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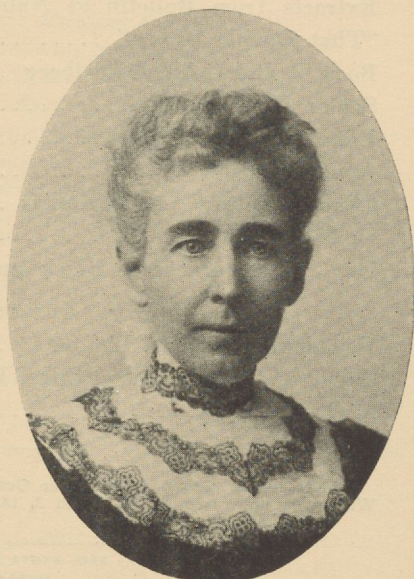
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HOW IT HAPPENED

By FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS

My father having been elected Chancellor of Syracuse University, I found myself in Syracuse, N. Y. in September 1874.

Having had two years in Northwestern University and a year of music in Brooklyn and not being over strong physically my education was supposed to be completed. The recently opened department of Fine Arts proved a great temptation, however, and I was a happy girl indeed, when I found myself registered as a sophomore in the same.

The first social function I attended in Syracuse was a church oyster supper and there I met my future husband who was assisting two young ladies in caring for one of the tables. These young ladies, I learned later, were members of a society called Alpha Phi and an invitation to join the same was soon extended to me. After due deliberation I thanked them for the honor but declined. I never was so surprised in my life for I found myself entirely out in the cold. Soon I discovered that there were other girls in just the same position. As misery loves company we drifted together and finding

each other congenial, the question was broached—"Why shall we not found a society of our own!"

No sooner was the matter mentioned than we found all our friends not only ready but eager to help. Three out of the four girls had brothers in the university and there were others who were not brothers but were just as deeply interested. Any one of them would gladly have drawn up a constitution for us with by-laws and initiation complete. But my father gave us our motto; Helen Dodge drew up the constitution and her brother who was studying for the ministry added the Hebrew letters to our pin; he who became my husband wrote us the words for a song and helped design our pin; dear Professor Brown offered us the use of his parlor for our meetings and though we could not accept because there were Alpha Phis rooming in the house, in recognition of his encouragement and long continued support we chose our colors, light and dark brown.

Before we secured our pins we had taken in our first initiate and you never saw a prouder set of girls than the first five who appeared with the generous badges, a monogram enclosed in a crescent carefully guarded by the letter S. Truly we felt ourselves successfully launched upon what we hoped would be a grand career.

LIST THE WATCHWORD

BY HELEN DODGE FERGUSON

[One of our founders, Helen Dodge Ferguson is recovering from a serious illness and is unable to write for this issue of the magazine. Instead of her article, we insert the first Gamma Phi song—written by her—which each initiate should learn. In regard to this song, Mrs. Ferguson writes, "I have not the original copy of 'List the Watchword.' As well as I can recall, the words are as they appear in the song book. The division of verses is incorrect. There should be four four-line verses instead of two eight-line verses, the chorus appearing after each verse. The air was one that I caught by ear when a small girl and I chose it because it was one which would lend itself to the full name of the new Sorority. After some time had elapsed someone attempted to write out the music and the result appears in the song-book." Ed.]

List the watchword, Gamma Phi Beta,
 Loud resounding far away
 Hasten sisters, join the chorus,
 For 'tis anniversary day.
Τεθεμελιωμένοι ἐπὶ πέ Περαι
 Founded on a rock we stand,
 We a band of loving sisters
 Firm united, heart and hand.

CHORUS

Closely around our covenant shrine
 We our pure affections twine,
 Gamma Phi Beta, Gamma Phi Beta,
 Fairest queen of proud S. U.

Life's dull care shall never sever
 All those bonds to us so dear.
 Faith here pledged each to the other,
 Many a darksome hour shall cheer.
 And when life's last strife is ended,
 And the mists are cleared away,
 May we meet in glad reunion
 On the shores of endless day.

WHAT OUR PLEDGE PIN SHOULD MEAN TO US

BY MINNIE A. BINGHAM WILLOUGHBY

When the editor of *THE CRESCENT* requested an article upon, "What our pledge pin should mean to us," I thought it would have been more satisfactory, if she had asked one member of each chapter to tell briefly, what the pledge pin means to the members of her chapter.

It is more important for us as a sorority, to realize just what ideals our pledge represents at the present time, and the influence of these ideals on the individual members than it is for us to read a somewhat imaginery explanation of what the pin should mean to us, as conceived by one of the founders, whose opinion would be colored by the hopes and ambitions, which influenced the Four to lay the foundation of Gamma Phi Beta. The changed conditions of college life, the many avenues opened to young women and their greater efficiency in all lines of thought and action, have without doubt, tended to strenthen the hopes and broaden the ideals which are Gamma Phi's by tradition.

There was no Gamma Phi Beta sorority to pledge the founders. The honor of wearing the little symbol of loyalty was never theirs, but they possessed something which they would not have exchanged for it—the priceless jewel of sincere friendship and true sisterhood, to which thirty-eight years of loyalty have added beauty and perfection.

The pledge pin should not be accepted as symbolizing only the relation of a pledged member to the sorority, for its significance is two-fold. Rightly conceived, it is the symbol of a reciprocal promise, given and received between a chapter and a member elect, and its meaning is determined, by the sincerity of the pledge with a full understanding of all for which the emblem stands. To the freshman just matriculated, it may mean little more than pride and ambition gratified with expectation of jolly times and "spreads," when the awesome initiation ceremony is safely over. With each successive year of college life, the pledge pin should mean far more

to each true Gamma Phi. Its deeper meaning is possibly not revealed until commencement draws near, and the seniors, in retrospect, appreciate what the pledge has meant to them. They then realize that there is a reverse to the emblem, that it represents more than a trusty shield for protection that hidden within this meaning is another, which like a mysterious key, has opened to them almost infinite opportunities for both giving and receiving all that is really highest and best in life—loyal friendship, courage, sympathy, self-sacrifice, joy and sorrow, recreation and work, all uniting to develop a true and fine type of cultured and intelligent womanhood.

Contradictory as it may appear, these gifts which Gamma Phi offers, cannot be accepted and selfishly held, individually, for like a handful of sand, they will surely slip from our grasp the more tightly we try to hold them. If we would make them our own—a part of our life—we must give them back generously to our sorority.

To receive graciously the fidelity and friendly counsel of the sisterhood, and to give the best of ourselves and talents, loyally and faithfully to Gamma Phi Beta, is the fulfillment of our pledge, and enriches our pledge pin, with ever truer and higher meaning.

FOUNDED ON A ROCK

(Our Open Motto)

BY EUNICE ADELINE CURTIS

Since the rock is the firmest and most enduring substance, able to withstand the ravages of time, and offering the strongest protection, it seemed fitting that Gamma Phi Beta should be thus founded.

Have you ever in your rambles on a sultry day in mid-summer, foot-sore and weary, come to the shadow of a rock? How grateful the shade to your weary eyes, how quiet and restful, how firm the foundation! How little matters the storm without when thus enfolded! Thus may Gamma Phi Beta imitating these characteristics be ever strong for the right, firm against all that would hurt us, enduring in all that would help us to be better women and so help others to be better because we have lived.

Protecting, like the rock, those who enter our fold, a sure help in time of need, enduring to the end of time—this is the wish for Gamma Phi Beta of one of the founders.

THE CARNATION

The fairest rose contains a hidden thorn—
The lily fades with each succeeding morn—
The sober pansy sheds no sweet perfume—
The violet withers in its early bloom.

But strong and sturdy when all others die
And yielding not when sweeping winds pass by,
But eager to grow straight and true and high,
There blooms the perfect flower of Gamma Phi.

We each may claim a garden of our own
And here 'tis given us to toil alone—
Our flowers may be of bright or sober hue—
A sprig of rosemary—a bit of rue.

But pointing to the crescent in the sky
A dear reminder of those days gone by,
A pledge of friendship's sweet and tender tie,
There blooms the perfect flower of Gamma Phi.

OUR CRESCENT—A SYMBOL OF GROWTH

I. MATERIAL GROWTH

Every loyal member of the Sisterhood of Gamma Phi Beta desires to see the organization grow. As soon as the initiation service is over, each new sister begins to think about the time when she may reach out a welcoming hand to younger maidens. So the life of the Sorority goes on,—a continual giving, the essence of sisterliness being found in the desire to share with others the blessings we ourselves enjoy.

Like all human institutions, even giving must be robbed a little of its spontaneity and be organized. In our own society, we pass on our joys and responsibilities in two ways. We welcome new freshman sisters each year by means of rushing, pledging, and initiating, and we may grant charters which shall establish new chapters in institutions where Gamma Phi Beta has not previously been represented. Of the first way, we all know intimately. It is of the second that I desire to speak here.

It may be that the rank and file of Gamma Phi Beta's members who do not come closely in touch with the national business of the Sorority do not realize the advisability, nay the necessity of chapter expansion. Occasionally one meets a loyal but misguided person, who believes that the sorority had better remain as it is. More frequently, one meets the person who is ignorant of and not interested in growth. Is it asking too much to request and expect that such persons read the arguments in favor of expansion?

In these days of co-operation, no sorority can exist without being compared with the others. We cannot be a law unto ourselves. Pan-Hellenic itself is an expression of the fact that all are, to a certain extent, merging some of their individual interests in the larger whole. Unless some principle is at stake, Gamma Phi Beta wishes to conform to the standards of the others.

How small we are compared with the other sororities can only be realized by an examination of recent growth. This is an era of great expansion in the sorority world and Gamma Phi Beta has not

kept up with the movement. Our chapter roll is the smallest of any of the older sororities. Our relative size may be seen from the following statistics:

1867	Pi Beta Phi	45 chapters
1870	Kappa Kappa Gamma	35 chapters
1870	Kappa Alpha Theta	33 chapters
1872	Delta Gamma	23 chapters
1872	Alpha Phi	17 chapters
1874	Gamma Phi Beta	14 chapters

The contrast is even more striking when one looks at the comparative growth of the last few years. Since 1902 Pi Beta Phi has added twelve chapters; Kappa Alpha Theta, eleven chapters; Delta Gamma, ten chapters; Alpha Phi, six chapters; Gamma Phi Beta, four chapters. In the last five years, Pi Beta Phi has added nine chapters; Kappa Alpha Theta, nine chapters; Delta Gamma, seven chapters; Alpha Phi, five chapters; Gamma Phi Beta, two chapters.

Our rivals, if we may use so strong a term, are going into the comparatively new and rapidly growing institutions of the West and Middle West. They are establishing chapters in the South and in Canada. If we ever wish to enter these fields would it not be well to enter among the first instead of among the last? Do we run as great a risk of establishing a weak chapter if we enter first, second, or third as we do if we enter twelfth, thirteenth, or fourteenth? Before many years, if the foregoing statistics mean anything, we shall be obliged to enter twelfth or thirteenth or not at all.

Is there danger of our losing the power of growth?

The life of our Sorority magazine depends upon expansion. We are now maintaining a quarterly which, except for the bulk added by the large number of chapter letters, is unexcelled. We are doing this, though we have a membership about one-third as numerous as the larger sororities. A little thought will show that this cannot continue.

Is it asking too much to request a thoughtful and careful con-

sideration of the future of the Sorority? Is it not time for Gamma Phi Beta to abandon her conservative policy?

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II. SCHOLASTIC GROWTH

It has become distinctly the fad of the hour for the magazines, especially the women's magazines, to give space to articles on the bad effects of college life on girls. "What has college done for my girl?" "The College woman in the home; why she is a failure." "The case against the Woman's College"—apparently these sad tales afford interesting reading to those who have never investigated the terrible facts themselves. Unfortunately the arguments for the defense are neither so new nor so spectacular, and so receive small favor from the distressed readers. But we sorority women, who keep in touch with life in a score of colleges from coast to coast, know that all the things they say of us are not true. We know that college is not merely a melting-pot into which fresh, bright, charming girls are thrust to be turned out after four years all in the same mold,—differentiated only by different varieties of neurasthenia! On the contrary, we know that college life fosters individuality, originality, charm, womanliness in those who have them to begin with; and that even to the girl who has few of these qualities, college offers the best of opportunities for acquiring them. Which of us has not watched girls who entered their freshman year with only a negative, sweet amiability for character crystallize, in four years' contact with more vital natures than their own into personalities of power? Retrogression and stagnation have been made almost impossible in college life, for the possibility for growth is the only excuse university training has to offer in the insistent age. Every sensible person realizes this; as for the sorority woman, her belief in the possibility for growth is her whole "Apologia Pro Vita Sua."

Something of this must have been in the minds of our founders when they chose the little new moon as the symbol of Gamma Phi

Beta. The Crescent stands for growth; our sorority then stands for growth, and we, its members, must show growth in knowledge, wisdom, power, womanliness, year by year or we are not living up to our chosen symbol. From the hour of her first wearing of the pin, the true Gamma Phi is striving to be each day a little bigger, a little broader, a little gentler—a little more near the perfect woman. The small world of college and chapter life offers her every means for self-development—and she takes advantage of them from the first. A well chosen course, with honest effort in class room and library are sure to show results in an increasing power to understand and to think clearly. Activity in any student organization, whether musical, dramatic, literary, or social, cannot fail to develop not only the talent that is brought most directly into play, but also the ability to co-operate with, to understand, to enjoy and to help people of various types—which is one of the greatest talents in the world. The woman who thinks it is not worth while to cultivate these so-called “social graces” is very foolish; for the power to meet people easily, to like them spontaneously and to be liked by them in return, is one of the best things college training stands for. If she has no other talent and her exercise in college activities gives her this good gift, she has surely attained “growth” of a very real sort.

Join in the life around you, freshman sisters, from the very day you don the crescent shield. Take part in it all, be generous in it all, enjoy it all. That means that you are growing. For no one ever achieved growth in any direction by standing aloof from life; and no college woman content coldly to watch the forces working around her ever became a force herself. Your college and your sorority offer you every chance to be worth while if you but meet your opportunities, as Stevenson would have you, “with laughter and kind faces letting cheerfulness abound with industry”. Best of all, the growth so surely started will not stop after four years. You will have formed a sort of divine habit of growing, sweeter, finer, stronger, more loved and loving every day—that wonderful true woman upon whom our crescent loves to shine.

SARA PRESTON FINLEY, (*Kappa '07*)

III PAN-HELLENIC GROWTH

RACHEL V. COLBY, (San Francisco Alumnae)

From *crescere*—to come forth, grow, increase—is derived our CRESCENT. We are so accustomed to the sight of our symbol that it is sometimes well for us to pause and to reflect what it should mean to us and in what way we should manifest that meaning. Let us consider it in relation to Pan-Hellenism, that modern “attempt to unite in one political body the whole body of Greeks—” meaning by Greeks the so-called Greek letter Sororities. Though our own experience with Pan-Hellenism may have been an unsatisfactory one, though there have been times when we have felt that our efforts should be directed towards the breaking down of the Pan-Hellenic movement, has our feeling been a wise one? Isn’t that the political tendency of the times—to decry the present condition of affairs, and by withdrawing from established institutions to attempt to form other institutions which may be subject to the same abuses as the old? Is it not better to study the situation as it exists today and to see what we of Gamma Phi, whose symbol is growth, can do to help that which is good in the Pan-Hellenic movement?

In organization there is strength. The history of civilization itself is evidence to that truism. The Greek letter sororities in the various colleges of our land must have common interests,—therefore, *prima facie*, Pan-Hellenism is the next step in the evolution of the sorority, and Gamma Phi should accept it, as in itself a natural development, and a desirable condition.

Shall we accept it supinely, letting it grow as it will along lines more or less narrow or shall we try to work out through it, our higher ideals? What then are those ideals which we wish to be made manifest?

First of all—a kindly spirit toward our neighbor Greek even though she be of a differing clan; our interests are the same, even though our speech may differ. Let us not suspect this neighbor of treachery toward ourselves, of poaching on our preserves—for if we think ill of some one else, do we not lay ourselves open to the suspicion of harboring in our own minds that same evil impulse? If

we could be *absolutely* sure of our own rectitude, we would not fear ill from others. The greatest malady from which our college world suffers is "Distrust". Let us so grow in grace that we can cast that enemy from our own borders and we shall find the whole community helped.

Second—Let us as Gamma Phis, in the councils of the body politic, base our decisions always upon principle. Too often do we say, "A, B, C want this measure; it will pass—we must vote for it"—or—"To pass this measure will give B an advantage over us" or "we'll agree to this, but evade it in some way." Let us say—"Is this measure intrinsically right or wrong? Looking at it from the viewpoint of an outsider would I consider it best for the general good of all concerned? Is it a measure actuated by love and wisdom, or by fear, distrust and selfishness?" Having done our best to decide wisely and impartially, let us stand firm. Let us bring others to our point of view rather than weakly follow in their lead.

Last—yet not least, for nothing is least which tends in any way to harmonize our relations with each other, or which improves the college atmosphere. Just as true Pan-Hellenism does not concern itself solely with legislation concerning the modes and conditions of receiving new recruits but deals with matters of interest to the community at large—just so, the "Pan-Hellenic movement should not deem legislation in regard to the rushing season its sole aim and purpose."

Could there be in more of the universities a public sentiment aroused against extravagant entertaining, in favor of scholarship as opposed to social activity; could we find some way in which to rid "rushing" of the faculty criticism directed against it; could we create a better feeling between Greek and barbarian; could we help to solve the particular social problem that is troubling our own university, then our "Pan-Hellenic" would have been worth while—then we could feel that we had helped our body politic to broaden and to develop harmoniously.

Let us think of these possibilities in our relation to Pan-Hellenism—striving ever for the common good, not for the individual advantage.

IV. ETHICAL GROWTH

It was the first chilly October evening and a big fire in the living room of the chapter house invited those who were free from lessons to bask in its friendly warmth.

"Rushing is over," sighed the energetic sophomore as she flung her arm around her own particular freshman—"what shall we do now?"

"Strengthen our chapter," promptly replied the senior.

"And how shall we do it?" timidly propounded the freshman.

"That's a natural question from a freshmen," remarked the alumna who was in their midst, "and we owe her an answer. What are the essentials of chapter life? How can the chapter best grow and best expand?"

"By loyalty"—said the senior without hesitation,—"loyalty to our order, loyalty to our ideals, loyalty to our chapter and loyalty to each other. If we have loyalty we place the firmest of foundations under our chapter structure."

And those who listened knew that the senior had sounded the keynote of her own life.

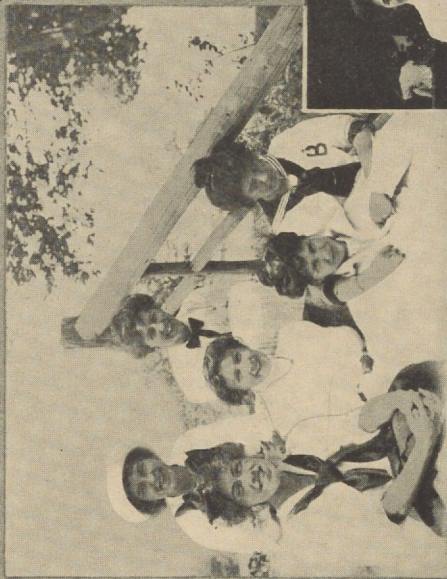
The junior wrinkled her forehead and pondered a moment, then she said, "By living the precepts of Gamma Phi; by proving that her principles are not abstract but vital; by talking less of the beautiful significance of our sisterhood and embodying more fully these truths in our everyday life. Ideals are wonderful things but they are intangible if they are too distant. If we make everyday companions of them, our life toward each other and toward the outside world must be more worth while; as an organization we must be stronger and better."

"By work, good practical work," said the sophomore. "By doing the little tasks that belong to us alone; by sacrificing our own time and interests to the good of the order; by proving efficient in whatever falls to our lot. You get out of your sorority just as much as you put in—and certainly we ought to put in the best that in us lies."

"But you've not mentioned the greatest of all," said the freshman softly—"for no chapter can live without love. Why, love means so many things—for it we truly love each other, we must be unselfish,

we must be patient, we must be charitable. These other essentials a freshman must learn in time—by experience it seems to me—but love is with us from the day we first put on our pledge-pin! Surely if we carry love from year to year our chapter life must expand—for love is the one essential that makes the other three possible.”

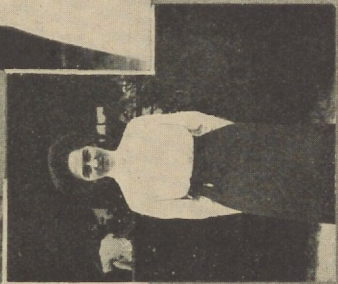
“What applies to chapter life,” said the alumna, “is true of the national organization. These four essentials will mean the ethical growth of Gamma Phi. For if we are loyal to her principles, if we embody them in our daily life, if we are ready and eager to work for her, and if we carry with us true and abiding love—then indeed will Gamma Phi Beta increase in significance, in service and in power.”



Back row, left to right—Lillian Paulson, ex-Epsilon; Louise Comes, Iota.
Front row, left to right—Mildred Fish, Alpha; Bertha Dodson, Alpha; May Loveland, Alpha; Mary Allen, ex-Kappa.



Standing, left to right—Bertha Dodson, Alpha; Lillian Paulson, ex-Epsilon; May Loveland, Alpha; Louise Comes, Iota.
Sitting, left to right—Mildred Fish, Alpha; Mary Allen, ex-Kappa.



Helen Thoburn,
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THE GAMMA PHI GRIP

They gave me the grip on that wonderful night
When I passed from the darkness to mystical light
Of dear Gamma Phi. As I knelt at her shrine
They promised their love and their faith should be mine.
And the clasp seemed to say
In a wonderful way,
"You're ours, little Freshman, fore'er and a day."

They gave me the grip in that Sophomore year
When I captured the laurels most sought for, most dear,
While their smiles told the joy o'er the work I had done
And they gloried with me in the prize I had won.
And the clasp seemed to say
In a wonderful way,
"Gamma Phi shares your gladness and triumph today."

They gave me the grip on that drear Junior day,
When out from the darkness shone no cheering ray,
And I knew in my heart that my sorrow they shared
While their-soft-whispered words truly showed that they cared.
And the clasp seemed to say
In a wonderful way,
"Gamma Phi is your comfort, your hope and your stay."

They gave me the grip as they told me goodbye
When I was a Senior of dear Gamma Phi,
And I vowed in my heart I would ever be true
To the love and the friendship I promised anew.
And the clasp seemed to say
In a wonderful way—
"We're sisters in Gamma Phi Beta for aye."

And now when I spy a wee crescent-shaped pin,
I'm true to the pledge of the days that have been
And I welcome the wearer and know that my hand
Will give her a pressure that she'll understand.
For the clasp seems to say
In a wonderful way—
"We're still Gamma Phis and we yield to her sway."

THE WORD SORORITY

BY DR. FRANK SMALLEY, DEAN OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

It appears to me that the use of the word "sorority" to indicate a college Greek letter society of young women needs no defense. It is to some extent a question of taste. The word "fraternity" when used of such a society seems a little forced, although the comprehensive use of masculine terms to include women sometimes justifies it. However, when we have a Latin form *sororitas*, which is specific and exact, why should not the English form "sorority" be used with the same exactness as we observe in the ordinary use of the pronouns *he* and *she*? Webster's International Dictionary includes the word "sorority" as a properly formed English word after the same method as the word "fraternity." It is the habit of the most careful authors to use inclusive terms only when it would be awkward or circumlocutory to note the precise distinction. But the word "sorority" is so satisfactory that it seems much preferable to the word "fraternity" used unnecessarily in a comprehensive sense. Translate "fraternity" into its real English equivalent of brotherhood and think how that sounds when applied to a society of women. In other words, the Teutonic word, brotherhood, would very rarely be used by good writers or speakers to include sisterhood. Why then should the exact Latin equivalent be regularly so used? The word "sorority" or "sisterhood," moreover, is precise and definite and means exactly what we wish to denote when speaking of a society composed wholly of women. The better taste then would commend the use of the word "sorority."

THE CRESCENT—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

PAST

In the first number of *THE CRESCENT*, issued in June 1900, we find the following editorial: "We are conscious that this, our first sorority magazine is not an elaborate or finished production but we are no less proudly conscious that it is a magazine—we are in print at last. It is an experiment and it remains for you to say whether his experiment shall become an established custom." The experiment did become an established custom; the magazine has lived and has waxed stronger each year—and if it is true to the meaning of its name, it will grow and increase in the years to come.

The first magazine committee consisted of Lillian Parker Allen (Eta), Claribel Moulton (Delta), Mary Sanborn Richardson (Beta), Mabel Mudge (Zeta), and Nina Rogers Sweetser (Delta). In 1902 Nina Rogers Sweetser became Business Manager, Mary Sanborn Richardson, Editor and Katharine Aldrich Whiting (Delta), Literary Editor. In 1904 Anna Morris Dimmick (Zeta) assumed the editorship and in the same year Alice Sloane Dimmick (Zeta) designed the cover which was used until 1910. At this time, a department "The Agora"—destined for the suggestions and ideas of readers—was inaugurated with these words. "THE CRESCENT should not be the result of the efforts of any single Gamma Phi or even of the editors." This department flourished for a time but was finally abandoned from lack of voluntary contributions. In June 1904 we have the first report of the Intersorority Conference, with Lillian Thompson of Gamma Phi Beta (Zeta) as secretary; at this same time the attractive headings of the editorial and chapter letters, designated by Ethelyn Phipps (Zeta) made their initial appearance. In March 1904 we find the exchange department under the heading which it has ever since retained, "Our Contemporaries in Black and White." At the twenty-ninth convention, held in Denver, Zeta chapter undertook the publication of *THE CRESCENT* for two years with Miss Dimmick in full charge, and at the thirty-first convention in Minneapolis, Miss Dimmick was voted

editor-in-chief for three years. In 1910 Miss Dimmick resigned her position and the magazine came under the present management.

PRESENT

At present THE CRESCENT has definite aims and purposes. It is endeavoring—

First—to revive enthusiasm among the alumnae, to inspire them with a desire to keep in touch, not only with their own chapters but with the whole sorority; to chronicle faithfully the life of each chapter and to keep constantly in mind the true meaning, the high principles and the noble calling of Gamma Phi Beta.

Second—to foster the spirit of Pan-Hellenism—the generous spirit that will see good in rival organizations, that will do its part in establishing a spirit of comradeship, of mutual help and understanding.

Third—to bring before its readers any subjects that may have to do with the college and the fraternity world; to show to the outside world the cultural and ethical side of the Greek letter organization.

FUTURE

THE CRESCENT of the future cannot thrive without the help of its readers. If you wish your magazine to be a success, you must give in fullest measure—

Enthusiasm—for Gamma Phi Beta is always the same and if your interest has weakened the change is due to you. Without enthusiasm, loyalty and sorority spirit we can accomplish nothing.

Suggestions. Give us your ideas—help us with suggestions. Does the character of the articles please you? Can you propose any “special numbers”? Have you any plan which will add to the attractiveness or to the worth of the magazines?

Promptness—in sending chapter letters; in replying to editorial pleas. If you can't write the article requested, tell the editor *at once* so that she may find someone else.

Contributions—Don't wait to be asked for an article but gladden the heart of the editor by a voluntary contribution.

Financial Aid—by the prompt payment of your dues—by securing new subscribers, by adding your plea for expansion; since expansion will bring more dollars into our treasury and more dollars will mean a better magazine.

[The girl with the scholastic record is not always the member whom the chapter most needs—though it be heresy to say so in this day when there is so much exhortation for fraternity scholarship. Read the following poem—always a favorite with the editor—written by Katharine Aldrich Whiting (Delta) and first published in the CRESCENT of January 1905, and reflect upon what our chapters would be without this particular type of Gamma Phi Beta.—ED.]

TO A GAMMA PHI BETA GIRL

Of a Gamma Phi I sing
Who's not great in anything
Save the art of making everyone her friend;
Faults and failings I'll put down,
Though she wears the double brown,—
(She'd be first to stick her virtues at the end!)

At chapel I'm afraid
This naughty little maid
Sometimes isn't, when the godly rank defiles;
But often she'll be found,
When the bells for chapel sound
Helping lame dogs over steep scholastic stiles.

For she always can and will
Help the weaker sisters; still,
She will never wear the little golden key,
For her marks are sometimes low.
And she rarely has to show.
The longed-for, the desirable E.

But when *your* toil is done,
And you grasp the prize you've won,
There's no one in the world so glad as she:
The extemporized oration
And the jubilant ovation
Are the wreaths she twines about your victory.

Yes, Philosophy and Math.
Are lions in her path,
And her themes are English V's despair and joy;
But at teas the Faculty,
Passing learned damsels by,
Group around her like one grand, composite boy,
Men? They all sometime have paid
Adoration to the maid,

But she laughs at them, and so—they go away;
Yet the very hardest hit
Can't afford to miss her wit,
So the best come back as friends, and come to stay.

She's an actress through and through;
It's the thing she loves to do;
But she scorns to play the "leading lady's" part:
Rôles no other girl will take,
These she'll glory in, and make
Others seem the better actors by her art.

Oh! she says, and shakes her head,
That one might as well be dead
(This to Freshmen, with a confidential sigh),
As, when others speak them fair,
To let slip the triumph rare
Of belonging to the band of Gamma Phi.

But—somehow—she's often found
Where the non-frats most abound;
And when rushing rages furious and late,
Though she often grabs her prize
From a ring of hostile eyes,
She's the only girl our rivals never hate.

If she ever made your bread
You'd suspect the base was lead;
But start her on a chafing-dish and see
If for fudge or Newburg rare
There's an equal anywhere
To the dainties she concocts for frat.-room tea.

She'll never make a name
In the concert hall of fame—
There are two wrong notes for every right she'll play:
But the clumsy little thumbs,
When the day of headache comes
Are of magic power to chase the pain away.

So this Gamma Phi I sing,
Who's not great in anything;
Who's made up of frills and furbelows and curls.
Faults and failings I've put down,
But she wears the double brown,
And we're glad-glad-glad we've got her: aren't we, girls?

TWO OF OUR ALUMNAE



MISS RUTH GUPPY

Another honor has come to Gamma Phi! M. Ruth Guppy (Beta '87) has been elected Dean of Women at the University of Oregon.

For years past, Miss Guppy has held the chair of History at Annie Wright Seminary, an Episcopalian school of high standing in the Northwest, located at Tacoma, Washington. While in this school, Miss Guppy has taken the greatest interest in her students and will be missed by them both as a teacher and as a friend.

As a club woman of Tacoma and an active worker in educational movements, Miss Guppy has been very prominent. President of the Collegiate alumnae, a member of the D. A. R. and of the Aloha Club, the oldest literary society in the state, her many friends in these circles will miss her keenly.

For a long time Lambda has had her help while her intense loyalty to Gamma Phi has been an inspiration. We deeply regret her departure but we congratulate Nu on her good fortune in having Miss Guppy's companionship and influence.

ESTHER RICH REILLY

One of the most loyal and devoted Gamma Phis of whom the sorority can boast is Esther Rich Reilly, who has until recently, been serving as our Pan-Hellenic delegate. Mrs. Reilly is a native of Chicago and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1893. The same qualities which distinguished her as a student are apparent now in the more mature woman—a conscientiousness in the performance of all tasks laid upon her, a generosity of mind which allows her to take a broad and dispassionate view of people and of circumstances and which leads her to form sound judgments, a loyalty—absolutely unswerving—to ideals and to friends and a broad sympathy embracing not only her intimates but all humanity.

Leaving the university in 1893 she was married soon afterwards to Mr. Leigh Reilly the brother of her most intimate college friend, also a Gamma Phi. She has always resided in Chicago and in the nineteen years since her graduation has been connected with the Chicago Alumnae Chapter and has been always an interested worker. Her quiet and unostentatious influence has been instrumental in securing many of the good things which have come to the sorority. It is to be regretted that lack of strength makes it impossible for Mrs. Reilly to continue in the Pan-Hellenic work but we may be certain that she will always have a keen interest in the sorority's welfare and that in her modest and simple way she will exert an influence for good on its affairs.

CONCERNING EXPANSION

[For Gamma Phi Beta, the vital question of the present is expansion and the following quotations from former CRESCENTS prove that expansion was the theme of many a discussion of the past. These articles state the matter so clearly, concisely and forcibly that we ask active and alumnae members to read and to consider them carefully. Ed.]

I sing not of expansion political, commercial or religious, but fraternal. It seems to a few of us Gamma Phis (heretics, perhaps, unworthy the name) that conservatism or a certain obstinate something that is called conservatism is too often made to cover a multitude of delays and refusals that are a libel of that excellent quality. Conservatism always likes to be linked with aristocracy, and as we are somewhat inclined to be aristocrats because we are select, we crawl into our shells and hold our breath and cry that we believe in conservatism. I am merely contending that this fear of a dreadful catastrophe following any definite action and the obstinacy that will not admit of anyone being quite good enough to be a Gamma Phi, is not worthy to be called conservatism.

All of us as Gamma Phis feel that we have the good of the sorority at heart. If we had not we would be disloyal indeed. There may be those who are so zealous that their enthusiasm runs away with their good judgment, but it is my candid opinion that this is not the distinguishing trait of our sorority—quite the opposite. And this little preaching is to urge our girls to a more liberal policy. Years may pass in our history and not a single new charter is granted and now we have in all seven active chapters. All of these I am sure we are very proud of, but we should have had more to be proud of.

We want to rid ourselves of the ultra-critical attitude which we all are apt to acquire as undergraduates—especially as frat girls—and develop a more kindly, liberal and unprejudiced feeling toward other colleges than our own. Surely we wish many more of those worthy could share with us all the joys, pleasures, helpfulness and opportunities for services that we have all enjoyed within our dear sorority. So let us work with ever increasing energy, not ceasing

to watch the growth of each chapter nor neglecting the good opportunities to increase our chapter roll.

March 1904.

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In my three years' experience as a member of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae I have had occasion to meet representatives from almost every one of the twenty-three institutions included in the Association. I have become more and more interested in the American college woman, and my interests and standards have been changed and elevated by my contact with her.

Upon the membership roll of this Association of Collegiate Alumnae are the names of some of the most intellectual, gifted and charming women in America. It is largely through their influence that the college woman is learning her own capabilities and putting them into use. But this is not a plea for the A. C. A., valuable as I consider it for the college graduate. It is its significance to the growth of our closer and more intimate sisterhood that I wish to direct your attention.

Gamma Phi Beta is established in only eight of the twenty-three institutions in the Association, and of the remaining fifteen—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bryn Mawr, Oberlin, Radcliffe, Smith and Vassar Colleges and the Universities of Illinois, Chicago, Cornell, Kansas, Nebraska, Western Reserve, Wesleyan and Leland Stanford, Jr., University—I believe that about one-half do not at present admit national Sororities. They will, however, be open to us in the near future, and we should direct our interests and investigation to these empty but fertile fields.

If any of you have the missionary spirit and know what it is to want to save souls in China, you can sympathize with my desire to see at least a portion of these barbarian hordes brought into the crescent fold of Gamma Phi.

I should like to see women going out from every one of our twenty-three representative American institutions bearing the seal of our sisterhood to enrich their own lives and to make Gamma Phi Beta more honored, more worthy and more to be desired.

June 1904.

EMMA T. GRAY.

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The problem of expansion is most vital in our sorority life at the present time, and demands earnest thought and careful deliberation. This is not a question that can be left open for extended discussion and debate, for cases are continually presenting themselves which demand our immediate action. It is necessary that we determine ere long just what shall be our attitude toward local societies that come to us with petitions to enter into our bonds of Pi Kappa Epsilon. We all desire to follow that course which shall make for the greatest good of Gamma Phi Beta. There are none of us who wish to draw so closely together in exclusive self-satisfaction as to become narrow and self-centered and stunted. On the other hand, we cherish our unity—that feeling of “togetherness” that holds our chapters bound firmly to each other, because our small numbers admit of such intimate fellowship. So we hesitate, not knowing which road to follow—feeling that upon our decision depends the future of Gamma Phi, what she shall mean to generations yet to come. Shall we say, “Oh, we are so contented with our sorority as it is; let us keep it just so;” or shall we reach out into broader fields and admit new chapters into our fellowship?

It is well, in a case like this, to profit by the experience of organizations like our own; and we have abundant proof that the most powerful factors in the fraternity world are those that have followed the principle of expansion.

By so doing, they have broadened their spheres of influence; they have made their names widely known and respected, and—more important than all—they themselves have grown in power. The increasing march of life onward demands that we change our plans to meet it. The days of the few and simple pleasures and the limited circle of acquaintances are rapidly passing away. Our world is bigger and broader than of yore, with an ever-extending horizon; and our sorority, if it is to prosper, must keep pace with this world movement. We cannot content ourselves by saying, “Let us stay just where we are.” We must fail if we do. The old Latin motto that has served so often the theme of a high school graduation discourse, “Non progredi est regredi,” loses none of its force upon application to our sorority life. We need the inspiration of these

new chapters coming into our midst, the fresh enthusiasm and loyal devotion which they bring, and the larger opportunities that are ours through them, of broadening our sphere of usefulness and of making our power more widely realized. Moreover, the over-increasing facilities for communication lessen constantly the dangers of our unity that might result from a larger chapter roll. But this expansion, which must come, cannot move too cautiously. We desire chapters of our sorority in those colleges only, whose name and fame are firmly established, and whose standards of scholarship are of the very highest order. Again, we most certainly cannot afford to admit into our sorority any society the girls of which are not representative of the best that such a college affords. We want no chapter that must be "worked up" before it can stand on a level with the rest of Gamma Phi Beta. The most careful consideration and investigation must ever attend the admitting of a new chapter, for there is nothing in fraternity life that is more to be deplored than the too thoughtless placing of chapters that in the course of time prove so unworthy as to necessitate the revoking of their charters.

EDITH LESLIE RIGGS, Delta, '07.

March 1907.

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There are over three hundred co-educational institutions for higher education in the United States with an attendance of about thirty-five thousand women. Statistics show that the rising standard of these institutions has been accompanied by an increased attendance of women, which means that more women of better ability and larger ambition are entering our colleges and universities every year.

A study of the curriculum, faculty, student-body, income, buildings and equipment of these three hundred institutions convinces one that they have the material and environment which support the college fraternity. As a matter of fact, fraternities in some form or other can and do flourish in all of them. They are considered in most of these institutions as important actors in the student life, mutual benefits are shared by the college and the fraternity.

The fraternity draws its actual membership, its intellectual stimulus and an outlet for its energies from the institution, giving in re-

turn its enthusiasm, loyalty, originality and its own standards of comradeship and social life.

Gamma Phi Beta, which we can sincerely claim represents the very highest ideal of the Greek Sorority, exists in but twelve of these institutions. This leaves a wide range of future growth and I believe we can establish chapters in certain of these institutions without lowering our standards in any particular.

I wish to express myself positively on this subject of expansion, believing that by a free expression of opinion we can clear ourselves of some previously conceived ideas which are hindrances to our national growth. We have lulled ourselves to sleep too long with the lullaby of conservatism. The policy which in our founders meant the steady conscientious pursuance of the very best, has grown to be with us an indifferent and often ignorant consideration of these opportunities when they are opened to us.

The universities and their development are outgrowing us. We have not lived up to our own ideals. Our early policy was to establish our sorority in institutions of high standards wherever there seemed to be an understanding of what our sorority was and when the women who wished our charter were up to the standard and plainly equal to perpetuating it. In later years just such opportunities have been offered us, and we have been very slow to recognize them and in some cases have regretted our hesitancy. Gamma Phi Beta has made herself a great deal of trouble and work by this policy, in some cases giving her new chapters double work. We expect our chapters to lead even when they have a long procession of well established rivals with which to compete.

There is a certain atmosphere and individuality about Gamma Phi Beta which I realize cannot be found in every environment. There must be a nice adjustment of mental and moral strength, culture and personality in the individual which we cannot learn about from statistics. We need to know our prospective chapters, and to know them we must make an effort. We need to go half way with every petitioning local society and give them an opportunity to know us. I have a great deal of faith in the learning power of Gamma Phi. I believe that knowing ten typical Gamma Phis well is worth

knowing about the whole sorority. In other words, to the uninitiated, individual worth and personality counts for much more than national reputation, and the whole can be judged by the units.

It is important that a petitioning chapter should know a great deal about Gamma Phi before it is granted a charter. Our standards, ideals, ambitions, achievements, are not part of our secrecy, for we live them and we should make them evident to all candidates for membership.

All this means that active and alumnae members of the sorority should consider it a duty to inform themselves about our American colleges, and to avail themselves of every opportunity to meet the students that they may be able to judge them when the question of their desirability as members of Gamma Phi arises.

I realize the danger of a large unwieldy, loosely knit national organization. I do not believe Gamma Phi Beta will run into any such danger if she holds fast the high ideals which have always governed her growth. We have never made a false step and can point with pride to a roll of healthy flourishing chapters, not one dead or lifeless, and each in close touch with the others, loyal and friendly. Our conventions have a certain personal element in them which must be lacking in the convention with a hundred delegates. But we can avoid all these features of the overgrown society, and I believe we are strong enough to grow very rapidly and not become warped in any direction.

We would soon realize the benefits of a larger chapter roll in our ability to support *THE CRESCENT*, our official means of communication. Five more chapters with their subscriptions would put *THE CRESCENT* on a strong financial footing, and it would become more than ever the instrument by which our national life would be united.

I would suggest that every chapter make a list of the institutions where they believe it would some time be wise and agreeable to have a chapter. The lists could be presented at Convention or through *THE CRESCENT* and arguments for and against them be presented. If the interest of the sorority has been aroused by one special college, measures should be taken to create an opportunity for a chapter there and if one or more of the institutions petition us for a charter,

the field work has been covered and we can devote our time and attention to the more important question of the personnel of the applicants. We should have our information in hand and our procedure systematized so that when the decision is made we can act promptly with business like courtesy.

A reluctant dilatory acceptance acts as a wet blanket to enthusiastic petitioners and we lose ourselves the benefit and pleasure of a hearty spontaneous welcome. I believe we have shown excellent judgment in all our national history as far as I know it. I am not criticizing past methods or policies, but I do see a strong tendency to those things which will be fatal to our growth and to our own satisfaction.

If we cease to grow nationally we will soon lose our local interest in our sorority, loyalty will be confined to one pin and a few dear sisters who live in the same town or with whom we correspond. Let us follow the example of our own grand United States and grow by expansion and by assimilation, giving our high ideals and our loving hearts to those who come to us promising loyalty and affinity, and receiving from them the benefits of new standards, new ideas and new sympathies.

EUNICE GRAY, Gamma.

January 1907.

SPRING BANQUETS

The annual Spring Banquet of Theta and Denver Alumnae was held on Saturday evening May 20 in the "trellis room" of the Metropole Hotel. This room with its grape arbor and tinkling fountain made the prettiest of settings for the long table adorned with cunning Japanese babies, fascinating jinrikishas, many colored parasols, and numerous Japanese toys without a name; while the dainty place cards and wonderfully embellished scroll at each place were also Japanese. The clever decorations and toast scheme were devised by Elizabeth Hessler '13 and we print the latter—

Great Enlightened Mistress of Toast

Honorable Eunice Robinson

GREEN BUD (freshman)

Advent of Honorable Green Bud cause of much quivering of nervous tense—

Worshipped with humbleness of Prostration,—

Landed with magnificent banzai—

Thence forth, Green Bud, Honorable Nihil.

HONORABLE MARIE GARRISON.

WHITE BUD (sophomore)

Honorable White Bud, colorless state to which Honorable Green Bud reduced it—

Place takes of Heaven Descended Czar to Humble Dust Green Bud,

When not Worshipful Commander at hibachi;

Inclined to idle moments filled with much giggleness of expression.

HONORABLE CARLOTA ROOSE.

HALF-BLOOM BLOSSOM (junior)

Honorable Half-Bloom Blossom, connecting link who no like quarrels

So employ unworthy Green Buds to fight own battles—

August calling to electioneer and get Honorable Class Offices

For venerable glory of Illustrious whole.

HONORABLE BELLE ST. CLAIR.

FULL-BLOOM BLOSSOM (senior)

Honorable Full-Bloom Blossom

Love of Heaven, Delight of Ancestors,

Excellent High Brow Perfection of all wisdom that is,
 Know it true is for Honorable Full-Bloom Blossom say so.

HONORABLE ANNE HENRY.

CALYX (alumna)

Honorable Calyx shed all frivolous petals which make peacock
 of vanity

Estimable enlightened one who gives exalted advice

Much wished in demand at advent of Green Bud

To cast splendor of illustrious glamor that snares it.

HONORABLE LISLE BROWNELL MILTON

EVERLASTING GREAT READER OF INSPIRED VERSE

HONORABLE MURIEL STEELE.

IOTA

Iota and New York alumnae held the annual banquet at Hotel Marie Antoinette. The toast scheme "Woman's Sphere" was very original and called for speeches upon Cooking, Sewing, Teaching, Art and Housekeeping. This last toast, "Housekeeping" was given by Helen Newbold and is printed in full—

Perhaps you think it is easy
 To make a little speech
 About the joys of house work,
 And some object lessons teach.
 But nothing rhymes with sweeping
 Or scouring pots and bowls,
 And you can't neglect the stockings
 With their forty thousand holes!
 You would shudder if I mentioned
 In an off hand easy way—
 That two days off is Monday
 And that is washing day.
 For at once you'd smell the soap suds,
 And you'd think with fine disgust—
 Why can't she leave *that* out of it
 And just mention what she must?
 But Housekeeping—says Webster—
 Is the care of home concerns,

So we can't omit these trifles
Though their drawbacks we discern.
The Gold Dust Twins *must* hustle
And the Old Dutch Cleanser too,
If the house is kept in order
And things spic and span like new.
It is up betimes of mornings
And three square meals a day
If you want to keep things running
In a smooth and easy way.
For dust has a way of settling
On the parlor mantle piece,
And it revels in the furniture
In every groove and crease!
The Spring is so alluring
That you feel you *must* get out
But a miller flutters past you
And you stop and turn about.
You beat the furs out frantically
And air the blankets too
And then you pack them safe away
For you know what that moth will do!
You may think you'll have your windows washed
And choose a nice bright day,
Then up will come a thunder storm
And splash them, right away.
And so it goes from morn till night
With a hundred things to do,
And the time never seems to be just right
To say "Well I guess I'm through."—
But after all the lights are out,
And you're snugly tucked in bed
There's a certain satisfaction
To rest your aching head;
And you think—well what's the use
Of having a home at all

If it isn't worth some trouble
Anxiety and all.
So here's a toast to *Housekeeping*
One phase of Woman's Sphere,
And may its popularity
Increase from year to year!

EXTRACTS FROM THIRD BULLETIN OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

PROGRAMME OF THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

First Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 1912, 1:30 P. M.

Presentation of Credentials.

Minutes of the Tenth Conference.

Report of Chairman.

Report of Treasurer.

Reports of Delegates.

Announcement of Committee's by Chairman.

Report of Committee on Eligibility Clause.

Report of Committee on Extension.

Automobile ride, followed by supper at the Chicago College Club.

Second Meeting, Friday, 9:30 A. M.

Report of Committee on Scholarship Card.

Report of Committee on Dean's Conference.

Report of Committee on Chaperones.

Third Meeting, Friday, 1:30 P. M.

Unfinished Business.

High School Fraternities—Mr. John Calvin Hanna, Beta Theta Phi.

Chapter Inspection.

Uniform Chapter House Rules.

Fraternity Journalism.

Fraternity Patronesses.

Tea at Chicago College Clubs.

Fourth Meeting, Saturday, 9 A. M.

Report of Committee on Recommendations.

Report of Committee of Supplementary Report.

Discussion on Pan-Hellenic Meet in California, 1915.

Open Pan-Hellenic Luncheon at Northwestern University Gymnasium at 1 o'clock, \$1.00 per plate, to which all fraternity women of Evanston, Chicago, and vicinity and

elsewhere are invited. Acceptances for which must be sent to Mrs. S. V. Balderston, 614 Clark Street, Evanston, not later than Wednesday, October 16th.

THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND PRESIDENTS

The Executive Committee of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress has arranged that the conference of Grand Presidents shall be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., October the 16th, at 1:30 p. m., and that a second session shall be called the morning following.

All except two Grand Presidents have responded to my letters suggesting the conference, and those answering have expressed themselves in hearty accord with the plan and the purpose of it. Consequently, it is hoped that each Grand President will be present as her own spokesman, but if this is impossible a personal representative will be eligible and such personal representative should be given full authority to speak and act for such absent Grand President.

Touching the questions of the fraternity and the opposition to it five elements suggest themselves:

The Faculty.

The Fraternity in the National Sense.

The Chapters.

Leaders of Fraternities.

Points of Harmony.

To the discussion of these questions, it is hoped that each Grand President or her personal representative will bring experiences and suggestions. It is out of the experiences and thoughtful suggestions that we can happily plan a stronger and finer future for the fraternity system. Mary C. Love Collins, Chi Omega, 210 Equitable Building, Denver, Colo.

PAN-HELLENIC LUNCHEON, JULY 1, 1912

The fact that there were four fraternity conventions in or near Chicago during the latter part of June was taken advantage of by the Executive Committee of National Pan-Hellenic Congress as a rare opportunity for a social Pan-Hellenic meeting, by holding a luncheon on the first day of July, in one of the attractive private tea rooms in Marshall Field's. At this luncheon twenty participated from the following fraternities: Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma,

Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Mu.

Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, and chairman of National Pan-Hellenic Congress was mistress of ceremonies, and upon each fraternity she called for an expression of opinion on certain topics of interest to Pan-Hellenism, and also asked for news and suggestions. The response was most gratifying, Miss Pomeroy, editor of the *Arrow*, spoke of the work of Pi Beta Phi, which seems largely centered in their recent settlement undertaking; Mrs. Crann, treasurer of National Pan-Hellenic Congress gave news of Alpha Chi Omega, dwelling especially upon their efforts for better fraternity chaperonage; Mrs. Hanna, Kappa Kappa Gamma, spoke impressively on a subject of grave importance to Pan-Hellenism, that of High School fraternities. She believes that the united action of the fraternities can do a great work by lending their aid to the crushing out of what is generally looked upon by parents and school authorities as a very great evil. Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta, Mrs. Preble, Gamma Phi Beta and Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta talked briefly, relative to their fraternities and Pan-Hellenism.

A pleasing incident of the occasion was the receipt of a telegram of greeting from Chi Omega, who were assembled in convention at Niagara Falls, Canada, and to whom a reply message of good wishes was sent.

The luncheon was declared by all a great success and pleasure, and every one came away imbued with fresh spirit and enthusiasm for the Pan-Hellenic movement and with the hope that in future more of these informal meetings between the yearly sessions of the Congress may be possible.

Following are the names of those present: Sarah G. Pomeroy, Anna Robinson Nickerson, Amy B. Ouken and Lida B. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi; Kittie Parsons Hanna, Gene Craig Reasoner and Edna Huggins Hicks, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Cora Allen McElroy, Nell W. Parkam, Harriet B. Wheelihan, Sue Maher and Frances Poole, Alpha Phi; Alice Hosmer Preble and Esther Rich Reilly, Gamma Phi Beta; Eva R. Hall and Louise Shipman Wagner, Kappa Alpha Theta; Amy O. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Lois Smith Crann, Alpha Chi Omega; Zenobia Wooten and Ruth Huffman, Phi Mu.

ESTHER RICH REILLY, *Secretary*.

“THAT DOUBLE-BROWN”

(*A Freshman's Diary During Rushing Week*)

THE FIRST DAY

(*Andante*)

I've dates far into the future,
I'm really a person of note,
I'm smiled at, I'm courted and fêted
My words are quite worthy to quote.
There are parties planned in my honor,
I've callers—early and late—
Never you mind all you people
I'll make you stand round and—wait!

THE SECOND DAY

(*Moderato*)

I'm crazy over college—
Everything's just dear—
I dote on all this rushing—
I'm mighty glad I'm here.
I've made so many friendships,
The girls are dandy fine—
I haven't quite decided
Which crowd I want for mine.
And yet—I've met some maidens
Who wear a crescent pin—
And I've a wee suspicion
That they're the ones to win.
I'd like to know them better,
I have their dates all down
Their colors—I just love them
They call them “double-brown.”

THE THIRD DAY

(*Allegro*)

Hooray! Hooray!
I'm just that gay—
I've been with the Gamma Phis
'Most all day!
And now I know
Which way I'll go—
For all the others
Haven't a show.

And all I care
 Is sometime to wear
 That same double-brown
 That they proudly share.
 Hooray! Hooray!
 I'm just that gay—
 I've been with the Gamma Phis
 'Most all day!

THE FOURTH DAY

(Grave)

The day is cold and dark and dreary,
 I'm bored to death and I'm mighty weary
 Of teas and dances and matinees—
 Of all this rushing and rushing craze.
 No Gamma Phis have been near all day
 And I wish the others would keep away
 For I wanted to wear that double-brown.
 (There's a lump in my throat that won't go down)
 And I've dreamed of that crescent of Gamma Phi
 (I really believe I'm about to cry!)

THE FIFTH DAY

(Ad. Lib. furioso.)

First with this one
 Then with that—
 I really don't know
 Where I'm at.
 I'm saying nothing—
 My heart is hid—
 I'm just a-trying
 To get each bid!

THE SIXTH DAY

(Pianissimo)

Oh patron saint, come to my aid—
 Oh help this little freshman maid!
 I ask a trifling thing of thee—
 But oh— it means so much to me.
 'Tis only this—that bidding day
 A certain note will come my way,
 I'd be the happiest girl in town
 If I could wear that double-brown!

THE SEVENTH DAY

(Staccato)

I wore it! ! !

BOOK REVIEW

"ALT HEIDELBERG"

A little book delightfully foreign in appearance and bearing the title "ALT HEIDELBERG" comes to us with the following letter:

I take the liberty of handing you herewith a copy of a little booklet on "Heidelberg and its Student Life." The author is an old American college fraternity man, a professor in an American university, who made a somewhat exhaustive investigation of the student life at Heidelberg and its origin and history, in the first place because of his own interest in the subject, and in the second place at the request of the editor of his own American fraternity magazine. The result proved so interesting to American and English readers, who had the opportunity of seeing the original article, that I have ventured to publish it in a revised and permanent form, with excellent illustrations of Heidelberg and of scenes from its student life. The author had special opportunities to secure information at first hand from the students themselves and had at his command everything written in German on the subject. I can recommend his account as a faithful representation of all phases of university life in Germany. In the forty pages in this little book he has managed to picture in a remarkable way the development and characteristics of German student life. It is to be hoped that it will serve to enlighten English and American readers on the likeness and contrasts between German university life and the college life of their own countries.

I shall be grateful for whatever notice you can give to "Alt Heidelberg and its Student Life" and I beg that you will do me the favor of sending me a copy of your notice. The price is extremely small for the quality of the work, only twenty-five cents or one shilling (Postage extra ten Pfennige).

Respectfully yours,

OTTO PETTERS, University Bookseller.

How many of us know that Heidelberg originated a college fraternity system "that traces its descent far back beyond the hundred and thirty-five years of the American college fraternity, back for nearly a thousand years into the dark ages, back to the dawn of university education in Europe?" Beautiful in setting, romantic in its charm of surroundings, the centre of so many great movements in the history of modern civilization, rich in student tradition, what wonder that Heidelberg has an interest

unequalled by any other city. Dr. Miller gives an interesting account of the university life and customs, of the city's cosmopolitan crowds, of the characteristic student groups and traces the growth of the fraternity system in a minute way. We give a few quotations from the book:

The *Verbindungen* now known as "Corps" arose in the beginning of the nineteenth century out of the old *Landsmannschaften* and Orders. The names of the Corps go back to the *Landsmannschaften* and their membership is still chosen largely from one state or province, but they may take in anybody by free choice, the membership is limited in numbers, they have a strong, firm organization, a formal initiation, symbolistic insignia, and all this they get from the Orders. They have always been exclusive and aristocratic in tendency, and conservative, if taking any stand at all, in politics. Their aims are practically those of the American fraternities—close personal friendship, the fixing of definite ideals of conduct and character, and social enjoyment and culture, while they claim at the same time to be the special conservators of student traditions, a claim they can probably substantiate. One of the strongest motives of the old *Burschenschaften*, on the other hand, was to foster democratic equality among all students, and therefore Corps and *Burschenschaften* have often come into direct conflict.

The life of German fraternity men in Heidelberg outside of the lecture room is more or less alike in all the organizations. As a rule the members spend their mornings as each individual pleases, but from the mid-day meal on till they go to bed they are expected to be together. They are together at the mid-day and evening meals, on excursions and tramps through the mountains, or up the Neckar, at the informal *Kneipen* or ordinary social or business meetings, at the more formal meetings for some special occasion called the *Kommers*, and at the duels. *Kneipen* and *Kommers* take place in their own house, if the chapter has a house. Two-thirds of the chapters in Heidelberg do have houses, secured largely through the interest and contributions of graduate members, the "*alte Herren*." The houses are generally simple. The first story usually has a big hall for the *Kommers* and smaller rooms for the ordinary *Kneipen* and mid-day dinners. In the story above are a few rooms for the active members, usually the officers of the chapter, and rooms for the steward and his wife, the cook. Every possible chance is taken to celebrate something. The old members like to come back to the *Kneipen*; the good fellowship and brotherly feeling of such occasions is at least equal to that found in one of our "smokers" or banquets.

The student duel, or *Mensur* (see pages 25 and 29), is a medieval custom preserved among students after it has entirely disappeared among other civilized human beings. Instead of the satisfaction of honor for a real or fancied insult, a means of avenging insult, the *Mensur* has now become an end in itself, a means of education. The new conception of knightly contest, arranged for beforehand without the least ill-feeling and possibly between men who never saw each other, grew out of the custom of the Corps in Heidelberg and Jena meeting together *to be insulted*. Such a method was seen to be foolish, so it has now become the custom for the officers of one fraternity to arrange with the officers of another for a certain number of duels of a definite date.

SENIOR HONORS

CLASS OF 1912

ALPHA

Hilda Grossman—Hiram Gee Fellowship (A year's study of art in Paris, seldom awarded a woman).

Ella Brooks—"Cum Laude."

Edna Bran—Monitor for Library graduates.

BETA

Edna Thuner—President of Woman's League.

GAMMA

Edna Howard—Mortar Board and Keystone, Captain of Basketball team, Member of Hockey, Bowling and Baseball teams, President of Woman's Athletic Association, Winner of Athletic Association Pin "W," Student Council to Dean of Women, President Equal Suffrage League.

Ruth Cotton—Student Council to Dean of Women; Mortar Board; Red Domino, Wyslynx.

Edith Winslow—Keystone; Student Council.

Helen Scofield—Class Vice-President; Member of Basketball and Hockey teams.

Alice Ringling—Red Domino; Chairman of Senior Class Play; Leading Lady in Senior Class Play.

Elizabeth Perry—Black Bat; Green Umbrella.

Edith Winslow—Mortar Board; Red Domino; Keystone; Student Council.

DELTA

Celia Marshall—Phi Beta Kappa.

Mabel Page—Class Treasurer.

Edna Tarbox—Class Secretary.

Alice Moulton—Librarian Proctor.

ETA

Lorraine Andrews—Phi Beta Kappa, President of Associated Women Students.

THETA

Eunice Robinson—Sigma Phi Alpha (Scholarship Fraternity).

KAPPA

Louise Sumner—Member of Sigma Tau (Senior girl's society); member of Phi Beta Kappa, Senior Representative on Woman's League Council.

Helena Fitzsimmons—Member of Sigma Tau; member of Quill; Senior Representative on Athletic Board.

Anna McCauley—Member of Sigma Tau; Treasurer of Woman's League; member of University Catholic Association Board.

Lynnfred McMahon—Member of Sigma Tau; President of Athletic Board.

MU

Ruth Hutchinson—President of Cap and Gown Society (honor society of senior women).

Edith Englehard—Phi Beta Kappa.



TO plan for an "Insignia Number" and then to be disappointed in securing the long-looked-for crest is a bit like seeing the play of Hamlet with the melancholy Dane quite left out. This crest seems to be a will-o'-the-wisp and the editorial hand has as yet failed to grasp the elusive thing. However, even though the presentation of our "coat-of-arms" be delayed for a time, "Insignia Number" this issue remains; for at the beginning of another college year, it behooves us to reflect upon various things—that the badge we wear means more than the fact that we are Gamma Phis, that the pin we place on our freshmen is symbolic of many things besides the victory over our rivals, that our crescent signifies growth in many ways and that it lies with us to bring about this very growth.

BROWNING has written a beautiful poem—"Pippa Passes"—in which a little girl of the silk mills, given one long, blissful holiday, unconsciously influences for good all those with whom she comes in contact. To compare the freshman year with a holiday seems a bit strange, but to us who look back upon the absolute newness, joy and freedom of that time, it seems a bright spot between the years of preparation and the years of practical application. So, dear freshmen, make the most of your holiday; cultivate those characteristics which are most needed in sorority life; live up to the ideals that Gamma Phi Beta gives you; be sweet, gracious, womanly and helpful to those whose lives are touched by

yours—and after the happy year is over, you will be able to say with Pippa “All’s right with the world.”

EVEN as the aspiring poet may burst forth into a rhapsody upon the ever ready subject of spring, so there are various themes always open for discussion in the editorial columns. Chapter correspondence, fraternity scholarship and the use of the word sorority are a few of these. Gamma Phi Beta has always emphatically desired to be called a sorority—ever since that day many years ago when Dean Smalley of Syracuse University declared it such. The use of the word needs no defense ’tis true, but Dean Smalley, the finest of Latin scholars and the truest of friends to Gamma Phi—has very kindly given us an article which speaks for itself and which as far as we can see, brings to an end any further discussion of the subject or any adverse criticism which may arise.

From the depths of a soft and mossy bed
A dear little flower raised its head;
It basked in the warmth of the sun’s bright ray,
’Twas sung to sleep by the wind’s sweet lay,
While earth below and heaven above
Breathed e’er upon it with life and love,
Till Nature whispered—“Oh little flower,
You must gain in sweetness, strength and power
For you surely know
That the more you grow.
The deeper down your roots will go.”

And we have a blossom that’s truly ours
To us ’tis the fairest of all fair flowers,
’Tis warmed by love, ’tis watched with care
’Tis firmly rooted in faith and prayer,
And so precious it is that we fail to see
That it can be guarded *too* tenderly,
For Gamma Phi whispers—“Oh little flower
You must grow in sweetness, strength and power,
For you surely know
That the *more you grow*,
The deeper down your roots will go.”

JUST as our magazine is going to press, news comes of the appointment as Alumnae Editor of THE CRESCENT, Laura Latimer Graham of Alpha and New York Alumnae. Mrs. Graham has always been actively interested in Gamma Phi, is a true and enthusiastic worker for the sorority and we welcome her on the editorial staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE! Hereafter all chapter letters and personals are to be sent to the new alumnae editor, Mrs. W. J. Graham, 388 8th Street, New York City, N. Y.

The editor passes on to you to spendid suggestion of the business manager,—namely—to give a year's subscription to the CRESCENT as a Christmas gift to some Gamma Phi who does not subscribe. This will help us financially and will revive the interest of the recipient of the gift.

Please pardon the editor for her tardy letters in regard to chapter communications. The appointment of the Alumnae Editor was made only a few days ago, and the double burden of articles and chapter letters is the cause of any delay in publication. The editor also apologizes for presenting an "Insignia Number" without the piece de resistance—our new crest—but plans sometimes go astray.

SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:—If your subscription has expired, this is the last number that you will receive, unless your subscription is renewed. The management must know definitely just how much money to depend upon to run the magazine for the ensuing year.

Kindly give the matter your prompt attention, as all subscriptions are payable in advance.

Address all business communications to Carrie E. Morgan, Appleton, Wisconsin, and not to *The Crescent*, Appleton, Wis.

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS:—Please bear in mind that all chapter subscriptions are due in January. The Magazine must have the money in order to pay the expenses of publication. When sending the money to the Treasurer, always accompany the check with a list of the names of those who have paid. This is the only way in which the Business Manager can give proper credit to those who have paid.



MRS. W. J. GRAHAM, Alumnae Editor, 388 8th Street, New York City

Send all Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. W. J. Graham.

Next letter must be in her hands Dec. 1st.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls:—How good it seemed to be back again in Syracuse—to see all the old girls—to meet the new ones—and to hear the many different tales of summer fun. According to the stories, everybody had the best time possible but all agreed that the “coming back” was best of all.

The first of the year as we all well know is certainly a busy time but now that is over and we have settled down for another year. Our first rushing party was given on the afternoon before college opened—a delightful tea at the home of one of our city girls. In the evening we had a large party at the chapter house; entertainment was furnished by a few girls and refreshments were served later. College opened Tuesday morning and everyone was on hand for “first chapel.” The hall was crowded and the college men cheered and sang in the same old way. We spent almost all the day in arranging classes and making out schedules and in the evening a progressive dinner was given by some of the city girls and alumnae. We ended at the chapter house where the rest of the girls joined us for a regular “sing” and good time. Wednesday night one of the alumnae gave a pretty party for the girls and on Friday afternoon another opened her home for a tea. That was practically the end of our rushing and we are proud to tell you that now we have pledged ten girls—Letitia Price, Mildred Bigelow, and Katherine Halstead of Syracuse; Jean Leete of Detroit; Marion Whitford, of Albany; Helen Codling of Long Island; Ruth Gregory of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Doris Fancher of Felly, N. Y.; Pansy Stone of Malone and Ruth Abel of Pavilion.

Last spring, one of our seniors, Hilda Grossman, won the Hyram Gee Fellowship and is now in Paris for study, accompanied by another of last year's class. A third is teaching music at Little

Falls High School. Altogether, eight girls left our ranks and we miss them very much.

Alpha sends her best wishes to her sister chapters and trusts that each had a pleasant and restful summer.

ENGAGEMENTS

Pauline Ballou ('13) has announced her engagement to Dr. Fredrick Donnelly, of Newark, N. Y.

Margaret Lighthall's engagement to Rev. Barnwell, of New Bedford, Mass., has been announced.

The engagement of Henrietta Bidwell ('14) to Mr. Walter S. Paine, Delta Upsilon, Syracuse, '11, is announced.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

We have almost finished our fall rushing, which has been rather hard this year, as our chapter house is not quite finished and we girls are scattered about town. Our town alumnae, however, have opened their homes to us and have given many charming teas and informal affairs, which have helped us wonderfully. As a result we are glad to introduce to you,—Vivian Kerr and Mary Marvin, of Duluth, Minn.; Helen Tuthill and Mary Grovesnor (a Gamma Phi daughter) of Detroit; Ruth Weeks, of Kansas City; Irma Lynn, of Grand Haven, Mich.; Isabelle Hicks (a Gamma Phi sister) of Alpena, Mich.; Florence Bennie, of Clifton, Ariz.; and Helen Ely (a Gamma Phi cousin) of Tarrytown on the Hudson, N. Y.

Until our new house is finished, we girls are staying in the homes of our town girls and alumnae. We have rented a dining-room and kitchen, have installed our own cook, maid, and waiters and are having our meals together in the same old way.

Now we must tell you all we can about our new house which is rapidly nearing completion. Last year during Jubilee Week, we held our annual chapter reunion. In the morning we had a Gamma Phi meeting at Grace Breakey's home. Then we all went out to the Country Club for luncheon. There were sixty-six Gamma Phis present. We sang all the Gamma Phi songs we knew and talked over Gamma Phi news until the car came to take us back to town. About five o'clock in the afternoon, we all assembled at the site of our house. The occasion was the laying of the corner stone. Isadore Thompson Scott gave a short speech and placed a list of the girls present, together with papers giving the history of Beta chapter in a space within the stone, which had previously been prepared. Marie Goodman, Winnifred Kinne, Agnes Wells and Eloise Walker also made short speeches. After the ceremony, we went to Isadore Scott's home. Tea was served on the lawn and we had a jolly good

time. We active girls were certainly glad to meet so many of our alumnae and we hope they will all be with us again next year.

We will not tell you of our house until the next issue of *THE CRESCENT* because at that time we most likely will be able to describe the completed object. Until then we will say good-bye and wish you all the best of luck.

BIRTHS

Born to Gertrude Burdsal Arnold, a son, Duane Dudley Arnold, May 13, 1912 at Omaha, Nebraska.

Born to Gladys Lewis Eggeman, '11, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Eggeman, in July at Muskegon, Mich.

Born to Meda Sheldon Arnold, '10, a son, Harry Loren Arnold in August at Owosso, Mich.

Born to Frances Brown Davis, '08, a daughter, Frances Richard, in August, at Ann Arbor, Mich.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—College is in full swing again and we are all mighty happy to be living together once more in the Gamma Phi Lodge which is so truly a home to us.

Rushing stunts are over and our efforts have been amply rewarded by the pledging of five very fine girls. One of our pledges, Cornelia Matthews, is a Gamma daughter. The other four are Katherine Mount, Adelaide Rawson, Winifred Douglas and Genevieve Stumpf. Although somewhat restricted by the new rules concerning freshmen, our rushing was indeed successful and we are more than anxious to welcome the new girls into our chapter.

We are fortunate too, this year, in having with us Hermina Haller who has transferred to Wisconsin from Michigan. Three of the older girls—Elizabeth Newell, Marion Spencer and Margaret Puster have been with us during the first week and have greatly assisted us in starting the new work. With such an auspicious beginning, we are anticipating a most successful year and we wish the same to each and every one of you.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Edith Bowen, of Brodhead to Mr. George Cortelyou, has been announced. The marriage is to take place this fall.

The engagement of Marie Mabis to Mr. Gibbon Chase is announced.

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Eurette Kimball, of Janesville to Mr. Ralph Emerson Davis, of Platteville, took place in June. Mr. Davis

is Director of the Wisconsin State Mining School at Platteville, where the couple will reside.

Edythe McMillan, of Fort Atkinson, was married on June 25th to Mr. Felix Rice, of Milwaukee.

On June 5th occurred the marriage of Miss Jean Williams, of Chicago, to Mr. Carroll S. Atwood, of Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are living in Milwaukee.

Gamma also announces the marriages of the following: Verona Pratt to Mr. Robert Burton, of Chicago; Lenore Horan ('08) to Mr. Mark Williams of Milwaukee; Nina Miller to Mr. Philip Casady, of Des Moines; Genevieve McCory to Mr. Parnell Eager of Chicago.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters:—Greetings! and all good wishes for the new college year.

We are celebrating the recent acquirement of new rooms, which are so attractive that they are a delight to our much-tried souls, and so convenient that the freshmen ought to fight for the privilege of washing dishes. They are on Dartmouth street, right around the corner from the Public Library and the college, so near that we can drop in any time and enjoy a quiet hour on the couch before an open fire.

Our group at the first meeting was rather small without last year's seniors. There were a few others absent also. Jeanette Collins, who, we are glad to say, is coming back to us soon, Marguerite Brant who has not returned to college and Marjorie Barnard whose engagement is just announced.

I suppose you are all as busy as we are, trying to get acquainted with freshmen. Our last year's rushing rules still hold, so we try to meet the young ladies as accidentally and yet as naturally as possible, in spite of the fact that we are murmuring to ourselves "you'll make a splendid Gamma Phi!" We'll know them better after the first rushing party, which we hope to have either October 11 or 18.

Can you remember as far back as the first week of June? We had our annual house party then at Rockport, and as we say every year, "It was the best yet." Some marvelous and original songs were composed during that memorable week, which disclosed the fact that several of our number are marked for fame in that line. Many and varied were the entertainments held, and I am sure we all had a glorious time.

May you have the best of success with your freshmen as we hope to have with ours.

BIRTHS

Born, September 9th, 1912, to Mrs. Paul Wadsworth (Elsie Hatch) a son.

Born, September 15th, 1912, to Mrs. Elmer Raymond (Leona Chander), a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Marjorie Barnard ('13) to Mr. Edward Parker, New Hampshire ('08).

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls:—Epsilon is starting the new year with fifteen old girls, and five pledges. The sophomore pledging system was tried out at Northwestern this fall, and we are proud to say that Hazel Earl, Ann Potter, Marie Donley, Margaret Bently, and Jean Wheeler are wearing Gamma Phi ribbons.

We were pretty much scattered this summer and only some of us were privileged to meet. L. Louise Wheeler gave a house party at her home in Onarga, Illinois, and had for her guests, Ardis Ade, Nell Ade, Mabel Sell, Zeta Murphey, Gertrude Smith and Mildred Ross. Some of the girls enjoyed a camping party at Lake Maxinkuckee, Indiana.

Helen Paddock ('14) enjoyed an extended trip through the west and Carolyn McCarty spent the greater part of the summer traveling.

Laura Hall enjoyed a long motor trip from Southern Kentucky to her home in Prairie du Chien.

Our girls living in Chicago met every two weeks throughout the vacation, and thus were privileged to keep in touch with each other.

We are all glad to be back in college and are earnestly eager to make the most of our sorority life. We are fortunate to be able to welcome Ethel Anderson (Gamma '14) to the active chapter.

Epsilon sends greetings and good wishes to all.

PERSONALS

Alice Jenks ('10) is teaching in the high school at Wheaton, Ill. Edna Luke ('11) has resumed her teaching in Hampton, Iowa.

Mildred Ross '12) has moved from Chicago to Toledo, Ohio.

Mabel Sell (ex-'14) spent the summer on the western coast.

Lillian Paulson (ex-'12) has been studying voice in New York City.

Ruth Umphey (ex-'15) is attending Ypsilanti Normal in Michigan.

Mrs. Harold Gilson (Ruth Warrington, ex-'14) is now living on a ranch in Southwestern Canada.

Louise Stolp ('12) spent the summer in Pennsylvania.

Helen Green who was graduated from Vassar last June is now assisting in the Chemistry department of Columbia University.

Zeta Murphey ('12) who is teaching in Glenwood, Wis., spent the week end, September 26-31, with Epsilon.

Laura Hall ('12) is one of three English instructors in the High School at Hibbing, Minn.

Ruth Hunting (ex-'14) is attending the University of Southern California.

The little two-year-old son of Mrs. James Chambers (Florence Rhodes, (ex-'09) died very suddenly on August 3d, after a week's illness.

Carolyn McCarty ('12) who is teaching in the Chicago Cosmopolitan School of Music, spent rush week with Epsilon.

Beulah Truitt (ex-'14) has gone into Lyceum work.

ENGAGEMENTS

Gladys Moore (ex-'15) has announced her engagement to Mr. Bushnell Fullerton, Phi Alpha Delta at Illinois.

MARRIAGES

Ethel Cowles ('08) was married to Mr. Warren Knapp, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at her home in Burlington, Iowa, on September 16.

Susan Moore (ex-'12) is to be married on October 17 to Mr. Laverne M. Bull, of Poughkeepsie, New York.

Sidney Hall ('05) was married on June 29th to Mr. Chauncey Colton, Phi Delta Theta, and is now living in Duluth, Minnesota.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are back at the old stand once more and it seems mighty good to be all together again! When June comes, we separate not expecting to see each other until the fall term, but this summer it was quite different. After examinations were over, we Gamma Phis celebrated by having a launch party. We went down the Chesapeake and enjoyed our lunch on board the boat. It was especially pleasant to have the boat ride at this time because a number of our alumnae who were back for commencement were able to go with us.

After commencement, we had a house party at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. We spent eleven days there, enjoying the bathing and sailing to the fullest extent. In the evening we played bridge and toasted marshmallows by the open fire. We were glad to have Grace McDonough, ex-'12, of Denver with us once more. Mrs J. B.

Watson (Mary Ickes, Epsilon '05), wife of Dr. Watson of Johns Hopkins University, chaperoned us.

This did not end our good times for we came together in groups of twos and threes all summer, Aleda Hier of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and Margaret Martsolf of New Brighton, Pa., exchanged visits. During the first part of August, Isabel Kline and Mathilda Omwake spent several days with Margery Sawyer at Lake George. Margaret Schmidt soon followed. Margaretta Williamson of Washington, D. C. visited Mathilda Omwake at Waynesboro, Pa.

A few of our Baltimore girls were fortunate enough to be in the city for Mary Belle Barker's wedding in June. This was a particularly interesting wedding as the groom was a Gamma Phi brother.

We wish to tell you of one of our sophomores about whom you have not heard. Isabel Drummond was initiated on the thirty-first of May.

We shall all miss Margaret Schmidt ('15) who will study Domestic Science at Columbia University this winter.

This year a plan new to Goucher is being tried—we are starting on a two years' trial of sophomore pledging. Pledge day will be the first Saturday after college opens next fall.

We wish you all, the pleasantest and most successful of years.

PERSONALS

Margaret Handy, ('11), enters Johns Hopkins University this fall to begin her study of medicine.

Faye Meyers, ('11), after studying for a year at the School of Civics and Philanthropy in Chicago, will be engaged in social work in that city.

Dorothy Wetherald, ('12), will teach Physics at the William Penn High School in Philadelphia.

Anna Blanton, ('11), is teaching craftsmanship at Ward Seminary in Nashville.

Elizabeth Gatch, ('06), visited the chapter on her way south.

MARRIAGES

On the eleventh of June Mary Bell Barker, ('05), was married to Mr. Henry Treide of Baltimore.

On September the seventh, Ethel Jane Haskins ('09) was married to Mr. D. Parnell Mahoney at her home in Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney will be at home after November the first at Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sim Dulaney (Ethel Shriner, Zeta '07) a daughter, Ethel Shriner, on August 17, 1912.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—We of Eta have so much to tell that we scarcely know where to begin. Between moving into our own new house, and rushing and initiating our freshmen, we have had a very busy time since Registration Week.

There will no doubt be a special article in the next CRESCENT about our new house, so we shall not spend any time on its description. Suffice it to say that it fills perfectly our needs, and is an indescribable comfort. We moved on Tuesday of Registration Week, and began rushing immediately. Getting settled was a problem, but the living and dining rooms were presentable within a day or so, and the effect on the freshmen was very satisfactory.

It was an exciting rushing season, as I suppose all rushing seasons are, and thrills were numerous. The freshman class this year was very large, and from them we secured nine fine girls—Sarah Daniels, sister of Dorothy Daniels, '15, of Los Angeles; Katherine Morse of Smith College; Catherine Saunders of Merced; Dorothy Westrup, Kenwood; Dorothy Coombs, Napa; Dorothy Rankin, Berkeley; Frances Jones, Berkeley; Persis Buell, a Gamma Phi sister from Wisconsin, and Laura VanBuren, Oakland.

Initiation took place on Saturday, September fourteenth. Thanks to Inda Davis, a sister who has come to us from Theta, we had a very beautiful service, as she made several valuable suggestions. We enjoy having Inda with us so much and we know how the Denver girls must miss her, as we feel already that we couldn't do without her. Many of the alumnae were with us for initiation, and we were about sixty strong when we sat down to the banquet.

We are to be very busy with college affairs this year. The cast of the English Club play, which is to be "Sherwood," includes Lurita Stone, '14, and Thoda Cockroft, '14. Harriet Pasmore, '14, is a member of the Students' Welfare Committee. Dorothy Daniels, '15, has been appointed on the reception committee for the Sophomore Hop. Winifred Bridge, '14, Harriet Pasmore, '14, and Lurita Stone, '14, are on the *Blue and Gold* staff, while Harriet Pasmore, '14, is also on the *Occident* staff, holding the post of associate editor.

Last Friday evening, the girls in the house gave a little party for the Gamma Phi freshmen, and the Kappa Sigma freshmen were invited to meet our pledges. There was dancing, and simple refreshments were served. The girls enjoyed the affair very much.

We are now preparing for our big reception, which will take the form of a house warming. The date has not yet been definitely set, but it will be within the next three weeks.

Eta hopes that all the chapters will have as successful a beginning as has fallen to her lot.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Darrell (Gertrude Curtis '04) of Pasadena was in Berkeley and witnessed the Eta initiation.

Margaret and Justino Griffith ('09) were down during our rushing season and helped us move into the new house.

Rebecca MacNair ('07) visited on her way home from Albany, New York and was present at initiation.

May Morgan (ex-'10) has gone to southern California with her family. Sarah Morgan ('09) has charge of the college mathematics department at Fresno High School. Eta misses both of them greatly.

Thoda Cockcroft ('14), enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Samoan Islands and Australia this summer. Their steamer was the first in six years to touch at the Samoan Islands and consequently they were especially entertained.

Eleanor French (ex-'12) writes of her interesting trip in Europe. She is studying in Paris at present.

Penelope Murdock ('12) has a splendid position as drawing teacher in the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School.

Three of Eta's senior class of last year are back for the post graduate work. They are Lorraine Andrews, Josephine LeConte, and Carmelita Woerner. Ora Muir and Elizabeth Bridge of the same class came over to help us rush and get settled.

Winifred Bridge ('14) had a beautiful trip to Alaska this summer.

Dora Atwater ('15) spent the summer visiting in the Hawaiian Islands. She has just returned and cannot enter college this semester.

Ida Hale ('14) has had a serious operation for appendicitis. She is better now but can take but little college work.

Winifred Draper (Alpha '11) passed through San Francisco this summer on her way to Japan. Several of the Eta girls met her and showed her Berkeley and our new house.

Nora Buell (Gamma '11) whose sister Persis is an Eta freshman met some of the girls on her way to Ventura where she is teaching.

Inda Davis (Theta '15) has affiliated with Eta and we all enjoy her so much.

Genevieve Goodacre (ex-'11) gave the girls a pleasant little visit recently and was also present at initiation. She is living in the Santa Clara Valley.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Pike Brown (ex-'13) has announced her engagement to Mr. Fletcher Slosson, a cousin of Eleanor French ('12).

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Harlan Pope (Kitty Nason, ex-'13) on May 4, a daughter, Jane Weare.

DEATHS

Eta chapter has been deeply shocked by the sudden death of Captain Peter Riley on September 22, 1912. He was an early graduate of California and his three eldest daughters also graduated here and were Gamma Phis. They are Zoe Riley Dyer, '07, Carmel Riley, '07, and Mary Riley '11. Captain Riley showed many favors to Gamma Phi, one of the most recent being the gift of beautiful bronze letters for our front door. Every member of our chapter joins in sympathy to his bereaved family.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—Autumn is here and the crisp, fresh air has brought with it exuberant energy and enthusiasm for the rushing season. We began our rushing last spring and invited several of the high school girls to "beef-steak fries" and luncheons at the lodge. We have had card parties, teas, theatre parties and luncheons all summer. The regular season started with the opening of college, September the ninth. Our two large formal parties consisted of a musicale on the thirteenth at the home of Mrs. Holt, an enthusiastic alumna, and a dance on the twentieth. The musicale makes us very proud of our fine chapter for here we have a chance to show our real talent to the new girls. Our dance was given at the Brown Palace Hotel and Theta is confident that it was a grand success. But the best of all is pledge day, and on the twenty-sixth, Theta pledged nine wonderful girls whose names are Lucy Gallup, Charline Austin, Ruth Carson—all Gamma Phi sisters—Delphine Shader of Little Rock, Arkansas, Madelyn Keezer, Marie Harris, Isabelle Tully, Artie Gorsuch, and Laurel Grimes.

Rushing, although it seems strenuous and tiresome, only brings the girls together in closer ties of friendship and deeper bonds of love. Theta cannot help but feel a regret that it is all over for another whole year.

All of our interest has not been given to rushing, for we are building our new lodge. Every day we visit the new building to see just how much has been accomplished the day before. We are looking forward eagerly to the realization of our long cherished hopes and plans,—that of our own new home.

Theta sends love and best wishes to all Gamma Phi Betas for a most successful rushing season.

PERSONALS

Anne Henry, '12, has accepted a position in the Washington School at Victor, Colorado.

Eunice Robinson, '12, is teaching English in the Cripple Creek High School.

Grace McDonough has returned to Denver after an extended tour of the East.

Amy Speers, '15, has entered the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, for a course of training in nursing.

Ada Tucker is teaching school at Henderson, Colorado.

Gertrude Bent, '15, is planning a trip to Florida and Cuba.

Inda Davis, '15, has transferred to Eta chapter.

Elizabeth Stephenson, '11, is assistant teacher of Psychology and Pedagogy in the State Normal School in Indiana, Pa.

Helen Carson, '09, is principal at Mount Pleasant High School.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Marguerite Stephenson, ex-'14, to Mr. Lloyd Evans of Denver is announced.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Another vacation has come and gone; another year has begun. 'Mid the pleasure of seeing our old friends again and of making tender freshmen feel at home in their new world, we realize the loss of our 1912 sisters, and often think of the last good times we had together.

To Frances Rogers and Ethel Richardson we gave a shower and strange to say both of the girls were really surprised when the umbrella full of daintily-wrapped packages, was presented after the meeting. We had supper at the apartment, and as an end to our good time sang some of the dear old Gamma Phi songs. We were proud to have a number of the alumnae at the meeting.

The banquet at the Marie Antoinette on May 11 was well attended, bringing together girls from nearly every chapter. Fortunately we were not affected by the waiter's strike. Mrs. Graham, the toastmistress, chose home subjects as topics for the toasts.

On the eighth of June the marriage of Frances Rogers to Elmer Howell—both of Babylon, Long Island—took place at the bride's home. It was refreshingly informal and unique. Miss Rogers entertained a house party over the week-end, giving a dance on Saturday evening. In the midst of a dance the bride slipped away and came down in her wedding dress. After the ceremony the "newly-weds" escaped to a neighboring village.

The Iota house party was at Pleasantdale, New Jersey, the third

week of June. Since this was some time after the close of college many of the girls had already gone home and others had other engagements to fulfill. Consequently only a few of the active members attended. A number of the alumnae, however, enjoyed the good times in that beautiful part of the country, "knee-deep in June."

Gamma Phi was very proud to have Mabel Barrett of Springfield, Ohio, win Phi Beta Kappa and obtain the Curtis scholarship, which is awarded to that girl in the senior class who shows most promise in her particular line of study, and enables her to pursue another year of work at Columbia.

This year our first interest is to finish rushing last year's freshmen, though according to the new rules, we cannot invite them to any teas, at our homes. At college, however, free intercourse between the sorority girls and the freshmen is maintained. In the fall, each sorority gives either a formal tea or a dance before pledge day which is the first Monday in November. Gamma Phi will give a tea. We are not entirely satisfied with the new rules, though they are an improvement over the old ones in respect to free intercourse in college. If girls could only realize that they are at college to broaden their interests they would cease to regard each others as divided into groups of sisters, of enemies and of "barbs", and "rushing" as a business would pass away. Free intercourse in all respects seems to us to be the only way to have the right girls in the right sororities and to put sororities on a womanly basis.

Louise Comes, as president of Y. W. C. A. will be very busy this year making some changes and innovations in that organization. At the dormitory, Florence Rhoades is chairman of the entertainment committee, and Jean Shaw is a member of student government.

Iota hopes to meet all of the Gamma Phis who come to New York at their homes and at their apartment, 2931 Broadway, which is kept by Miss Kimball, an Iota girl. In that way we may become acquainted with many of our far-away sisters.

PERSONALS

Louise Fitz and Helen Plumber, '12, will teach during the coming year.

Constance Shook, Mary Mulqueen and Ethel Richardson, all graduates of last year will remain at home this winter.

Frances Rogers Howell, '12, will go to housekeeping in Babylon.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters:—Rushing, which has been occupying our attention since the nineteenth of August, has ended, and six splendid girls have pledged themselves to Gamma Phi Beta. According to the ruling of Pan-Hellenic, active rushing ceased with the opening of college, and several days after, the sororities sent out written bids to the various freshmen, who signified acceptance by appearing at a specified time at the sorority house of their choice. Our pledges are Ruth Ames and Ethel Robinson of Minneapolis, Ruth Eaton of Saint Paul, Jean McGilvra of Milaca, Cora Ennis of Mankato, and Helen Chalmers of Stillwater.

Rushing over, we are busily enjoying college and each other. Our campus in the autumn time has a charm I can't describe, and it is a satisfying thing to see the house open once more and overflowing with girls. For news, I will have to fall back on the happenings of last spring. This fall has not as yet contributed anything but receptions for new students, meetings, classes and reunions. But I am delighted to look back at the spring, for I am reminded that you have not heard about our banquet. It was held at the Hotel Leamington on May twenty-fifth, and was a huge success. The toasts related to bridge, which is a very favorite diversion with Kappa Gamma Phis, and at the request of Hazel Lovell, the toastmistress, the following phases of the subject were discussed: "Shuffle and Deal," by Gertrude Hagy, "Little Slam," by Eunice McGilvra, "Hearts are Trumps," by Margaret Bell, "The Honor Score," by Helena Fitzsimmons, and "The Prize," by Mary Heritage. When hearts were trumps, announcement was made of the engagement of Helen Works to Mr. William Kerr of New York.

Did we tell you that Constance Davis was elected President of Acanthus Literary Society? That was one result of the spring elections. And four of our freshmen were elected to the various literary societies on the campus. They were Helen Crane, Gertrude Hagy, Louise McGilvra, and Maud Hart.

Love and many good wishes for a pleasant college year, from the Gamma Phis of Kappa chapter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ethel Works, (Kappa and Epsilon, '05), has announced her engagement to William D. Kerr, of New York City.

Kathleen Palmer Hart, ('12) has announced her engagement to Mr. Eugene Sharp Bibb, Delta Upsilon.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—Autumn is here! She has converted our campus into a wonderland of rich color. Against a solemn background of dark firs the maples and poplars are splashing their riotous yellow and red. The whole campus is radiant—from the tossing fountain in freshman basin to the flaring remnants of sophomore "procs." It is from this glorious land of sunset hue that Lambda sends greetings of welcome.

Our rushing season is over and we have twelve new pledges. Just a moment while I introduce them. They are: Harriet Smith, Tacoma; Marion Alexander, Boston; Elsie Doragh, Olympia; Marie Covoline, Portland; Viola Swagler, Wenatchee and Anna Baker, Marjorie Holmes, Dorothy Fay, Gladys Morris, Ida McGinnis, Pearl McGrath and Kate Meachem, of Seattle. Although the rushing system has met with much opposition we are more than satisfied with its results.

By a Pan-Hellenic ruling, rushing was restricted this year to dinner dates only, with Friday and Saturday open. Second week dates were given out on Friday, just as they were last year. To avoid the unnecessary excitement and amusement for outsiders, pledge hour was changed from eight Monday morning to Saturday night at five, so that all bids were sent to the Dean before six Friday night.

The first event in the Marathon was our annual dance at the Women's League Building Saturday, September 14. We find that preliminary stunt to be unusually successful because it fans the smoldering enthusiasm of summer into a blaze that is snappy and full of spirit.

One of our feature stunts was the reception given by our alumnae for the rushees and their mothers. But that was not all; they came out in crowds to swell our numbers and prove they are not "has-beens." They not only ate at our festive board but they helped us in our preparations. Each and every one of them deserves a medal with "Loyalty" spelled in big gold letters on it.

We have the most charming new house mother at Lambda. Many of you will know her as Mrs. Buell, mother of Nora (Wisconsin) and Persis (Berkeley). Her interest in our chapter is surpassed only by our joy in having a house mother in some way connected with Gamma Phi.

The only social affair that is definitely planned as yet is the reception on October 26, to introduce our freshmen to the university. But that does not mean that our interest in other activities is at low tide. Two Lambda girls entered class politics this year—Elsie Doragh, '16, for freshman secretary and Bernice Sully, '13, for

senior secretary. Airdrie Kincaid, '15, has just perpetuated her green bow system by installing the new Freshman Girls' Club. She also holds a position on the sophomore social committee. In journalistic lines, there are three Lambda girls writing for our college paper, the *Daily*.

All Washington awaits the installation of our new chimes. A gift of Alden Blethen, they signify the keen interest felt by outsiders for the welfare of our institution. They are to be finished this month and then we will be wakened for our eight o'clocks with sweet music.

But best of all news from Lambda this time is the new "mother system" adopted by the Tolo Club. Tolo—meaning "success"—is a senior honor society for women. We are represented in its circle by Lovina Wilson, '13. The new system provides for every girl in the freshman class a "mother," who is to be her counsellor, adviser and confidante. This movement not only promotes greater democracy but, by forming close interclass ties, unites us all in a greater spirit of loyalty to Washington.

MARRIAGES

The wedding of Miss Myrtle Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Powers, to Arthur T. Marion of Olympia was one of the very pretty home weddings of the past week. The bride, who has been a teacher in the Tacoma High School for the past year, is a charming and accomplished girl. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. The groom is also a graduate of the state university and is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is connected with the state land office in Olympia.

The wedding was extremely attractive in appointments. The drawing room where the ceremony took place, was in a motif of white and green carried out with masses of white carnations against a background of huckleberry foliage. The color scheme in the dining room was pink carried out with roses in a setting of greenery. The veranda was enclosed and decorated with red roses.

For the entrance of the bride and her attendants the wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by Miss Florence Jones.

Before the ceremony Mrs. John T. Powers sang very sweetly a bridal song and while the nuptial vows were being plighted Miss Jones played softly on the piano. The bride came in leaning on the arm of her father and making a lovely picture in her bridal gown of white satin charmeuse fashioned on princess lines en traine and elaborated with duchess lace. A filmy lace veil was caught in her hair with Juliet cap and she carried a shower of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Helen Urquart of Che-

halis as maid of honor. She was gowned in pink satin charmeuse and carried pink roses. Will L. Hall, of Olympia attended the groom. The little ring bearer was the bride's niece, Miss Frances Sprinkle, a dainty little figure in white lingerie frock and pink ribbons. Giving the effect of a bridal aisle were the altar ribbons held by three of the bride's sorority sisters, Miss Margaret Browne of Everett, Mrs. Ralph McDonald of Coeur d'Alene, and Miss Hilda Eisenbeis of Port Townsend. Rev. W. E. Bates, an old friend of the bride's family read the marriage ceremony.

Announcement has been made of the following marriages:

Anna Margaret Young, (ex-'13) to Mr. Edmund Victor Rabel, Beta Theta Pi, September 26 at her home in Seattle. On their return from California Mr. and Mrs. Rabel will be at home in Seattle.

Mary Barrelle (ex-'13), to Mr. Harold Thompson, in Chicago October 5. After November 1 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will be at home in Seattle.

Florence Lewis (ex-'13), to Mr. C. W. Houghton, of Portland, Ore., September 30, at her summer home in Edmonds, Wash. After November 1, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton will be at home in Portland.

Ina La Mont, (ex-'13), to Mr. Earnest Bowen, Delta Tau Delta of Cornell, at her home in Ithaca, N. Y.

Bess Henehan ('06), to Mr. Robert Evans, Phi Gamma Delta, University of Washington, September 12 at her home in Seattle. Bess was the founder of the Women's League at Washington. After an extended trip in the East, Mr. and Mrs. Evans will be at home in Seattle.

Ethel McGinnis, Lambda pledge, ex-'14, to Mr. Oswald Rankine Gibbs, June 5 at her summer home at Alki Point.

Lura Pendleton (ex-'11), to Mr. Herbert Cooley, Phi Delta Theta, University of Washington.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCarthy (Therese Preston), a daughter, Mary Therese, June 23.

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters:—Late in July, Mu chapter gathered on Catalina Island for the pure joy of a house party devoid of all rushing appendages. The girls threw themselves happily into the project of a party amongst themselves and especially because it involved boating and swimming. It was the biggest success in the history of Mu chapter and brought the girls back to college glowing and thrilling with enthusiasm over their very own "house," which is after

all the dominant note of successful rushing. Our chaperone for the week was Mrs. Childs, the mother of one of our seniors. Mildred and Lyetta Hayes came down from Edenvale for the house party and they stayed later for a few days in Los Angeles and Pasadena where they were much fêted by their many friends.

During the summer the girls of southern California have been busy with Gamma Phi thoughts and rushing. They gave a beautiful card party at Annandale Club House in Pasadena for the entertainment of several promising freshmen.

We are now in the climax of our rushing season, within a few days of bidding. So far it has been most successful, having lasted four weeks and has been closely governed by Pan-Hellenic. Of course the girls are all holding their thumbs for the outcome, but nevertheless, there is an atmosphere of strong belief in a splendid new class. We have been mighty fortunate in having many of the older girls back to help us. Lyetta Hayes has been here most of the time, and Edith Englehard surprised the girls a week ago by arriving unexpectedly. Florence Forbes and Mildred Hays have been here also, at different times. Ruth Gilbert, '09, has been managing our house for us since college opened, and managing it so wonderfully that the Gamma Phis have become noted for their table.

Outside of rushing there has been very little time for anything but on September twentieth we gave an informal dance as a slight diversion from the course of the last few weeks. It was a splendid success, as informals always are. Inda Davis, a Gamma Phi from Denver, was with us at the time and it was a pleasure to be able to entertain her.

Two new houses are bearing testimony to the expanding disposition of the Stanford Campus. One of these is for Alpha Omicron Pi, and is practically completed and the other for Phi Gamma Delta is just begun.

Well suddenly, I find even before finishing this letter that Mu chapter is possessed of six of the most charming pledges at Stanford. Pan-Hellenic decided last night in a most abrupt way to allow the bids to be given informally to the freshmen at the different houses that evening and the result is that we are still blinking our eyes over the happy outcome. They are surely the most splendid class on record; their names are Luella Behrens, Evelyn Haydock, Zeta Mills, Dorothy Dowd, Marion Dorn and Florence Ireland. Surely there is much rejoicing in the "house on the hill" and a hearty wish for like success to all of our sister chapters.

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Emily Steele, (ex-'14), and Mr. Dean Buchan took place on July 10th.

The marriage of Maud Bassett, (ex-'12) and Mr. Lathe McDougal is announced.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilman, (Janet Cole, Mu) a son.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters:—Another year rolls around and each one of us is anxious to resume again the work which in a few years will be called part of the history of our college and of Gamma Phi Beta. Our outlook for a happy and prosperous year has never been more clearly defined. Fourteen of our active girls are back for another year and we are blessed with four dear Gamma Phi sisters who are freshmen this year and who according to all precedents will be Gamma Phi Betas in due time. The field is full of worthy rushees and we confidently hope to pledge at least three or four other freshmen after our first week's rush. This will give us about twenty-one girls which is an ideal number for our chapter.

We have done our rushing on a more or less personal basis this season—small house parties at the beaches, little motoring trips to interesting places just out of town, theatre parties and luncheons. We find in this way that we become better acquainted with the girls and give them a fairer chance to know us as we are. The first week has been designated by Pan-Hellenic as "rushing week" and each of the national sororities has one formal event—ours is a luncheon—while we may give as many small affairs as we wish. On Saturday morning, sealed bids are delivered at each house by the president and secretary of Pan-Hellenic, accompanied by a delegate from each of the other national sororities.

We feel quite keenly the loss of three of our juniors—Alsea Hawley, who is attending Mills College in California, Esther Carson of Salem and Edith Sheeley of Portland who are at home for the winter; however, Catherine Carson who last year was obliged to leave college on account of illness is back again and registers as a junior.

One thing of which we are extremely proud is the fact that Miss Guppy of Beta chapter who has been for several years an instructor in Annie Wright Seminary is now Dean of Women at the University of Oregon. She will assume her duties this September and the University has received many congratulations upon its good fortune in securing such a superior woman for that position.

Nu chapter holds several prominent positions in the college activities for the coming year—the president of the college Y. W. C. A. is Florence Cleveland, a senior; the secreatry of the Tennis Club

is Ruth Blach, a junior, and the editor of the *Oregon Monthly* is Flora Dunham, also a junior.

As so many of the old girls are returning we feel that we have a very strong organization with which to begin the year and our plans of last year will be easily materialized. One big subject of discussion with us is expansion for Gamma Phi Beta. We know we are exceptionally good wherever we are but Nu chapter favors and desires expansion conservatively of course, but *surely*. It seems that each chapter should consider very carefully the question of whether the cessation of expansion at the present time will not block the growth of our magazine, the closer co-operation of chapter with chapter and the power to compete relatively with other national sororities. No organization can stand still and so like everything else that would prosper it must reach forward and branch out. We should like very much to hear the opinions of our sister chapters on this subject—because we must all be thinking along this same line.

Nu chapter sends best wishes for a successful year and truly hopes that each of us can do something during this new year which will prosper the growth of Gamma Phi Beta.

PERSONALS

Ruth Duniway, '10, is teaching English in the Athena High School this year.

Erma Clifford, ex-'12, was married to Claude McCulloch, state senator from Baker County, Oregon, August 14, 1912, at the home of her parents in Baker City, Oregon.

Rubie Hammarstrom, '12, is teaching at Astoria, Oregon.

Alsea Hawley, '14, is attending Mills College, California, this winter.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

With hearts filled with hope and expectations, we have entered upon another year of college life, which bids fair to surpass all others.

Our house has been entirely remodeled during the summer and we are now the proud possessors of a sleeping porch which accommodates twenty girls with ease. This seems to be not only our sleeping quarters but our favorite lounging place—the “spirit” of our home.

During the summer the Boise girls in our chapter had many merry gatherings at which they sewed interminable strips of cloth together. But we feel that the labor was well worth while when we look at our four large rugs, dyed in beautiful shades of brown.

Not to be outdone, the Spokane girls have provided beautiful new curtains for our living and dining rooms. Almost all our bed rooms have been remodeled, and we were very proud indeed to show our house to all the new girls this fall.

For the first time there have been rushing rules at Idaho. While these were very unsatisfactory, we came out with flying colors, and have now nine freshmen of whom we are very proud. These are Lorraine Rank and Ruth Motie of Spokane, Washington; Constance Gyde and Anne Wilmot, of Wallace, Idaho; Adwina Yerian, of Salmon, Idaho; Helen and Katherine Pitcairn of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Marjorie Zumhof and Alta Taylor of Moscow, Idaho.

Three of these—Marjorie Zumhof, Alta Taylor, and Helen Pitcairn were pledged last spring.

Our annual spring banquet was held in the Guild Hall of the Episcopal church, and was a very pretty affair. It was much enlivened by the stumbling progress around the tables of some of our embarrassed sisters. The alumnae present were Abbie Mix, Mrs. Jerome Day, Mrs. Horton, Gretchen and Florence Zumhof and Mrs. Griffith.

We are planning to give a play in the near future, which will be under the direction of Miss French, Dean of Women.

Kathryn Smith '13 has been selected from the girls of Idaho University to decorate a typical college girl's room at the Spokane Interstate Fair the last of this month.

Ruth Annett '13, has been elected president of the Tennis Club.

Xi chapter is inspired to greater efforts this year because of her success in the past. Out of seven fraternal organizations at Idaho Gamma Phi Beta was highest in scholarship.

PERSONALS

Elizabeth Fox, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Northwest Secretary of Y. W. C. A. has been visiting Xi chapter.

Ida Mae Walker (ex-'14) has been appointed supervisor of Home Economics and Drawing in the Nampa schools.

Margaret Stalle (ex-'13) has a position in the Culdesac, Idaho High School.

Linda Rae ('12) is teaching in the Garfield, Washington schools.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Lois Starr Rowley (ex-'15) to Mr. Wendell Phillips, Phi Delta Theta.

Ruth Annett ('13) has announced her engagement to Mr. Ernest Ellis, Kappa Sigma.

MARRIAGES

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Sadie Stockton ('08) to Mr. Wm. McFall, Phi Delta Theta.

The marriage of Frances Veronica Foley ('11) to Mr. Enoch Barnard, Kappa Sigma, took place at Spokane, Washington, last June. They are residing at Anaconda, Montana.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Alumnae chapter Gamma Phi Beta has met twice—in August at the home of Mrs. R. B. Preble, and September 14th at the rooms of the Chicago College Club. Both meetings were well attended, and the new year opens with the chapter full of enthusiasm, which we know will be maintained for Honta Smalley Bredin is with us this year, and all Gamma Phis know how that means loyal, enthusiastic and competent leadership.

Alice Hosmer Preble is president of the Chicago College Club, and through her courtesy and that of other Gamma Phi members of the club our chapter expects to meet regularly at the club rooms in the Fine Arts Building, Michigan avenue on the first Saturday of every month. All Gamma Phis who are in Chicago at that time, will find a warm welcome if they "drop in." The October meeting will be an exception to this rule, for Mrs. Bredin and her sister Mrs. Hayes McKinney entertain the chapter at luncheon at the home of Mrs. McKinney in Wilmette.

The Chicago Alumnae chapter has urged the President of our national organization to attend the Pan-Hellenic Conference to be held in Chicago in October, as the chapter considers our active participation in this movement very desirable.

Chicago Alumnae chapter sends most cordial greetings to her Gamma Phi sisters everywhere.

PERSONALS

It was a great pleasure to Caroline Clifford Burbank, Epsilon, to meet Marion Deane of Delta in Honolulu. Miss Dean is teaching there, and any Gamma Phi who wishes to have an extra good time in Honolulu should call up the Normal school and announce her sorority.

The sincere sympathy of Beta and Chicago Alumnae girls is extended to the "Horton girls" who recently lost their father. Mr. Horton died at his home in Tracy, Ill.

Gamma Phi extends sincerest sympathy to Honta Smalley Bredin and to Alice Smalley McKinney in the sudden and unexpected death of their brother, Professor Harrison Standish Smalley of the University of Michigan, which occurred at Charlevoix, Michigan on September 27.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—The chapter house, which, during its period of construction a year ago, was a joy to our eyes and delight to our hearts, has not ceased in its state of completion to occupy a large place in our thoughts and plans. During the summer some of the alumnae have cleaned the house from attic to cellar, canned fruit and bought some new rugs and furniture. The house committee is to be congratulated on the fact that the first and of course the hardest year of the new house ended with a considerable balance on the credit side of the books.

This same well loved house is a favorite spot for our alumnae meetings. There we held our May business meeting, which was followed by supper with the active girls. We had—perhaps rather inconsiderately—invited the seniors to provide entertainment for the evening, and they responded to the invitation dutifully—in spite of senior perplexities—by giving us a delightfully amusing presentation of the story of “Snow White” in shadow dramatics. The actresses displayed remarkable dramatic power—to say nothing of muscular agility—in making their poses and gestures portray the emotions of the characters whose lines were rendered in a touching and sympathetic tone by a reader, concealed, as were the players, behind the sheets which converted one end of the big living room into a temporary stage.

On the first Saturday in June, the active girls joined us and we made our way, individually and in groups, by automobiles or trolley, to Skaneateles, where we tasted delights of that table toward which our thoughts are wont to turn whenever our spring luncheon is in prospect. Our guests of honor were the Alpha seniors.

For the past two years we have rejoiced at having Mrs. Frederick with us again. We have depended so much upon her helpfulness and efficiency, and have felt such delight in being able to see her frequently, that we are quite disconsolate over the news that she has recently moved to Hartford, Conn. As chairman of the building committee Mrs. Frederick rendered the chapter an invaluable service.

Our summer experiences as a chapter could hardly be chronicled, since our adventures have been those of individuals. Two of our number, Millicent Hinkley and Nettie Sadler, have contributed this account of their outing.

“If you want to have a real vacation full of new experience and simple pleasure, try the plan we followed for a time this summer. One of us a Science teacher, another a Latin teacher, and one a busy man’s private secretary—two of us Alpha Gammas This—rented a farm house and set up housekeeping there for two weeks.

The place was furnished with every convenience, including kitchen cabinet, wood pile, comfortable beds, bathroom, front lawn, gravel walk, a good well, and tenants in the other side. We found this last item particularly agreeable, for we negotiated with them for milk and baked stuff. Of course we bought butter, eggs and *some* fresh vegetables from our neighbors, but whenever we were invited "to help ourselves" from their garden, we accepted. Friends at home thoughtfully sent us magazines and books, but we found little time for them. The out-of-door world was so alluring that many mornings we packed our luncheons, filled our thermos bottles and went to somebody's grove or falls or ravine for the day. We sent post-cards like the one below to some of our friends, but did not take time for writing many, so perhaps we will reach the rest of you through THE CRESCENT.



Went to the country one day,
And lived there most happily, free and gay;
Hunted the birds, ate much bread, eggs and
cheese,
Butter, potatoes, beans, cookies and peas;
Swung in a hammock, climbed fences and walked;
Picked berries and read and giggled and talked;
Grew fat and brown, like a child of the sod—
Till each night, behold

WINKEN,

BLINKEN,

AND NOD.

We wish that we might hear more of the summer experiences of all of our Gamma Phi sisters.

Only once during the summer did we come together as a body, on July tenth, when we met to pay the last honors to one of our dearest and best beloved sisters, Helen L. Gowing. As the new year opens with the thought of meetings near at hand, the sense of loss comes over us with fresh force, and we realize that we shall miss her almost beyond endurance; but her personality was so sweet and pure, so keenly and vividly alive that in our hearts the bright memory of her will forever live.

PERSONALS

Sarah Avery, (Alpha, '98), who has been teaching in Washington for the past two years has returned to Syracuse.

Mrs. Ralph Robinson (Corinne Lewis, '98), of Terra Ceia, Florida, visited in Syracuse during the summer.

Christina McLennan (Alpha) who spent last year abroad returned to Syracuse early in the summer.

Mrs. Bert Cumber (Grace Zimmerlin, Alpha, '06) visited in Syracuse in September on her way to her home in Boston.

Mrs. L. E. Dale (Mildred Webb, Alpha) and her son David Webb Dale are visiting in Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gowing (Deirdre Mase, Alpha) who spent part of the summer at Thousand Island Park, are now visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Mase in Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Frederick (Cora Willard, Alpha, '81) have moved to Hartford, Conn., (Highland Court Hotel).

Winifred Draper (Alpha, '11) who has completed a year's work in the Cincinnati Training School has joined her parents in Japan, where she will engage in missionary work.

The alumnae gave an informal reception on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18, at the home of Mrs. Seth D. Baker on Walnut Ave. The guests were the members of the active chapter and a number of freshmen.

The Blue Bird came to Syracuse in September and a few days in advance came Frances Lee Shoecraft (Alpha) of Rochester, to interpret the meaning of the play. Miss Shoecraft delighted a large audience by her simple, direct and graceful manner of explaining this highly imaginative play.

Mrs. Smith Thomas Ford, (Louella Palmer, Alpha, '86) whose husband is pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church in Chicago, spent a large part of the summer in Syracuse. During her stay she talked before the women of the Fourth Presbyterian Church at the home of Florence Palmer Baker and before the men and women of the Central Baptist Church on "Training for Service," at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Stone.

Stella MacIntyre (Alpha, '92) now teaching in Newark, N. J., spent several weeks in Syracuse during the summer.

Clara Blanche Knapp (Alpha, '99) is the president of the Syracuse University Alumnae Club for the coming year, and Kate Gardner Cooke ('86), is the Alumnae Club's representative on the University's Cafeteria board.

Within the past few months the hearts of several of our members have been saddened by the loss of dear ones. We extend our deepest sympathy to Alviah Horton Fish whose mother has died; to Minnie Curtis Dinsmore (Alpha, '83) upon the death of her father; to Mrs. Henry Marvin, '83, whose son Daniel M. Marvin met his death in the Titanic disaster; and to Mrs. H. T. Dawson (Lula Smith, Alpha, '81) and Mrs. C. E. Hopkins (Mary S. Smith, Alpha, '90) who have recently lost their sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Delton.

MARRIAGES

At Binghampton in June 1912 Emily Treadway, Alpha, '08, was married to Mr. Max Pishel of Washington, D. C.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gowing (Deirdre Mace, Alpha) on Aug. 31, 1912, a son, Daniel Mace Gowing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Munro (Florence Reed, Alpha), on Sept. 1912, a son, Isaac Hill Munro.

DEATHS

On July 7, 1912 Helen Louise Gowing, Alpha, 1900.

On May 12, 1912 Mrs. Hatmaker (Kate Cushing), Alpha.

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—Summer has come and gone and September fifteenth, the memorable day, on which the Editor of THE CRESCENT expects a letter from the New York Alumnae chapter has arrived. We've all been widely scattered during these warm days—some have sought rest and relaxation in the cooling shades of the mountain tops—some have enjoyed the sayings of the wild waves while others have ventured across the big ponds to travel in the Old World.

It's a bit difficult, I confess, to arise from the dreams of the "good old summer time," and to recall what we did last spring. However, I have memories of a spring banquet, which we all enjoyed. As is our usual custom, we united with Iota and held our banquet during May, at the Hotel Marie Antoinette. We had a goodly number of sisters present and it was a delicious feast; but far better than our good "eats," were the after-dinner speeches. I think you'll understand why, when I tell you that Laura Latimer Graham was our toastmistress and that our subject was the most exciting question of the age, "Woman's Sphere." We drank with a will to "Cooking," "Sewing," "Teaching," "Art," and last but not least "House Keeping." If time had permitted, what couldn't we have included in this discussion? We were also privileged to enjoy on this occasion, the reading of Iota's history for the year, written by Louise Comes, 1913. Time flew, as it always does in good company and before we realized it, the hour arrived for us to say farewell until the fall.

We are anticipating our usual jolly good time this coming winter. Our first meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at the home of Helen Newbold, 508 West 113 Street. We will be most happy

to welcome to our midst any sister Gamma Phi who is living in or around New York. Just let us know your whereabouts.

We send our loving greetings to each and every chapter and wish for you a year of greatest happiness.

PERSONALS

The loving sympathy of the New York Alumnae chapter goes to Mrs. Abby Benson Slawson, whose little son passed away on September second.

Edna Stitt, '06, spent the summer in European travel.

MARRIAGES

Emilie Treadway, Alpha, '08, and Mr. Max Albert Pishel of Washington, D. C., were married on June 29th.

Janet Kevand, Alpha, '01, and Mr. Herbert Allen Dunlap of New York City, were married on July 2nd. They will reside at 82 West 12th Street.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Haight (Helen Worrell, Iota, '10), a daughter, Alice Barbara, August 5, 1912.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters:—What is more satisfying than to have a dream come true? Ever since Eta chapter was organized far back in 1894; ever since the little band of jolly, enthusiastic earnest girls held their meetings and had their good times together in one room, the idea, "Our own chapter house" has been in every member's mind. And now that dream has been realized. The house was built during the summer months and was ready for occupancy at the beginning of the college term. Two of our own girls, Florence Hincks and Elizabeth Austin were the architects who drew up the plans and it was the untiring interest and efforts of Rachel Colby who attended to the business end, that made it possible to build at this time. Surely both active and alumnae members of Eta must join in warmest thanks and deepest feelings of appreciation for the interest she has shown, the time she has given and the results she has achieved.

The cool, pleasant weather, the excellent summer school at Berkeley, and the old associations woo many of the alumnae back to the college town for their summer vacations and it is always a season of happy reunions. This summer proved no exception and many a pleasant "talk fest" was held by old friends over the afternoon cup o' tea.

The first function since the beginning of the college year was

an informal reception, given by the alumnae to the members of Eta and their rushees at the charming home of Rachel Colby.

The program of the year's activities sent out by the entertainment committee looks very attractive, but of these good times we shall speak in future letters.

PERSONALS

Evelyn Glenn Johnson, (Eta '02), and her little daughter spent the summer in Berkeley.

Marguerite Campbell, (Eta '04), attended the Summer School at Berkeley.

Florence Stone, (Eta '98) of Hollywood, spent the summer months with friends in Berkeley and Oakland.

Edna Gearhart, (Eta '01) spent July and August in Berkeley as the guest of Mrs. James Mosher (Edna Wyckoff Eta '02).

Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster (Grace Foulds Eta '04) have given up their home in Chicago and have come to Berkeley to live.

Bertha Knox and Lena Redington (Eta '97) both enthusiastic mountaineers, went with the Sierra Club this summer to the Kern River Canyon. They report a strenuous but extremely interesting trip.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—It seems hardly possible that another college year has dawned, for we Denver girls have been so busy and so interested this summer that we have scarcely realized the flight of time. Were it not for our sister chapter, Theta, our pride and boast, we alumnae girls might have to be reminded of the season. But those busy girls keep us fully awake and really we have been quite as enthusiastic as they this fall. With pledge day only yesterday, you will not wonder that thoughts turn first of all to "our spikes." How proud we were to appear en masse to welcome with Theta her nine new pledges, all true and lovely girls, worthy our crescent shield! But Theta will tell you all the charms of each and make you duly acquainted.

To tell all we have been doing since our last CRESCENT issue would consume much time and more space, so we must be brief.

First of importance was our annual Pan-Hellenic gathering—this time a breakfast at the Savoy Hotel. Instead of toasts, each sorority contributed one number to a very interesting program. We were well represented by our sweet singer, Lisle Brownell Millon, whose rich contralto voice never fails to charm her audience. There are nine sororities represented in this Association and our two gatherings annually are bringing us into closer touch with each other.

Following close upon the breakfast came our annual Spring Banquet at the Metropole Hotel, when Theta and Denver Alumnae joined hands and sang with all the fervor of youth and joy, "Oh you must be a good Gamma Phi." Truly we were a merry crowd, well feasted and well toasted!

During the summer we held our fortnightly meetings at the houses of different girls—each meeting enlivened with news of our new Lodge, now a reality and no longer merely a dream. For the ground is broken, the foundation laid, and we are already imagining the house complete. And what a view we have, for no one can build near enough us to obstruct the glorious vista of our Rockies! How we should enjoy a house-warming which every Gamma Phi might attend.

We were glad to join Theta in the annual Musicale, a rushing stunt, this year held in the beautiful new home of one of our alumnae, Mabel Brown Holt. When we can open our homes and lend our talents at such times, we alumnae feel that we are having a real part in the rushing game. This year we were well represented both in vocal and instrumental numbers.

Then came the crowning feature of the rushing season—the dance! Those of us who were able to attend voted it the most successful ever, and we were so proud of our little sisters. Would I might quote some of the many compliments showered upon "your girls!"

We have elected our new officers for the coming year and are hoping to make this year one of real benefit to all. Our first meeting was held today with our president, Mamie Gallup, who is always such a gracious hostess.

And now we wish you all in each and every chapter a year of happiness and success.

PERSONALS

Anne Henry and Eunice Robinson, (Theta '12), are teaching in the public schools of Cripple Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring C. Lennox, (Lucy Moore, Theta '09), motored down from their home in Victor to attend Theta's annual dance.

Mrs. David Painter (Edith Garrigues, Theta '07) whose home is in Telluride, Colo., has been visiting Gamma Phis in Denver for a few days.

Margaret S. Carman, (Theta '09), entertained some of the Denver Gamma Phis informally at bridge, in honor of Edith Garrigues Painter.

Clara Sperry, (Theta '07), has returned from Porto Rico where she was engaged in teaching last year and will spend the winter in Denver.

Irene Seltzer, (Theta '10), will be in Denver this winter and expects to teach in the Denver schools.

Several of our Gamma Phis are teaching in the public schools of Denver this year. They are Katheryn Allen, Clara Sperry, Eva Davis, Margaret Carman, Helen Barbee, Genevieve Knight and Edith Hoop.

Helen Hersey, (Theta ex-'10), has returned from New York where she has been studying music and will spend the winter in Denver.

Denver Gamma Phis deeply sympathize with Mrs. John W. Stephenson, (Daisy Dillon, Theta '05) in the death of her sister, Mrs. Adam Owens, who passed away in Denver last summer.

Harriett Brown (Theta '13) who attended the University of Wisconsin last year will spend the winter in Denver.

Irene Poole (Theta '12) has returned from an extended eastern visit.

Eleanor Reynolds (Theta ex-'11) spent a few weeks in Denver during the summer and was the guest of honor at an afternoon party given by Belle Connor.

Mary Woy (Theta '07) is teaching in Fort Collins.

Ruth Wallace (Theta '04) who has been teaching in New York for several years, will be in Denver during the winter.

Louise Iliff will spend October at her summer home, "The Breakers," at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. W. F. Denions (Edith Boughton, Theta '04) is spending several months in California.

Mrs. F. L. Grant (Elizabeth Church '06) is enjoying a European trip.

Denver alumnae and Theta enjoyed meeting Wanda Seemann and Pauline Kleinstück (Beta '14) on several occasions during the summer.

The death of Bishop Henry White Warren in July brought messages of sympathy from all parts of the world. Bishop Warren was a wonderful man, not only in the church but in public life and our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Warren and to Louise Iliff in their bereavement.

MARRIAGES

Eda Burkhalter (Theta '11) and Leslie Ray Kendrick (Princeton '10) were married at the bride's home in Denver, June 5, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick will make their home in Denver, where Mr. Kendrick is engaged in the book and stationery business.

Ethel Clark, (Theta ex-'13) was quietly married on September 6 to Mr. Albert Peck. Mr. and Mrs. Peck will reside in California.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Birkins, (Janet Newkirk, Theta '07) on July 24, 1912, a daughter, Charline.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Garth, (Ethel Tucker, Theta ex-'09) on May 2, 1912, a son, Thomas Russell, Jr.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shannon, (Grace Evans, Theta), on August 12, 1912, a daughter, Virginia.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:—Since the spring banquet in May which is always the great rally day for alumnae, we have been more or less scattered. Europe claimed two of our members, the east three or four, while numerous Minnesota lakes beckoned the majority of us away from town. However, we were not without meetings. On July tenth, Eleanor Pabody Benton invited us to her beautiful summer home at Zumbra Heights, Lake Minnetonka, for an all day picnic. About twenty girls went out, but to judge from the chattering one would have supposed there were at least forty. At the end of the afternoon Mary Ives, '06, whom none of us had seen for a long time, surprised us by arriving quite unexpectedly. On June 27th we met again when Mrs. Crooker entertained in behalf of Gamma Phi Beta, the Alpha Phi convention at an afternoon reception. The affair was most delightful in every way, and we enjoyed especially hearing the praise which the Alpha Phi delegates had for our Gamma Phi chapters in their own colleges. Rushing began the last of August this year so the alumnae have had many chances to see each other at rushing parties. Living in such close touch with the active chapter, pledge day on September 21, is as vital an event to us as to the girls in college and we await next Saturday with great expectation. We are now making plans for the coming year, gathering material for our year book which is issued always at the opening of the college year, and endeavoring to increase our membership which was over forty last year. We are justly proud of the loyalty and enthusiasm of our alumnae members, so that while we are not considered an "active" chapter, no one would ever accuse us of being an inactive one.

PERSONALS

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

Professor and Mrs. William Stearns Davis (Alice Redfield, Kappa, ex-'04) spent the summer months traveling in Europe.

Professor and Mrs. Carl Schlenker, Kappa, will spend the year in Europe where Prof. Schlenker will engage in research work.

Pearl Weston Hall, Kappa, ex-'09, and little daughter spent several months in California last spring.

Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa, '04, read a paper before the N. E. A. in Chicago in July. She will continue her work in English at the Oshkosh Normal School.

Katharine Whitney, Kappa, went to Smith College to attend the reunion of her class in June and afterward visited in the east for several weeks.

Frances Works, Kappa, ex-'14, visited in the east during the early summer, spent August at home in Minneapolis, and has returned to Wells College.

Eva Wilkinson, Kappa, ex-'12, is spending a month in Toronto, Ontario.

Helen Little, Kappa, ex-'12, visited for two months in Chicago last spring.

Jeannette Welch, Kappa, '15, spent the summer in New York on the sea coast.

Margaret Menzel, Kappa, ex-'13, is spending September at Hermit Island, Lake Superior.

Edna Elmer Smith, '07, Bernice Works, '06, and Rewey Belle Inglis, '08, all of Kappa, were at Lake Itasca for two weeks in July. Ruth Fagundus, '11, was there for six weeks.

Cora Taney, Kappa, ex-'07, is visiting during September in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Marie Moreland, Kappa, '06, is teaching again in Hastings, Minn.

Helena Fitzsimmons, Kappa, '12, is teaching in Hibbing, Minn.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Anne Hull, Kappa, '11, to Mr. Beriah Wall of San Juan, Porto Rico.

MARRIAGES

On June 5, Helen Riheldaffer, Kappa, '09, was married to Mr. Carl Austin of Minneapolis.

Margaret George Bell, Kappa, '05, was married on June 21 to Mr. Henry Corson of Avondale, Pa. The wedding took place in Helena, Mont., where they will reside.

Grace Clements, Kappa, ex-'10, was married August 6, to Mr. George Wilson. They will live at 416 8th St., S. Fargo, N. D.

Nina Miller, Gamma, was married at her home in Minneapolis on September 17, to Mr. Philip Murray Casady of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Casady was a Chi Psi at the University of California. Their home is to be at Waterbury, Conn.

BIRTHS

Born to Grace Kingsley Wales, Kappa, '08, a daughter, Frances, May 25, 1912.

Born to Maud Hyser Wallace, Kappa, '04, a son, June 13, 1912.

Born to Agnes Malloy Moore, Kappa, '10, a son, George, August 21, 1912.

Born to Mildred Lauderdale Robertson, Kappa, '05, a daughter, Susan Lorraine, Jan. 10, 1912.

IN MEMORIAM

HELEN LOUISE GOWING, ALPHA, 1900

Died July 9, 1912

Helen Louise Gowing was so full of vitality, enthusiasm and strength of character that it seems impossible, even now, to associate the thought of death with her. Her joy in right living and her spontaneous generosity made all who came in contact with her, feel her presence an inspiration. She strove to make every relationship of her life ideal. The admiration of those who knew her, even remotely, and the love of those who were so fortunate as to be closely associated with her, testify how well she succeeded.

To Gamma Phi Beta, she was ever loyal with a loyalty that made her glad to serve. To this service, she brought executive ability, a quiet and unassuming manner and infinite tact growing out of her sweetness of character. Here, as elsewhere, she will be sadly missed, yet her friends, remembering the fortitude of her family and her own brave spirit, will strive to bear their loss with courage.

"We call that person who has lost his father an orphan; and a widower that man who has lost his wife. And he who has known the immense unhappiness of losing his friend, by what name do we call him? Here every human language holds its peace in impotence."

 LOIS WHIPPLE

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, our sister, Lois Whipple, of the class of 1915, has been taken from us, be it

Resolved, that we, Beta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, do hereby express to her bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy, and be it

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

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

OSEE JEWELL.

MALETA MOORE.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR MAY—*Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Centaur* of Alpha Kappa Kappa; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Quarterly* of Phi Beta, *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta; *Beta Sigma Omicron*.

FOR JUNE—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta, *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Triangle* of Sigma Sigma Sigma; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Circle* of Zeta Psi.

FOR JULY—*Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Quarterly* of Delta Chi.

FOR AUGUST—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Quarterly* of Phi Chi; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Alpha Delta Phi—Tau chapter at University of Kansas; Sigma chapter at University of Illinois; Rho chapter at Boston University.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Alpha Rho chapter at University of South Dakota.

Pi Beta Phi—Illinois Epsilon chapter at James Millikin University; Washington Beta chapter at Washington State College.

Alpha Chi Omega—Tau chapter at Brenau College.

Kappa Delta—Sigma Delta chapter at Trinity College, Durham, North Carolina.

Phi Mu—Nu chapter at Shorter College; Xi chapter at University of New Mexico.

The following fraternities announce their summer conventions:

Alpha Chi Omega—August, Madison, Wis.

Alpha Omicron Pi—June, Evanston, Ill.

Alpha Phi—June, Minneapolis, Minn.

Chi Omega—June, Niagara Falls, Canada.

Delta Delta Delta—August, Columbus, Ohio.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—August, Evanston, Ill.

Pi Beta Phi—June, Evanston, Ill.

Zeta Tau Alpha—August, Old Point Comfort, Va.

Kappa Sigma—July, Louisville, Ky.

Phi Kappa Psi—June, Chicago, Ill.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—August, Detroit, Mich.

Beta Theta Pi—September, Detroit, Mich.

Sigma Kappa, July, Bloomington, Ill.

The leading candidates for presidential honors are affiliated with college fraternities as follows: Taft, Psi Upsilon; Roosevelt, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon; Wilson, Phi Kappa Psi; Clark, Delta Tau Delta; Underwood, Pi Kappa Alpha.—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

In regard to the oft-argued sophomore pledge day, we quote the following from an article upon that subject in *To Drama* of Alpha Omicron Pi:

So much has been written during the last few years regarding Sophomore Pledge-Day, that it seems almost useless to devote more space to the subject. However, as those who have expressed themselves have almost invariably been in favor of the plan, (in fact it seemed at one time to be a decided indication of bad taste to voice an opinion in the negative) and as this article will give the opposite view, it may not prove an entire waste of space and time. The expressions of opinion herein given, are not offered with the intention of reflecting the views of Alpha Omicron Pi, or of binding her officials to any definite course in the future, but they are given to remind us that perhaps there are two sides to the question.

The advocates of sophomore pledge-day claim it is the only sane method of rushing, for the reason that acquaintances will be formed in the slow and normal way. Another advantage, according to their way of thinking, will result from the improved scholarship of both the freshman and the upperclassmen. Finally it will remove from the sorority and university the problem of the girl who

comes to school for but one year, with the intentions of making a sorority and as few credits as possible. There may be other advantages, but these seem to be the most common ones offered, and are sufficient for the purposes of this article.

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The sophomore pledge-day does not eliminate rushing or reduce it to a minimum, or even to a sane, normal basis; but instead it seems to prolong it. The uneasiness among sororities is certainly increased, and uneasiness and lack of confidence certainly breed rashness and rushing.

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Improved scholarship of the sorority girls and the unpledged Freshmen is supposed to be another of the advantages of the second year pledging system. Scholarship is always to be desired. However with rushing prolonged either openly or secretly for a semester or a year, it appears that the scholarship of the sorority girl and rushee must suffer. Are there not other ways of improving scholarships than by this method?

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Authorities and many sororities seem to feel that a decided advantage to be derived from the sophomore pledge-day would be to eliminate from the enrollment of the universities the one-year girl. The result would be either to force her not to attend at all, or, if she attends, to forego the pleasures of sorority life, or else to complete her college course. The theory is that after attending a college for two years, hardly anyone would fail to attend the two remaining years. In some few cases, this might succeed, because there are a *few* young women who attend college just to be initiated into a sorority, but surely their number is limited. Any abuse of the sorority system is very noticeable, and the attention which this particular abuse has attracted seems to indicate a condition of more serious proportions than really exists. Surely within the sorority itself the situation can be improved, and thus remove from the sorority a bit of serious criticism. The plea of the writer is for the girl who really cannot attend a university for more than one year. There are many desirable, serious-minded, young women who can do no more than this. The value of their friendship, the influence of their character ought not to be lost to the sororities.

Why is it that we all look upon the "lost bid" as such a skeleton in the fraternity closet, a thing to be hidden? We extend an invitation to membership only to those whom we think are worthy of the honor and whom we desire as sisters in the bond. If for any reason

the girl whom we have invited finds that the members of another fraternity are more congenial, or that she cannot join any society, have we lowered our standards or ideals any because we have desired a girl who was worthy in every way?

It would indeed be foolish to proclaim our loss to the multitude and yet this wrong attitude toward the "lost bid" will harm any fraternity. We are too often inclined to take this aspect in making our final decision. If there exists a chapter of any fraternity that has never lost a bid it is in such an inactive and sluggish condition that it will die in the end. Wholesome competition is good for all of us; there is no gain where there has been no risk.—*Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

As we've said before high scholarship isn't *everything*. Hear what the *Kappa Alpha* editor says about it:

Probably more printers' ink has been spilled upon the pages of Greek letter magazines during the past year in the interest of inciting members to make high marks in their studies than in any other cause, a general official movement among many fraternities being on with this end in view.

Class-room marks are good things, if gone after in the right spirit, but it appears to the writer that the movement in question tends to exaggerate a single feature of college life, at the same time apparently making a campaign for marks in studies as marks. As everyone knows, the men who do things both in college and out, are not the "student," or "high-brow" class. They are the men of forceful personality, with earnest purpose and all-round effectiveness who lead in activity and accomplishment rather than in medal taking, or the smashing of records that requires merely slavish grinding of the kind that tends to narrow a man and give him a viewpoint that will not relate him to the larger things of actual life.

Where faculties are intelligent, fraternities everywhere are now being used to aid in securing creditable class-room and conduct results, and this is as it should be, but there are now and always will be more important considerations than grinding out fancy marks and the best feature of a college fraternity that lives up to its possibilities is that it aids in the making of men rather than prize students. Scholastic standards are not those of life and never will be, and the writer at least hopes that his fraternity will continue along the line of trying to turn out real men of all-round effectiveness who do creditable class-room work for the intrinsic

value of the work, but who are neither incited nor excited in the effort to properly equip themselves for life by medals, loving cups, Phi Beta Kappa emblems, or any other kind of candy.—*Journal of Kappa Alpha*.

The March number of THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta is "College Number." It contains a series of articles on college customs with good photographs of the alma maters. All the descriptions are alluring, but if we were young again and looking for a university to call our own, we think we should be lured out to Denver University by this Gamma Phi's description.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

And again—

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Croker, a member of Alpha of Gamma Phi Beta, entertained the Convention at a reception. It was a great pleasure to meet a chapter of a sister fraternity, and to discover mutual friends among the Gamma Phis in our own colleges.—From account of Alpha Phi convention in *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi.

For the benefit of the co-ed we print the following:

A great scholar once said that the height of civilization a nation attains, is measured by the station and position accorded its women.

The co-educational university exemplifies the American idea that woman is entitled to the same educational advantages as man, that she may be fitted for her exalted position in American life—a position which has been accorded the women of no other nation.

Therefore, in theory co-education can not be assailed; and as to practice, all of us will testify that the presence of women in classes does not detract from our scholastic progress, but on the contrary that it inspires us. Further than this, a few of us know that nothing exceeds the studious zeal of the man who has been turned down flat, and is striving to forget it.

I am a firm believer in co-education, because I think it a rational educational method. We educate men and women to take their places in the world. The modern world, social and business, is a world of men and women. In their preparation for their entrance into this world, why should we keep the men shut up in the semi-monastic institutions, and the women in convents?

But lastly and most of all, I am in favor of co-education because it has evolved that most charming of modern women, The Fair Co-Ed.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

Another good word for the "Pan-Hellenic spirit"—

Fraternity spirit is a thing we all know,—the spirit of loyalty and close friendship that binds us together. But what may we mean by Pan-Hellenic spirit?

By that spirit, I mean the fraternity girl's personal attitude toward girls of other fraternities. Is that attitude to be one of suppressed hostility, of indifference or of friendship?

There is the tendency to feel that fraternity is the chief and most important feature of college life. As a result, the girl in the other fraternity is looked upon with suspicion. Her interests are not ours, and we therefore conclude that she must be against us, and assume an air of hostility, more or less carefully concealed. There are many instances of friendships between girls of different fraternities, but such a thing is not the general rule.

Fraternity is a broader word than is involved when we speak of any one organization. It means the small circle of friends, bound by a common tie, but it is much more than that. The spirit of Fraternity reaches out to every girl, in interest; it seeks close friends among those who are congenial; and considers the welfare of others.

If the inner bond of Fraternity is to be an aid through helpful friendships formed, it must not attempt to stand aloof. It is true and strong within its own scope but it is only the inner circle ever broadening, and made complete by the wider bond of friendship outside of the one organization, but within the true spirit of Fraternity.
—*Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

From "Chapter House Ballads" written by Warren Piper, the bard of Sigma Nu, we choose this particular one to quote:

When Greek meets Greek, no matter where or when,
They forge a chain, the Fellowship of Men—

Too strong and true for word of tongue or pen;
Knowing that each has been a chosen man,
Knowing that each is scion of a clan,
Though each has worshipped at an alien shrine,
Back in the dear, dead days of Auld Lang Syne.

When Greek meets Greek, it is no matter where
The stranger comes from, we are welcomed there—

Although our badge be Star or Shield or Square.
For hearts beat ever high and hands clasp true,
Though Delta Tau he be or Sigma Nu,
Phi Delt, Phi Gam or Deke;

And college dreams that bless and sometimes burn,
Like half-forgotten melodies return,

When Greek meets Greek.

We have met girls just like this, haven't we? But we never want to place a Gamma Phi pin on such a one!—

To hear her tell it—

Her sorority stands head and shoulders above all the others.

Her sorority has never yet received a turn-down.

They have carried off more honors, held more offices and received more favors than all the others in college combined.

Every girl they have spiked had as many as three other bids.

They never fail to get *the* girls as far as social standing and scholarship, and it happens that every one of them is wealthy, too.

Her sorority is the pet of the faculty.

Their bunch has the most rousing good times of any in school—everyone of them are sports; don't deal in tame matters.

Everyone of her fellows are frat men.

She wears pins of three fraternities.

She doesn't like non-fraternity men—somehow has never had much to do with "*nons*" in college—in fact, doesn't know a one by name.

She wouldn't go to a college where there are no fraternities.

In fact, she is a "sorority girl."

Isn't she a DEAR!

The following "Collect for Club Women" quoted by many journals from the *Adelphean*, we are glad to place before our readers:—

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity and without prejudice. May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common woman's-heart of us all, and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!

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