaters and class toques; and "old grads" wild with enthusiasm and delight. Just before time is called, the bands march on the field playing their respective college hymns; the yell masters, in our case dressed in white, take their places and then—the teams trot upon the field while the people on the bleachers welcome them with wild shouts and yells. Soon the game is on and everyone gives his individual attention to the plays. But between halves, excitement again reigns. While our hymn, "The Yellow and the Blue" is sung, small flags, which have previously been given to the men in the rooting section, are unfolded making a huge block M in blue against a yellow back-ground.

In fall, shortly after college opens, the fresh-soph contests take place. First comes the Pole Rush. The freshmen take their places around the three poles from whose tops their class flags float. The sophomores form into two groups and rush them, trying to reach the poles and to send up men to tear down the freshman flags. This year, the sophs threw small bags of flour on the freshmen blinding and choking them so that they were able to gain the pole. Next the relay is run off, like all other relays. Last of all comes the Cane Spree. About forty men, chosen from the two classes, face each other, each couple having a long pole or cane. Each man takes an overhand grip and attempts to wrest the pole from the other. The class having the most points in all events is judged the winner.

In December, the Michigan Union Opera is given in the Whitney Theater, the local opera house. College men take all the roles from leading lady to chorus girls. Some make quite passable girls

while others are fearful and wonderful. The Deutscher Verein, the Cercle Français, and the Comedy Club also give plays during the year.

J Hop, *the* affair of the year, comes directly after examinations. The house parties begin on Thursday or Friday and end Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. Hop night is always on Friday. The rest of the time is taken up with house dances, driving, plays, dinners, teas and the thousand and one affairs to which young people are accustomed.



In spring, the whole student body succumbs to spring fever and answers the call of woods and river. In the evenings, canoeing is the chief pleasure. One constantly sees rafts of ten or twelve canoes floating quietly along while he listens to college songs sung and played by several members of the various parties.

About this time the Senior Sings also begin. Each senior class gives one sing a week. Men and girls stroll under the trees or sit on the lawns while the college and popular songs are sung as only college men can sing them.

Serenades can be heard nearly every evening—sometimes singing, sometimes stringed instruments, once in a while, a large crowd of

men with a piano on a dray—and annually the glee club with its well-trained musicians.

In May, the freshmen and sophomores once more come to the front and hold their spring contests. Some bright sunny afternoon they all repair to a narrow and shallow part of the river and there, among many spectators, they have a tug of war. A rope is stretched across the river and after flipping a coin to decide which bank goes to which class, the teams line up on the opposite banks and systematically try to drag each other across the river. Much depends on the toss of the coin, because according to observation, the team on the north bank usually wins, as the land lies higher and gives a better footing.

On the following morning, the push ball contest is held on Ferry Field. An enormous ball, which towers far above the heads of the tallest men, is rolled into the middle of the field. At either end of the field is a goal. The freshmen and sophomores try to push the ball across each other's goals. It is a long trying struggle; but finally one of the classes manages to strike upon some method which proves effective and the struggle is over.

A week or so later, the freshmen end their year of apprenticeship and become genuine college men through Cap Night Ceremonies. A huge fire of boxes and packing-cases is built in Sleepy Hollow. The townspeople, students and their guests assemble, on the surrounding hillsides. About 7:30 a distant noise is heard, coming nearer and nearer, finally resolving into the strains of "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here." Then hundreds of men march once around the Hollow and take their places in front of the audience. First, comes the band, following it the seniors, then the juniors, next the sophomores and last, but not least for this one evening, the freshmen. After speeches made by faculty men and athletes, the freshmen holding their caps in their hands trot around the fire faster and faster, until with loud shouts they throw them in and thus end their freshman year.

From this time on, our attention is given to the seniors. One day in particular is set aside for them—Swing Out Day. All the seniors

in caps and gowns march around the campus; the whole town turns out to greet their favorites and many have the cameras leveled at them as they walk along.

All too soon comes commencement with its week of pomp and glory to end the college year. This year we are going to celebrate our seventy-fifth anniversary and the exercises and ceremonies are to be correspondingly suitable. If any of our "old girls" return, we, true Gamma Phis and loyal Michigan girls will be on hand to welcome and greet them.

WISCONSIN SPIRIT

BY ALICE RINGLING (Gamma)

The University of Wisconsin is the best university in the world. As a Wisconsin student I can say nothing less, and I must enthusiastically add that its five thousand or so students are the finest women and the finest men to be found anywhere. Feeling this way it is hard to write a prosaic, statistical article on the University, stating its length, breadth and thickness as though it were some cold, dead thing, and to describe the architectural beauty of its buildings, and the attractiveness of its campus as one might note the display of cookery at a county fair. No, the University is something alive, splendidly active, gloriously progressive, and although I love the dear, old hill on which it is built and am sincerely proud of its handsome buildings, I cannot consider that these things are the real university—they are necessary, it is true, but the university itself is something far bigger and grander. It is really a great body of living, growing human beings, alive to every interest, affected by every influence that comes within its experience; and since the students make up the largest part of the University, it is about them and the spirit of democracy and good fellowship which they foster among themselves that I wish to write.

A state university should be democratic. Equality of opportunity should be its motto, but unless the students support this feeling the college cannot enforce it. Many state educational institutions are far from democratic and the fraternities have been blamed for this. Perhaps they have been at fault in some cases—certain it is that the fraternity problem is an important one,—but at Wisconsin we have had no such trouble. Here one might say the tendency is socialistic rather than aristocratic, for the non-fraternity men are winning over the fraternity element in class elections—in fact, cases have been known where men refused to join fraternities because it would be a drawback to them in attaining class offices. As a rule the chances are about equal in politics for these two classes, and in social affairs no distinction is made. It is just this feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity men, this feeling of equality

and good-fellowship that is back of what we call "Wisconsin spirit."

Among the girls we find a similar situation. Between the sororities there exists only friendly rivalry and seldom any hard feeling, while sorority and non-sorority girls meet on a basis of equality everywhere. The non-sorority girls attain class honors just as easily as the others, and socially have just as good a time while the girls who are working their way through college are treated with consideration and cordiality.

I have said that we of Wisconsin delight in our University, that we boast of our buildings and our grounds, and these are the things that visitors see and admire. But more than this we are proud of our faculty whose broadening influence helps to bring about the feeling of democracy which marks Wisconsin as a great University. We are proud of the spirit which makes every student confident that he has the power within himself to stand as high as every other student and that every other student is glad to lend a hand and to help him on. It is this glorious good-fellowship which we call Wisconsin spirit that makes the University of Wisconsin a great institution and one which stands for power and for progress.

CAMPUS LIFE AT NORTHWESTERN

BY JESSIE M. VAWTER (Epsilon '14)

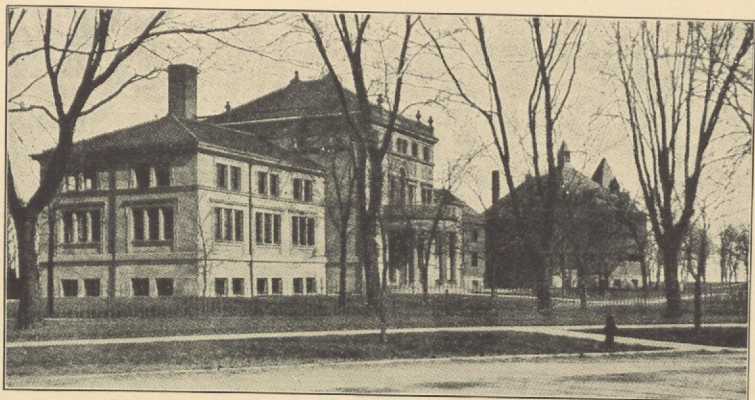
Examinations are now over and Northwestern is thoroughly alive again. It is our custom to celebrate at the close of these most enjoyable sieges by what we call a "Post-exam Jubilee." An informal program is generally rendered by the members of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., and the evening is spent with various contrivances for becoming acquainted. Even the "I just know I flunked" comes home with a smile on his face.

The College Carnival is one of the big campus events of the first semester. This year it was held in December. It was conducted by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. in our big new gymnasium. There was everything that could be expected of a carnival from a sure-enough circus to pop-corn balls and stick candy. Fortune tellers in oriental booths, minstrel and mummy shows, a red-headed band, Rastus, the dogger, and Japanese tea gardens were some of the drawing cards. Gaily dressed venders went about through the crowds disposing of their delicacies, and here and there cavorting about were the familiar "circus day" clowns. Pity the person that comes to our carnivals with pockets full of lucre, filthy and otherwise, for he is sure to return home penniless.

Twice a year our Dramatic Club stages a play. On January 12, George Ade's "Father and the Boys" was presented at the Ravinia Park Theatre, and was well patronized by the student body.

We are now looking forward to "Trig," the play that is given each spring by the freshman men. The play has received this name from the fact that trigonometry is the *popular* course among freshmen on our campus. The music and lyrics are decided by competition. The freshmen take great interest in making the play a success, and each year strive to excel the production of the preceding class.

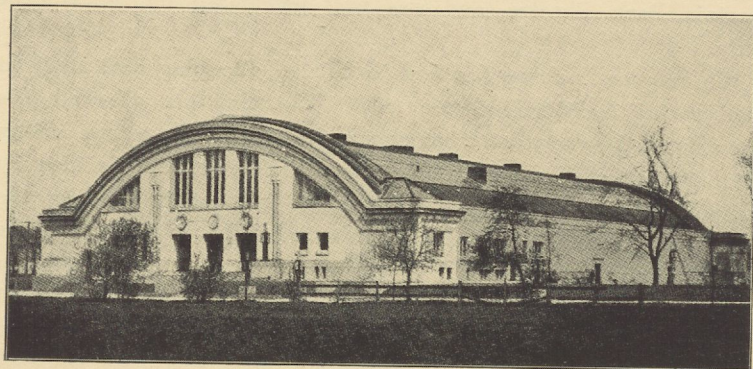
Of all the days of the week Wednesday seems to be the most popular at Northwestern, undoubtedly for no other reason than



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that it is Sandwich Day. The Christian societies have discovered that answering the call of the hungry on a university campus is very profitable business, and consequently have undertaken to satiate the chronic complaint of students between classes one morning each week. A supply of sandwiches is placed on sale at each building, and may be purchased for the small sum of five cents. Why is it that there is never any trouble about supporting "eats" on a college campus?

One of the biggest events of the spring is the Musical Festival which continues for three days, and serves as a forerunner of the closing functions of the college year. Many noted singers from different parts of the country participate, and the accompaniment is furnished by the Thomas orchestra. The gymnasium is converted into a perfect bower, and the campus and streets are festooned with electric lights, which remain throughout commencement.

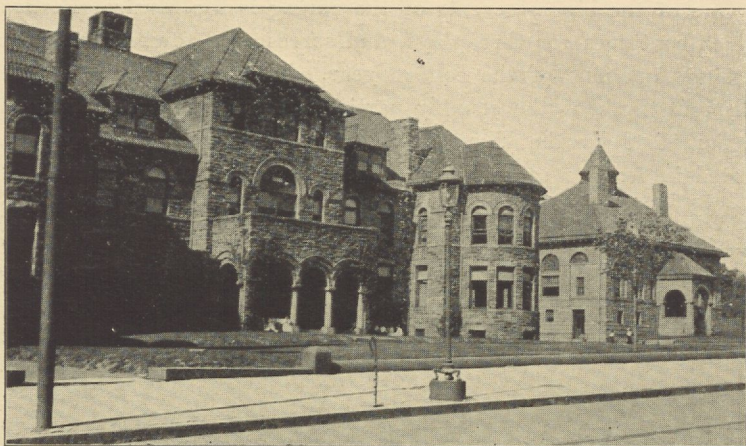
These are only some of our customs and events, yet they all go toward making a most enjoyable campus life at Northwestern.

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF GOUCHER COLLEGE

BY MARGARETTA A. WILLIAMSON (Zeta)

It is always the things that make us "different" that prove most interesting to others, so perhaps our peculiarities here at Goucher may be worth jotting down for the CRESCENT.

Possibly you do not know that we have Squelch Societies here.



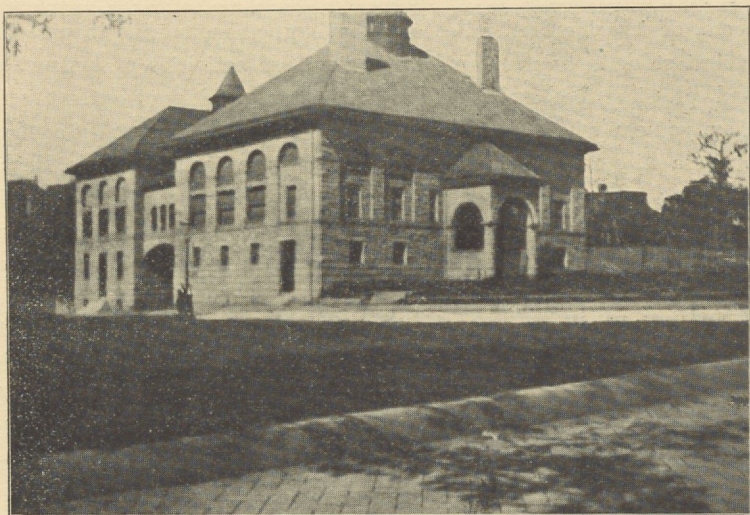
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They are very secret,—nothing connected with them is ever mentioned by the members themselves to curious outsiders, and if the outsider displays too great a curiosity, the Squelch Society member becomes everything that the name implies. The purpose of the societies is to bring about closer friendship between the girls of the different fraternities and also between fraternity and non-fraternity girls. A most interesting Squelch Society is the "Titian Tint Club" to which every red haired girl in college belongs. A basketball game has been arranged this year between the "Teapots" and the "Whistles," the two freshman societies.

Early in the fall, at the tea which the Senior class gives for the freshmen, the sophomores in cap and gown, march two by two with all the pomp of class banners and new class songs

written for the occasion. When the whole class has assembled the sophomore president summons the freshman president and presents to her, "Sophy-more"—a big doll attired in cap and gown, to be kept by the freshman class during its first year of college, and to watch over their fortunes as a class.

In the spring we have two boat-rides down Chesapeake Bay. The freshmen take the juniors and the sophomores the seniors. Whole boats are always chartered, so that there will be an all Goucher crowd on board.



BENNET HALL, GYMNASIUM

The prettiest thing of the whole year is the freshman lantern chain in honor of the seniors. It is given late some evening in May on the lawn between two of the dormitories. The freshmen dressed in white and carrying lanterns in the senior colors, march around in all sorts of pretty figures. Last of all they form the senior numerals and sing the senior song.

"Step-singing" by the senior at twilight on the steps of Goucher Hall is one of our most cherished commencement week customs. On the last night, the seniors march down the steps and through the sophomore daisy chain.

"A MILE ABOVE THE SEA"

BY MURIEL STEELE (Theta '13)

"Three cheers for Denver Universitee
Three cheers for Denver and the Denver Glee.
We sometimes fight but that's all right
For brothers all are we
We're out of sight upon the height
A mile above the sea."

Perhaps the altitude accounts for the lightness of our hearts, and our high aspirations. Pray would not the sight, from the dull classroom, of two hundred miles of snow-capped mountains inspire the laziest student, or near-student, to renewed activities of his mental and physical powers? Those mountains! If you haven't seen them you can't have them explained to you. The University campus is on a hill only fourteen miles away from them. Pike's Peak? Why we take it in large doses with our Math. And the air in University Park is better than any tonic—it inspires a desire for everything in the way of study and college activities. It also may be said to inspire "fussing."

In the fall when we enter college there are two large receptions to acquaint the youthful freshmen with the upper classmen. The Chancellor's party is a very grand affair, but the Y. M. C. A. reception is more informal. At this, we are all ticketed so that the horrible faculty of forgetting names, with which most of us are endowed, is powerless to tyrannize over us.

During the first two weeks the freshmen become bold enough to attach their colors to something high up, and then of course the sophomores feel that they must get them down. The sophomores then challenge the freshmen to a flag rush, which always proves very exciting. It is fortunate that the boys wear their oldest clothes at that affair.

Football! Between the numerous big rallies and the games, in which we are usually successful, the excitement runs high during the fall quarter; for besides the big games there are interclass struggles. There are numerous processions through the city at this season; the most famous is the night-shirt parade, where the boys,

suitably attired, march through the theatres and hotels and other inoffensive places, causing themselves to be generally noticed by the good citizens. Before the Thanksgiving game there is always a big parade in which the girls appear, riding in autos. The band and the calliope add to the joy of this occasion.

One of the chief events during the fall is the bonfire. It is built as big as a house, and when lighted it flames up into the heavens and is the cause of much excitement to the inhabitants of Denver, seven miles away, who usually telephone to know what building is on fire. During the evening a rally is held in the glow of this beacon-fire. Many and enthusiastic are the speeches and yells. After football games are over, the football banquet and dance take pre-eminence in our thoughts. At these affairs college spirit runs so high, that it "doesn't come down till the Fourth of July." The football men are "recognized" at the banquet and given their "D's."

In December, the Christian Associations hold a County Fair. This is the place where cash takes wings. There are good shows and poor ones, candy sales and the other kind of "sells." Don't you feel exhilarated when, after expending a nickel to see a monkey in a cage, you peer through the bars into a barrel and behold your own expectant countenance in a mirror? The German Club is usually proprietor of a German inn, while the Gamma Phis are turned into Gypsies and live in a gloomy, mysterious camp where they tell the fortunes of all comers.

On a day unforeseen by the uninitiated, the seniors appear in their sober array of caps and gowns, prepared to give a clever program. The juniors also appear in bathrobes or some other fantastic costumes, armed with alarm clocks and confetti and do their best to interrupt the seniors.

On Arbor day, college spirit again becomes very evident. That is a Colorado holiday and during the morning the husky lads of the college plant or transplant trees on the campus. At noon, the girls of each class serve luncheon on the grass to these laborers. In the afternoon the seniors and the faculty play baseball. It is highly entertaining to say the least. The senior girls act as Red Cross nurses and carry off in a little cart the players who strike out. Whenever a

faculty player makes a run, the Chancellor, who wears a red vest on this occasion, carries him on his back before the admiring audience. Although the seniors usually win, the Chancellor always announces a large victory for the faculty, saying that a run by the Dean is worth fifteen ordinary efforts.

May Day follows soon after this. In the morning there is an interclass relay race on the athletic field. The classes have each previously chosen a queen, and now the queen of the winning class, attended by the other queens and a suitable retinue is crowned by the Chancellor with a great deal of ceremony. The assembly does her homage by kissing her hand, and then from her throne she witnesses the May-pole dances. Afterwards a luncheon is served on the campus by the Y. W. C. A. Reception by the faculty ladies usually follow in the afternoon. From this time to Commencement week there is much gayety. Class picnics and hayrack rides to the mountains are frequent, beefsteak fries in sunny Colorado are always in season—and usually in session. The faculty and students are hosts at a large reception held at the gymnasium for the seniors of the Denver High Schools, on which occasion a playlet in French, German or Latin is usually presented.

In the spring the junior class presents the college annual at which it has been working all year—the Kynewisbok. This book is certainly popular, taking precedence over all recitations on the day its appearance.

Denver University may be youthful, but it has the spirit of youth to keep it from stagnation. Youth is not a bad thing after ail, especially when giving promise to a grand maturity. We like it.

“If inclined to be a bit tony
And the prof gets after you pony
And your girl takes up with your crony
“Go East young man and *stay*.”

GREEK GAMES AT BARNARD

BY CONSTANCE SHOOK (Iota)

Barnard has its many festivities and customs in common with all other institutions, but I believe in its celebration of Greek games, it is entirely original. Greek games come in May, and the affair is held in the gymnasium. The sophomore and freshmen classes compete in rivalry in athletics, singing and dancing. The classes enter in Greek costume. Those who sing in the choruses wear white robes, with bands of their class colors around their heads; those who take part in the "stunts" are dressed as boys with cropped hair. The presidents of the two classes sit in state upon a platform arranged especially for them; the judges, most of whom are of the faculty, are grouped around the platform, and the two classes stand, one on either side of the room.

Each class in turn sings the songs which have been composed by its members for the occasion—and it may be said here that these choruses are always exceptionally beautiful, and give evidence to the fact that there is considerable talent in the classes. After the choruses, there are many tests of skill in the way of disk throwing, torch races and stilt walking. These races are very amusing and exciting, for each contestant is anxious to bring the honor to her class.

Next comes a feature which, last year, was the crowning event of the day. Each class presents a dance, in which about twelve girls take part. Last year the freshmen presented a dance called "Sunrise." The girls had yellow and black robes, yellow predominating so that they symbolized sunbeams. The dance was graceful and dignified; one could almost imagine the quiet dawn of the sun through the clouds. Then came the sophomore dance entitled "Spring," which took the prize. Spring, together with a host of laughing fairies came leaping forward joyously. The girls wore robes of thin gauzy blue material, and as most of them were golden haired, they looked like the very harbingers of spring. They danced and leaped as if from very joy of living, or as if infused with new life and it was wonderful what meaning the dance conveyed. The end

of the dance was greatly in keeping with the first part. After throwing rose buds at each other, each gently sank on her knees and hid her face with a filmy veil.

Lastly, various girls of the class read lyrics which they had composed, these lyrics being written on a scroll, which the reader unrolled as she read.

The rest of Barnard's entertainments are class parties, plays and games which I consider well known to all colleges. During the year there are two large dances given, one for the sophomores, and one for juniors and seniors. The latter is always held in a large hotel in this city, and is one of the big events in the lives of seniors and juniors.

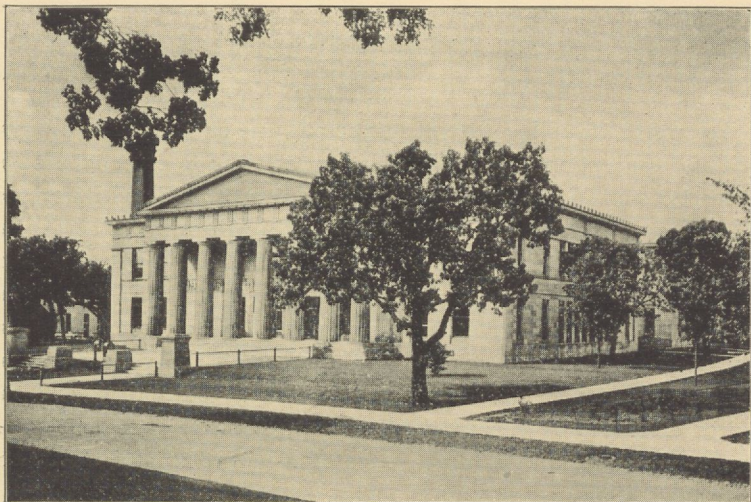
COLLEGE LIFE AT MINNESOTA

BY MAUD PALMER HART (Kappa)

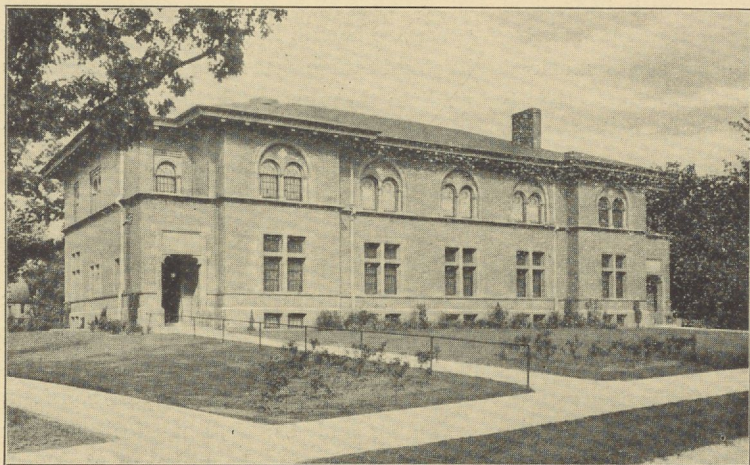
To appreciate college life at Minnesota, one must live it. To give you any conception of its charm, I must ask you to enter into it for at least a day. I shall meet you at the Union Station and hurry you on an east bound car. A ride of ten minutes will bring us across the Mississippi river into south east Minneapolis and—college atmosphere. Amid a bevy of students, we alight at the corner of Fourteenth avenue and Fourth street, south east, and discover, all about us, evidences of the proximity of the school. The very names of the shops make an obvious appeal to student patriotism, and the wares displayed in the windows—books, sweaters, pennants, post cards, and good things to eat,—are of a nature to attract student patronage alone.

Slower than our companions, for I am assuming that we have no early class to make, we walk a block up Fourth street and approach the college gates. Beyond lies the campus knoll, its rolling spaces dotted with oaks, and the walks are filled with scurrying book-laden students, many of whom are bound, like us, for the post office. The college post office is situated in the basement of the Mechanics of Arts building. It is the medium through which the student obtains not only legitimate mail, but official notices, and many hastily scribbled notes, greetings, invitations, and messages, from his acquaintances. It has a natural popularity and is generally swarming with students.

There are some fine old buildings on the campus, encircled with tradition, and dear to sons and daughters of Minnesota. We enter one of these, the library, if we wish to attend chapel assembly. Chapel services occur between twelve and twelve-thirty, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They are very simple, consisting merely of songs, prayer, and an address, or a musical program. Following chapel, many of the women students hurry to Shevlin for luncheon. Alice Shevlin Hall, the woman's building at Minnesota, is one of the most complete and attractive of its kind. In the basement, it has an admirable cafeteria, which is extensively patron-



CARNEGIE LIBRARY



ALICE SHEVLIN HALL
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

ized by college women. At this hour, it is the scene of much activity. Those standing in line occupy their attention with studying or chatting, and the tables are surrounded by lively groups of girls. The ground floor has the offices of the Y. W. C. A. and the Dean of Women, the large assembly room, which is much used for informal dancing, and a living room and parlors, furnished in exquisite taste. Practical study and rest rooms are to be found on the second floor. The Students' Self Government Association has the management of Shevlin.

Perhaps we will be fortunate enough to find a Fireside Hour in session, this particular afternoon. One afternoon, during every week, Mrs. Ladd, the matron at Shevlin, spends an hour reading aloud to a group of college girls. There is always a cheerful fire in the grate. The girls may sew or merely sit and listen. At the end of the hour, tea or chocolate is served. If, however, this is not a Fireside Hour day, something diverting is sure to be going on. The Y. W. C. A. entertains frequently, and so does the Woman's League, which is devoted to the promotion of social intercourse among the college women. The women of the various classes are organized into class societies, called Cap and Gown, Tam-O' Shanter, Pinafore, and Bib and Tucker. Shevlin is often the scene of spreads and parties given by these orders.

Minnesota possesses an unusually active dramatic club called The Masquers. A mixed chorus of fifty voices was organized this year and is meeting with much success. A daily paper and two magazines of some merit are published by the students. There are other college activities to which we would be delighted to introduce you, were your visit to be longer. We wish you would stay for Gopher day. That occurs every first of May and is marked by the appearance of the junior book, "The Gopher." Everybody on the campus is lugging a fat volume. Animated groups are collected on every hand. The air holds laughter and surprise. No one goes to class but the instructors. There are other days too, which are set off for certain purposes and on which we would be glad to have you with us. But most college

festivals are the same, the world over; and, I suppose, it is only our familiarity with our peculiar methods of celebration which make ours so dear. Cap and Gown day impresses us, not because of the rows of caps and gowns, but because of the new dignity with which our friends are invested. So your one day with us at the University of Minnesota can only show you the setting for the drama which we love.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

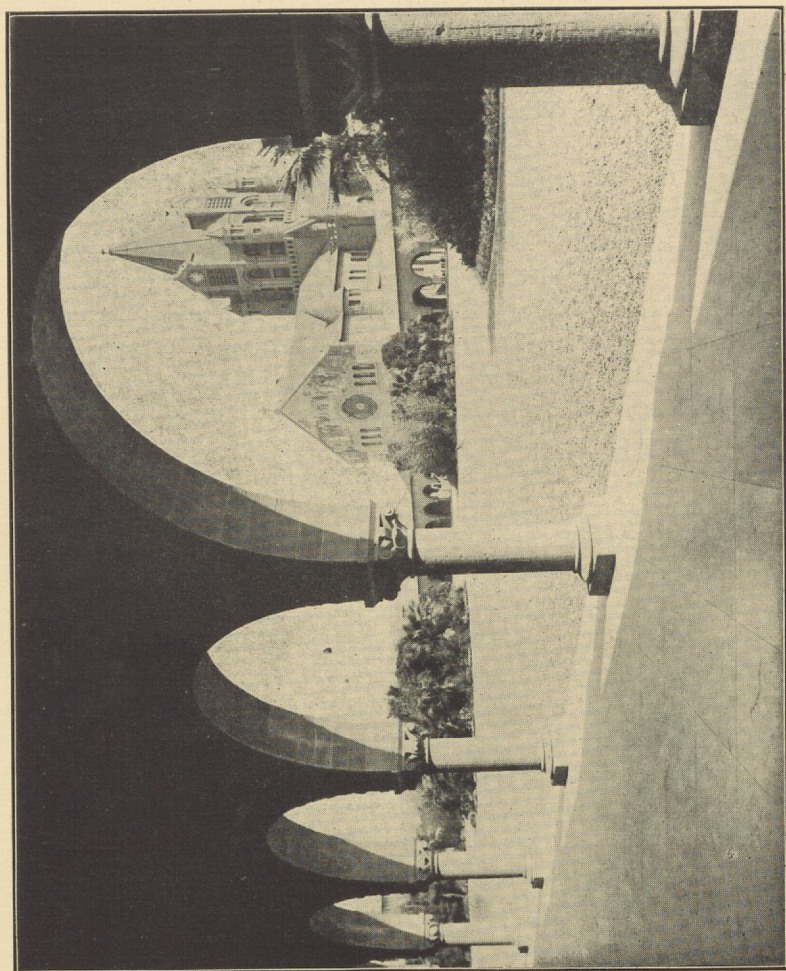
BY MURIEL STEELE (Theta, '13)

Even a visitor at Leland Stanford Jr. University instinctively realizes that Stanford is different from other universities, but when he attempts to write down the things that make up this difference, he is puzzled.

Perhaps the most general characterization is that Stanford is very Californian and everyone knows that California is very unlike the other states of the Union. Stanford is new, really very new when you compare it with other great universities, for it was just twenty years ago that the future Stanford men and women assembled beneath the arches to witness the dedication of the University. Therefore it is not strange that a spirit of energy and western enthusiasm is still the most characteristic thing of the place.

You all probably know that there are very nearly three times as many men as women, for Mrs. Stanford limited the number of women students to exactly five hundred, and every semester there are disappointed girls who find that not even the five hundred and first can be admitted.

It is the "Quad" that every Stanford man and woman first learns to love, for it is down in the many class rooms and under the shadowing arches that all come to know what college life and particularly Stanford life means. One great advantage is that many students live on the Campus, for originally, you know, this was all just one big farm or estate, and there is plenty of room for everyone. There are two dormitories, Ancina and Roble, the first for the men, the second for the women; then, many boarding and rooming houses, and, finally, the "Row" upon which are located most of the fraternity and sorority houses. Since we all live in such close communication with common interests and for the most part, similar ambitions, it is but natural that there is little artificiality and few conventions. Walking down the "Row," a visitor will meet a freshman in sweater and tiny gray cap, a sophomore in his red hat, a junior with disreputable "cords"—otherwise known as corduroys—and high plug hat, and lastly, a senior, also in "cords,"



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but with the symbol of dignity upon his head—namely, a sombrero.

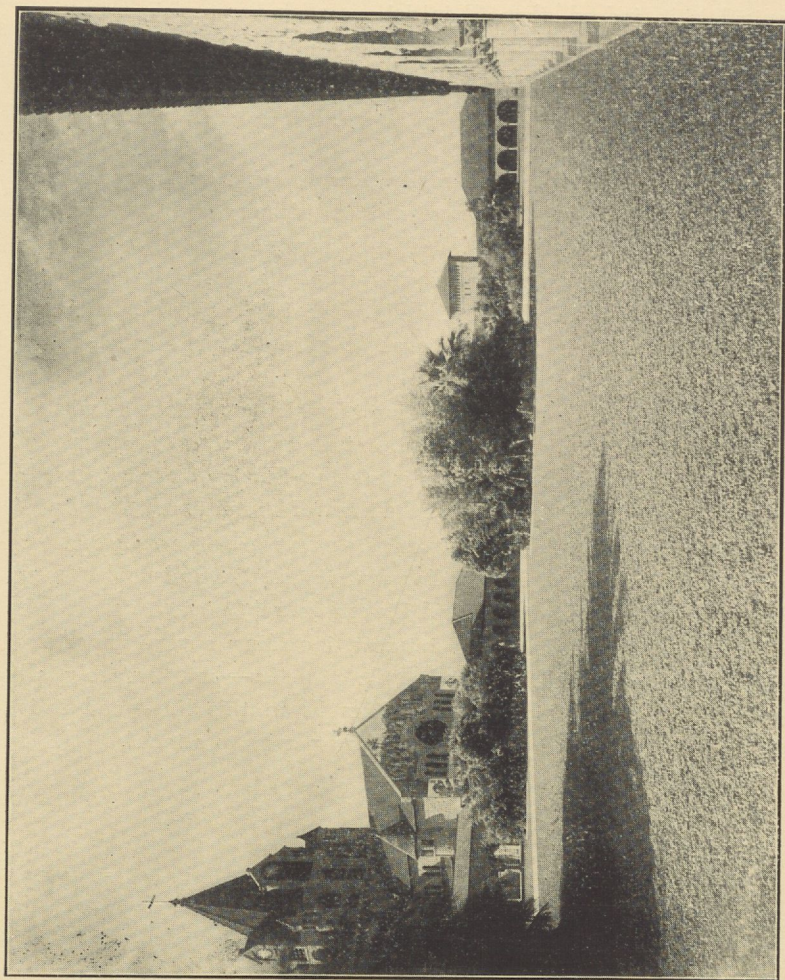
The Post-office forms the most prominent point of interest; so central is it, indeed, that all initiations of honor societies and organizations, such as Press Club, Phi Delta Phi, and Skull and Snakes take place upon the steps while the men perch in the limbs of the trees lining the sidewalk, and the girls crowd together on the curbing.

There are two periods of really glorious merry-making during the college year—namely, Junior Week coming just before the spring vacation and Senior Week at Commencement time. These are days filled with drives, canoeing on the lakes, walks, and the Junior Prom or the Senior Ball as the case may be. Besides this, March ninth is always the scene of a banquet dedicated to the Founders of the University.

There is one little custom, mention of which must not be omitted. Two seniors, a man and a woman, are chosen by the president of the senior class to visit the Mausoleum every Sunday morning, carrying fresh flowers to the tombs of the Stanford family.

All through the life at Stanford is ever present the fact that we have as our president, one of the greatest thinkers and noblest men of the twentieth century—David Starr Jordan.

I have omitted so much of interest, including a very important phase of Stanford life, namely, the athletics—but, probably all readers know something of our triumphs in this line—and it is so large a subject for just one Stanford person to attack!



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LIFE, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

BY RUTH DUNIWAY (Nu '10)

Far off on the western coast in the most picturesque spot of the entire state, Oregon has chosen to place her state university. On the banks of the Willamette River, nestling close to the fir-clad foothills, we have an institution of learning which is striving to be the epitome, for its own state at least, of culture and education. Western in its situation, it is typically western in its ideals. Ranked in age according to eastern universities, Oregon is yet in her infancy, but her future is resplendent in opportunities. It is unhampered by the old, for it is itself the pioneer, hewing out the pathway as it travels. Each year views the installation of new customs; each year sees the arising of ideals which in a few years will be referred to as traditions.

The town of Eugene where the university is situated has a population of about 10,000, and as it is a five hours' ride from Portland, the metropolitan life which surrounds so many of our state universities is absent. As a result, the university life itself is intensified. The students rely wholly upon themselves for their amusements and it breeds a spirit of camaraderie between the men and women which is truly delightful.

The winter months are whiled away with college and fraternity dances, dramatic club plays, dinner parties galore, until, tired of these, one watches for the rift of blue in the rain clouds which promises the spring days of out-of-door pleasure. Then come the long tramps over the hills, driving, riding and canoeing.

In May comes Junior Week End, quite the gayest time of all the year. Then, and then only, are guests allowed for a college dance, so every house is packed to overflowing. The owners of the houses sleep on cushions on the floor and eat off the oven door but each and every one attempts to implant the far famed "Oregon spirit" within the guests.



VILLARD HALL, DEADY HALL, CONDON OAKS



SCENE ON THE MILL RACE BY THE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The Friday of the week-end is known as University Day. Under the direction of the senior engineers, the entire male portion of the student body works at the laying of cement walks, building additional bleachers and performing whatever odd jobs that are necessary around the campus. All morning the women are busy preparing the luncheon for them. Each class has its particular serving table and each vies with the other in effectiveness of decorations. At the sound of noon, the hungry men come trooping across the campus, seating themselves on the grass wherever they can find any room, and the women thread their way in and out among the crowds, serving them with all the delicious things that the heart of man can desire. Among the fir trees and the roses it forms a picture not easily forgotten.

That afternoon occurs the interscholastic track meet and in the evening are junior orations. Saturday morning there is a baseball game; in the afternoon comes the Triangular Collegiate Meet and in the evening the Junior Prom. Sunday, the sororities keep open house to their friends.

At commencement, one pleasing feature of the week is the flower and fern procession. This belongs peculiarly to the women of the institution. The procession is led by the oldest living graduate and after her in class order follow all the women who have ever attended the institution, each one carrying an armload of her class flower intermingled with ferns. The freshmen bring up to the rear, bearing tiny parasols which are a solid mass of flowers and ferns. The procession winds around the campus, over the lawns to the Condon Oaks, where they place their flowers in the form of the letters O. U. and then as the twilight descends, standing beneath the oaks, their voices are raised in some of the loved college songs.

Traditions at Oregon are few, the chief among them being the ideals of loyalty and high standards which have been handed down carefully from senior to freshman as year succeeds year. There are some which are more concrete, for example,—no Oregon man in deference to the women, ever smokes on the campus, and woe be unto the freshman who violates this rule. Then there are several regu-

lating the attire of the men,—the freshman must wear a green cap, and must not appear in a dress suit at any college or town function during his first year; sophomores are not permitted to wear derby hats; the seniors are prominent in their sombreros.

But one cannot leave the story of life at Oregon without mention of the Mill Race and the prominent part it plays in the life of the



McCLURE HALL AND MEN'S DORMITORY

student. It is a narrow stream about three miles long, bordered on each side by tall overhanging trees, which meet in many places overhead, and which is crossed every little way by unique rustic bridges. When the first warm day proclaims that spring is here,—and this comes early in March,—the mill race is thronged with canoes. Here, the student paddles along, to tie up under a shady tree and to study in quiet and solitude. There, is the idler and dreamer, paddling to the head of the race for the pleasure of drifting home, lying on his back and enjoying the song of the birds and the sunlight flicker-

ing through the leaves overhead. There go some merry makers to build a fire and broil their steaks before the darkness comes. Later they will float back, singing, drifting, singing, as the moon comes up over Judkins Point and floods the race with its light.

Poems have been written, romances spun, and the fortunes of the university decided as the students have floated dreamily along. It's the tie of the mill race that binds the oldest graduate to the youngest freshman, and around it centers the life and traditions of Oregon.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

LAURA WHITWELL '15 (Xi)

Every well-established institution, whether national or private, has certain demonstrations peculiar to itself. These traditions make its central life, its soul and spirit, the connecting link between past and present.

The importance of traditions, the development of the "social mind," has become one of the chief factors of education. Student demonstrations show the spirit of the school. And the spirit is the thing that lives and makes the Alumnus akin to the freshman.

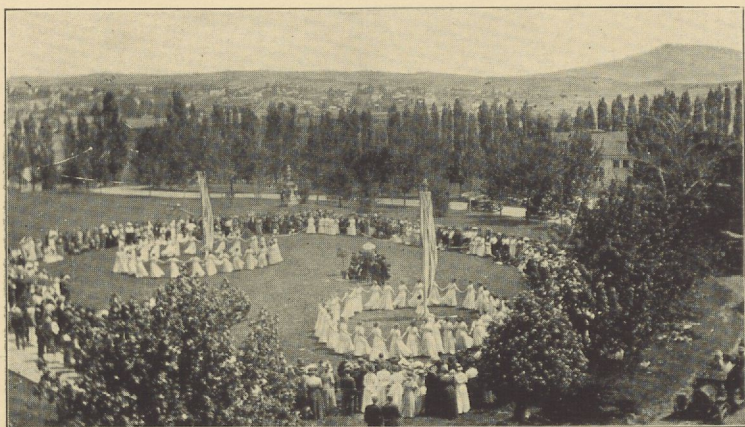
At the University of Idaho, the hostilities between the freshmen and sophomores, begun at the first of the year, are usually lulled to rest until the seventeenth of March—or the night before—when they break forth again in one grand burst of "green and yellow" fury. St. Patrick's Day is the big event in the lives of the under classmen. The upper classes do not take an active part, but act as umpires, agitators and sympathizers. The nature of the fight is determined by the class each year, and varies in kind. In 1909 it was a general "knock down and tie up" in which valor lay principally in members. The year following it was a cane rush and last year a pole fight. Just what the fight will be this March has not been determined, but we hope it will be as successful in bringing the students, faculty and friends together upon the campus as those in the past have been.

The "Gem of the Mountains," issued every year by the junior class, is a tradition which the juniors at least are sometimes tempted to wish had never been established. The endeavor is made to gather into a book the material, relative to the college year—not a picture book, not a joke book, but a book which attempts to give a brief glimpse into every phase of college life. To the juniors the book is of especial value, giving a common interest, purpose and aim, and its influence clings to the class even unto the end.

The youngest of Idaho's traditions is Campus Day. Miss French, Dean of Women, was the originator of the idea, and aids materially each year in making it a success. From ten in the morning until five in the afternoon the campus is given over to the

students and friends of the University. Games, processions and class rites are observed. We boast that the "Queen" who is elected by the student body each year, from the girls of the senior class, has always been a Gamma Phi. In a carriage, transformed into a bower of flowers, she is drawn at the head of the procession of college girls.

There are other rallies, it is true, but never such as comes on the night before the football game with Washington State College, our bitter rival. The college spirit is at the bursting point of enthus-

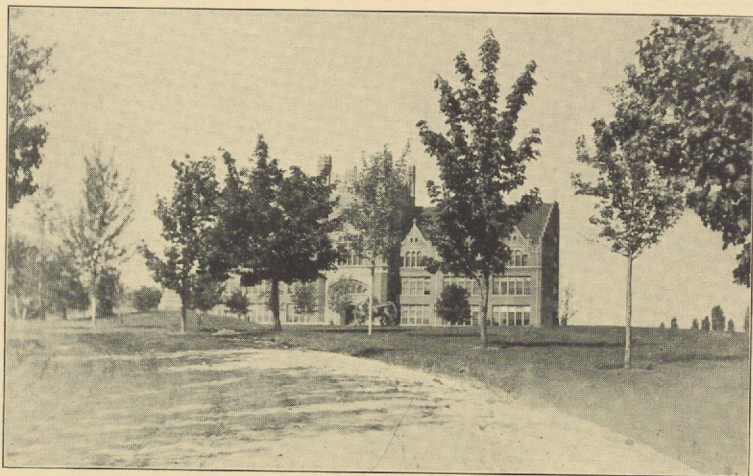


CAMPUS DAY

iasm. The rally begins at seven p. m. with an immense bonfire on the athletic field, prepared by the freshmen. There are selections by the University Band, speeches by the football men and the faculty, yells and songs by the students. Then follows the torch-light procession and night-shirt parade through the streets of Moscow. The success of the game next day can almost be predicted from the enthusiasm shown at the rally.

Memorial services are held on Memorial Day at the monument on the campus to commemorate the services of those students of the University of Idaho who served in the Philippine war. The monument was raised in honor of two of those students who lost their lives in that service. The ceremony is that prescribed for all stations of the United States Army.

When the thirty-seven of the thirty-nine men who left our University for the war returned (and the majority of course came to our University) they in some way began to be called "The Old Guard." Incidentally, they were invited to judge competitive drills between cadet companies, to be present at battalion drills, and especially at the government inspection of the cadets. The latter custom, as the time went on, developed into a burlesque habit (cultivated by ex-members of the battalion of cadets) of turning out in



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freak costumes of tattered and mixed uniforms, broken guns of all patterns, a plentiful supply of arm bandages, plasters, and especially crutches and walking sticks. The variegated display made by this unit, which hobbles through its drill with all the calmness and precision, albeit lack of dignity, of the regular cadets makes a truly humorous sight. The only trouble arises from the fact that the masqueraders are such adepts in their parts that the government inspector has been known to become angry and to call off the real inspection at the mere sight of their maneuvers.

The enumerated traditions are the most important ones, but of course we have many minor ones—such as the wearing of freshman caps—which are more or less familiar to every college.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE

By E. H. P. (Wellesley '95) AND E. F. H. (Radcliffe '01)

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, as the name implies, is an association of the graduates of certain women's and co-educational colleges, and the only national unprofessional organization of American college women, having for its aim work purely educational. The organizers of this association had in mind the general maintenance of high standards of education, and the collection and publication of information concerning education.

By a special act of the Massachusetts state legislature, in 1899, the association was incorporated, having been organized seventeen years earlier through the influence of Alice Freeman Palmer, then President of Wellesley College, and Marion Talbot, Dean of Women at Chicago University. From a membership of seventeen women, representing eight colleges, the association has grown until now there are over 4,000 members from twenty-three different colleges, who represent forty-seven branches.

The national work of the association, carried on by its standing committees, has changed and broadened with the growth in membership. One of the earliest committees was that on fellowships. For some years a foreign fellowship of \$500.00, and an American one of \$250.00 have been maintained; more recently, the association has established a fellowship in memory of Alice Freeman Palmer. This last fellowship, which has been held by three fellows, is open to students who have done advanced work equivalent to that required for the Ph.D. degree.

Another committee undertook to further educational interests through legislation. Members living near various capitols have endeavored to have desirable educational measures passed and to prevent undesirable legislation, thus, indirectly raising the standard for education in various states. Moreover, it has taken an active interest in college problems, such as housing, food, courses of study, entrance examinations, student government and the many affairs of common interest to college communities.

In 1906, the Boston branch undertook the study of the living wage for college women, and the interest of the association in the economic efficiency of college women became so general that a committee was appointed to study the subject. The last committee is that on vocational opportunities. Partly through its efforts, there has recently been started in New York an Inter-collegiate Bureau of Occupations, which undertakes to place women of education in positions other than teaching. This committee also keeps in touch with the appointment bureaus in the colleges, and endeavors to aid students in finding suitable occupations.

The Association, as Mrs. Clarke says: "has helped to raise and to broaden collegiate standards in matters of endowment, courses of study, faculties, and salaries. There are now several agencies engaged in unifying standards in higher education, and it is not too much to claim for the Association a very large influence in suggesting, and even in determining, the kinds of tests which are now accepted as authoritative and progressive." With this record behind it, a radical departure from the former policy was recommended by the Corporate Membership Committee and voted at the annual meeting of 1911. The report reads: "Believing that its work, accomplished as a pioneer, could now be given over to these other agencies, the Association voted to adopt, until further action, the collegiate standard of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in all academic and financial matters, and to direct its efforts to maintaining suitable conditions for women in those institutions which admit them."

Again Mrs. Clarke says: "It would be impossible to give any adequate idea of the local work for education which has been, and is, accomplished in the cities and localities where the Association has a branch. Often interpreting 'education' in a pretty broad way, the local branch has aided the city in its civic work, its philanthropic work, its social service work."

Certainly this is true of the Colorado Branch. Organized in 1898 with thirteen members, it now numbers almost one hundred. The first attempt to do anything beyond the monthly social meeting was

in the establishing and helpful direction of a scholarship fund. For six years this fund has been growing—increased through public lectures and plays given, from time to time, by the members. The money is loaned, by preference, to Colorado students, juniors or seniors, in our own state institutions. At Neighborhood House, the settlement spirit of the Branch has been developed, and for nine years, a director has kept the members in close touch with the work there. Of a truly practical nature were the boxes of books contributed to the traveling library of the Woman's Club. Last year, the necessity of having a woman on the Board of Regents of the State University was keenly felt by the Association Members, and steps were taken towards securing the nomination and, finally, the election of one.

This was not the first time that the Colorado Branch had taken an interest in matters pertaining to the public welfare. Several times, members have worked on bills pending in the house, legislation pertaining to the betterment of conditions for women and children and on educational bills. This year, the work will be along civic rather than along state lines, and several committees are working in connection with various city organizations on matters of immediate interest.

THE SITUATION AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

In December of 1911, the fraternity world was surprised to learn that sororities at Brown University had been forbidden to receive new members. Eager to know the exact situation and feeling that the Greek press had the right to know the grounds for abolishment, the Crescent editor wrote to Dr. Faunce in regard to the matter. The following answer was sent: "I have received your letter of inquiry. Perhaps the best answer I can make is to send you the enclosed clipping from the Providence Journal. The action we have taken was not intended to reflect upon any particular organization, but simply to express our agreement with other women's colleges in the East in their view that other forms of social organization are preferable."

Below we print the clipping sent by Dr. Faunce:

By direction of the college authorities the sororities at the women's college of Brown University will not initiate any new members, and will gradually die out through inability to perpetuate themselves.

The advisory council and the executive committee unanimously voted to enforce this position, and official notification of the decision has been received by all the local and national Greek letter societies at Pembroke.

The official notification was received Monday by the secretary of each of the sororities, through the mail. The vote includes the two national sororities as well as all the local ones.

The notification sent to each of the sororities is as follows:

"After conference with all interests concerned, and due consideration of all statements made, the executive committee has voted that the fraternities in the Women's College of Brown University shall not admit new members after this date.

"The committee cordially approves every legitimate provision for the cultivation of social life and in time to friendship among the students, realizing that such fellowship constitutes no small part of the attractiveness and helpfulness of college life."

This was signed by W. H. P. Faunce, R. H. I. Gaddard, Stephen O. Metcalf, Henry M. King and Lida Shaw King. Following this decision was the following paragraph:

"We, the members of the advisory council, heartily indorse this action."

Below were the following names: Sarah E. Doyle, E. G. Radeke, Amelia S. Knight, Annie H. Barus, A. C. E. Allinson, Hester M. Hastings and Martha W. Watt.

For about two years the sororities at Pembroke have been under restrictions in their action to a marked degree. Last year Dean King issued, and enforced through her authority, a rule under which the sororities were not to initiate new members until Thanksgiving time of the past month.

Just before Thanksgiving, it is stated, when many of the sororities were planning to take in members, the question of abolishing these societies was brought so prominently to the front that official action was taken by the college authorities.

ALUMNAE FORCED ACTION.

Dean King said yesterday that the matter would not have been acted upon until some time later than the present if alumnae had not forced the question. She stated that three locals desired to go into nationals, and that it was thought by alumnae to be the better plan to settle the matter once for all now.

Matters would have been complicated, Miss King says, if the locals were allowed to become national chapters, and were soon afterward ordered to discontinue.

Under the old agreement the sororities could have taken in members this Thanksgiving, but Miss King said yesterday that, because of the discussion which had started, the societies voluntarily decided at that time not to initiate until the matter was settled. They will now be unable to increase their membership under the new vote.

Juniors and Seniors who are members, there being no underclass members, will continue in membership until they are graduated, and the sororities will, therefore, die out, being unable to perpetuate themselves.

Dr. Faunce was asked yesterday if any plan was being worked out for the abolition of the fraternities in the men's department. He said: "That matter has not been taken up."

GIVE OUT STATEMENT.

The executive committee and the advisory council of the women's college, after canvassing the matter thoroughly, prepared the following statement, which about three weeks ago was read to the women at chapel:

"The growth of the Women's College in buildings, campus and endowment makes it necessary to provide more definitely for the development of the social life of the college, and such development should be assumed and controlled by the college itself.

"While the existence of fraternities was helpful during the earlier years of this college, we have now come to a parting of the ways. Either we allow the fraternities to be greatly multiplied in number and affiliated with national organizations, or must ask them to give way to other forms of social life.

"In our opinion, the multiplication of exclusive self-perpetuating societies and their permanent control by exterior organizations would be deleterious to the welfare of the college.

"We express the hope that the existing fraternities will voluntarily cease to perpetuate themselves, and assist the faculty and administration in developing social groups, organized for definite purposes, to which all students are eligible. In the future, our students should be grouped not along lines of social cleavage, but on the basis of definite interests and purposes. Such change would be in line with the present trend of opinion in our preparatory schools and in the leading colleges for women."

Recently the formal vote was taken and the sororities were ordered not to take in any new members.

BITS OF NEWS

Convention delegates brought back glowing reports of the clever toast-mistress at the banquet and told wonderful stories of impromptu poems and delightful allusions. Esther Willard Bates is one of Boston Alumnae's brightest stars and Gamma Phi's will be interested in knowing of her book "Pageants and Pageantry" which is being published by Ginn and Company with an introduction by William Orr, Deputy Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts. We quote the outline of the pamphlet describing the book:—

"Pageants and Pageantry" is designed for the use of schools and colleges. It contains:

—Six exhaustive chapters on the staging, costuming, organizing, sources, and writing of amateur pageants and plays.

—Five specimen pageants with episodes, prologues, and directions for their production. These comprise scenes from different periods in Roman, medieval, English, and American colonial history, covering in a dramatic form the principal periods taught in secondary-school work.

—Selections and scenes from English literature arranged in a variety of ways for amateur production.

—A rare mystery play by Algernon Swinburne (not included in his complete works) arranged for school use.

—The Rape of the Lock and Hawthorne's Old Province House arranged for pantomime.

—A play introducing Greek, Norse, and Celtic myths, suitable for advanced grammar grades.

—Typical instances in each nation's history which have been dramatized in one-act form. These include The Knighting of a Young Squire, The Act of Doing Homage, The Children's Crusade, The Invention of Printing, The Peasant's Revolt, A Roman Triumph, Tarquin and the Sibyl, The Dame School, Salem Witchcraft, etc.

—Medieval, Roman, and colonial songs with words and music, and directions for ancient dances, with both steps and music.

—A few specimen tables of expense, contributed by leading pageant masters.

—A complete and comprehensive bibliography, for the aid of the instructor or stage manager.

The book is illustrated with typical scenes from noted outdoor and indoor pageants, showing a great variety of stage settings.

No pains have been spared to make each episode historically accurate, spirited, and artistic. In every possible instance the actual words of the characters have been incorporated.

All pageants are so divided that they may be given as a whole or as individual episodes. In this way thirty or more one-act plays, fifteen to thirty minutes in length, are provided, suitable for classroom recitation, holiday observances, or exercises in the school hall.

All pageants are arranged with reference to very limited stage settings, so that an ordinary school hall may generally be used.

Many of the pageant episodes have stood the test of actual production.

The University Travel-Study Club was organized twelve years ago by Dr. Alexander C. Flick, Professor of European History in Syracuse University—an experienced traveler, an able linguist and an ideal leader—and has, since then, become a recognized success in the educational world. The purposes of the club, according to its attractive pamphlet are—(1) To bring together a small select company of cultured, congenial, appreciative persons for a carefully planned tour of Europe. (2) To prepare members for an intelligent comprehension of the significance of European civilization by select courses of study under the personal supervision of Dr. Flick and his assistants. (3) To make travel abroad easy, delightful, recreative and, above all, profitable in culture and information. (4) To systematize sight-seeing so as to study all important places and objects easily, at the best possible time and in proportion to their worth. (5) To enable members to understand the meaning of everything seen by means of interpretative talks and lectures in connection with all important visitations.

Gamma Phi's have been especially interested in this enterprise on account of our own Laura Page Flick (Alpha '98) who accompanies the parties as chaperon. Mrs. Flick's enthusiasm for Gamma Phi and her charming personality have done much toward the success of the trips and Gamma Phi's will find no more delightful way to spend their vacation than as members of the University Travel Club. We print below the itinerary.

Thursday, June 20.—The Club will sail on the splendid steamer "Pannonia" of the Cunard Line from New York. First-class reservations; \$100 berths. Earlier and later sailings may be arranged.

AZORES, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND AFRICA.

Wednesday, June 26.—Sight the beautiful Azores in mid-ocean.

Saturday, June 29.—Call at Gibraltar to visit the interesting city and the mighty Rock. Glimpses of Portugal, Spain, and Algiers will add variety to the voyage.

ITALY.

Wednesday, July 3.—Enter the glorious Bay of Naples with old Vesuvius standing guard in the background and land at Naples, the most foreign city in Western Europe. Excursion to Pompeii. Famous drive to Amalfi and Sorrento, or optional trip to Capri.

Monday, July 8.—Rome, the most wonderful city in the world. Four distinct Romes will be studied—ancient, mediaeval, papal, and modern. Numerous drives to places of interest. Excursions to the catacombs and to St. Paul beyond the Walls.

Monday, July 15.—Florence, one of the most important cities on earth for art and culture. Side trips to Fiesole, San Miniato, and the famous Certosa Monastery.

Saturday, July 20.—Through Bologna, the Po Valley, and Padua to Venice, "Queen of the Seas." Gondola rides.

Tuesday, July 23.—Across the Plains of Lombardy to Milan, the business capital of Italy, where the famous Gothic cathedral, a "dream in marble," will be studied.

Wednesday, July 24.—A day on the matchless Italian Lakes, Como and Lugano, and a trip across the mountain pass in an observation coach to Porlezza.

SWITZERLAND.

Thursday, July 25.—Up the romantic Ticino Valley, over the St. Gothard Pass by rail and through the celebrated tunnel to picturesque Flueln, flanked by snow-capped mountains.

Friday, July 26.—Steamer across Lake Lucerne, past the scenes of Tell's adventures so famous in song and story. Trip up the Rigi (7,000 feet) for the most glorious mountain view in the Old World. Stop at Lucerne to see Thorwaldsen's lion, the old bridges, and the beautiful Quays.

Saturday, July 27.—Observation coach over the lofty Brunig Pass, past the Sarner See, Lake Lungern, Meirgen, Lake Brienz and the Giesbach Falls to Interlaken. Here begins an invasion of the Swiss Bernese Oberland—the grandest mountain scenery in Europe. Sunday will be spent at Grindelwald, a typical Swiss village, within sight of two mighty glaciers and the towering peaks of the Wetterhorn, Mettenberg, Eiger, and the dazzling Jungfrau—

all covered with perpetual snow and ice. Mountain climbing. An impressive experience.

Monday, July 29.—Coach over the Scheidegg Pass (6,000 feet), past the Jungfrau, Wengern Alps, and the down Lauterbrunnen Valley by the Staubbach Falls back to Interlaken and thence through Berne on to quaint old Basle.

GERMANY.

Tuesday, July 30.—Down the upper Rhine through the unsurpassed Black Forest, past Freiburg and Karlsruhe to Heidelberg, the renowned old University town. Visit to the Castle, the "German Alhambra," and to the University Buildings.

Thursday, August 1.—Train to Mainz and steamer down the Rhine River, past numerous old castles, typical German villages, vineyards and mountains associated with strange old legends—a day never to be forgotten—to Cologne with its finest German Gothic cathedral and many places of historic interest.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

Friday, August 2.—Train through Utrecht and central Holland to Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North." Visit to the Ryks Museum and other places of interest.

Monday, August 5.—Train through Haarlem and Leiden, past windmills, canals, pastures, and villages to The Hague, the Dutch capital.

Tuesday, August 6.—Through Delft and Rotterdam to Antwerp, the most unique old Flemish city in Belgium, with its rich cathedral, art, and points of historic interest.

Wednesday, August 7.—Drive through Brussels, the pretty capital of Belgium.

FRANCE.

Thursday, August 8.—A week in Paris, "the most beautiful city in the world," with its wonderful historical associations, its priceless collections of art, and its numerous activities of to-day. All places of interest will be visited. A coaching trip will be made to Versailles.

ENGLAND.

Thursday, August 15.—A week in London, the Mighty, the center of the world's business, will give ample opportunity to study Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's, the Tower, the Temple, the British Museum, the National Gallery, and many other spots and buildings famous in English history, art and song.

Wednesday, August 21.—A special saloon car will take the Club to the charming old University town of Oxford, where the most noteworthy colleges, "walks," "gardens" and other points of interest will be seen.

Thursday, August 22.—Stratford-on-Avon, world-famous for its association with Shakespeare. A typical English rural village. Stroll to Ann Hathaway's cottage.

Friday, August 23.—Chester, the rare old walled town of mediaeval England, with its cathedral and odd "rows."

Saturday, August 24.—Sail from Liverpool, or Glasgow, for New York, or Montreal, on some comfortable steamer.

Monday, September 2.—Arrive in America.

COLLEGE NEWS

Boston University has entered a new era in its history, under the leadership of Lemuel H. Murlin. Doctor Murlin of Baker University was formally inaugurated president of Boston University on October twentieth at services held in Trinity Church. Seven hundred alumni, trustees, members of the faculty, and visiting delegates, marshalled by Dr. E. Charlton Black, passed in a procession from the liberal arts building to the church, where Ex-Governor Bates presented to Doctor Murlin the keys, charter and seal of the university in the presence of a large gathering. Luncheon was served to guests at Hotel Vendome, and in the afternoon short addresses were made by President Lowell of Harvard, Rev. Dr. Charles Brown of Yale Divinity School, and Chief Justice Rugg of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts at the New Old South Church. After dinner at the Vendome, a reception was given the President and Mrs. Murlin by the faculty and student body at the college of liberal arts.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

John Grier Hibben has been elected president of Princeton University. The *Syracuse Post-Standard* gives the following:

Princeton, N. J., January 11.—The trustees of Princeton University elected Professor John Grier Hibben, '82, president of the University today at the annual winter meeting.

Princeton has been without a president since Governor Wilson resigned in October, 1910, to become the chief executive of the state of New Jersey.

Dr. Hibben has been one of the most popular lecturers of the university for years. Among the student he has long been loved as a friend. He knows most of the students of the big university by name and never passes the humblest freshman without greeting him. He has the reputation of being very democratic in his views and fearless in expressing them.

John Grier Hibben was born at Peoria, Illinois, in 1861. His father was a clergyman. Professor Hibben took his A. B. degree at Princeton in 1882 and his Master's degree three years later. He became a Ph. D. in 1893, this degree being also conferred by his alma mater. Lafayette College conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1907.

Between 1883 and 1886 Professor Hibben studied at the Princeton Theological Seminary and at the University of Berlin, and in 1887 he was ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. For the four years following he was the pastor of the church at

Chambersburg, Pa., at the conclusion of which time he became an instructor of logic in the university. Since 1893 he has been professor of logic.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

On October 19th and 20th, in the inauguration of President Vincent, for the first time in the history of the University of Minnesota, the faculty, alumni, students and people of the state were moved by a common impulse to express their love and loyalty to the institution. The remarkable demonstration of college spirit was genuine and universal, betraying devotion that was not to last a brief space of time, but that is to endure as long as the university exists.

The events of the inauguration have passed into history, but the memories cherished by those whose good fortune it was to take part in any of the ceremonies, will last, and they will be looked back upon as some of the greatest experiences in their lives.

The inauguration was all that could be desired in every respect. The torchlight procession marked the actual beginning of the ceremonies, when on the night of the nineteenth of October some eight thousand loyal alumni and students joined forces to express their good will toward and their appreciation of the new president. The alumni marching in order of their graduation, headed the procession which marched around and through the campus, into Northrop Field. The men and women wore caps and gowns alike, of maroon and gold, the men carrying torches, the women Japanese lanterns. The sight presented by these thousands of moving lights was beautiful and inspiring. Every class, from '76 down to the present freshman class, was represented in order, the various classes being distinguished by different devices for that purpose.

The student contingent was headed by the academic college, followed by the other colleges in the order of their founding. This part of the procession, upon entering Northrop Field, went through a series of drills and spectacular marches prepared for the occasion. A very elaborate display of fireworks ended this particular phase of the celebration. In regard to the success of the affair, President Vincent said on the following morning that he had seen such events in various parts of the country, but that he had never seen anything that approached the Minnesota torch-light procession.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown was recently installed as president of New York University; Dr. George H. Denny, former president of Washington and Lee University has been elected as head of the

University of Alabama; Southwestern University has inaugurated Dr. Charles McLyre Bishop; and Dr. Guy Potter Benton, formerly president of Miami University, has been inaugurated as the twelfth president of the University of Vermont.

Almost within the shadow of the far-famed Greek Theatre, snuggled under some wide-spreading oak trees is the visible sign of the hopes and struggles of the last three graduating classes of women from the University of California, a little newly built cottage with the all-out-of-proportion name Senior Women's Hall. "Another shingle is bought," has for months and months been the jeering slogan of the men, perhaps jealous of the fact that the girls desired a happy-meeting-ground like their sturdy log-cabin which has never, in the years it has stood and harbored many now illustrious men, had its door sill crossed by a feminine foot.

It's a tiny place but monstrous big for what it has cost in time and labor; one large room whose rough hewn walls and ceiling are glorified by the light from a deep bosomed fire place, a kitchenette and an all-encircling porch that hangs, on one side, over a porch.

It's here that once a week on Thursday nights the seniors slip away by themselves to remember only that they are girls and to curl up on the window seats or in the glow of the fire on the floor and to sing their songs and tell their stories and cement unbreakably the ties between them so that "auld acquaintances" surely shall never be forgotten.—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

The next building to be constructed at the University of Michigan will be an auditorium, for which \$200,000 was provided in the will of Regent Hill of Saginaw. The auditorium will be known as the "Hill Memorial Hall." Plans for a building to accommodate 5,100 persons have been drawn by a firm of Detroit architects, and accepted by the Board of Regents. The auditorium will probably be ready for occupancy on January 1, 1915.—*Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

For the second time in succession a Radcliffe girl has won the Craig Prize of \$250 for the best play written by a Harvard or Radcliffe student. The play that won the distinction last year has been running at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, with gratifying success, and the donor of the money, Mr. John Craig, who is the manager of that theatre, in presenting the prize this year, said that the plays submitted excelled those of the preceding competition. It is Miss Elizabeth Authorp's "The Product of the Mill" that receives

the prize this year. The New York *Evening Post* suggests sarcastically: "Let Mr. Craig, or some one else, offer a prize for a play, limiting the contest to Harvard students. This simple condition will effectually dispose of the competition that it is apparently impossible to meet in any less drastic way."—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The School of Journalism at Columbia University will open at the beginning of the academic year in September. The endowment for this was left by Joseph Pulitzer, and the advisory board was named by Mr. Pulitzer in his will.

This board met recently, but the plans are not definite as yet. One of the themes of discussion was in reference to whether or not the school should be fitted up as a newspaper plant or whether the course of study should be mostly academic. Mr. Pulitzer's opinion is interpreted as favoring a combination of the mechanical and academic factors. Lectures will also form an important part of the curriculum.

The board consists of the following prominent men: Whitelaw Reid, principal owner of the *Tribune* and ambassador to the Court of St. James, who was made chairman; Dr. St. Clair McKelway of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, who was made vice-chairman; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia; Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press; Samuel Bowles, editor of the *Springfield (Mass.) Republican*; Edward P. Mitchell, vice-president of the Sun Printing and Publishing Association; Charles R. Miller, editor of the *New York Times*; John L. Heaton of *The World* and George S. Johns of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

"Every dog has his day"—and the women of the University of California have theirs. For one day in the year the men feel distinctly "out of it" and the women reign supreme upon the campus.

Washington's Birthday has been selected for this day of days—whether for any significant reason may be left to the judgment of the reader. At any rate, on the eve of February twenty-second, visible signs of preparations begin. The men give over the office of the "California," the daily paper, to the women of the university. Far into the night there is the rustle of skirts in this unknown precinct and many a pretty brow is puckered over "copy" and "proof." With what result? A production of the best of form and condition along that particular style of literary work.—*Anchora of Delta Gamma*.

Nebraska has more women students than any other university in the west or middle west. Statistics are as follows: Kansas, 846; Missouri, 856; Illinois, 923; Michigan (approximately), 1,000; and Nebraska, 1,785.—*Circle of Zeta Psi.*

"The amateur playwrights of Cornell University have been informed by a representative of Henry W. Savage that the latter will produce any play written by a Cornell undergraduate which has received the stamp of approval of the Cornell Dramatic Club and has been staged by that organization."—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.* Quoted in *Aglaia of Phi Mu.*

The University of Idaho, although a young institution (founded in 1889) is noted for its high scholarship, being one of the first thirteen—and has the best mining department in the northwest.

Syracuse University is generally conceded to be the most successful co-educational college in the East.

Lest Gamma Phi forget the colors of the fourteen institutions in which she is found: Syracuse University, Orange; University of Michigan, Maize and Blue; University of Wisconsin, Cardinal; Boston University, Scarlet and White; Northwestern University, Royal and Purple; Goucher College, Dark Blue and Old Gold; University of California, Blue and Gold; University of Denver, Red and Gold; Barnard College, Pale Blue of White; University of Minnesota, Maroon and Gold; University of Washington, Purple and Gold; Leland Stanford Jr. University, Cardinal; University of Oregon, Lemon Yellow and Green; University of Idaho, Gold and White.

In Denver, at University Park, on February 26, 1912, the Iliff School of Theology, one of the finest institutions of Methodism, was formally dedicated. This school, in which Louise Iliff (Theta) and her mother have been so interested and to which they have given so lavishly is now perfect in its appointments and complete in every detail. Among the many interesting features are the beautiful pulpit furnishings purchased by Miss Iliff with her commissions from the sale of Porto Rican work, the old mahogany table of John Wesley, and the baptismal bowl once used by him.

REPORT OF TENTH PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.,

NOVEMBER 3-4, 1911

First Session

The Tenth National Pan-Hellenic Conference was called to order in the Guild Room of Lunt Library, Northwestern University, Friday, November 3rd, at 10 A. M., by Miss Marguerite Lake, Delta Gamma, chairman. Mrs. Cora Allen McElroy, Alpha Phi, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

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

Kappa Alpha Theta.—Miss Eva Hall, 327 West Sycamore Street, Sycamore, Ill.

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

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

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

Gamma Phi Beta.—Mrs. Leigh Reilly, 10 Quick Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.

Alpha Chi Omega.—Mrs. James R. Crann, Davenport, Iowa.

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

Alpha Xi Delta.—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, Elmira, N. Y.

Chi Omega.—Mrs. H. M. Collins, Loveland, Ky.

Sigma Kappa.—Miss Grace Small, 262 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Mass.

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

Zeta Tau Alpha.—Miss May Agness Hopkins, New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston, Mass.

Alpha Gamma Delta.—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, National Home, Wis.

Alpha Delta Phi.—Mrs. W. C. Coles, 21 Cleburne Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

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

The motion was carried that the reading of the minutes of the Ninth National Pan-Hellenic Conference be dispensed with, as copies were in the hands of the delegates.

The chair appointed as a Committee on Recommendations:

Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Mrs. Roth, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

As a Committee on an Informal Report to the Grand Councils:

Mrs. Reilly, Gamma Phi Beta.

The report of Miss Lake, Secretary of the Conference, 1910-1911, was read. The following summary of the year's work was:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Seventeen hundred copies of the report of the Ninth Conference were printed and distributed.

Thirty-six copies of the exchange list for the Conference Fraternity journals were sent to the Editors and Grand Presidents.

Seventeen hundred copies of the model constitution for local Pan-Hellenics were printed and distributed.

The recommendations:—"That students in a university summer school be declared ineligible for fraternity pledging" was ratified by the unanimous vote of the Grand Presidents.

Admission to the Conference was not granted to any petitioning fraternity.

During the year 1910-1911 the National Pan-Hellenic Conference has been more than ever before a court of appeals. Among the cases considered were appeals from Goucher, Dickinson, Stanford, Missouri, and Denver.

The Secretary is convinced that it is reasonable and necessary that the Grand Councils of the fraternities support that officer in her attempt to settle Pan-Hellenic violations.

In addition to the routine business of the office: issuing reports, collecting votes from the Grand Presidents on the Conference Recommendations and announcing the same, the Secretary has been called upon to answer many letters giving advice and information, so she reports an arduous but interesting year and recommends that the government of the Conference be invested in an Executive Committee, as defined in the Constitution to be submitted for adoption by this Conference.

Each delegate presented a report from her fraternity giving convention action on Pan-Hellenic matters, together with recommendations from her fraternity to the Conference.

The recommendations in these reports were referred to the committees on Recommendations and on an Informal Report to the Grand Councils.

Second Session

The second session was called to order at 2 P. M., Friday, November 3.

This session was devoted to a discussion of some local Pan-Hellenic problems and an analysis of ways and means for their solutions.

Third Session

The third session was called to order at 10 A. M., Saturday, November 4.

The Extension Committee, Miss Hall, chairman, presented an exhaustive report. This report was accepted and placed on file.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The proposed constitution drawn up by Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Parmelee and Mrs. Bigelow was presented. After some minor changes, this constitution was adopted. This constitution changes the name of the Conference to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, grants limited legislation to the delegates and directs the government of the organization through an Executive Committee.

This constitution as ratified by the Grand Presidents through the vote of delegates in the Conference is printed at the end of this report.

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES

The motion was carried that the National Pan-Hellenic recommend to Grand Presidents to admit professional fraternities after the Extension Committee shall determine upon a suitable basis of admission.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPERONES

The Committee on Chaperones, Mrs. Dennis, Alpha Chi Omega, chairman, presented through Mrs. Crann a creditable report. This report was referred to the Committee on Recommendations and on an Informal Report to Grand Councils.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CUSTOMS

The committee, Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, presented a valuable report on Social Customs. It was ordered printed for the Grand Councils.

Fourth Session

The Congress was called to order by the Chair after an adjournment from 1 P. M. until 3:30 P. M. in order that the delegates might participate in a luncheon at the Patten Gymnasium, which was attended by three hundred and fifty women from the active chapters at Northwestern University and the alumnae of the National Pan-Hellenic fraternities.

Some minor reports were considered. The motion carried that the delegates be instructed to notify their fraternities to send their National Pan-Hellenic dues of \$10.00 to Mrs. James H. Crann, Treasurer, 520 Rusholme St., Davenport, Iowa.

The Pan-Hellenic Conference was declared adjourned until the second week in October, 1912.

CORA ALLEN McELROY, *Alpha Phi*,
Secretary of the Tenth Pan-Hellenic Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FRATERNITIES

1. That the Conference endeavor to establish uniformity as to the size of chapters, as to the length of time a bid may remain open, to dispense with coercion in pledging, to bring about a system of uniform scholarship requirements for initiation.
2. That the governing councils of the fraternities be urged not to allow chapters to withdraw from the local Pan-Hellenics under any conditions.
3. That the National Pan-Hellenic considers money penalties unethical and recommends their abolishment.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE CONFERENCE

Committee on Social Customs: Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

Committee on Chaperones: Mrs. Dennis, Alpha Chi Omega.

Committee on Uniform Scholarship Cards: Mrs. Bigelow, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Committee on Eligibility for Admission to the Congress: Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi.

Committee on Extension: Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Lake, Delta Gamma; Miss Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Committee on Dean's Conference: Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE TENTH NATIONAL PAN-HEL- LENIC CONGRESS

Chicago, November 15, 1911.

To the Grand Presidents, Editors, and Delegates of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress:

The summarized reports of the delegates are as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta announces the installation of a chapter at the University of North Dakota, and calls attention to the splendid Pan-Hellenic rulings at this University, viz.: a no rushing policy, pledge day the Saturday before Easter, initiation on a scholarship basis the following October. At Butler, Kappa Alpha Theta, bids at the end of fourteen weeks. A scholarship requirement before initiation is gaining ground. At Barnard and Missouri, the faculty have determined Sophomore pledging and the legislature in Wisconsin has enacted the same. Kappa Alpha Theta has adopted a thirty-day limit to keeping open a bid, and a one-year limit for holding a pledge. Domestic Science students are eligible to this fraternity only when taking a four-years' course. Kappa Alpha Theta reports that no union could be brought about between the Pan-Hellenic Association and the Inter-Sorority Council at Nebraska University.

Kappa Kappa Gamma announces a chapter established at Victoria College in the University of Toronto, where it is the only woman's fraternity, but as University College, on the same campus, has chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi and Pi Beta Phi—although they do not draw on Victoria College members—Kappa Kappa Gamma asks if it is possible to affiliate with the Pan-Hellenic at Toronto University, though they never meet these fraternities in rushing. Kappa Kappa Gamma, in the conviction that the best is not the largest chapter, limits her chapters to thirty, except by special dispensation. The Congress is asked to consider the custom of initiating patronesses and the advantages of life membership subscriptions to fraternity magazines.

Delta Gamma urges that the chapter of all the fraternities be taught to observe the spirit of Pan-Hellenic rulings.

Gamma Phi Beta, in a review of the replies of thirteen active chapters, to questions bearing upon the usefulness of the local Pan-Hellenics, notes three points of interest: (1) the prevailing ignorance as to aim of Pan-Hellenism; (2) the ineffectiveness of the local Pan-Hellenics, and consequent attitude of indifference toward them; (3) the generally recognized need of inter-fraternity co-operation.

Gamma Phi Beta endorses measures aimed toward higher scholarship within fraternities, improvement of college social conditions, simple rushing rules. Announcement is made of a Pan-Hellenic local soon to be established at Idaho University, where Delta Gamma is now in field with Gamma Phi.

Alpha Chi Omega reports establishment of chapters at Universities of Washington and Iowa, and of an alumnae chapter at Madison, Wisconsin; the establishment of a McDowell studio for use of fraternity musicians and artists; and the allowing of a scholarship fund. A history of Alpha Chi Omega is expected shortly from the press. Attention is called to Albion, where Pan-Hellenic has been revived with strained relations, and request made to supply chapters there with copies of rules and recommendations.

Alpha Xi Delta requests a report of troubles in the University of West Virginia.

Chi Omega suggests that the National Pan-Hellenic is making too much of the evils of fraternity life; that these be discussed privately, and meetings be devoted to consideration of good things to come from the efforts of this body; that the best things in the Pan-Hellenic movement will be reached when the officials of the fraternities can make their chapters conform. Chi Omega's initiation of patronesses is not their regular initiation.

Sigma Kappa desires to go on record as opposed to second-year pledging, and in favor of a high scholarship requirement. Membership of active chapters is limited to thirty, except by special dispensation for a limited time increase. Power is given the Sigma Kappa house-mothers to make house rules in co-operation with a Senior Council and one undergraduate representative. Patronesses are not initiated. Each chapter pledged at 1911 Convention to do at least one act of philanthropy during the year. One new chapter is installed at Middlebury College, Vermont.

Zeta Tau Alpha suggests that failure of Pan-Hellenism is due to the failure within the fraternities.

Alpha Delta Phi reports the installation of four new chapters: Alabama Women's College, Randolph Macon Women's College, Trinity College—at Durham, N. C., Iowa State College. There has been no trouble in the local Pan-Hellenics, where Alpha Delta Phi has chapters.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Discussion brought out the question of "What shall constitute the standard of rank for the guidance of the extension committee?" The number of units required was thought to be an unfair standard;

the Carnegie foundation of fourteen units extreme. Phi Beta Kappa does not adhere strictly to the Carnegie foundation. In some cases the Western State Universities are going down, while often splendid material has been turned out of the smaller colleges.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPERONES

Greatest need in this work is a means of discovering available chaperones, and the committee desires expression of opinion as to the value of joining a teachers' or employment agency in the quest of chaperones, and also as to the best way of getting information from college faculties as to possible service in this work of graduate students. Committee suggests that faculty or trustee supervision of chaperone matter would be often a solution of difficulties—as at Brenau, where chaperones are appointed and paid by the University. Visiting delegates of the Congress fraternities are urged to investigate closely the intercourse between chapter houses and university authorities.

A petition for the admission of Alpha Epsilon Iota, medical, to the National Pan-Hellenic, was read to the Congress by their representative, Dr. Snow, who stipulated that in recognition of the fact that, as a medical fraternity, they would come into this body on a different footing from the other fraternities represented, they would accept restriction in their power of vote.

Discussion as to advisability of establishing a precedent by admitting a medical fraternity, in which event there would be necessary three divisions of membership—regular, associate and professional. It should be considered that this body hopes, sometime, to concern itself with things bigger and more vital than rushing, and other affairs of young students, and when that time comes, it will need, and want, the help of the kind of women who make up the personnel of medical fraternities.

Points for the consideration of the Congress were brought forth by a letter from the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, written to Mrs. Roth (Kappa Kappa Gamma), in compliance with her request. This Board looks upon fraternities as barriers—not even passive onlookers—to the progress of the Y. W. C. A., and for the following reasons: (1) the line of demarcation between the fraternity and non-fraternity girls is sharp; (2) fraternity spirit runs ahead of everything; (3) the constant warring between local chapters; (4) the tendency of fraternities to ridicule the Y. W. C. A.; (5) the time and energy of fraternity girls is thrown into social life, which leads to unhappiness and bitterness of non-fraternity girls; (6) the heavy dues often exacted by the fraternities of their girls. The letter suggests the idea being urged that

fraternities should make their girls' interests broader, not narrower, and that fraternity women cannot afford to seem out of sympathy with the purpose of the Christian Association.

The Congress held that this criticism was not just.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS OFFERED TO THE CONGRESS

General recommendations offered to the Congress: (1) That the Congress endeavor to establish uniformity as to size of chapters. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Kappa have adopted the limit of thirty, except by special dispensation.

(2) That the length of time a bid should remain open be determined. Discussion revealed a strong stand against coercion in the case of a girl's indecision. Kappa Alpha Theta holds no bid open more than thirty days.

(3) That there be adopted a system of uniform scholarship reports to go to fraternities direct from registrar or dean.

(4) That N. P. C. consider money penalties unethical. It was held that moral problems cannot be settled on a money basis.

(5) That if a fraternity fail to send in a called for vote by the time specified, and an answer to a special delivery letter is not received within two weeks, it shall be considered an affirmative vote. (Kappa Alpha Theta.)

(6) That Sophomore pledging be not required in colleges where living conditions do not warrant it. (Alpha Phi.)

(7) That there be a crusade against coercion in pledging; and that ten hours or more of completed work be required before initiation. (Alpha Phi.)

(8) That all invitations to join a fraternity and replies to the same shall be sent by mail. Invitation to be returned if refusal is meant. (Alpha Phi.)

Kappa Alpha Theta recommends the adoption of Sophomore pledging not later than August 1, 1914, and Alpha Chi Omega urges increased authority of chaperones.

The N. P. C. emphasizes again the urgent need on the part of the governing councils of the fraternities, to discountenance withdrawals of their chapters from the local Pan-Hellenics.

For ten years the N. P. C. has created sentiment, but now, with the power of limited legislation conferred upon the delegates, an era of work is at hand. The responsibility of supervision of local Pan-Hellenics is definitely placed, the fraternities retaining their entire right of self-government, and the grand presidents—through their delegates—have the supervision of the Pan-Hellenic movement.

ESTHER RICH REILLY, *Gamma Phi Beta.*

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL THETA PLAY

THE DREAM THAT CAME TRUE

Written by Miss Lindsey Barbee

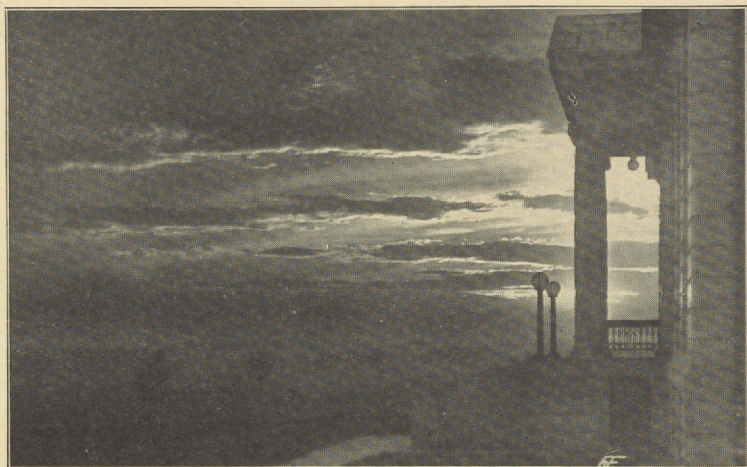
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THE DENVER ALUMNAE OF GAMMA PHI BETA

Cast of Characters

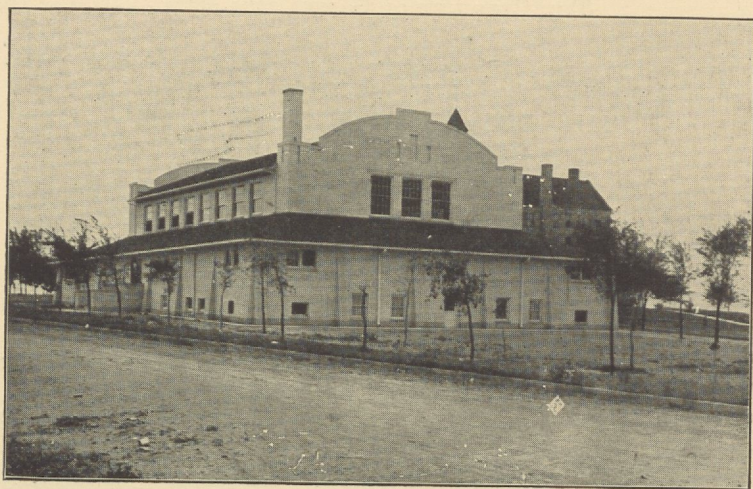
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| Nan Worthington | <i>Eunice G. Robinson</i> (one of the people) |
| Gordon Clay | <i>D. Willis Bowes</i> (foreman of the work) |
| Margaret Byrnes | <i>Kathryn Herbert</i> |



VIEW FROM LIBRARY

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| Mrs. Jenkins | <i>Jean Mentzer</i> (keeper of the boarding house) |
| Angelina Maud Jenkins | <i>Lela May Tait</i> (her daughter) |
| Jack Brown | <i>Harold Hickey</i> (a cub reporter) |
| Miss Louisa Hawkins | <i>Muriel Steele</i> (one of the boarders) |
| Miss Florabel Mullins | <i>Ruth Whitford</i> (a poetess) |



GYMNASIUM



COLLEGE HALL
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

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| Miss Mehitabel Biddle | <i>Inda Davis</i> |
| (a suffragette) | |
| "Bobbie" Byrnes | <i>Stuart L. Sweet</i> |
| Emmy Lou Norton | <i>Amy C. Speers</i> |
| (fond of fairy tales) | |
| Nora | <i>Mildred Morgan</i> |
| (a maid) | |
| Delphine Norton | <i>Gertrude L. Bent</i> |
| (the college graduate) | |
| Peggy Gilbert | <i>Inda Davis</i> |
| (a Browning fiend) | |
| Billy Best | <i>Max Melville</i> |
| (captain of the Varsity team) | |
| Mrs. Allaire | <i>Katherine Sheldon</i> |
| (the chaperone) | |
| Doris Hall | <i>Frances Hoop</i> |
| (an athletic girl) | |
| Lord Algernon Reginald | <i>Warren Mulford</i> |
| Charles Norton | <i>Archie B. Brusse</i> |
| (owner of the works) | |

Synopsis

Act I—Parlor in Mrs. Jenkin's Boarding House. (A week before Christmas.)

Act II—Living Room in the Norton Home. (The day before Christmas.)

Act III—Living Room in Norton Home. (Christmas Day.)

Play coached by Miss Edna May Sprague; manager, Miss Eda Burkhalter; assistant manager, Miss Ella Belle Connor.



"FROM Alpha to Xi"—a glimpse into college life from the blue Atlantic to the broad Pacific; a birdseye view, as it were, of the splendid activity and far-reaching influence of the institutions in which Gamma Phi Beta is represented. The subject of the sorority and the college—their relation each to the other—has been exhausted, and yet it seems so easy of solution. If we embody the teachings and the precepts of Gamma Phi in our college life; if we carry the loyalty, enthusiasm and inspiration of the college atmosphere into the sorority circle, there will be nothing to criticize. Why not twine the colors of your Alma Mater with the double brown? Why not say, "My college and my sorority—one and inseparable—now and forever!"

HAVE you had so many rules and regulations dear freshmen, and so much big-sisterly advice that you cannot listen to another suggestion? It's a good suggestion—and if you are a wise little freshman and if you realize that to be a true Gamma Phi you must be a well-rounded college woman—you will look beyond the college walls. Before you realize it, Commencement will bring you face to face with the vital question, "What next?"—and this question will be best answered by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. This organization will wisely direct the energy of the enthusiastic graduate, it will solve each problem of the first restless year out of the class-room, it will keep alive the ties of the Alma Mater, it will offer every opportunity to put to practical test the knowledge and the theories of four years' training. Two busy and prominent members of this organization have given us of their time and ability and

from their article not only will you gain an idea of the national growth and achievements of the association but you will learn of its remarkable work in this western land.

MAY we call attention to that very indispensable, interesting and instructive volume "The Sorority Handbook" by Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin—which really should need no introduction to any of us. The fourth edition—just issued—in addition to facts and figures concerning sororities, fraternities and colleges, contains monthly study topics, illustrations of sorority flags and a statistical table covering the five year period between the first and fourth editions. Each chapter—indeed each member of Gamma Phi—should possess a copy of this volume for, besides its value as a text book, it discusses phases of educational life and is regarded as an authority upon the subjects with which it deals.

IT remains for some ambitious literary genius—and it will doubtless be a care-worn editor—to dash into a hitherto unexplored region, and to write a book upon "Magazine Etiquette." If it were "the proper thing" to respond promptly to any appeal from the harassed creature into whose hands the destiny of your journal is entrusted, doubtless the editorial mailbag would be overflowing; if social convention demanded certain courtesies, our question would not be "How am I to obtain the article?" but rather, "Which one shall I use?" Really, the CRESCENT does not ask much of its readers—a quarterly letter and an occasional article—and it has every right to expect an answer to all requests. A second plea should be unnecessary and if it is impossible to send the article, the chapter correspondent should be considerate enough to inform the editor. College girls are busy of course—but so are other people—and if our magazine is to prosper, we must co-operate—we must meet each other half way. Thus endeth the first sputter—and it is meant only for a few; most of you have been thoughtful, prompt and willing to help.

IN the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love" sings the poet, but we emphatically declare that—even if the youths of the land are engrossed with the tender passion—the fair maidens are spending their time in rapt contemplation of easter bonnets! Such visions as they are—great flopping brims and their weight of flowers and tiny affairs that are merely thoughts and hatpins! Here's a wide brimmed hat loaded with pretty daisies—just the thing for a merry little freshman! There's a gay-colored chapeau of saucy jonquils, fairly breathing the self-confidence and delightful arrogance of the sophomore! Those scarlet posies will become the junior, glowing with her year of achievement—and for the senior what could be lovelier than these half-opened roses, suggesting in their very sweetness and delicacy a glorious maturity? And what shall the Easter-tide bring to Gamma Phi? With what shall we deck her brow? Let there be the forget-me-nots of good deeds, the sober pansies "that's for thoughts," the rosemary for remembrance, the violet with its tender fragrance—aye, let us crown her with the flowers of achievement, the blossoms of high ideals, the glory of a perfect year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There are still many unpaid subscriptions to the CRESCENT and the work is greatly hampered because of it. All chapter subscriptions should have been in by January 1, and all individual subscriptions are payable in advance. Subscription blanks will be sent with all magazines that have not been paid for at the time that the mailing list is received by the publisher. If you receive a pink slip and have just paid your subscriptions and hold your receipt for it, never mind the slip, but if your subscription is still unpaid, kindly remit at once to the business manager.

The mailing list has just been revised and re-arranged geographically and alphabetically. This has necessitated a great deal of labor. The business manager made a strenuous effort to get corrected lists from every chapter before beginning this work, but was not entirely successful. Up to the date of writing this notice two chapters, one active and one alumnae, have sent no corrections since some time last year. These lists must of necessity be very incorrect.

One month before the date of publication of the magazine, each chapter should send a corrected list of its members with their addresses to the business manager. All individuals should send notice of change of address as soon as it occurs. When sending a new married name, please send maiden name also in order that the old name may be taken from the list. Address all business communications to Carrie E. Morgan, 777 Harris St., Appleton, Wis.

The next issue of the magazine will be Chapter Number; its success rests with you, oh "Alpha to Xi" and in spite of the manifold duties of commencement season, take time to do your duty. For we shall desire at that time, your chapter picture—your chapter achievements—your chapter customs—and your chapter celebrities. Please be thinking of them now and when you are asked to contribute, do so cheerfully, competently, and—promptly!

Don't forget the contest for the coat-of-arms!



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Send all Chapter Letters and Personals to Miss White.

Next letter must be in her hands May 5th.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Into the midst of examinations came the notice for the CRESCENT letter, and Alpha began to wonder what among the many things that happen, would interest her sisters.

The girls gave a very successful informal Christmas dance on December 19th. The house was decorated with holly and mistletoe, and the lights were shaded with red crepe paper. The programs for the men were in the shape of small St. Nicks, and for the girls, of Christmas stockings. Chicken patties, salad, and coffee were served during the intermission. Everyone agreed that it was one of the nicest dances Alpha had ever given.

Mrs. Fuller, (Gertrude Dada, '85) one of our alumnae, entertained the freshmen and juniors of the active chapter one evening. The girls had a delightful time.

The great excitement of the winter came on the nineteenth of January, when Pauline Ballou, '13, announced her engagement. The centerpiece of the table was a tall vase of carnations, banked with ferns, and from each carnation ran a ribbon. The ribbons ended in dainty little Cupids, bearing the announcement. It was all such a complete surprise, that it took the girls several minutes to discover what it was all about. During the evening the very best musical talent in the sorority was called for, to celebrate the event. We were sorry that Pauline had to leave us the next Sunday; twenty girls were down to see her off. A letter from her came back the next week, and we were delighted to hear from her.

On January 26th, the city girls in the sorority gave the others a delightful chafing-dish spread, to celebrate the last examination. The Welch Rabbit, olives, and sandwiches tasted wonderfully good after so much hard studying. We entertained four of the faculty

of the College of Fine Arts at dinner at the house, February 1st. The table was very attractive with pink carnations, and pink shaded candles.

Senior Week is almost upon us, and after that comes our formal dance, to say nothing of spring rushing, so we shall not lack gayety for many weeks to come. We wish all of our sisters the same sort of jolly times we are having.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We have been so busy since our last letter that we scarcely know what to tell first. But to begin at the very beginning—from the close of the Pennsy house party to our Christmas vacation, we were caught up in a perfect whirlwind of excitement. Rushing was our principal thought and diversions. As a result of our strenuous efforts, we wish to introduce to you four splendid pledges—Helen Tuthill of Detroit, Katherine Bailey of Leslie, Elizabeth Ling, also of Detroit, and Marjorie Walker of Grand Rapids, all Michigan girls.

One afternoon before Christmas, we gave a tea for our town alumnae. We had a jolly chat over our sewing and we younger girls learned more about some of the "old girls" than we ever dreamed of before. Our Detroit alumnae gave a Gamma Phi luncheon at the College Club in Detroit, one Saturday. Several of the girls went in and brought back a glowing account of their good time.

Just before vacation, we had our Christmas party. The tree was prettier than ever, hung with gold and silver tinsel and lighted with many colored candles. Our presents afforded us many a laugh as they were, for the most part, "take-offs" on each girl's particular hobby. Our alumnae and Miss Forsythe, our chaperone, gave us some splendid presents. Pop-corn and candy canes lent zest to the occasion, and we all united in voting it one of the jolliest of our good times.

Maybelle Leonard Douglas, one of our town alumnae, gave a dance at the Country Club, shortly after the holidays, to which she invited all the active girls. We certainly enjoyed our evening immensely.

Then, you must know, we are greatly delighted with the plans for our new house, which we expect to have ready for us in time for fall rushing. We have adopted a new slogan—"In our new house." It may sound queer, but it represents the goal of our ambition.

Almost before we realized it we were plunging into our mid-year examinations, and now we are at the opening of the new semester.

As soon as the examinations were over, Junior Hop with all its attendant excitement and preparation was upon us. Eight of our girls received invitations.

On Valentine's Day, we had a formal dinner and a good old sing and after dessert the valentines were distributed. The table was prettily decorated with ferns, red hearts, and the Gamma Phi flower, glowing red carnations.

This week end there will be a luncheon at the Ponchartrain in Detroit for University of Michigan women. Mrs. John McKay, a prominent Detroit Gamma Phi is chairman of the luncheon committee. President Emertius Angell will speak, also President Hutchins. Our own senior, Edna Thuner, who is president of the Women's League, is also going to say a few words. Many college girls are going in and all hope to make it an enthusiastic success.

Our new semester has brought us two new freshmen, Marjorie Walker, and Marion Scott, daughter of Isadore Thompson Scott, Beta, 1884.

We all unite in wishing you as bright and prosperous a spring semester as our own promises to be.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(No letter received)

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter was sent so many good things have happened to us Gamma Phis that it is difficult to know just where to begin. The most interesting and the happiest event was on pledge day, when we rejoiced over ten wonderful freshmen,—Sylvia Ball, Marjory Barnard, Pauline Brant, Helen Farwell, Rachel Hardwick, Marguerite Hill, Violet Marshall, Evelyn Poland, Alice Reynolds, and Ada Taylor.

We gave our final rushing party, December 6th, at the home of Margaret Osgood in Lynn. The house looks out upon the ocean and is a wonderful place to have a good time. The sea breeze made us relish a delicious dinner. We sang Gamma Phi songs and danced. Finally, to cap the climax of this eventful evening we made a fire on the beach and sang again to the evident delight of the strollers.

On December 21st, we gave a Christmas party at the rooms to the freshmen. The tree was crowded with good things, you may be sure. Rachel Hardwick, our Gamma Phi baby, received the doll. We had such fun, time flew faster than a nineteen twelve roadster.

The initiation took place at the home of Mrs. Wren, at Professor's Road, Tuft's College, Medford. The banquet was held at the Hotel Vendome in the evening.

On December 28th, the alumnae gave the active chapter a Christmas spread. Most good things grow better every year, and our alumnae spread was no exception.

On January 31st, having finished our mid-year examinations we celebrated the event by a party at Margaret Osgood's home. First we had our pictures taken on the beach, by classes, and after a walk we were ready to do justice to the sumptuous spread prepared for us. We danced and sang Gamma Phi songs, the first part of the evening, and then went to the home of our illustrious freshman, Marguerite Hill, where we spent the remainder of the evening in playing games. The most exciting stunt was an auction; some of our very sedate Gamma Phis became perfectly reckless, risking not only their own beans, but all they could borrow, for such articles as diamond solitaires and common-sense. Surprising! was it not?

The rare genius of the freshmen was manifested on February 7th, when they gave a party at the rooms to "their big Gamma Phi sisters." The girls dressed as Japanese and the room was most skillfully decorated with poinsettias. Everything was so attractive! The menu cards were hand-painted Japanese lanterns, and they read as follows:

1915 is honorably pleased to worship your eyebrows

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| Samori Chop Suey | Honorable Roll | Honorable Olive |
| | Hopu Likee Muchee | |
| | Fji Yama Peach Blossom | |
| Sake | | Sweetmeat |
| Honorable Wafer | | Honorable Nut |

When we finished this delightful repast we were entertained in a most pleasing manner by these attractive Japanese ladies.

Now we are looking forward to the sophomore spread, a valentine party, February 16th. Shall they outdo the other classes? Who can say?

We must not forget to tell you that we have an eleventh freshman, and she is, like our other freshmen "altogether lovely." She is Marion Merill, and spent her first semester at Mt. Holyoke.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Epsilon is at present rejoicing over several things,—one, semester examinations at an end, another, a new pledge, and last but not least, initiation, which is

scheduled to occur Saturday, Sunday, and Monday the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth of February. That covers a longer period of time than Epsilon's initiation has for many years, but this year the sophomores decided that a mock initiation and a little scare would benefit the freshmen to some extent, for with few exceptions our eleven pledges have certainly kept us busy. All day Saturday they are to do 'stunts,' and in the evening the sophomores have invited the chapter to a spread at the home of Klea Cozzens. The program for Sunday is "peace and quiet," and Monday at four the formal initiation takes place—with a banquet afterwards, of course. We are so proud of our freshmen and have grown to care so much for them that we can scarcely wait until they are 'real Gamma Phis'—for after initiation such a different spirit prevails. Our new pledge is Jessie Robinson, a sister of Marguerite Robinson, of Hampton, Iowa. She comes with advance credit so is to be initiated with the other girls.

Ardis Ade is back this semester and will complete her course in June—our seniors being six in number.

February the ninth, two of our freshmen, Camilla Crancee and Wilma Leonard, entertained the active chapter and men at a masquerade party at the former's home in Chicago. Many queer and original costumes were in evidence, and even our own sorority sisters were unrecognizable in the garb of Indians, cow-girls, maids, actresses, etc. It was a splendid party and everyone had such a good time.

Allys Boyle, Theta, entertains February the seventeenth at a tea at her home.

One of our seniors gave us all occasion to be very proud in January. The Dramatic Club presented George Ade's play "Father and the Boys," and in the role of Bessie Brayton, Zita Murphy carried off the honors of the evening.

We were all so glad to have a little visit with Laura McCarty Vance of Columbus last month. Other recent visitors were Helen Green, Mabel Sell, and Nelle Ade.

Epsilon sends love and best wishes to you all.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: First of all Zeta wants to introduce to you two freshmen Gamma Phis, Josephine Chapman of Tonson, Maryland, and Margaret Schmidt of Arlington, Maryland. They were initiated February 11th, at the home of Marion Jones. After initiation Marion entertained the chapter at supper, and

Gamma Phi songs, old and new, were sung lustily, including a few choice ones gleaned at convention.

Zeta has gotten to know and count as one of the friends of the chapter, Mrs. Mary Thatcher Gibson, of Alpha, who has spent the winter in Baltimore. We are hoping that Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will decide to make this city their home.

The chapter had a most delightful surprise on February 11th, when Mr. McDonough and Mr. Gilbert McDonough, of Denver, stopped between trains to see the Gamma Phis at Goucher. They are the father and brother of Grace McDonough, Zeta, ex-'12, whose home is in Denver. It speaks well for Gamma Phi Beta when fathers and brothers are enough interested to visit a chapter they have never known.

Marion Jones is arranging a dance for the Zeta girls, to be given March 26th, at the Roland Park Woman's Club.

Among the ranks of Gamma Phi there must be at least a few ardent suffragists, who will be interested in learning that a special train of Goucher girls is going down to Annapolis on February 13th, for the hearing of the Suffrage Bill now before the Maryland legislature. Four of our juniors will be in the party, Charlotte Romberger, Lilius House, Marie Ohle, and Margaretta Williamson.

Lilius House and Charlotte Romberger are on the Junior Banquet committee. This is the biggest "stunt" of the college year, and takes the place of the Junior Proms that are given in other colleges.

The chapter was glad to have an opportunity to meet Miss Hale, Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, lately. During her visit in Baltimore the Thetas entertained at a tea in Fensal parlor.

Best wishes to all the chapters from Zeta.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters: For the first two weeks after college opened last month, our interest centered about rushing. Our results were splendid, and we are all most gleeful to have four grand new freshmen. They are Ethel Nowell of Berkeley, a sister of Florence Nowell (Lambda, '10) and Marian Nowell (Eta, '15); Dorothy Daniells and Rita Morres of Los Angeles; and Grace Partridge of Berkeley. With these girls our active chapter has thirty-one members. At our initiation banquet, in behalf of our alumnae Margaret Webb (Eta, '99) presented us with a beautiful silver cup which is yearly to be engraved with the name of the freshman achieving the highest scholastic attainments.

Monday night is to be our Christmas tree, and everyone is quite excited guessing about what we are to receive. Having heard several

secrets I can tell you all that I know we are to receive some lovely gifts and I wish I could tell what they are. We expect to have a good many alumnae with us again that night. Then the winner of our song contest is to be announced, too. Margaret Hodgen's father has offered twenty-five dollars to the girl writing the best Gamma Phi song. As several of the girls have quite a bit of talent that way, we are all quite excited.

The senior committees were announced last week, and all of our five seniors are on committees and two of them are on two committees. We all think that is lovely. Margaret Hodgen, '13, is now on the cabinet at the Y. W. C. A.

Last week we gave a most successful tea for our new house mother, Mrs. Gurney. It was a perfect spring day, so everyone came and we were most pleased at the impression Mrs. Gurney made on our mothers and friends. Next week we expect to give an informal dance at the house. Also there is to be an alumnae tea at Lena Redington's and everyone expects the good time we always have at these teas.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Theta is at it again. By *it*, I mean the annual play. You have been forced to endure enthusiastic outbreaks on that subject for the last ten years, and now you are about to be victimized again. It is perfectly great,—how could anything Lindsey Barbee writes be otherwise. One would think that editing the CRESCENT was all that a person could attempt at one time,—but no! She gives us plentifully of her time, wit, and talent, and lo! we have, "The Dream That Came True." It is a play dealing with sociological problems. One of the leading characters is *Nan Worthington*, a factory girl, and the other *Margaret Byrnes*—a girl of the upper class, who has lost her money. The former rôle is taken by Eunice Robinson, a senior, and the latter by Kathryn Herbert, '15. There are a number of men in the play, taken from the various fraternities. Besides the serious portions of the play, there is a great deal of humor,—the chief comedy character being Mrs. Jenkins, a boarding-house land lady, and the part is played remarkably well by Jean Mentzer, '13.

The play, which is to be given the sixteenth of February, is under the management of the Denver alumnae chapter, although the cast is made up of active Theta girls. This is on account of faculty

regulations. Please wish us success. The money is to go into our building fund. We have very rosy hopes for that new lodge. The alumnae are helping us, and some day soon you may all be invited to a house-warming. But don't pack your trunks yet.

We have two new freshmen of whom we are very proud—Ruth Whitford and Desdelora Stevens, both of Denver. Ruth belongs to the College Orchestra.

We are planning to entertain on alternate Friday afternoons the rest of the year for different college organizations. There has blossomed among us lately a new local sorority, Alpha Zeta, petitioning for Kappa Alpha Theta. We are anxious to see them get it.

We must say good-bye and good luck for this time.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are at last able to introduce to you our new initiates, Florence Rhodes, Regina O'Sullivan, Louise Fitz, Helen Boyer, and Jean Barrick. They have fallen into line wonderfully well, and we are very proud of them. Pan-Hellenic here at Barnard is at present debating whether to have pledge day the last of freshman year, or to let it remain as it now is, in December of sophomore year. We Gamma Phis are standing out for freshman pledge day.

Owing to the fact that the last few weeks were entirely given to examinations, all festivities at college were suspended, and we were also unable to have any meetings. But the ordeal is past, and we are starting in to celebrate the fact, and on the fourteenth of February will have a shower for Florence Rose, '10. Our girls had fine returns from their examinations, and not a few of the A's posted at Barnard belong to Gamma Phis.

One of our seniors, Rosalind Case, was obliged to withdraw from college on account of ill health, and we miss her dreadfully, but she manages to come to meetings once in awhile. Of our alumnae, Helen Newbold, Sara Rome, Ruth Hakes, and Helen Brown are returning for the Junior Ball on February 16th, and most of the active girls will attend that function. It will be given in Bretton Hall in New York City, and a number of the girls will have rooms there that night and they expect to have a jolly time. So many of us are commuters here, and it is no fun to go so far home after a long dance.

Jean Barrick, '14, attended the New York alumnae chapter meeting held at Newark on January 13th.

Best wishes from Iota to all the other chapters.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Finals are behind us. The Junior Ball is before us. And we enter this sisterly conclave with light hearts. We will be obliged to talk very fast, in order to tell you all that has happened in the past two months. We will begin where we left off last time, with the fair which took place at the chapter house on the eighth and ninth of December. It was an alumnae enterprise, the active girls being too busy to contribute much but interest. The financial results will show you, better than any description of mine could possibly do, how swiftly and effectively these alumnae needles flew. Something over \$200.00 was cleared, and is to be invested in furniture for the house.

It was during December also that our alumnae gave the delightful reception which introduced our ten freshmen to college society. This took place at the beautiful home of Mrs. Edward Backus, which was decorated in holiday colors. College women and friends of the chapter called during the afternoon, and Mrs. George Vincent, the wife of our new president, was honour guest. College men were invited for the evening.

On Wednesday, December 27th, were collected at the chapter house, all Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, who were able by any means to come. The occasion was our annual Christmas party, which is always a popular affair. Rewey Belle Inglis played Santa Claus and presided over the tree, which was laden with useful gifts for the house and amusing remembrances for those present. Then we indulged in what is known as a regular Gamma Phi time, chatting and singing. There was a pretty cotillion given at the house also, during Christmas vacation, which was enjoyed by a number of town girls.

After vacation, we played less and worked more, but on February 10th, examinations being safely past, some of us attended the Pan-Hellenic party. Members of the nine sororities represented at Minnesota danced in Shevlin Hall. Each girl came as the guest or the escort of a girl from another sorority than her own, and on her program of dances no name from her own sorority appeared.

I am afraid that the record of these more formal sorority functions, is not very helpful in giving you an idea of what our everyday chapter life is really like. But doubtless it is very similar to your own. We are busily studying, and enjoying ourselves, and the friendships which Gamma Phi Beta has brought to us. Much love to all of you from the girls of Kappa chapter.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

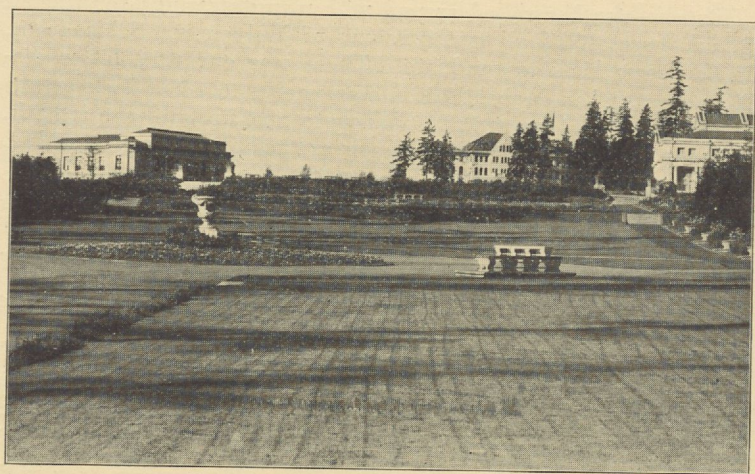
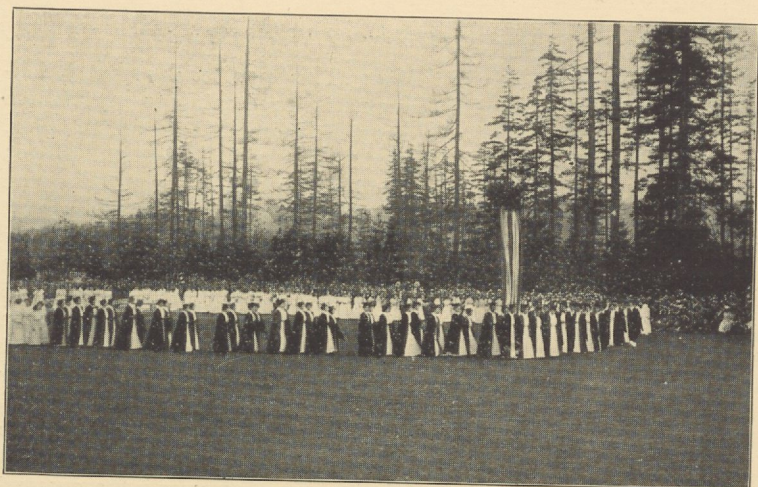
Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The "perfect days" at Washington are almost here. Our campus is threatening to burst forth in all its glory. The lake is growing more and more tempting, and all our spirits are rising high. We want to extend to you all a special invitation to come to us in the Springtime. You are welcome always, but we would especially love to have you now. For not only is nature more hospitable, but our pledges are now initiated into strong and promising Gamma Phi Betas, (and let us whisper in your ears that they were mighty game, too.) Then too we have been spoiled. Bertha Masters, Mu, and Nu, has been visiting Florence Lewis at our chapter house, and we cannot tell what a pleasure she has been to us. We want someone like her with us all the time now. She seems just like a four year's Lambda, and she has been here only a couple of weeks. She came for our banquet, which was held February third, and which was a great success. There were seventy-eight present, and among the greatest pleasures of the evening were the toasts, from Kappa by Clara Tawney, from Mu and Nu by Bertha Masters, from Beta by Ruth Guppy, and from Iota by Florence Beach. Myrtle Powers, Anna Young, and Lura Pendleton made the long and perilous trip around the table on the run.

This semester has rolled around with many blessings for us, but the very greatest of all is the return of Wilhelmina Schumacher. She has come back to graduate. There was one very bitter disappointment, when Mabel Posson was unable to come back as she had planned. But we are never going to give up until she *is* back, and in the meantime the Stanford girls are keeping their eyes on her.

Florence Jones has just returned from California where she visited the girls of Mu and Eta, and brings us mighty fine reports of them all.

Last Saturday night, Lambda gave her first social function of the year. It was a Valentine dance at our President's residence, which, by the way, is an ideal place to entertain.

There are so many college events coming now, so many beautiful days for canoeing, and so many unequalled paths are strolling out to tempt us, that we have all made up our minds to the immediate necessity of the motto "*Do it now.*" We know that Spring must not prove our Waterloo. But don't forget that in spite of everything, there is always a big welcome and plenty of time for everyone of you who may be any place near Washington.



VIEWS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

MU—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are so far away that we delayed getting our letter into the pages of the last CRESCENT, so of course we have a very great deal to tell about the "brown house on the hill."

In the first place we have been "getting into things" this semester. Five of our girls, Ruth and Edith Hutchinson, Cordelia Smith, Lois McCoy, and Ruth Lorraine, have received places in the chorus of the Junior Opera, and three are in the Mandolin Club, Marion Curtner, Helen Batcheller, and Grace Helwich, the latter being the treasurer of the club. Secondly, Marion Curtner has been appointed vice president of the Guild Hospital Board, a board upon which one girl from the whole university is appointed to serve. One of our seniors, Edith Engelhard, took the lead in a farce given by the German Club, while Ruth Hutchinson, another senior, took part in an English Club production, "The Compromise." Lyetta Hayes, a sophomore, was appointed a member of the Sophomore Cotillion Committee, while in the athletic line another sophomore, Helen Batcheller, was elected secretary of the Tennis Club. Mildred Gilbert has been elected secretary of the Junior Class, and she is also a member of the Women's Press Club, and one of the ten girls of the Junior Board of Women.

We have all been very much excited over the weddings of three of our girls, and besides the weddings we have had one engagement. In addition to these interesting events, we have had several Gamma Phis visiting us, though for the most part they were very hurried visits. Florence Jones, from Lambda, was with us a little while, and Verona Pratt, from Gamma, paid us a short visit. Mildred Hayes, one of our girls, is with us a good deal of the time, and is very lovely about giving her help in rushing matters.

Altogether the semester has been very profitable and very pleasant.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our first semester has just drawn to its close, and all of our girls have registered for the second semester excepting Catherine Carson, one of our freshmen, who is compelled to remain at home this spring on account of illness.

During our Christmas vacation in Portland, we gave a very enjoyable luncheon in the dining-room of the Portland Hotel, and we attended the Orpheum in the afternoon. We had seventeen "prep" girls as our guests that day. Several little informal affairs were given also by our girls at their homes. One affair which was very

much appreciated was an afternoon at Mrs. Graig McMicken's (Vivien Holmes, ex-'10).

Since Christmas there has been very little excitement in college, owing to the faculty ruling which prohibits any formal events the last month of college, so we have contented ourselves with informal house affairs.

One of our juniors, Florence Cleveland, has just been elected President of the Young Women's Christian Association, and a sophomore, Ruth Beach, has been elected to the chairmanship of the social committee of the same organization, thus giving her charge of the "County Fair", one of the big events of the year. Javina Stanfield, a senior, is now secretary of the Woman's Council.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: After a most strenuous week of work and initiation into our sacred circle, we can now introduce to you eleven more full-fledged Gamma Phi Betas: Grace Bolger, Margaret Butler, Dorothy Ellis, Flora McConnell, Marguerite Means, Lois Rowley, Kate Skillern, Beth Soulen, Irene Tosney, Laura Whitwell, and Margaret Henderson Strong. Of the eleven pledges with whom we originally started out, ten were initiated, the eleventh, Claire Sharkey, being forced to leave for southern California on account of her health. Just now, too, we are very sorry in losing one of our most faithful freshmen, Kate Skillern, who is called to her home in Boise, by the illness of her mother. But we are hoping to have her with us again next year. We were also very glad to initiate, along with our freshmen, Margaret Henderson Strong, '04, one of the faithful workers of our local, Alpha Delta Pi, and who, for a number of years, has been looking forward to the time when she might be counted one of the favored of our noble sisterhood.

After the initiation services, we had our joint initiation and installation banquet at the Hotel Moscow, where "peanuts and olives" played their usual part. Covers were laid for thirty-one, and during the intervals the banquet-room resounded with college and chapter songs. The mirth was further prolonged by the most clever take-off on each of the older girls, as seen through the eyes of a freshman. Then followed the toasts, Marybelle Meldrum, who acted as toast-mistress, calling upon a representative from each of the classes in turn.

Friday evening we danced away most enjoyably at the Junior Prom, which was one of the prettiest college dances ever given here,

and doubtless all the more appreciated because of its postponement from last fall. Gamma Phi was well represented, being there *en masse*. We were also delightfully entertained a couple of weeks ago by Kappa Sigma at an informal dancing party, and are looking forward to a pleasant evening next Friday, when Zeta Delta fraternity entertains us.

Taking advantage of our leap year privileges we Gamma Phis gave a sleighride and dance out at Joel, seven miles away. Toggled out in our warmest clothes and Indian blankets, we drove around to the different houses, gathered up our "men", and enjoyed our rather lengthy ride under a clear, cold sky. Arrived at our destination, we were welcomed by a glowing fire, and there danced until the "wee, small hours", although we left for home shortly after midnight, (according to the boys' watches, which they had all set back over an hour). The men furnished the "feed," and served it in true country style. I think everyone present heartily wished that leap year came every year.

We have been especially fortunate, too, in being well represented in the second semester elections. Of all the officers on the annual staff for the 1914 *Gem of the Mountains*, two of our sophomores were elected to the highest offices possible to a girl, Gladys Lessinger being elected associate editor, and Elizabeth Hayes literary editor. Margaret Allen is treasurer of the Y. W. C. A., Grace Bolger has secured the secretaryship of the freshman class, and Jessie Coram that of the junior class.

CHICAGO

(No letter received)

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: In college days it is so easy to pick and choose a few things from the incessant round of activities for insertion in the *CRESCENT*, but afterwards—well, said Charles Dickens, "the heart is not always a royal mint, with patent machinery to work its metal into current coin." It isn't that Gamma Phi is less in our hearts, even in the hearts of those who bear no active part in the few activities we own to, but it's just that the "current coin" events which bear the stamp of our "royal mint" grow less, as the daily round of outside duties encroaches.

We have met twice since the last *CRESCENT*—once for our "Christmas Party", an annual institution which brings to each member a gift from the tree, and a heart full of happiness and jollity, and

once for our regular February meeting. Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh was our hostess at the party, while the writer was most gratified that announcement of a special program brought thirty to her home on top of a "dreadful hill", for the February meeting. Hereafter speakers on special topics are to enliven our meetings. The departure was well inaugurated by Mrs. Ernest Edgecomb, Alpha, who gave us a most interesting talk on the new Women's Cafeteria on the campus, which she is helping to make a success both as a daily restaurant and as the scene for social gatherings, and by Edna Brandt, Alpha, who informed the alumnae on the new system of rules laid down by the university for the control of dormitory and girls' chapter house life. We are sorry that it is necessary to tie up the women of the university with much red tape while the men are untrammelled; perhaps it is on the principle of girdling the tree to kill it; the bark is easier to get at than the inner core. We can only be grateful that we graduated before the rule o'thumb—or should one say mailed fist?—was necessary.

Several of our members are bearing an active part in the Syracuse Alumnae Club, an organization of women sometime attendant at the university. Blanche Daman, Alpha, has charge of the music for most of the social events. The club gave a very successful "Dickens' evening" at the Central High School recently.

The Senior Week play, Shaw's "You Never Can Tell", presented by Boar's Head, the university dramatic association, numbered several Gamma Phi alumnae as patronesses, whose names are best given in our familiar form as Florence Bailey Crouse, Kate Gardiner Cooke, Florence Wooster Allen, Grace Webb Edgecomb, Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, and Adelaide Whitbread White.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since convention and our last visit together in the CRESCENT we have been living rather a quiet life here in the Hub, the only events of special importance being the Christmas spread, the initiation of this year's pledglings, and the initiation banquet.

The Christmas spread, which the alumnae girls give each year to the active chapter, was held in Malden, December 29th, at the home of Ruth Clark Staples, whose charm and hospitality would always insure a grand, good time for everyone. The pledglings were invited and we were so glad that a few of them could come. As it was in the Christmas vacation several of the girls were away. We talked ourselves hoarse as usual, and enjoyed it hugely. I must not forget

to tell you about Mrs. Staples's two dear children who were the center of attraction when finally allowed to "come to the party." Are Gamma Phi babies sweeter and dearer than others, or is it because we are prejudiced that we think so?

Initiation was later this year than usual on account of the long rushing season. It was held at the home of Mrs. Wren, at Tufts College, January 6th. We were so glad to have with us Miss Waite of Denver who is living in Malden. She gave us such a good suggestion for the last part of the initiation service which made it all much more effective and impressive. The freshmen this year certainly are dears. We are now more proud than ever of our active chapter. The banquet was held after initiation at Hotel Vendome, with the usual Gamma Phi spirit and consequently the usual good time. To be sure it was so cold we had to dance between courses to keep warm, but that only added novelty to it all.

Our January meeting was omitted on account of initiation. The February meeting was held at 276 Newbury St., as usual, with lunch served in the most informal way on the chafing-dish. For the March meeting, however, we expect to depart from our usual custom and after the meeting go to the College Club for luncheon. Don't forget that we would be very glad indeed to see any of you Gamma Phi people at one of our meetings any time.

Most cordial good wishes from Boston chapter to each and every Gamma Phi.

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter, we have all enjoyed a refreshing holiday, and have had occasion to become acclimated to North Pole weather.

We have had two meetings of our chapter, the first on December ninth at the home of Mrs. Graham in Brooklyn. Mrs. Graham is our hostess so frequently and entertains us so well that we all feel pretty much at home there now, and free to admire audibly her pretty curtains, hand embroidered pillow-cases, etc.

Our first meeting of the New Year was held at the home of Mrs. Morgan in Newark, New Jersey, on January the thirteenth. Though the thermometer registered below zero that morning, it was a glorious day and a large number attended the meeting. We were especially indebted to Mrs. Morgan and to her sister Mrs. Murray for their generous hospitality, as they have not been active members of the chapter for some time. We were glad to have with us three guests, an Iota initiate, Jean Barrick, the small daughter of Mrs. Morgan, and the young son of Mrs. Murray.

On our return to New York some of us stopped to see the ruins of the famous Equitable fire. It occurred on one of our coldest nights, and the ruins, incased in ice, were a unique spectacle. It was as if huge ice-bergs from the Arctic seas had been transported to Broadway and piled up between two tall buildings.

Early in January some of us enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Harsen, at Yonkers, when Iota initiated four new members.

There are a good many festivities going on just now, so that we are all busy with matters of sorority interest and otherwise. Edna Stitt, one of our number, is to give a whist on February seventeenth, and many of us are anticipating a jolly good time.

MILWAUKEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: As the last CRESCENT went to press without a word from us, we will try to make up for our delinquency in this issue.

Our alumnae chapter has been increased this year by two new members from Gamma, Ann Martin, and Leonore Horan Williams, who was married last November, and came to Milwaukee to live. We were more than glad to welcome them both.

November seems like very ancient history to be digging up from the past, but as we had such a pleasant meeting at the home of Mamie Laffin Jones, we want to give it "honorable mention" anyway. Several of the girls were at this meeting on the second of November, when we discussed the coming convention.

On November 10th, we had a luncheon at the Milwaukee Athletic Club for the teachers who were here for the teachers' convention at that time. Mae Roe, Edith Bowen, and Hazel Driver, all of Gamma, were there; also Minnie Patterson, Epsilon, and Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa. We always welcome this teachers' convention, as it brings so many girls we knew at college back to Milwaukee.

We had no meeting in December, because of the usual mad rush Christmas brings.

On the twenty-third of January, we met at the home of Mrs. Fred Peterson (Bessie McNaney) and all enjoyed "getting together" again, although our number was rather small.

We are looking forward to a luncheon to be given in the home of Anna Smith Laffin, on Saturday, February 17th, in honor of Carrie Morgan, who is coming up from Appleton to tell us all the news of convention.

The Wisconsin Dramatic Society have planned a series of plays under the direction of Professor Dickinson. The first one of the

series took place at the Davidson Theatre, October 27th, under the auspices of the Drama League of Milwaukee. The play was Ibsen's Master Builder, and Laura Case Sherry took the leading part. Alice Ringling of Madison was also in the caste.

On November 15th, the Collegiate Alumnae Association gave an entertainment for the benefit of the scholarship fund. Alfred Tennyson Dickens gave his lecture on the life and works of his father. Gertrude Ross was chairman of the committee, and the benefit proved a great success.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Gamma Phis: Yesterday Miss Redington entertained us at her home in Oakland. Before tea was served, we listened to Mrs. Annie Little Barry, whom Mrs. Colby had invited to talk to us on parliamentary law and order. Mrs. Barry is regarded by all the club women of California as the authority on this subject. She filled us with enthusiasm, and some of us fear that we shall have to be exceedingly careful lest we forsake Elwell for Roberts.

The Eta girls were invited, so that we had the pleasure of welcoming two of their four new freshmen. We are very proud of our active chapter, and our freshmen are by no means least in our affections. At the initiation we presented to the girls a silver trophy cup. On one side there is inscribed: San Francisco Alumnae to Eta of Gamma Phi Beta, and on the other: *Studiosae litterarum quae huius certaminis condicione coronam meruerunt*, an inscription written for us by Professor Richardson. Each year the name of the freshman making the best record is to be engraved upon the cup. From what we hear of the freshmen, who made ten and twelve hours of first sections last semester, we know that they needed no such incentive, but we want to feel that, in some little way, we share their efforts.

Now we are waiting for Mrs. Colby to ask us to see the house plans, and then, who knows what we may be able to tell you in our next letter?

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We Denver Gamma Phis can't talk of another earthly thing but our play and our to-be lodge, so you, too, will just have to hear about them.

"Isn't the play great?" "Have you been to rehearsals?" and "Isn't Lindsey Barbee just splendid to write another play for us!" is about all you hear now days. And from all reports we expect

"The Dream that Came True" to be a great success. We haven't much longer to wait now, for it is really to be given next Friday night, February sixteenth, in the Woman's Club Building. We alumnae feel that we have a larger part than usual in the play, for two of our members, Belle Connor and Eda Burkhalter, are managing it this year, besides the fact that Lindsey Barbee has written it. Though the active girls are taking the parts in the play, it is being given in the name of our alumnae. It is especially nice to have our active and alumnae chapter working together in this, for we can all do something for our common cause, if it is only selling a ticket.

Our common cause is a new lodge. A new lodge, every inch of which belongs to Gamma Phi Beta, has been our castle in the air for so long that we can hardly believe that it will ever exist on earth. But we are really incorporating a company for the purpose of building. Every two weeks we sit absorbed in listening to and discussing a very formal document that might be dry to any one else, but to us it means a new lodge.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The usual lull after the holidays does not provide much meat for our CRESCENT letter, but we can at least appear and offer our greetings to our sister chapters.

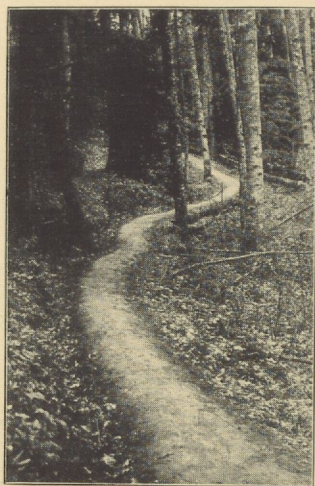
We have had one business meeting since the last letter, at which the main topic was the interesting one of how to spend the money made by the fair. Much needed furniture for the house was decided upon, to the joy of the active chapter. You may gather from this that the fair we talked of in our last letter was a success. It was a very satisfactory one.

The Christmas party, given by the alumnae at the chapter house, for all Gamma Phis here about, was a most pleasant affair, if a gathering so informal can be called an "affair." A large Christmas tree, gayly dressed, with gifts beneath, was the *pièce de resistance*. The real gifts were useful and ornamental things for the house, whose needs, like the poor, are ever with us. Then there were gifts culled from the five-and-ten-cent-store, for various members, accompanied by appropriate verses. After the distribution of the gifts every one enjoyed a dish o'tea, and a deal of gossip, and voted the party most delightful.

Earlier in December the alumnae gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Vincent, the wife of Minnesota's new President, at the home of Mrs. E. W. Backus, which was followed in the evening by a reception given by Mrs. Backus for our freshmen. The house was beautifully

decorated with Christmas greens and fascinating, glittering, Christmas trimmings. Our many women friends came in the afternoon; older Minneapolis women, alumnae of other sororities, and college girls. In the evening the guests were the men friends, being for the most part, undergraduates. The two affairs were most delightful, and we are certainly indebted to Mrs. Backus for so generously opening her house, and for the evening party.

It hardly seems possible that we are well into the last half of the season. Only three more meetings before the banquet in May! We hope the remaining months will pass pleasantly and profitably for all of you, and to the increasing credit and strength of Gamma Phi.



VIEW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON

PERSONALS

Ellen Ord, Eta, ex-'12, is visiting in Los Angeles.

Grace Atkinson, Zeta, ex-'14, is now at Swarthmore.

Mrs. Daisy Dillon Stephenson, Theta, has been quite ill.

Edith Hoop, Theta, is substituting in the Denver schools.

Olive Beaver, Alpha, '11, is teaching in Jacksonville, Florida.

Helen Noyes, Xi, ex-'13, is spending the winter in California.

Jessie Austin, Theta, is spending several months in New York and Boston.

Bertha Webb, Theta, has charge of one of Denver's branch libraries.

Louise Wieber, Beta, is visiting in Ann Arbor for a couple of months.

Ethel Rankin, Theta, ex-'14, is attending the University of Arkansas.

Harriet Budd Wadleigh, Alpha, is spending several weeks in New York.

Bernice Hunter Hoffman, Gamma, visited in Chicago for a week in February.

Helen Jewell and Alice Ames are attending college again at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Lucy Moore Lenox, Theta, is now making her home in Victor, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Reilly sail in March for a three months' European trip.

Eta was extremely glad to have Florence Forbes, Mu, '09, visit her for initiation.

Anna Dimmick, '99, and Myra Manifold, '05, visited Zeta chapter during January.

Ruth Hamilton, Alpha, '11, has spent much time this winter in Skanateles, New York.

Sue Dunbar, Eta, '03, has given up her position as a teacher in the Oakland High School.

Emilie Treadway, Alpha, '08, is vice principal of the High School at Park Ridge, New Jersey.

Zoe Riley Dyer, Eta, '07, came down to visit her family lately, and also visited the chapter.

Christina McLennan, Alpha, '09, who is spending a year abroad, is now studying music in Berlin.

Margaret Stolle, Xi, ex-'13, spent part of her Christmas holidays at the chapter house in Moscow.

Sara Preston Finley, Kappa, '07, has left Minneapolis, and gone to Centralia, Washington, to live.

Bernice Works, Kappa and Epsilon, has been visiting friends in Chicago, for the past four weeks.

Sarah Morgan, Eta, '09, visited Eta for initiation. She is a teacher in one of the local schools.

Jean Williams, Gamma, who has recently moved to Chicago, was in Milwaukee during the holidays.

Pauline Davis, Eta, '14, has had to give up college for a term because of an injury to her knee.

Denver Gamma Phis were very sorry to hear that May Shiffer, Theta, '09, is very ill in California.

Lillian Thompson (Beta) with her mother, sails in May for Europe, to spend the summer in travel.

Belle Baker, '05, is president for this year of the Baltimore chapter of the Goucher Alumnae Association.

Elinor Verdon, Theta, visited Alpha for several days lately. She is playing in Belasco's "The Concert."

Gertrude S. Waters, Alpha, '08, is secretary of the Thomas Edison School for Employees in New York City.

Mrs. Claude Taussig (Margaret Packard, Theta) is teaching in the Saturday classes of the University of Denver.

Mrs. J. Earl Martin of Sioux City, Iowa, visited her sister Gertrude Ross, Gamma, in Milwaukee, in February.

Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, Alpha, is now convalescent from a serious illness. We are all glad to have her about again.

Mrs. M. B. Holt (Mable Brown, Theta) has moved from Josephine Street to her new home at 820 Gaylord Street, Denver.

The Milwaukee alumnae are proud to claim Lucy Churchill Baldwin, the new national Treasurer of Gamma Phi Beta.

Mrs. Mary Crary Moore, Denver Alumnae, after spending two years in Brush, Colorado, has returned to her Denver home.

Marion Pellow, Beta, '11, visited the chapter in November, and Gladys Lewis Eggerman, Beta, '11, was a guest in December.

Helen Beach, '11, Sophie Catlin, '11, Gladys Farrar, '09, and Jennie Perry, '09, visited Nu chapter for the sophomore dance.

Marie Allen, Kappa, ex-'14, and Frances Works, Kappa, ex-'14, who are attending eastern schools, were home for the holidays.

Florine Deuel, Alpha, '13, and Hilda Grossman, Alpha, '12, are going to Cornell University for their Junior week festivities.

The Rev. Edward D. White has assumed the pastorate of Calvary Church in Seattle. His wife is Louise Blaine White, Alpha, '86.

Caroline Kline, Zeta, '09, visited Mary McCurley, Zeta, '10, and

Kezia Manifold, Zeta, '09, at Poughkeepsie, New York, in January.

Mr. R. D. Benson, of Ft. Worth, Texas, spent several days with his daughter, Edith Benson, Beta, '14, in Ann Arbor in December.

The Milwaukee alumnae chapter sympathizes very deeply with Grace Steiner Lindsay, Gamma, in the death of her father in December.

Mabel Langford Priest, Delta, '09, has left Newton to make her home in Camden, New Jersey, to the regret of Boston alumnae chapter.

Xi chapter entertained a few Phi Delta Thetas at a little dinner party in honor of Kate Skillern, '15, who is leaving for her home in a few days.

Marion West, Delta, '09, resigned her position as English teacher in Brocton, in preparation of her coming duties as secretary for the B. U. C. L. A.

Winifred F. Draper, Alpha, '11, will finish her work in the Cincinnati Missionary Training School in June. She expects to sail for Japan on July 3rd.

Boston chapter wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to Mabel Dyer, Delta, '89, in the great loss which she has recently met, in the death of her mother.

Mathilda Omwake, Isabel Kline, Dorothy Wetherald, and Lilius House, all Zeta, '12, went over to Washington, February 17th, to see Sothorn and Marlow.

Margaret Ryan, of Waukesha, Edith Brooks of Burlington, and Edith McMillen of Fort Atkinson, all of Gamma, visited Milwaukee at Christmas time.

Alice Hoyt, Eta, '10, has returned from an eastern trip, and like the delegates to convention, is most enthusiastic about the Gamma Phi Betas whom she met.

Louise Iliff, Theta, has been interested and active in the dedication of the theological building of the University of Denver, and in the installation of its President.

Mayme Gallup, Theta, has moved from Denver to California, because of her mother's poor health. Miss Gallup will be greatly missed by all of the Denver Gamma Phis.

Marion Weaver, Alpha, '14, has a prominent part in "You Never Can Tell," which Boar's Head, the University Dramatic Club, is to present during Senior Week at Syracuse.

Lilius House, Zeta, '13, spent the Christmas holidays with Mathilda Omwake, Zeta, '12, at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and Margaret Marysolf, Zeta, '14, spent her Christmas vacation in Florida.

Marguerite W. Brant, Delta, '13, will not return to college this semester on account of illness, and Rachel Rice, Delta, '13, will not be back either, as she has gone to Greencastle, Indiana, on account of the illness of her sister.

Zayde Spencer Molitor, Beta, and Pauline Kleinstuck, Beta, '14, are in Dr. Peterson's hospital, at Ann Arbor, for operations. Elizabeth Kneeland, Beta, '14, is at St. Joseph's hospital where she will undergo an operation.

Metta Dunbar Herman, '03, Edna Wahl, '03, Marybelle Meldrum, '10, Ruth Broman, '10, Lucy Mix Day, Fay Thomas Griffith, ex-'11, Kit McGee Horten, all of Xi, were present at the initiation-installation banquet on February 12th.

Kate Gardiner Cooke, Alpha, '86, was given a pleasant birthday "surprise party" in the form of a dinner at the Hotel Onondaga, in Syracuse, on February 2nd. Gamma Phi guests present were Ruth Hamilton, '11, and Genevieve Porter, Alpha, '86.

At the organization of a Pan-Hellenic Association in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 27th, 1911, Gertrude Burdsall Arnold, Beta of Gamma Phi Beta, was elected Vice President. One hundred and fifteen women were present at the luncheon, four of them being Gamma Phi Betas.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Flick (Laura Page, Alpha) will spend Dr. Flick's leave of absence from the University of Syracuse in European travel. Mrs. Flick with her four children will spend next summer at Grundelwald, while Dr. Flick conducts his usual travel tour in Europe; the winter will probably be spent in Munich, where Dr. Flick will be engaged on his second volume of Modern Church History, while the children attend a German school. In the summer of 1913 they plan to go to the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

The heart of each Gamma Phi Beta in Boston and Delta chapter goes out in deep sympathy today to Frances Huntington, in the great sorrow which she is experiencing in the loss of her father. Frances was not with us here in the East long, but she did indeed grow very dear to us all in that short time. Dr. Huntington was for many years, and until he retired a short time ago, Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and a more delightful man one rarely met. That the knowledge of our deep sympathy may be a slight comfort to Frances and her mother in their sorrow is the sincere wish of each member of Boston chapter.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Mayhew, (Nelle Danely, Epsilon), a daughter, Mary Jane, on Christmas Day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Savage, (Florence Clifford, Delta, '94), a daughter, Catherine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Kneeland, (Bertha Junkins, Delta), a daughter, on September 24th, 1911.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Sanger, (Bess Newhall, Delta, '99), a son, Richard Newhall, on September 25th, 1911.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kieckhefer, (Allison More, Gamma), a daughter, Elizabeth, on December 7th.

Mrs. George C. Hunt, (Harriet Haraszthy, Eta), has a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, (Mildred Lauderdale, Kappa, '05), a daughter, on January 10th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Thorson, (Lillian Johnson, Gamma, '99), a daughter, Marjorie Constance, on December 13th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifford, (Ethelda McClure, Epsilon, ex-'13), a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Pauline Ballou, Alpha, '13, to Dr. Frederic Donnelly, Phi Beta Pi, Syracuse University, 1908, is announced.

Mabel Page, Delta, '12, has announced her engagement to Mr. Edward A. Palmer, Technology, '08.

The engagement of Mary Allen Green, Theta, to Mr. Walter Pyke Johnson has been announced.

The engagement of Marian Belle Scott, Alpha, '09, to Mr. Maxwell Brace of Tarrytown, New York, is announced.

Ruth Burdsall, Beta, '13, has announced her engagement to Mr. Ray E. Bassett, University of Michigan, '13.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Helen Crane, Beta, '15, to Mr. Floyd Gillis, Nu Sigma Nu, of the University of Michigan, '12.

The engagement is announced of Sadie Stockton, Xi, B. M., '08, B. A. '11, to Mr. John William McFall, Phi Delta Theta, of Shoshone, Idaho.

Jennie A. Hartt, Mu, '11, has announced her engagement to Mr. Girard Richardson, a Delta Kappa Epsilon of Leland Stanford Jr. University.

MARRIAGES

On December 30th, Cecil Harrold, Eta, and Mr. Alfred Henshaw Dana, formerly of New York, but now of San Francisco, were married. They are living at Fruitvale, California.

The marriage of Leonore Horan, Gamma, to Mr. Mark Williams, Beta Theta Pi, took place on Wednesday, November 15th, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have made their home in Milwaukee.

The marriage of Mabel Walker, Gamma, to Mr. Stanley Tallman, of Janesville, Wisconsin, took place in Racine, Wisconsin, last June.

Della Barnhart, Mu, ex-'10, was married to Mr. H. Fitting last October.

The marriage of Marion Barby, Mu, ex-'11, to Mr. Anson Hayes, a Delta Tau Delta, of Stanford, '11, took place in October.

Daisy Dake, Mu, '07, was married to Mr. J. Vail, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR DECEMBER—*The Chi Zeta Chi*; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta.

FOR JANUARY—*Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *Beta Sigma Omicron*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

FOR FEBRUARY—*Phi Gamma Delta*; *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Centaur* of Alpha Kappa Kappa; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Phi Mu—Shorter College, University of New Mexico.

Delta Tau Delta—University of Georgia.

Alpha Chi Omega—Brenau College.

Alpha Delta Phi—Boston University.

Phi Mu was admitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress on Christmas Day, 1911.

Of the books that we get in exchange

Every one in the stack

Has a front and a back!

I repeat it,—now isn't it strange?"

Incidentally the astonished editor might have remarked that they have words, words, and words. Some have nothing but words, some have words with but a single thought, and some have at least several thoughts. This is interesting,—the birdseye view of the fraternities

of the country through their publications. It is in the chapter letters that you can tell what the fraternity is, more than in the editorials. There might be an editor with the "gift of gab" who could mislead the reader and give a wrong impression of the fraternity, but the chapter letters as a whole are accurate pictures of the average daily life of the members in college. Therefore if you want to judge a fraternity, find its publication and read its chapter letters. In them you will learn whether the dominating thought as a whole is athletics, society, studies, usefulness, spending money, eating, sleeping, or neurasthenic activities. We might proceed to name them under these heads, but we prefer that this shall not be known as a "muck raking" department.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

Nine times out of ten, if you look about you, you will notice that the girl who does most for her fraternity is the one who is working hardest in her studies and doing most in college organizations—the public-spirited girl, the athletic, the enthusiastic, the hearty, the "hail-fellow-well-met" girl. And always she is the much-talked-of "democratic" girl, who has long since ceased to value herself for the bit of gold and enamel which adorns the front of her shirtwaist; like Sir Andrew Aguecheek whom "Providence only saved from being an utter fool by supplying him with an ample fortune," she has come by that badge by a stroke of Providence and she has the good sense to realize that many a non-fraternity girl might be wearing it just as worthily.—*Kappa Alpha Theta.*

Just a few quotations about ourselves:

The January *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta is a Convention number, and contains a good article on "Historic Boston," with illustrations. It was in historic Boston that the Gamma Phis convened in November. A dainty little slip in Helen pink with trimmings of black ink goes with this January number inviting all good members to pay up subscriptions.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

In 1901 Gamma Phi Beta established its CRESCENT. This magazine is most attractive typographically with its brown cover, with lettering and fraternity monogram in a deeper brown, and its deep cream pages, with department head-pieces. The late numbers are generous in illustrations and contain many bits of travel news from members in foreign lands. Its dates for publication are, October 15, January 1, March 15, and June 1.—*Kappa Alpha Theta.*

Mrs. Reilly, originally a Chicago girl, was initiated into Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Michigan, with

the class of 1895. A few years later she married to Mr. Leigh Reilly, the present Editor of the *Chicago Evening Post*. Because of her lack of physical strength Mrs. Reilly is unable to participate in the many social and progressive movements for which her charming personality and mental ability equip her. Only those who know her in her home life appreciate to the fullest extent her unusual capacity for friendship. Her judicial grasp of intricate fraternity problems make her a sane and valuable acquisition to the cause of Pan-Hellenism in her office as secretary of the Executive Committee.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The following is quoted from the Inaugural Address of President Murlin as given in the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

I make bold to say that the university cannot reach its highest moral efficiency unless grounded in a broad, wholesome, sane religion. You will understand me to mean by this quite a different thing from sectarianism. There is no blight so withering to intellectual growth and development as narrow thinking in matters religious. We mean a religion that thinks and lets think, and devotes itself to character and conduct. It is a burning shame that we are so small in our religious conception and so narrow in our view of the Bible that our children are denied religious instruction in our public schools, and the world's noblest literature is barred from the subjects of study in the public schools. Let us hope that we shall soon outgrow such narrow sectarianism and its consequent death.

Just as in Education there are three M's, mind, matter and method, so in sorority life there are three L's, love, loyalty and labor.—*Beta Sigma Omicron*.

The following poem upon "Convention" appeared in the *Key* and is by Katharine Tobin Mullin, Exchange Editor—and, incidentally, the cleverest exchange editor that a sorority need ask!

When the Beta at convention meets the brother Beta there,
When Kappa Sig or Zeta Psi "conventions" anywhere,
They smoke a cigarette or two, and tell a witty tale—
But the female at convention is more loyal than the male.

For she gathers in great numbers from the east and from the west
And her great judicial mind puts brand new theories to test;
She settles world-wide questions, and her judgments never fail,
For the female at convention is much wiser than the male.

And when important things in her inimitable way
Are settled, and she closes up the business of the day,
She dances, sings, or acts a play, and sparkling words prevail,
For the female at convention is more clever than the male.

N. B.—We really don't believe these horrid things we say
But then they're surely just as wise as Rudyard's, anyway.
He, cruel man, our pretty sex did foolishly assail—
Together, girls!—The female is much nicer than the male!

For several years it has been the fashion among the faculties or presidents of some of the larger universities to attack the fraternities and to charge them with exerting an unwholesome influence on their members. The charges more specifically are that: 1. Fraternities are not democratic. 2. They are expensive. 3. They exercise a detrimental effect on scholarship. 4. Some students, through their fraternity associations, are led into dissipation. It appears probable that certain university professors and presidents have jumped to these conclusions without making sufficient investigations. They have seen develop in the last quarter of a century conditions which they deprecate. Without examining the causes of the changed conditions, and after taking a superficial view of present conditions, they place the blame on the fraternities. Such a judgment is as unjust as it is illogical. The accusation that fraternities are responsible for the evils apparent in student life today cannot be substantiated. On the contrary, it can be shown that these evils are as prevalent, and probably more pronounced, at institutions where there are no fraternities, or where fraternity influence is admittedly weak, as at the universities which have many fraternity chapters.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

The organization of the Omaha Pan-Hellenic Association will be of interest to CRESCENT readers:

Over 100 active and alumnae Greek letter sorority girls, half of whom are at present attending the state university in Lincoln, were present at the initial luncheon of the Omaha Pan-Hellenic association at the New Hamilton Café in Omaha, Friday. At the close of the luncheon a permanent organization was perfected with Zola Dellecker, Kappa Alpha Theta, president; Mrs. D. D. Arnold, Gamma Phi Beta, vice-president; and Louise Stegner, Alpha Phi, secretary-treasurer. The association will hold two meetings each year, one during the Christmas holidays and one during the summer at an Omaha country club. The sorority members at the initial

luncheon were seated at small tables in the Hamilton dining room. The room was prettily decorated with Christmas greens, holly, mistletoe, poinsettia and other flowers. Candles with poinsettias shades lighted the tables. Miss Allene McEachron, Alpha Omicron Pi, Miss Stella Shaw, Delta Delta Delta, and Miss Henrietta Reese contributed to the musical program.

As *The Arrow* goes to press, the Conference of Women Deans is meeting in Chicago. Through the courtesy of Mrs. McElroy, Chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress we are enabled to quote the following from the *Chicago Record-Herald* of December 19.

A conference of the deans of women of state universities began yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Blackstone. Miss Adah Comstock of the University of Minnesota is presiding over the sessions. A committee from the Pan-Hellenic Congress met with the association. It consisted of Mrs. John Howard McElroy, president; Mrs. Leigh Reilly, secretary; Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Mrs. Laura Norton, Mrs. C. G. Bigelow and Mrs. I. S. Blackwelder. Today the visiting deans will be entertained informally at luncheon at the Chicago Woman's Club and the subject of housing at state universities will be discussed. Tomorrow at an informal luncheon at the Chicago College Club, "The Duties and Opportunities of Deans of Colleges" will be considered. Some of the visitors who will speak on these subjects are Mrs. Gertrude Martin of Cornell University, Miss Mary Breed of the University of Missouri, Mrs. Mathews of Wisconsin and Miss Isabelle Austin of the University of Washington.

"We are considering conditions surrounding the life and work of our women students," said Miss Comstock. "We find that things have been moving along congenial lines in most instances with minor changes suggested in others. Our suggestions will be reported back to our universities for action."

There are twenty representatives of universities and colleges at the conference. Mrs. Martin is secretary.—*Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

To this we quite agree:

No phase of fraternity life can be productive of greater good or greater evil than the custom known as freshman criticism.

The true purpose of this criticism is to help the freshman meet her new problems and to correct her faults in as sweet and motherly a manner as possible. The success of the whole plan depends

upon the manner in which such criticism is made. We do not advocate that the obstreperous freshman should always be handled in a "kid-glove" fashion, but certainly great tact is necessary to make her feel that kindness and helpfulness are your only motives when she might suspect less noble reasons.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

One of the most poignant and depreciating criticisms of college faculties concerning the fraternity system, is that a fraternity may be very active in its own affairs, but it takes no part, as a unit, in the affairs of the college. Because of its organization a fraternity is a strong factor of usefulness. This strength and usefulness should be a constructive force in all college affairs. How frequently have you attended a large all-college function or a program given in the college auditorium by some eminent musician or reader and found the "Greeks" noticeable for their absence. Perhaps two or more individual chapters were holding informal dances or frolics upon that night. Is it right that fraternity life should have the narrowing effect, of so occupying the minds of its local members that they have no time for College Spirit? College loyalty should stand pre-eminent in the heart of every student, and college loyalty does not alone mean rooting at a football game, but it just as surely means a whole hearted and unified support of all-college functions. Furthermore it does not mean that a chapter is justified in having a counter attraction on the afternoon or evenings of these same functions. By virtue of our unity we must support the big worth while things in college life.—*Quarterly of Alpha Gamma Delta.*

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