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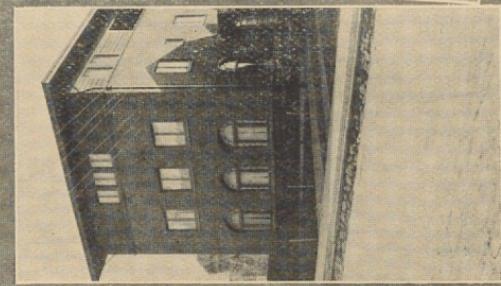
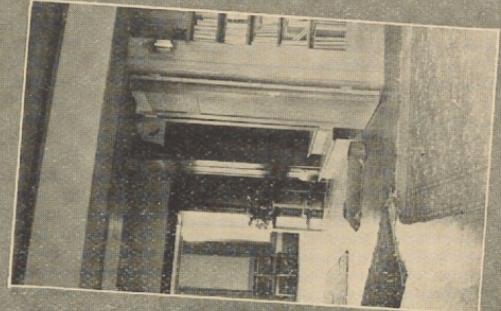
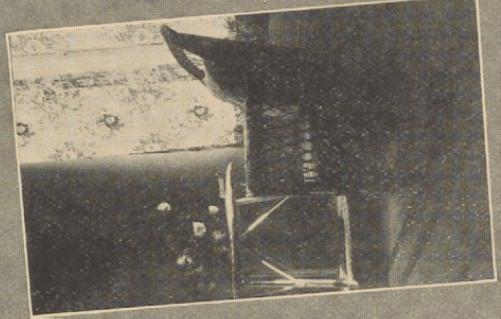
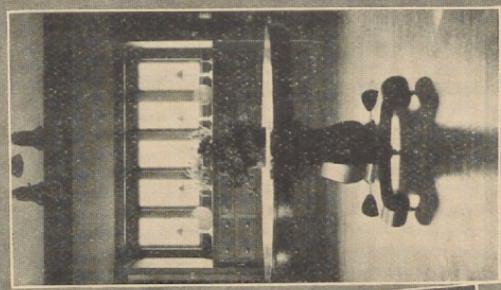
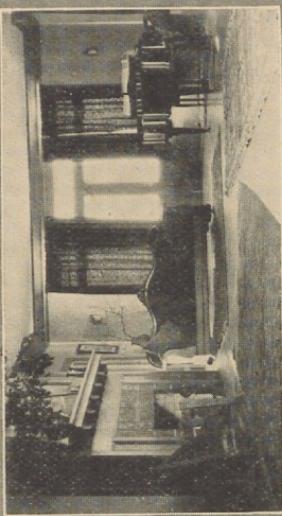
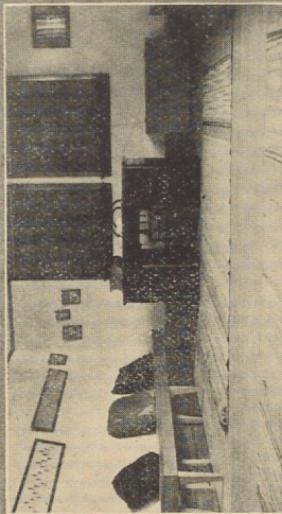
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ETA'S NEW HOME



Charter House

Hall and Dining Room from Living Room

Exterior of Eta House

Living Room
Corner of Tea Room

Dining Room

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ETA'S NEW HOME

BY EMILY STEWART, *Eta '15*

Just a pile of lumber, bare red bricks and mounds and hollows of new-turned earth, were the only outward and visible signs of Eta's new home when the college year came to a close last May. And doubting friends, more wise in the ways of tardy workmen than in the strength of purpose of Gamma Phi Beta foresaw delay and disappointment, and a homeless chapter at the opening of the new term. But we who were Gamma Phis knew how much more than bricks and lumber was represented in that beginning; and we knew that the purposeful planning of our older sisters, together with our help, was destined to bring the hope of many years to fulfillment at the appointed time.

And so it was. The night before Registration Day, August 16, we met in our own chapter room, in our own house, and placed the vestal fire of our sisterhood's home on the new altar.

Some of you understand now,—you all will some day,—the thrill of having a chapter house of your own. We find it such a blessed relief, after the besetting evils of rented houses, to be in a building,

planned by our own alumnae, who understood and answered the needs of a sorority.

Come, sisters all, and we will try to give you an idea what it is like. The first impression on entering is that of spaciousness and airiness and friendly welcome; one stands at the doorway and looks into the hall, with stairway opposite, and to the right, into the living room, with its great fireplace and many windows, and beyond that to the sun-porch, with just a glimpse of the tea-room too. On the left, extending across the front of the house, is the dining-room, opening off the hall with wide folding doors. The possibilities this arrangement offers for entertaining are at once evident. And then the joy of those oak floors in dancing!

But there are other advantages, which, you will see, make the house a comfort. We have spoken of its airiness. It was planned with the idea of getting full advantage of our California sunshine,—and what a cheery aspect that does give!—one that can be rivaled only by the Gemütlichkeit of the open fireplace, and that we have too. So the living-room, while large, lacks nothing of hominess. The soft tone of the natural redwood finish, the brown tiles of the fireplace, tapestry hangings and Oriental rugs, give a soft coloring; and our new baby-grand piano has done much toward solving the difficult problem of furnishing.

In contrast to the dignity of this larger room, is the little tea-room that opens off it, with glass doors. Wicker furniture and rosy-colored cretonne curtains and pillows make this corner delightfully attractive and cozy.

Our dining-room finds its distinctive mark in a handsome buffet, the gift of one of our alumnae. It comprises the entire end of the room, and has leaded windows, spacious drawers, and cupboards for glass and china.

The kitchen and pantries have been planned with particular care. One of their great advantages is in having three passages from the kitchen into the front part of the house; one into the dining-room through the butler's pantry, another into the front hall through a passage way (from which there is also a means of escape to the second story), and a third into the tea-room. This arrangement is very convenient in serving when there are guests in all the rooms.

The problem of the servant's room has been solved by having for them a little house in the garden, which will soon be covered with vines.

But after all, the "upstairs" is the most vital consideration in a sorority house. We have seven bedrooms on the second floor, four on the third—almost all double rooms—and in addition a sleeping porch that will accommodate six people. There are dress closets for each room, lavatories between the rooms, a bath room and linen closet on each floor, a telephone booth on the second floor, and on the third a large closet used by all the girls for party clothes. With all the rooms full, as it has been this year, we have been a very jolly happy home as you can well imagine.

Then you must know about one chapter room—our chiefest joy. Here is centered all that is most sacred to Gamma Phi, and we have tried to make the room expressive of that fact. It extends across the entire front of the third story. A large desk, benches, chairs, bookcase, and rugs have made it a convenient and adequate assembly room for chapter meetings, and, as well, a comfortable sitting-room and quiet retreat from the busy life of the house. All our chapter pictures are hung here, and those of members who have appeared in dramatic productions, or have been otherwise prominent in college affairs. Lockers for the use of the alumnae, which are proving very convenient, complete the equipment of the room.

So now you have seen, in imagination, Eta's home. Yet since—"the brightest part of the house is the looking out of the window"—it seems only fitting that before leaving the chapter room, you should also show its view. From the east windows there is a glimpse of the Berkeley hills, now softly green, bearing the great golden C, emblem of California; and from the west windows, that incomparable view of San Francisco Bay, with its girdle of cities, and its islands and ships. And may you all, sometime, watch with us the lights gleam on the water, and the stars come out, and the moon shine through the Golden Gate—standing in actual presence at the windows of Eta's home.

ALUMNAE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

EXPANSION

Oh for the fusing word that shall bring our smouldering fires to the white-heat, that shall change our general wish to expand into the particular determination to add one chapter a year to our roll. I have not that word, but there is one phase of the matter which I wish to emphasize to our eastern chapters where the main drag of inertia exists, and that is the hard state of the sorority entering late, after several or many others have established strong chapters; and another phase which concerns the disproportionate growth of western, as against eastern, chapters.

As the sixth sorority to be founded, Gamma Phi has had to face the first condition of which I speak from the beginning. In only two institutions has she been first in the field. Even where she has entered second she has found the effort to establish herself made difficult by that fact; and when a new chapter must compete with several others, strongly entrenched, it makes the first years of her existence unnecessarily hard and sometimes results in a permanent handicap. Can we not take advantage of any remaining opportunities which may come to us of entering early into new fields?

I have said it is our eastern chapters that most oppose expansion; not, perhaps, in theory, or the abstract, but very practically when the concrete instance arises. I say this in no carping spirit, but with a perfect understanding that age and firm establishment naturally result in conservatism which like all other good qualities must be watched lest it lax its virtue by excess. Nor is this an off hand judgment. I have been a Gamma Phi for seventeen years and in that time the roll of active chapters has grown from seven to fourteen. Of this second seven, all but one are in the west, and in their acquirement, the eastern chapters, until now so greatly preponderant, have shown an extreme deliberation, taking on an average two and a half years to the establishment of each new chapter. Now, even with the fairly equal division in numbers

between the east and the west, we can hope for no change of speed until the pace is set by the east.

The new chapters, being young and western, having faith and hope, are ready for expansion, as they have shown, but the Gamma Phi mass can move only at the rate of its most deliberate particle. It is Alpha, the older sister that has meant so much to each successive chapter, that can and will mean the same to so many more,—it is she who must lead us in this as in countless other of our best endeavors. When Alpha and her alumnae *will* that Gamma Phi shall take the place her quality deserves, if sixth in age, not sixth in size, among the older sororities, then shall the thing desired come to pass.

In my seventeen years' experience of Gamma Phi practically all the expansion, resulting in a hundred percent increase in number of chapters, has been in the west. As far as the Pacific Coast is concerned the possibilities are exhausted for the present; we have chapters in all the institutions of quality and promise. The four coast chapters, with Theta and Xi, can be counted upon for all possible enthusiasm and coöperation in the establishment of chapters in the remaining states of the great west. They know that every state university in that territory is desirable ground for the planting of a chapter of Gamma Phi, and that many other institutions are equally so. Shall these western chapters in the next seventeen years again double our number, while the eastern and middle states add one each to our roll?

No true Gamma Phi would wish for any such uneven development, but I firmly believe that in 1929 we shall have fourteen more western chapters. If we might have as many in the middle states and the Atlantic Coast!

It is the very embarrassment of riches, the plethora of opportunities, the difficulty of choice, that hold our eastern and middle chapters inactive, like the donkey (no approbrious comparison in this year of Democratic ascendancy) between the two piles of hay. Better to make a choice than to starve, and they need not fear the modern ending that Ambrose Pierce has given to fable. He relates that a farmer, having tried the experiment, returned to find his animal extinct as per Æsop, but on looking to right and left he

found both piles of hay devoured—the rebuker of Balaam has died of over-eating. No fear that Gamma Phi Beta cannot assimilate all possible additions, and it is in the middle, eastern, and southern states that the growth of the immediate future must come. Will not Alpha, Alma Soror, lead us?

VISITING DELEGATE

I had thought the change to biennial conventions brought with it the appointment of a visiting delegate—indeed that was to me the most potent argument in favor of biennials. Nothing else can so unify and harmonize our widely scattered chapters as the explanations, information, and advice, of a well-chosen delegate, a woman of balance, experience, sympathy, charm. In particular, such a one, discussing with each chapter the business proposed for next convention, most of all the applications for charters could expedite tremendously the actual transacting of that business.

A part of her activity might well be that suggested for a National Scholarship Committee, as she would have first-hand opportunity for collecting the required data and could make most effective application of her findings.

STUDENTS' AID FUND

The Students' Aid Fund should surely absorb the energy and contributions that have heretofore gone into the housebuilding of most chapters. The lending and receiving of financial help will be an added bond in the chapters and will develop two new and rather difficult graces.

HISTORIAN

There can be no argument as to the necessity for a complete history of the sorority, chapter by chapter. We are nearly forty years old, the decades slip by, the memory of past events dims. Now is the time for such a work, if it is to be complete.

AMY LOUISE WARNER, *Eta '98.*

VISITING DELEGATE

Of all the various schemes proposed for fostering a national spirit in a fraternity, the visiting delegate, and the fraternity examinations

have so far produced the best results. The examination forces the initiate to study not only her own fraternity, but others as well—to become acquainted at once with Pan-Hellenic matters, and to have on all these subjects an accurate knowledge, and not vague hearsay notions. The visiting delegate goes from chapter to chapter with the very latest news of the doings of each. She can answer all kinds of questions accurately, and can help to solve many difficulties. She brings the very spirit of one chapter to another as no letter or publication can do. When we are fortunate enough to have our president visit a number of chapters on her way to or from convention, we get an idea of how valuable it would be to have such a visit every year from some one who knew all the chapters and who had really seen them in their houses and among their college buildings. At present most of the prominent fraternities have visiting delegates, and it seems to be only a matter of time until all the others who intend to keep up their national standing must have them too.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A comparison of the grade of work done by students in and out of fraternities usually results in showing the non-fraternity students to be the best scholars. So frequently is this the case that the Wisconsin State Legislature recently requested the regents of the State University to investigate the whole subject of fraternities with a view to showing whether or not they are a detriment to the university. Though that report was not wholly unfavorable to fraternities, it did state emphatically that their scholarship averaged lower than that of the non-fraternity students. Since that is true, it surely is the duty of every fraternity to make some arrangement for the bringing up the standing of its members. Any such plan to be successful, must be national. Most fraternities already have some scheme for encouraging scholarship. Many of them send twice a year to the deans of the various colleges where they have chapters for reports on the standing of the girls. When that work of any chapter is below what it should be, the national committee at once looks into the matter and provides some remedy. Some fraternities offer prizes for especially fine work in college, and publish scholarship reports in their magazines.

THE TREASURY

In order to carry out any of the plans of the fraternity at large, money is needed. Most fraternities have arranged some way by which the general treasury has a steady and sufficient income. Some provide that the whole of the initiation fee shall go to the general treasury. Some require a pledged member to promise to pay a certain sum into the general treasury not only for each year that she is in college, but for ten years after she leaves. This money is not used for current expenses, but for the special work of the fraternity—such as paying the visiting delegate, helping members who might leave college to stay and graduate, assisting a chapter which is getting behind for any reason, and pushing new chapters. At the present time, fraternity can have a strong national standing without paying considerable attention to its treasury.

LILLIAN THOMPSON, *Beta '93.*

EXPANSION

While meditating upon certain needs of a sorority, I reviewed our sisterhood as I had known it for the past eighteen years, vigorous, strong, ever ready to submerge mere personal or chapter interests for the good of the sorority. Sometimes a little slow to perceive it, but once convinced, always ready to fall in line.

In this retrospect we note many an opportunity which Gamma Phi Beta lost, while one or two chapters were being convinced. We are not blaming you, dear sisters, for in most of the cases which come to mind, we were as loud as any in our cry against the forward step; we were the very last to be convinced. That is why we are anxious now, to save the present chapters from mistakes which we in the past have made.

Can we exist as an up-to-date sorority, and cling to our conservatism in this age of progressives and progressiveness? Let the sorority today be governed by love not by fear, (for our conservatism is little more than fear and false pride); let us be broad enough to see beyond the present, and so let us move forward with the times, and expand into the fullness of our womanhood. Let us claim our own fruitage and not leave it to wither or to be plucked by others.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

As members of Gamma Phi Beta our scholarship should be of the highest, and if a national committee will help to raise our standard along these lines, I certainly favor such a committee. Only as we put forth our best efforts and strive to attain the highest and most perfect in every direction, are we living up to the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

VISITING DELEGATE

The visiting delegate, if wisely chosen, would be the one person whom no chapter could afford to do without. She could gently lead the prosperous chapter in to a right state of humility and gratitude and so save it from its own sense of prosperity, which leads to defeat.

The discouraged, or less fortunate chapter, could be lovingly encouraged by her and taught how to overcome the seeming obstacles, by replacing doubt and fear with confidence, could be shown how to weld the entire chapter into one harmonious whole, by substituting love in the place of criticism. For the harmonious, happy chapter, no matter how small, where each member is reflecting universal love, must prosper.

The visiting delegate, in order to exert this right influence, must go to each chapter full of love and with no desire to criticize or to compare one chapter with another. She must counsel, advise and correct, when necessary, always with loving kindness, for when criticism comes in, love goes out.

So let the visiting delegate guard and guide and inspire each chapter to its best efforts, not that Gamma Phi Beta may excel all other sororities in the college world, but that she may exert the best possible influence in the college community and that each member who goes out from her active ranks may be a better woman for her influence and may be enabled to carry ever with her the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

GRACE ADELE BERRY, *Epsilon '99.*

EXPANSION

We people of New England have always represented to the rest of the country, ultra-conservatism, yet we have grown and we con-

tinue to grow. Boston cannot grow eastward for manifest reasons, though we have a subway tunnel under the harbor, but it has grown northward and westward and southward. While Gamma Phi Beta did not lend the glory of its presence to a New England university until the sorority had passed the infant stage, it would seem as if New England conservatism had influenced its outlook. Let it then take example from its Puritan connections and expand as we are doing.

All the growing colleges are not west of the Mississippi. In the thirteen original states may be found promising opportunities for national sororities. There are colleges in the south as well as in the north which Gamma Phi might investigate to advantage; colleges of an older growth with traditions to live up to, with a background of honorable achievements.

Our chapter roll is now evenly divided between the west and the east, taking the Mississippi river as a dividing line. Our growth of late has been largely west of this line and to our great advantage for we were becoming too exclusively an eastern sorority. From this time on, we would seek new openings east as well as west, south as well as north. If we increase our chapters in any one section of the country to the exclusion of other sections, we shall become overbalanced.

And why not expand in all directions? The American college woman is a restless being, traveling north, east, south and west in search of fresh interest. How much more interesting her travels can be made if she chances into a college town where her sorority has a chapter. The unofficial visitor can do quite as much to promote a better acquaintance among the various chapters as a visiting delegate. Many of us have had the delightful experience of an unexpected meeting with a sister Gamma Phi in a distant state or on a foreign shore, while family connections of a Gamma Phi, acquaintances even, seem near to us when they recognize our pin.

It would be pleasant to repeat these experiences oftener and expansion would accomplish this, giving us more members scattered over a larger territory. A chapter in every state in the Union would not be possible for a sorority but something near to that ideal is worthy of consideration. Then we would be properly balanced; all

the elements that make the American nation what it is, might be approximately realized in a sorority.

VISITING DELEGATE

The question of a visiting delegate is perennial and its pros and cons oft discussed. A better acquaintance among the chapters will promote better understanding, more friendliness, and it is only a favored few who can attend conventions and can meet Gamma Phis from other chapters. The visiting delegate would be somewhat hampered by her official garb in reaching the true inward spirit of the chapter life but the results of her impressions would be turned to positive use in building up our national life.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Since the marking system varies among our universities, it would seem well nigh impossible to compile any statistics of standing in college work that would be just or even comprehensible. A Phi Beta Kappa key means much in some colleges because a small proportion of the class is elected to membership while the reverse is true in other colleges. A just pride in an honor roll in each chapter is worthy but a comparison between chapters would be hard to achieve. The standard of scholarship must be kept high but a national scholarship committee would find its work arduous and often times misunderstood, its compilations resented.

ELIZABETH P. PUTNAM, *Delta '97.*

BUSINESS NEEDS

Perhaps this is a dangerous subject for a mere individual to discuss, but it is one on which the writer has profound convictions for some time. It is not my purpose to agree or disagree with Edith Rickert's articles in recent issues of the *Century Magazine*, for doubtless they will be discussed for our benefit by more competent members of our sorority, but I wish to call your attention to some of the reforms that are needed in our own organization.

First in the matter of more knowledge. The members of Gamma Phi Beta, not belonging to any alumnae organization, are not in a position to know anything of what is transpiring in our sorority,

beyond what can be printed in the CRESCENT, and necessarily much of great importance can not appear there. How many of us know anything about our finances, our numbers, applications for new chapters and so on? We are told to write to the secretaries of our chapters for information about the business transacted at convention, but from my own experience all that one receives in response to such a request, is a note perhaps months later, to this effect: "I handed your letter to Miss So-and-so to answer, as I am not corresponding secretary any longer." As a remedy for this secrecy and ignorance we would suggest a publication on the order of Phi Kappa Psi's *Mystic Friend*, published when needed, under the direction of the National President and Secretary, and not to be used for exchange purposes. Unless the older members have more information than is possessed by many of them now, their interest and enthusiasm can not be maintained.

Our national officers and the editors of the magazine are busy people, and it is the opinion of the writer, after some experience with them, that they should have more assistance. If this brings us to the subject of finances (expansion will be treated elsewhere) I suggest for your consideration, the idea of taxing all alumnae members. This might be brought about by charging them a small extra sum for the CRESCENT, the amount thus collected to be forwarded to the National Treasurer. A sufficient sum should be provided so that our officers might at least have adequate clerk hire.

While the biennial convention plan continues, why not try district conventions in alternate years? Three would probably be sufficient, one in the east, one in the middle west, and the third in the far west, and they should produce some result, if only enthusiasm. They should not be elaborate affairs, but should afford an opportunity of mutual helpfulness. While admiring the sentiment connected with holding conventions in November, it is possible that if the national meetings were held during the summer months they would be better attended. They need not necessarily be held with an active chapter as hostess, but at some place near which both active and alumnae chapters exist, the active chapters to act as hostesses at district conventions.

It is the opinion of some of our members that the office of National

Secretary should be a permanent one. The plea that no one would be willing to accept this office except for a short term, might be offset by allowing a reasonable compensation for clerk hire and expenses; the convenience to others and the benefits resulting from this would be incalculable. If possible one who has served as presiding officer should be chosen for this important position, and if it is not made permanent, the secretary should be continued in office as long as she is willing to remain. In the secretary's office there should be found in permanent form, a record of all initiates, and their addresses might be kept more nearly up to date by the adoption of a system of return post cards, such as is used in a number of fraternities.

The writer does not know whether these needs could be met in other ways than those suggested, or not, and it is not expected or urged that all of them will prove acceptable to the sorority as a whole; if they are considered and discussed, perhaps the way will be paved for some improvement in our organization.

BERTHA WHITE, *Epsilon '02.*

IMPRESSIONS OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

BY MARY ENDICOTT SHEPHERD, (President of Gamma Phi Beta.)

- November 11—Left Boston.
- November 12—Arrived at Syracuse.
- November 13—Left Syracuse, arrived in Buffalo.
- November 14—Left Buffalo, arrived in Ann Arbor.
- November 15—Left Ann Arbor, arrived in Chicago.
- November 16—Chicago—Meeting of Presidents.
- November 17-19—Chicago—N. P. C.
- November 19—Evanston.
- November 20—Champaign and return.
- November 21—Left Chicago—arrived in Madison.
- November 22—Left Madison.
- November 23—Arrived in Minneapolis.
- November 24—Left Minneapolis.
- November 26—Arrived in Boston.

Most gladly I promised our editor that I would write for the CRESCENT an account of my experiences in attending the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. If you mentally cover the ground outlined in the above itinerary perhaps you will appreciate the difficulty of my task. As the real purpose of my trip was to attend the meeting of the presidents of all sororities represented in the National Pan-Hellenic and the Congress following, I will give my impressions of that first, for the visiting of the chapters was for my own satisfaction, in order to make my work as president more effective, and undertaken personally, without the authority of the Sorority Council.

At the meeting of presidents, eighteen sororities were represented, fifteen by their grand presidents, one by her vice-president, one by her N. P. C. delegate and one by her grand secretary.

This conference had been arranged on account of a growing antagonism to college fraternities, very noticeable in certain sections of the country, which has resulted in the wide advertisement of the faults of the fraternity system and the abolishing of sororities in Brown University and threatened abolition elsewhere. The

aim of the conference was free discussion of the whole system, its failings and merits, that plans might be formulated to emphasize the benefits, overcome the faults and place fraternities before the public as an uplifting and necessary phase of college life. A recent article in the *Century Magazine* is proof that some such concerted effort on the part of fraternities is necessary.

The discussion of the conference resulted in the appointment of committees to answer adverse criticism, in the drawing up of recommendations to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress and in the formulating of a code for the use of the Grand Presidents.

The business of the Pan-Hellenic Congress will be given in the N. P. C. bulletins and I need not speak of it here except to say a word of appreciation of our efficient representative, Esther Rich Reilly who served as secretary, and to whose faithful work is due much of the success of the Congress. I feel that much help was gained by those present which will not appear in a report. Experiences were generously given that others might be benefited by them and throughout the conference was felt a sincere effort to avoid pettiness and to stand for advancement, moral and mental.

During the conference, Lillian Thompson (Beta) served as Mrs. Reilly's alternate and this year, when to Gamma Phi belongs the presidency of National Pan-Hellenic, they two will work together. For this task, Miss Thompson will furnish ability, energy, and experience, together with enthusiasm and great loyalty to Gamma Phi.

Convention was not all business. There were lunches and receptions at the Chicago College Club of which Mrs. Preble, (Beta) is president; an interesting stereoptican lecture by Miss Fitch, Delta Delta Delta; a visit to Hull House, and the final luncheon at Evanston where Gamma Phi rallied loyally to Mrs. Reilly's call with forty-three present including four charter members of Epsilon. Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, the efficient Chairman of Convention, was toastmistress and presided most graciously.

The welcome to Northwestern was given by Miss Blanchard, acting Dean of Women, Kappa Alpha Theta. Toasts were responded to by Miss Powell, President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Doctor Hopkins, President of Zeta Tau Alpha, Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega, Mr. Banta, Phi Delta Theta, and Miss Shepherd, Gamma Phi Beta.

Our headquarters during convention at the Congress Hotel were most satisfactory, and many were the expressions of appreciation of the many courtesies which were extended the congress.

Several Gamma Phi alumnae attended the convention as visitors, among them Miss Carrie Morgan and Miss Grandy of Gamma. This reunion of Gamma Phis both at the congress and at the chapter rooms of Epsilon after the Pan-Hellenic luncheon was one of the most pleasant features of the week.

If you again consult the outline you will see that in the two weeks at my disposal I was able to visit Alpha, Beta, Epsilon, Gamma and Kappa chapters and you might well suppose that I did not have time to become even superficially acquainted with those chapters, but so spontaneously cordial was my welcome everywhere that I feel that I know the girls of each chapter personally and that I have a very good idea of the chapter as a whole so that in this coming year we can work together with a common understanding of our problems. There was time to discuss conditions,—local, national and Pan-Hellenic. I found the girls interested, enthusiastic, and eager to hear about other chapters. I found them taking definite steps to raise scholarship. I was interested to find that what was considered in one chapter as an encouragement of high rank, namely a prize offered by alumnae, would in another chapter be disapproved of. I think I can say that I found everywhere sympathy with a policy of conservative expansion combined with emphasized conservatism when some neighboring college was mentioned as a possible field in which to expand. The visiting inspector was a subject talked of and I think all the chapters are anxious that we have such an officer, not so much an inspector as a friendly visitor, who, traveling from chapter to chapter, will bind them together.

I cannot even enumerate all the courtesies which were extended me, from the rosebuds which made my railroad journeys bright to the evening receptions. There were automobile trips everywhere, most delightful teas and receptions, delightful walks, opportunities of hearing college lectures with the girls, luncheons and dinners with loyal alumnae and the privilege of attending regular chapter meetings. I found alumnae most generous of their time and energy helping the active girls especially with their house problems, and I am

sure not a little of the charm and beauty of Alpha's home is due to the alumnae with Mrs. Baker, Chairman of the House Committee; while Beta girls will tell you how Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Kinne have worked for Beta's house, which is now finished, I believe, but which was not quite ready for occupancy when I was at Ann Arbor.

As it will probably be described in full in the CRESCENT, I will not try to tell you how fine it is. And to encourage other alumnae who may have stepped aside too far, let me say that those alumnae who are actively working with the girls, have found the Fountain of Youth. I could not believe some of them who told me they were charter members.

One most delightful day I spent at the University of Illinois when I had the privilege of meeting Frances E. Haven Moss, the founder of Gamma Phi Beta and of renewing acquaintance with Violet Jayne Schmidt, former Dean of Women. There I was most cordially and delightfully entertained by that group of girls for whom Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Schmidt have done so much, a splendid group of girls, splendidly organized. It certainly was an inspiration to me to meet a woman who in a quiet way has accomplished so much as Mrs. Moss.

My thanks are due the sorority for a most pleasant two weeks, a time which I hope may prove to have been as profitable as it was delightful.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

(Toast Given by Our President, Miss Shepherd at Pan-Hellenic Luncheon at Evanston.)

In order to appreciate the duty and powers of the new administration, it may be interesting to consider the beginning of the National Pan-Hellenic movement. The time was eleven years ago, the place, the Directors' room in a Safety Deposit vault, most appropriate for the guarding of secrets from the outside world; the purpose, mutual help and interfraternity friendliness; the powers, those of personality and influence only. As we have often been reminded in our business sessions, "everything in life is a growth" and time has made changes.

The name decided upon after the meeting in the Safety Deposit

vault was the Intersorority Conference. The present name is the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. Interest in the movement is almost world wide and at this Congress are present representatives from every part of the country while three years ago the men, following the example of the women, established the Interfraternity Conference.

The personality still remains the fundamental power; the Congress, as the name indicates, has also limited legislation. It has an Executive Committee and issues regular reports of its activities in the form of bulletins. These bulletins are most valuable. The activities of the Congress extending year by year make necessary a constantly increasing amount of work, and I should like to say here that this work has been most ably conducted by the retiring Executive Committee who have had many new and perplexing problems which they have met most efficiently.

As for the new administration:

We stand for,

Higher Scholarship.

The conservation of our Natural Resources of Health and Culture.

The promotion of Mutual Respect and Friendship.

It is our aim to act in such a way that "the maxim of our conduct shall be fit to become universal law"; that peace and harmony everywhere may be the outward and visible sign of our inward and spiritual loyalty.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

The National Pan-Hellenic Congress is no longer an experimental movement; it has come to stay. It has fostered the most kindly intersorority spirit, it has many a perplexing problem, it has made itself a power in the college and in the fraternity world. Therefore, shall we not say that the chairman of such an organization must possess executive ability, a thorough knowledge of the Greek-letter world and a sane view of the difficulties which the



LILLIAN W. THOMPSON
Chairman of National Pan-Hellenic Congress

Pan-Hellenic situation may present. She must have the courage of her convictions, she must be quick to seize her opportunities, she must keep in touch with all that may have to do with her work, she must possess infinite tact and understanding. Such a chairman is Gamma Phi Beta's representative on the new board—Lillian W. Thompson, Beta '93 who succeeds Mrs. John H. McElroy of Alpha Phi. While in college Miss Thompson was an active and

enthusiastic member of her chapter, displaying the very qualities that fitted her in after years for the larger life of the sorority. For years she has been a faithful member of Chicago Alumnae chapter and has given her aid, her advice and her interest to Epsilon. She wisely served on the Executive board, holding the presidency for one year and has been prominent in all that pertains to Gamma Phi. When the Intersorority movement was first begun she represented Gamma Phi Beta and from that time has been enthusiastic in all things Pan-Hellenic. She assumes her duties and responsibilities, fortified by vast experience, fully equipped for all phases of the work, calm, well-balanced and fair-minded in all that she may direct.

K Δ—Miss Jenn Coltrane, Concord, N. C.

Deputies were:

K A Θ—L. Pearle Green, Ithaca, N. Y., Secretary and Editor.

Π B Φ—Mrs. Laurence Lardner, Evanston, Ill., Vice-president.

Σ K—Mrs. Houlder, Boston, Mass., Inspector.

—The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

The following delegates attended the convention:

Pi Beta Phi, Mrs. J. L. Lardner.

Kappa Alpha Theta, Miss Eva R. Hall.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Miss Eva Powell.

Alpha Phi, Mrs. J. H. McElroy.

Delta Gamma, Marguerite Lake.

Gamma Phi Beta, Mrs. Leigh Reilly.

Alpha Chi Omega, Mrs. James Crann.

Delta Delta Delta, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee.

Alpha Xi Delta, Lena G. Baldwin.

Chi Omega, Mrs. H. M. Collins.

Sigma Kappa, Mrs. Grace Small Houlder.

Alpha Omicron Pi, Mrs. W. J. Campbell.

Zeta Tau Alpha, May Agness Hopkins.

Alpha Gamma Delta, Elizabeth Corbett.

Alpha Delta Phi, Mrs. W. C. Coles.

Delta Zeta, Mrs. Alfa Lloyd Hayes.

Phi Mu, Louese Monning.

Kappa Delta, Jenn Coltrane.

At the Conference of National Presidents, Mrs. McElroy of Alpha Phi presided and Miss Shepherd of Gamma Phi Beta acted as secretary.

The great Pan-Hellenic luncheon was held in the Patten gymnasium in Evanston, and 399 were present. Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta each had 43 present, Alpha Chi Omega followed with 39; Delta Delta Delta with 33; Kappa Alpha Theta with 33; Kappa Delta with 33; Pi Beta Phi with 29; Chi Omega with 29; Delta Gamma with 27; Kappa Kappa Gamma with 24; Alpha Omicron Pi with 22; Alpha Xi Delta with 18; Alpha Delta Phi

with 10; Phi Mu with 7; Sigma Kappa with 4; Zeta Tau Alpha with 2; Alpha Gamma Delta with 2; Delta Zeta with 1.

Mr. George Banta, Phi Delta Theta, Fraternity Publisher to almost all the N. P. C. organizations was the only man present at the luncheon.

The following toasts were given at the luncheon, Mrs. McElroy of Alpha Phi acting as toastmistress:

Twice Welcome to Northwestern, Miss Blanchard, Dean at Northwestern.

Our Scholarship and Scholars, Eva Powell, Pres. K K G.

The Inspector and Inspecteds, R. Louise Fitch, Δ Δ Δ.

The College Girl in the South and Her Fraternity, Dr. May Hopkins, President, Z T A.

Pan-Hellenism and Its Future, Mrs. Collins, President, X Ω.

The New Administration, Mary Shepherd, President, Γ Φ B.

At the N. P. C. were four editors, Pearle Green, K A Θ; Ethel Tukey, Δ Γ; Miss Land, X Ω and R. Louise Fitch, Δ Δ Δ. These four discussed ways and means of running a \$1,000 magazine on \$500, how to extract gush from chapter letters in the most painless manner, most effective method of launching private courses in correct spelling, plain every day grammar, and fundamental rules of punctuation, among fraternity magazine correspondents, the same being all *College* women!—The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

IN REGARD TO SCHOLARSHIP

Not every Gamma Phi can attain the glory of Phi Beta Kappa; not every member of our order is destined to bask in the sunshine of faculty approbation—nor do we expect it. However one fact is obvious—that upon each one of us there rests the responsibility of doing her best for her own sake, for her chapter, for her sorority; and that Gamma Phi must assume the obligation of so impressing the value of good scholarship upon her followers that her record will show no failures, that her name will be synonymous with the best and sincerest effort toward the acquisition of knowledge. Our sorority must grow—we all acknowledge it—must grow materially, ethically and scholastically in the proportion. How is she to do this? What advance upon the methods of 1912 shall find in 1913? Being alumnae, it is in our province to suggest; whether these suggestions are acted upon or considered is another story.

The freshman, initiated into our midst, who truly feels the inspiration of Gamma Phi, who quickly grasps the trust imposed upon her, realizes in a flash what her individual effort must be; understands that with her as with every other member of her circle, there rests a certain obligation and that she must chronicle no failure to sully the fair name of her chapter. We may safely trust the chapter honor to the chapter members—they will do their best to keep the standard high. But does the responsibility end here? From the standpoint of scholarly achievement is Gamma Phi to be but a loose confederation of chapters, with no governing hand? The answer to this question lies in another interrogation—why not have a scholarship committee in the sorority whose business it will be to regulate and to advise in regard to the promotion of good scholarship? Such a committee might insist upon the regular reading and discussion of chapter grades, might receive these same grades, compare and report upon them, might fix a certain standard to be reached by the candidate before eligible to initiation, might provide for a systematic scheme of work in the chapter houses, with definite hours for study.

Yet, in another way we may be true to the meaning of our crescent; another solution of this particular problem of scholastic

growth lies with the alumnae. For a long time we have been agitating the question of a sphere of usefulness for Gamma Phi outside her own circle; if she is not willing as yet to enter upon this new field, let her direct her attention to a great need within her own ranks—the need of a scholarship fund. This indeed is the work of the alumnae—to create a sum that will be sufficient to help our own girls in time of need, that will be the reward of conscientious and strict application to college work, that perhaps will increase until at some time the donors may send a talented senior for a year of postgraduate work.

Accordingly, Denver alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta offers the following suggestions in regard to which there will be further communication with the chapters.

1. That the sorority empower the Executive Board to select a National Scholarship Committee whose duty it will be to investigate the chapter grades, to report upon them through the sorority magazine and to regulate the scholarship of the organization.
2. That the alumnae chapters create the nucleus of a students' Aid Fund—this fund to be in the hands of a committee whose duty it will be to apply this sum, upon application, to the needs of our own organization.

EXPANSION WITHIN OURSELVES

BY JEAN BARRICK, (Iota '14)

In the last number of the CRESCENT the articles on "Expansion" proved a subject for deep consideration. The thought came to me "why not view expansion from a second standpoint, as having a personal bearing on each member?" So I am going to take up this side of the term "expansion", not because I think it more important than the usual interpretation of the word, but because that phase of growth must have taken hold of its readers ere now, having been so admirably and strongly set before them; while this can give them something individually definite and tangible for which to work.

By "expansion within ourselves" I mean a broadening of each member of Gamma Phi by close contact with girls outside her own select circle. Too often it is the case that a maiden, on entering college joins a group of girls who are congenial, or in other words like herself, and then seldom strays far from those confines. This conservatism may not be intentional—in many cases it is not—but only the natural course of affairs, and the point which we must struggle to overcome. Besides portraying itself in forming close friendships only with one's "sisters" this spirit often leads us to such steps as voting for a member of our own sorority even when she runs against a girl who we know is better fitted for the office. Many have called this loyalty, but is it that? Would not a girl be more loyal to her sorority if she made her character too strong to stoop to such levels?

That last example merely serves to show how closely we must watch the development of our character. And the sorority, when taken in the right spirit, is the very best means of changing us into the highest type of woman, for it gives a lofty ideal, and each member of the sisterhood is a true friend to every other member. It is through this tie that we are able to push outward more easily than if we were alone, for although we need space in which to grow, we also need a certain amount of care, which, outside of our own home, is best given within the walls of our sorority. When these institutions cast aside their petty rules and prejudices, and keep up with the

modern democratic spirit of American womanhood its members can be truly called the "flowers" of the nation. May every sorority girl, be she a Gamma Phi or a Theta, realize as soon as possible that the greatest advantage of college life is that of coming in contact with people of different natures and traditions from her own and then may she proceed to grow!

BETA'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

Beta's new house is a true Gamma Phi building—brown is the predominating color. The outside is very attractive, as the lower story is constructed of brown tapestry brick, the second story, of rough, heavy brown clapboarding, while the roof is of brown shingles. Throughout the house there are casement windows.

The woodwork on the first floor is oak; on the two upper floors, red cedar—all stained brown. The floors throughout the house are polished oak. Brown tapestry brick is used for the fireplaces on the first floor, and as flooring in the entry way.

The dining-room, which is *the room* of the house is about 17 by 29 feet. The walls are paneled and the ceiling beamed. Altogether it is very attractive.

The living room is also paneled, but in some way an entirely different effect is produced. In both, of these rooms, the indirect system of lighting is used, supplemented however in the living-room with side lights.

Opening off the living-room, and the dining-room also, is the sun-parlor—a great, glass-inclosed room with a cement floor. This room can be heated in winter or screened in summer.

The tiled bathroom on the second floor is fitted up with showers while the third floor bathroom has the tubs.

The kitchen, pantry, maids' rooms and bath besides the various store rooms are in the basement.

A study hall in the basement has also been planned to which the girls may go when they desire absolute quiet.

TWO OF IOTA'S ALUMNAE

[In copy for fraternity journals, the men have but one advantage over us—which we acknowledge and yet begrudge that of enumerating the various political lights that shine in their respective fraternity firmaments. We Gamma Phis have no presidents, bishops and senators—only through our chapter in Colorado where women have equal rights with men, may we hope for such prominence—but we modestly claim the daughters of presidents, bishops and senators. In this particular issue of the CRESCENT, Iota tells us of two of her own best beloved alumnae—the O'Gorman girls, whose father, James A. O'Gorman, United States Senator from New York is a central figure in the political life of our nation.]

ELLEN O'GORMAN DUFFY

Mrs. William J. Duffy, (Ellen O'Gorman), was born in New York. She attended Holy Cross Convent until 1904, then became a student at Barnard, in the class of 1908. At Barnard, Mrs. Duffy was very loyal both to Gamma Phi and to her Alma Mater; this enthusiasm being appreciated by her class, resulted in her election as junior vice-president and as senior president. She also held office in the Craigie Club of the college, and still takes an active part in the Alumnae Association of Barnard.

After receiving her degree, Mrs. Duffy taught English in the High School department of Normal College, New York. But she continued in that profession for only one year, as in 1910, she was the central figure in one of the season's prettiest weddings.

Her little boy William has been at Barnard several times with his mother, and if he continues to be so popular with the "ladies," we tremble for the younger generation.

ALICE MARGARET O'GORMAN

Alice Margaret O'Gorman, the youngest daughter of Senator James A. O'Gorman, was born in New York. Previous to her entrance in Barnard she went to Holy Cross Convent in New York. At Barnard, Miss O'Gorman was an enthusiastic member of Gamma Phi, an untiring worker in the class of 1911, and a most popular girl about college. She held various offices in the Craigie Club, being president of that organization in 1911, while in the French

Club she took an active part both as an officer and a participant in the plays which the club gives in conjunction with the French Society of Columbia.

Since college, Miss O'Gorman has been continuing her study of modern languages. Most of her time is spent in New York and Washington, D. C.

COLLEGE WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES

Gamma Phi Beta has a most flourishing alumnae association in Los Angeles and this association, in connection with ten other organizations form what is known as the Los Angeles Federation of College Women's clubs. This Federation, consisting of 800 members, is a lively and progressive body and as proof of its usefulness and practical worth it is erecting a club house to cost \$100,000. Miss Gertrude Gardner Brainerd of Mu chapter is secretary and treasurer and through her we hope to hear more of the enterprise.

The following clippings are from Los Angeles papers:

WOMEN COMPLETE PLANS FOR \$100,000 CLUBHOUSE

The Los Angeles Federation of College Women's Club today completes incorporation papers and files them with the Secretary of State preparatory to building a \$100,000 clubhouse.

The federation includes the following organizations: College Women's Club, Association Collegiate Alumnae, Smith Club, Wellesley Club, Vassar Club, Western College Club, Pomona Club, Occidental Club, Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association, Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Association and Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Association.

FEDERATED COLLEGE WOMEN

Organize company to buy site and erect building for club home for eight hundred members.

The Federated College Women's building company was incorporated yesterday with a capital stock of \$100,000 to buy a site and construct a building for use of the Federation of College Women's Clubs.

The presidents of the eleven clubs of the Federation constitute the board of directors of the business organization. The building will serve as a club home for the parent organization and its component parts. A site is to be definitely selected in a few days.

The officers of the Federation are: Miss Adele Meyer, president; Miss Katherine Carr, first vice-president; Miss Katherine Carey second vice-president; Miss Gertrude Gardner Brainerd, secretary and treasurer. There are 800 members of the organization.



MAY the new year, like a horn of plenty, overflow with blessings for each and every member of Gamma Phi Beta.

“**A**S for the birds, I do not believe there is one of them but does more good than harm; and of how many featherless bipeds can this be said?” writes Lowell in his charming essay, “My Garden Acquaintance.” Surely, a perfect understanding of these tiny creatures has been given our two Syracuse alumnae, Milicent A. Hinkley and Nettie M. Sadler and an attractive “Bird Almanac” is the result of much study and investigation. Birds—birds—all black and yellow,—adorn the cover of this little book and, metaphorically, fly through the pages,—special ones for each separate month, beginning with the black crow for January and ending with the chickadee for December weather. Opposite each calendar page is a clever little verse—the work of Miss Hinkley—and scattered through the book are various bits of valuable information. How many of us know that Mrs. Robin arrives in March later than her honored husband? That May is the nesting month? That August is the rest time? How many of us realize the economic value of birds?

The “Almanac” opens your eyes to many things, is beautifully illustrated, as an appendix contains several blank pages which are headed “Bird List for 1913” and closes with this Christmas message, “Then let us rejoice with the feathered folk and include them in Tiny Tim’s Christmas greeting, ‘God bless us, every one.’”

“**B**ANTA’S GREEK EXCHANGE” makes its bow to the public, arrayed in a cover of perfectly good Gamma Phi brown with trimmings of black—and is finding this same public ready to greet its coming with kindly words of appreciation.

Mr. George Banta, publisher of more than thirty fraternity magazines—among them our own CRESCENT—is responsible for its appearance. He declares that one of his purposes is "to carry coals to Newcastle and give the journalists a journal"—which sounds attractive to the lone editor. In the pages of this magazine we find discussions upon timely subjects—High School fraternities, Fraternity Scholarship, The Eleventh National Pan-Hellenic Congress; there is also a helpful exchange department and a convenient fraternity and sorority directory. The sorority editor is Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, Delta Delta Delta, author of the Sorority Handbook, and the fraternity editor is Mr. W. B. Palmer, Phi Delta Theta.

We quote the delightful "Salutamus" of the editor and wish the new enterprise every possible success.

SALUTAMUS

The *Greek Exchange* starts out upon its journey through the land of Hellas with no fixed destination. We start with the spirit and in the mood in which the Editor in younger days was wont to fare forth afoot through the hills and woods and fields of southern Indiana. Sheer joy in living drove him forth and kept him going. So the warm sun overhead, the green woods and fields beside the path, and the cool earth under the eager foot now invite us to go out into the world of Greeks, and see what we shall see.

We wear no mediæval armor, we have no Rozinante, and Sancho Panza is not with us. The windmills amid the Hellenic fields shall whir on, unmolested by our lance. We have no lance. We carry no baggage. We see no high mission writ in the sky before us; we are not out to redress wrongs, or with our mighty sword relieve the distressed damsel.

A million college boys and girls have sung, "We're here because we're here", and we believe that it is at least one college song that has some real sense in it. How more fittingly and truly can a young collegian express the sheer joy there is in him that he is alive. What mere dictionary words can tell the joy there is in sophomore hearts, as eye looks into eye, and smile answers smile.

We're here because we're here! We're here because there is joy to us in idling along the Hellenic paths and byways. It is a delight to wonder what is beyond the next turn, to guess whom we shall meet beside brook, or in glade and field. It is the joy of life that is in us—the delight of being with our fellow Greeks.

And, too, just as the happy stroller does not know nor care whither his path leads him, so we are taking no thought for the

morrow of our journal. We know the sun will rise tomorrow and that is enough. Where the road leads, there will we go. We hope to do good, and not evil as we go, and if we cannot bring cheer we surely shall not bring gloom.

So we strain our ears as we enter the fields, to hear an answering call to our "Hail! fellow Greeks"!

DURING 1913, we as Gamma Phis, desire: 1. To establish a closer and more personal relation between the chapters and the national officers.

2. To acquire a better understanding of our national bond.
3. To obtain a speedy and satisfactory solution of each chapter problem and perplexity.
4. To regulate chapter customs, expense, etc.
5. To acquaint the national officers with local conditions and local needs.
6. To strengthen the loyalty of the chapters to the sorority and to each other.
7. To inspire each chapter with a desire for better scholarship, for more earnest service, for better, truer womanhood.

How are we to acquire these better conditions? By the appointment of a visiting delegate.

THE Denver alumnae are exceedingly anxious that their suggestions in regard to a Students' Aid Fund and a National Scholarship Committee be approved and speedily acted upon. Through chapter communication and co-operation of the Executive Board, there is no reason why we should wait until convention time for definite decision upon the matter. The cause itself needs no further comment nor can its importance be overestimated. Gamma Phi must make the New Year stand for many worthy things; she must grow in many ways; and surely, her duty toward matters scholastic can no longer be overlooked nor neglected.

EXPANSION—once again and yet again—and after that in each number of the magazine until the action is suited to the word. What can be said upon the subject that has not already

been said? So we add only a quotation from Oliver Wendell Holmes, which serves as a text for this same subject as discussed in a sister journal. "It is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."

STRAY pennies, deposited in a capacious pig, form what on a small scale may be designated a chapter reserve fund; and if the animal is placed so prominently that guests may perceive and may ask his *raison d'être*, if the chapter members recognize his proverbial greediness and feed him accordingly, the pennies accumulate and the result is not to be scorned. Gamma Phi needs such a sum for emergencies—and while we are enumerating the many blessings that may fall to our lot during 1913, let us consider this Reserve Fund as a possibility. There are many ways of augmenting it, and once established, it will meet such expenses as are not provided for by the general treasury.

There are various schemes by which such a fund might grow. For example, why doesn't some clever one of us design a sorority calendar? It would be an acceptable purchase and the proceeds would help materially. Then there is the ever-popular postcard—many sororities have found this quite worth while; and again, why should not each chapter use its talent in such a way as to aid the movement? All of which are mere suggestions—bearing upon the one thing which, like the poor, is ever with us—financial problems.

FOR many years, Gamma Phi Beta has wandered along the winding way that leads through the Country of Time; and by the side of this path of pleasantness, she has erected the milestones of memory. These milestones are all very well but not particularly practical; if they were in black and white and bound in sturdy leather, they would be far better for reference. Our growth has been remarkable enough to chronicle; our achievements are worthy to be put on record; our members are distinguished enough to be read of by coming generations. Therefore let Gamma Phi Beta have her historian. The founders will be glad to give us the story and the facts of our beginning; there will be found some one in

each chapter who has been active enough in her own circle to furnish necessary data—and ere we grow older we should bend our energies toward the compilation of all such material.

TO those former presidents of Gamma Phi Beta who have given of their time and labor in the discussion of the various matters with which the sorority is concerned, we give our sincere thanks and appreciation.

QUIET in the manner of a persistent school teacher, we write upon the unsullied page of the new year the various problems that are offered you for solution. For emphasis, we read them again—Expansion, Visiting Delegate, National Scholarship Committee, Students' Aid Fund, Historian, Reserve Fund. After how many shall we write Q. E. D.?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice the corrected address of the alumnae editor, Mrs. W. J. Graham, 388 8th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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.

Instead of "chapter number" for the outside cover of the October CRESCENT, the magazine should have borne the distinction of "Insignia Number." This was not a mistake of the staff.

If the lists of associate editors and corresponding secretaries are incorrect in any particular, please notify the editor *at once*.

If any chapter has among its members, those who are prominent in any way, who are in the public eye, may we know of them? Iota has taken the initiative—who will follow?

On another page will be found a detailed account of the "Bird Almanac" by Milicent A. Hinkley and Nettie M. Sadler of Alpha and Syracuse Alumnae. This dainty and attractive volume is published by the Fine Arts Circle of the Fourth Presbyterian church in Syracuse and the price is 75 cents. The book will be a delight to each and every purchaser.

We are sorry not to print the photographs of the freshmen from several chapters. There has been no response whatever from these chapters. If, at any time the request of the editor is not approved or cannot be granted, a postal to that effect will be greatly appreciated.

CHAPTER LETTERS.



MRS. WM. J. GRAHAM, Alumnae Editor, 388 8th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham.

Next letters must be in her hands by February 1st.

I am a Gamma Phi down Brooklyn way,
Who expected chapter letters all on a certain day.
The Maidens couldn't seem to remember
The day was the very first of December;
For will you believe, those self-same notes
Were just as scarce as women's votes!
Then what was the poor editor to do
When there were only three of twenty-two?
Now the next letter day is February nine,
Won't you be good and sent me a valentine?

—L. L. G.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: So many nice things have happened to Alpha since our last letter. Our banquet, on November fifteenth, at the chapter house is still fresh in our minds. There were over ninety people present and we had a fine time getting acquainted with those who had not been back for several years. The toast list was printed in the form of an official ballot, and each class and the alumnae represented one of the leading political parties. It was a very clever idea, and we will not soon forget it. Sometime ago the girls who live in the city gave a spread to the house girls, and we all enjoyed it immensely. Last Friday night the house girls gave another spread for the whole chapter. These spreads make us much better acquainted with each other, and they are such fun.

About twelve Gamma Phis went down to the Syracuse-West Point game at West Point. They were chaperoned by the father and mother of two of the girls, and they had an exciting time because there were so many of them.

There are quite a number of Alphas who are busy in college activities, and we are proud of them. Two of the girls—Emily

Price '13, and Marion Weaver '14 have parts in the Boar's Head play "Broke". Marion Weaver has a leading part, while Emily Price is understudy for the same part, beside having a smaller one herself.

Augusta Briggs '13, designed both the costumes and the posters for "Wistaria"—a musical comedy given recently by Tambourine and Bones.

Pansy Stone '16, is manager of the freshman basketball team.

Mildred Fish '14 has just been appointed treasurer of Women's League, the organization which is putting Student Government into practice here at Syracuse.

But we are all busy, so we must not prolong our list indefinitely! We hope you all will have a very Merry Christmas, and come back to college after New Year, anxious for the mid-year examinations!

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



From left to right, top row—Ruth Weeks, Isobel Hicks, Helen Tuthill, Mary Marvin, Vivian Kerr.
Bottom row—Florence Bennie, Helen Ely, Irma Lynn, Mary Grosvenor.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: In honor of our freshmen, we gave a Hallowe'en dance at the Golf Club. The hall was trimmed with branches of autumn leaves and trailing vines, and we had Hallowe'en refreshments—doughnuts and cider. We drove out and back in the moonlight on huge drays. The party was certainly a success.

Then, on Hallowe'en, we gave a fancy dress rushing party at Lillian Brown's home. We had apples suspended from strings in all the doorways, apples in large tubs of water, in fact all the Hallowe'en stunts we could think of. Ruth Weeks, dressed as a gypsy told such marvelous fortunes that we regard her with awe

during the whole evening. Some of the time we danced but *much* of the time we ate doughnuts, apples, pop-corn, and cider.

Over the week-end of the Cornell Game, we had a house party, if such it may be termed, scattered as we were at that time. Friday evening, there was a little party at Frances Rhodes' home for the rushees and Saturday we took them to the game. The rest of the time they were very informally entertained.

Then came initiation November 23 at Isadore Thompson Scott's home. As we decided only a week beforehand to hold our initiation on the twenty-third, only a few of our alumnae were present. After the initiation ceremonies were over, we had a banquet at the East Tea Room. The table was decorated with red carnations and smilax, the toasts were not long (an excellent thing in a toast) and we had a very good time. The feature of the evening, rendered by the freshman class, was the freshman poem, composed during probation week—

Nine little Freshmen, standing in a row
Doubtful whether up or down to go.
Nine little Freshmen, standing on their chairs
All subjected to the upper-classmen's stares.
Nine little Freshmen, doubtful of their fate;
One sat down, and so there were eight.
Eight little freshmen, climbing up to heaven;
One fell from the ladder, and then there were seven.
Seven little freshmen, getting all the kicks;
One objected, and then there were but six.
Six little freshmen, only just alive;
One passed away, and then there were but five.
Five little freshmen, getting rather sore;
One ran away, and then there were but four.
Four little freshmen, but not in company;
One broke silence, and then there were three.
Three little freshmen, feeling rather blue;
One met Rex, and then there were two.
Two little freshmen, always on the run;
One fell dead and then there was one.
One little freshman, left without a mate;
What would happen if she'd follow the other eight?
Nine little freshmen, all gone away;
Now aren't you sorry you wouldn't let them play?

The day before Thanksgiving Day, we moved into our new house. The two upper floors are practically completed, except for a few minor details. The first floor and the basement are still under way.

We expect to have the finished whole when we return after the holidays; so we will begin the new year in our new house.

We wish all our sister chapters a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

PERSONALS

Dr. Jane Scherzer, who attended the convention of Collegiate Alumnae, visited Beta chapter.

Mrs. Violet Jayne Schmidt, called upon Beta chapter while attending the convention of Collegiate Alumnae.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Sarah Hardy to Edward Larabee Adams is announced.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN



From left to right—Hazel Quick, Genevieve Stump, Catherine Mount, Adelaide Rawson, Cornelia Mathews, Dorothy Steele, Winifred Douglas, Frances Lauder and Dorothy Crane.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: There were many nights before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, for we have been in the depths of mid-semester examinations. For almost two weeks a strange silence has permeated the most deeply hidden crannies of the lodge, and we have just emerged from exam-dom with light hearts and smiling faces.

And now the chapter letter is due again, and we must tell you something of our life in the past month or two.

On Saturday, October the twenty-sixth, we initiated our nine pledges, Hazel Quick, Genevieve Stump, Catherine Mount, Adelaide Rawson, Winifred Douglas, Cornelia Matthews, Dorothy Steele, Frances Lauder and Dorothy Crane. About twenty alumnae were able to attend our initiation banquet, and we were so wonderfully entertained by their tales of Gamma chapter's infancy that ten o'clock came all too soon.

Did we tell you last year about our teas? We decided to have informal teas each week so that all the girls might sew or play bridge together. These little gatherings were such a success that we have continued them this year, and each Friday afternoon, two of the girls are hostesses for the chapter. The teas are most unpretentious, and very little time is necessary for their preparation, but they are such good fun that we wonder now how we ever got along without them.

Just think! Only three weeks before the holidays, and we are rejoicing in the fact that we are to have seventeen days of vacation this year, making it possible for almost every girl to spend her Christmas at home. We surely wish the same good fortune to all of you. And Gamma sends her best wishes for a happy Yule-tide to every link in the great chain of the sisterhood.

PERSONALS

Elizabeth Perry '12, is teaching at DePere, Wisconsin.

Gladys Hayden, '12, is teaching at Hurley, Wis.

Helen Scofield '12, and Ruth Cotton, '12, are teaching at Elroy, Wis.

Marie Chamberlain, '12, is teaching at Phillips, Wis.

Florence Sayle '12, is teaching at Augusta, Wis.

Margaret Puster is teaching music at Chicago, Ill.

Edith Winslow '12, is at school in Boston, Mass., this year.

ENGAGEMENTS

Alice Ringling '12, to Roland Coerper.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls: We're green with envy! Why? Because almost all of you had your freshmen in the last CRESCENT, and we haven't ours yet. But our suspense is nearly over, for which we give due thanks. Our last party is next week and pledge day comes just too late to get the new names in this CRESCENT. However, we'll proudly introduce our new pledges to you next time.

Our first rushing party was a great success. It was held at the

home of Pauline Brant in Newton. We played games and charades in the afternoon, then just at dusk, we all went out-doors to watch the big bon-fire which Mr. Brant made for us on the hill. We sang all the songs we knew, including those memorable house party compositions. Then as the fire died down to a heap of glowing embers, we formed in line and performed a snake dance, while the moon just appearing behind the trees beamed down on us with a real Gamma Phi grin.

This year we voted not to have big spreads until the freshmen were in (please let no one think it was because we hated to wash the dishes) so every other week we've had cosy times after meeting when nice little "eats" were served. We have enjoyed these immensely, for at college we're so busy with the freshmen that we have little time to see each other.

A few weeks ago, we were fortunate in having with us Mary Shepherd, who told us of the interesting convention of sorority presidents she attended in Chicago.

Speaking of Chicago, Mabel Page Plumer, one of our fall brides who is living there at present has written us of the kindness of the Northwestern girls, and how much she enjoyed her visit with them.

We enjoy our new rooms so much, and our alumnae have kindly given us some much needed additions, so we now gaze with pride on our mission desk chair, a wonderful brass desk set, and a set of pretty dishes.

We offer our heartiest congratulations on Gamma Phi's success in her various rushing seasons, and wish you all the most prosperous and happiest New Year.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker (Marjorie Barnard, ex-'13) have returned from their wedding trip to Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Plumer (Mabel Page '12) are residing at 915 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Only those chapters who are denied the pleasures of sorority houses can fully sympathize with Epsilon in her one great desire. We are constantly aware of our many disadvantages situated as we are; the close and constant companionship, the conveniences, that real sorority life—these are what we lack. Admitting this, yet I feel sure that not a single one of us would be willing to give up her chapter life at Northwestern. Not dissatisfaction then—just regret. May it not be true that we appreciate all the more the occasions that bring us together, our weekly meetings in fraternity

hall, our fraternity spreads, and the many other social functions?

Deprived of freshmen this year, we all take turns at preparing for the weekly spreads. A committee of three girls is responsible at a time. Fraternity hall is composed of two very attractive rooms that we have furnished cosily, and there, ordinarily, our spreads are held. We always sing our good old "stand-bys", and, of course, there is always so much to talk about. Often, however, the resident girls invite us to their homes, where we are privileged to spend the evening in singing, or dancing, or doing "just as the spirit moves." Some of our happiest meetings have been at these spreads, and then, somehow, we seem to feel deepest that strong, invisible bond of sisterhood.

We thought we had five of the best new initiates this year, and were convinced of it beyond a doubt when they so delightfully entertained us at a card party, on December 7, at the home of Hazel Earl. No expense and trouble had been spared to make the afternoon enjoyable, and the time flew all too fast.

Our Christmas party is always the jolliest occasion. Beforehand, names are drawn, and gifts prepared accordingly. We gather about a tree beautifully decorated, lighted with candles, and loaded with presents from Santa Claus. One of the girls is chosen to act as distributor, and to read the bit of verse accompanying each gift, which is always a burlesque, and especially suited to the recipient.

Twice a semester we give informal dances at Country Clubs in the near vicinity.

These are most enjoyable, and made so by the co-operation of our resident alumnae. In fact, we are to be congratulated on having such alumnae—keenly interested in all that we do, and ever ready to extend a helping hand to us—we appreciate it.

Thus far only our customary functions have been mentioned; in addition, we frequently spend afternoons together with our tatting and embroidery, and, now and then, enjoy theatre parties in Chicago.

Such is our chapter life—we like it—to us it is eminently interesting and attractive.

PERSONALS

Epsilon has a new pledge, Mildred Ross of Carbondale, Ill.

Jessie Vawter, '14 led the Junior Prom on December 13, with Mr. Russell Brown, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ENGAGEMENTS

Nelle Ade, (ex-'10), has announced her engagement to Mr. James B. Rathbun, Sigma Nu, who is a graduate of Purdue.

Mildred Ross ('11), has announced her engagement to Mr. Harker A. Crow, Sigma Nu, at Northwestern.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE



MARJORIE WINGERT, Zeta

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Although we are having our first experience with sophomore pledging this year, we can introduce to you all, a new sister, Marjorie Wingert, of Dixon, Illinois, who entered the sophomore class. She was initiated November 6, at the home of Marion Jones, ex-'14.

You all probably know that none of the sororities here at Goucher have houses. All the girls of a sorority usually room on the same floor of the same hall. We Gamma Phis room on the third floor of Fensal Hall. At the end of the corridor, the sorority on that floor has what we call a "cozy corner" or "den" off of which are four rooms occupied by members of that sorority. Here we give informal teas every Wednesday afternoon from four to six. Our friend drops in for a cup of tea and a little chat. We invite city friends, other sorority and non-sorority girls and freshmen. Once a month we give up the informal type of a tea for a somewhat more formal one. Each sorority has its own rooms in the city.

In the dining room we used to have sorority tables but these have been given up because of the undemocratic spirit which they tended to create among the girls. We have several alumnae in the city and they often entertain us in their homes.

On November ninth, our alumnae gave a luncheon in Baltimore's attractive "Dutch Tea Room" to the active chapter in honor of Founders' Day. We were glad to have with us some Gamma Phis from other chapters, four from Alpha, Mrs. E. W. Gibson, ex-'83, Miss Mellie Wilmot, '89, Miss Jeanette Wilmot, '89 and Mrs. E. R. Smith, '99, and Mrs. John Watson, Epsilon, ex-'05. After the luncheon, Miss Mellie Wilmot gave a splendid toast to our four founders. We had a most pleasant time as all Gamma Phis do have when they are together.

Margaret Martsalf, ('14), was sent as the junior delegate from Goucher to the Students' Organization Conference which was held at Wells College from November seventh to eleventh.

Local Pan-Hellenic is planning an entertainment to be given by the sororities as a whole, to the faculty and students of the college, and we are looking forward with pleasure to our part in the festivities.

PERSONALS

Charlotte Romberger, Zeta ('13) and Lillias W. House, Zeta ('13) spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Margaretta Williamson, Zeta, ('13), at her home in Washington, D. C.

Matilda Omwake, Zeta ('12), of Waynesboro, Pa., visited the chapter November 9 to 11.

Elizabeth Barnes, of York, Pa., surprised the chapter by a very short visit November 24.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It seems impossible that Christmas is only a month away, and that examinations are nearly upon us! The semester has been a busy and an interesting one, and we have many happy days to look back upon.

When I last wrote, we were on the eve of a reception. That event took place on October tenth, afternoon and evening, and was attended by over nine hundred guests. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, autumn leaves and potted plants. After passing down the receiving line and meeting the nine freshmen, Mrs. Gurney, our chaperon, and a few seniors and graduates, the guests inspected the new house, and were served with refreshments in the dining room. Hostesses and guests enjoyed the affair equally well, judging from the comments. After the reception, there was an informal dance, to which our favored swains were bidden and it proved a jolly ending to a delightful day.

A very interesting event was the arrival of the Waratah team, the Australian Rugby football men. Their stay was quite protracted, and they played many interesting games with various teams in this part of the state, winning most of them, we are compelled to admit. On October twenty-eighth the chapter entertained the Kappa Sigmas and their two Waratah guests, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Prentice, at a very informal dance, where the Australians amused the assemblage by dancing in their own style, which consisted in whirling about in a very fast waltz or two-step until the partner was too dizzy to stand.

On the ninth of November the Big Game was played, between Stanford and California—a game which will descend in football annals as unique. It had rained all the week, and by Saturday the field, in spite of all efforts to improve and protect it, was a slough of mud, sprinkled about with small lakes. Within ten minutes of the start, every player was covered with mud, which rendered them almost unrecognizable, and they made a ridiculous spectacle, causing roars of laughter in the bleachers. Everyone was pretty well satisfied with the tie score of 3 to 3, which removed the necessity of a victorious serpentine in the mud.

On the third of November the Eta freshmen entertained the Phi Delta Theta freshmen at an informal party. On the thirteenth the Kappa Sigma fraternity received the entire Eta chapter at a dance, an event which, I think, was the first of its kind on the campus, and which was very much enjoyed, as fraternity dances always are.

But the greatest event for Eta was, I think, the "surprise party" given by Ora Muir, '12, to Elizabeth Bridge. Instead of being on Elizabeth, the surprise was on us, for Ora announced her engagement to Max Thelen, a graduate of the University, a brilliant young lawyer and member of the State Railroad Commission. The general rejoicing was great, and amid the feasting and fun we sang to both fiancée and fiancé, who had the courage to appear upon the scene to receive the badinage and the congratulations of all thirty girls. Mr. Thelen won the hearts of everyone by the promptness with which he paid the usual tribute of the Five Pound Box.

A particular Eta custom, of serving Sunday evening tea to the guests of any of the girls who wish to entertain their friends in that delightful way, has been enthusiastically observed all this semester, and has proved very successful in every way.

The last Eta good time was the annual Thanksgiving dinner and vaudeville, to which the alumnae are all invited. It was held on the twenty-sixth, and a jolly good time was enjoyed by the active girls and those alumnae who attended. After the turkey dinner,

several stunts were presented, among them being a gorgeous presentation of "Beauty and the Beast," and a series of tableaux representing the courtship of John Alden and Priscilla.

We are looking forward to the junior farce in which Lurita Stone has a prominent part. Eta wishes to each chapter a most pleasant and profitable New Year.

PERSONALS

Elizabeth Bridge of the class of '12, who finished her course at Columbia, is now occupying the position of Dietitian at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco.

Mabel Pierce ('06) is in Europe, where she will remain for a year. In the spring, she expects to be on the Nile.

Florence Ewing is also making a year's stay in Europe.

Mrs. W. A. Sawyer (Margaret Henderson) is engaged, with her husband, Doctor Sawyer, in original research work on the bacterium of infantile paralysis.

Gertrude Comfort, ('13), received honorable mention for her project recently submitted in the Beaux Arts competition in San Francisco.

Mrs. Rufus Fair is enjoying her week-ends spent on the ranch at Mountain View.

Rebecca McNear, ('08), is occupying the post of librarian in the Pasadena Public Library.

Penelope Murdoch, ('12), is instructor of Descriptive Geometry and Mechanical Drawing at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School.

Sarah Morgan, ('08), is head of the Mathematics Department at Fresno High School.

May Morgan, ('10), is living with her parents on a ranch near Los Angeles.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER



From left to right—Lucy Gallup, Lucia Herbert, Marie Harris, Isabelle Tully, Laurel Grimes Ruth Carson, Artie Gorsuch, Madelyn Keezer, Delphine Shader.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter that told you of the many festivities of rushing season, the most im-

portant event has been our initiation. It was held on the eighth of November at the home of Bertha Webb. Theta's enthusiasm was at its height, for we had eight pledges turned into full-fledged Gamma Phis. One of our pledges, Charline Austin was not initiated for she was compelled to stop college on account of ill health. She is now in Detroit, Michigan and we are hoping that she will be fully recuperated, so that she may be able to return next term. The ceremony of our initiation was one of the most beautiful Theta ever had. A great many alumnae from town as well as others who came to Denver solely for the purpose of attending initiation, were present and our circle numbered fifty. Just preceding initiation, we had a banquet at the Metropole Hotel in the Italian Room in honor of our pledges. About sixty enjoyed the banquet. The pledges seemed anxious for the hour to pass, that they might receive the secrets of the ideals and mysteries of Gamma Phi Beta.

Theta's dream of a lodge for so many years is rapidly approaching its realization now. We expect the completion of our home the first of the new year. How we do wish that a great many of our sisters from other chapters might attend our housewarming. All our spare moments are spent in planning the furnishings of our new lodge and we really have some good plans made.

We have started to consider our annual play and we are unusually enthusiastic this year, for we hope to raise the remaining amount which will enable us to enter our new lodge free from debt.

Every Thursday, which is our meeting day, we have entertained at luncheons for rushees, the faculty members, friends and mothers of the girls.

Theta is very proud of two of her seniors, Elizabeth Hessler who is assistant in English and Muriel Steele who is teaching French this year. Carlotta Roose '14 is assistant in chemistry and assistant editor of the annual, the *Kynewisbok*. During the Mountain and Plain Festival, held in Denver this fall, four of our girls were chosen by the faculty, as representatives of the school in merit and scholarship, to ride in automobiles in the Industrial Parade.

Theta sends her heartiest Christmas greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year to all Gamma Phi Betas.

PERSONALS

Inda B. Davis ('15), Theta who affiliated with Eta chapter this fall, has returned to her home in Denver on account of ill health. Theta girls are glad to have her with them again and wish for her speedy recovery.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE



Standing, left to right—Ruth Decker, Alice Brown, Bert Sayre.
Sitting—Alice Malleson, Elsa Berghaus, Dorothy Dean.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Could I begin with the most important thing Iota has done this year, I should tell you at once about the new members it has given the sorority. But perhaps my letter will be more unified and easier to read if I keep a little closer to chronological order.

As soon as we started in college the end of September, we found to our delight that Helen Green, Gamma, and Margaret Schmidt, Zeta, had registered in the university at Teachers' College. Helen is working for her master's degree in Chemistry, while Margaret is taking up the four year course in Household Arts. Besides having these girls at some of our meetings, we were visited by Isabel Kline, Zeta ('12), Ethel Works Kerr, (Kappa and Epsilon,) Mrs. Graham, (Alpha), Miss Russum, (Alpha), Mrs. Avery, (Theta), and many of our own alumnae, including Hazel Plate, Edna Stitt, Helen Newbold, Louise Fitz, Frances Rogers Howell, Mabel Barrett, Helen Wilkes, and Elda Fink.

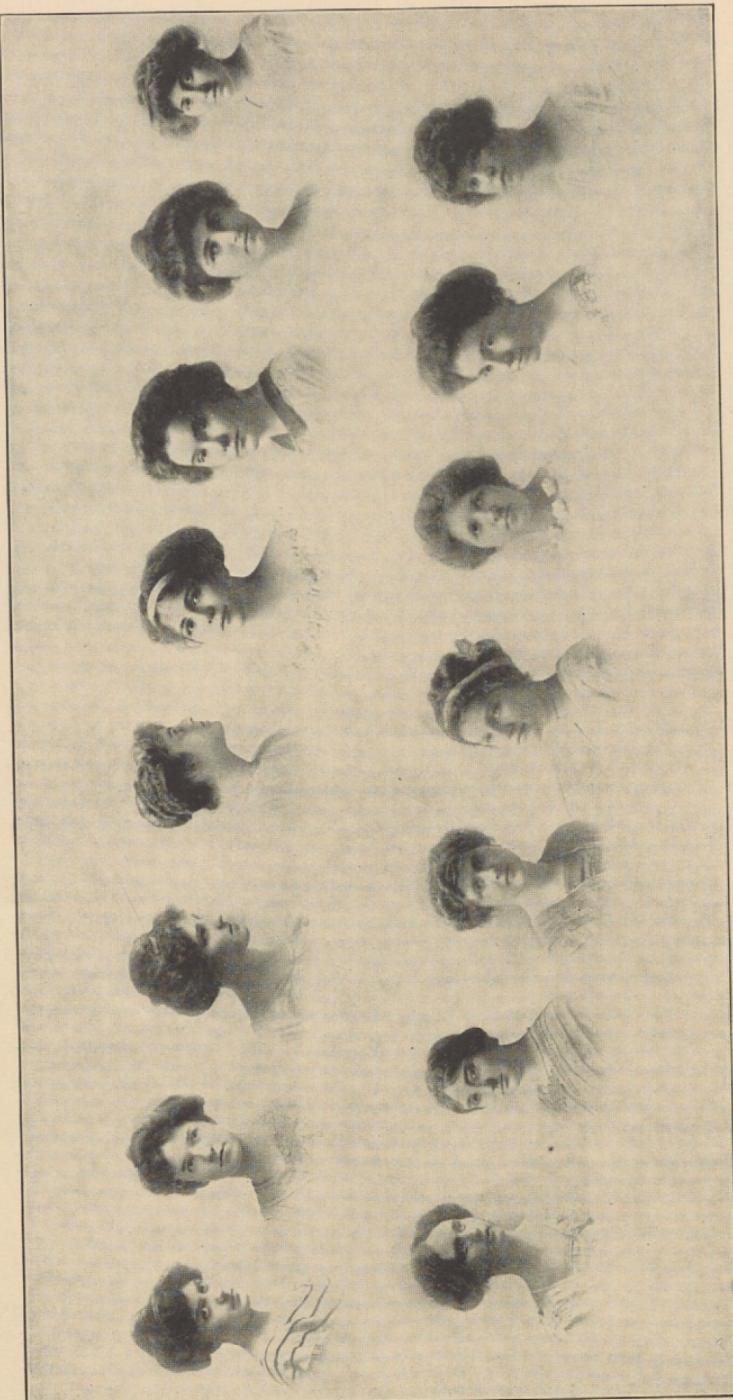
On the Fridays and Saturdays of October, each of the eight sororities was given a time for its formal, and, in fact, only party to eligible sophomores, previous to pledging them on the first Monday in November. Iota's tea, given on Saturday, October 19, at Mabel Patterson's home on the Drive, was a grand success. Knowing that formality was not conducive to any kind of acquaintance,

IOTA CHAPTER

From left to right, top row—Jean Barrick, Louise Fitz*, Louise Comes, Frances Rogers*, Mabel Barrett*, Jean Shaw, Mary Mulqueen*, Constance Shook*.

Bottom row—Varian White, Helen Boyer*, Regina O'Sullivan, Florence Rhoades, Sophie Lingg, Ethel Richardson*, Mabel Patterson.

*Graduated in June.



we decided to have games and music, which form of entertainment proved most enjoyable. We were fortunate in that a N. Y. Alumnae luncheon took place the same day, thus giving the older girls an opportunity to help us entertain. Florence Rhoades, '14, was the Iota guest at the luncheon.

Now I have arrived in due order to the opportunity of introducing to you our six new girls. They are Elsa Berghaus, Brooklyn, Alice Brown, Perth Amboy, N. J., Dorothy Dean, New York, Ruth Decker, Stony Point, N. Y., Alice Malleson, New York, and Bert Sayre, Warwick, N. Y. The initiation took place at Varian White's home in Hackensack, N. J., on Saturday afternoon, November sixteenth. The toasts given at the spread were cleverly responded to by Louise Comes, Varian White, Florence Rhoades, and Jean Barrick. Each of the initiates composed a song, the singing of which added greatly to the merriment. Perhaps you would like to hear some of them. Elsa's was the first, which was sung to the tune of "Comin' Through the Rye".

I

"If a body meet a body
Joining Gamma Phi
Need a body ask a body
For the reason why?

CHORUS

Ev'ry soph'more has her fav'rite,
None, you say, have I?
Why, I have for my favorites
All of Gamma Phi.

II

If we bodies join you bodies
Of dear Gamma Phi
O may our hearts be always true
As year by year goes by."

Alice Brown's chorus is very catchy.

"Cheer our sorority we love and esteem
Over all others she stands supreme,
Now give a long cheer, ne'er let it die
Girls cheer our Gamma Phi!"

A clever introduction of some of the girls in the chapter was in Dorothy's "spasm".

"O'er troubled *Rhoades* we'll lose our *Vari-White Comes*.
We'll *Shaw* have to rise and recite some poems.
But as in a *Barrick*, straight as a string
We'll stand, though our hearts go ting-a-*Linggg*."

While the new girls were still pledglings, we gave them their first Gamma Phi dance, which took place in the Barnard theater on the evening of November ninth. The following Monday being Founders' Day, Iota gave a tea for the pledges and all the Gamma Phis in the city who could come.

So much for news concerning our chapter alone. Barnard has been agitating the fraternity problem for some time, and both our weekly *Bulletin* and monthly *Bear* have contained many articles on the relation of fraternities to a college. A special undergraduate mass-meeting was called some time ago to see that definite action might be taken on the subject. The meeting resulted in the election of a committee of four girls, two fraternity and two non-fraternity members, to look into the case very carefully, to note the advantages and disadvantages arising from them, and to see in how far the disadvantages might be done away with, and the advantages increased. At first we trembled a little for fear that student council should decree fraternities abolished, but now we are assured that slight reform to make us less exclusive is all that the college desires. Such measures will benefit every girl in the college, be she a fraternity girl or not, and we are proud of our Alma Mater for the stand she is taking.

PERSONALS

Aurill Bishop, ('11), is teaching in the Catskills, at Stamford, N. Y.

Helen Wilkes, ('11), did not return to Philadelphia this year, but is staying at home in New York.

Mabel Patterson, ('14), spent Thanksgiving vacation at Wellesley, her Alma Mater during freshman year at college.

Louise Comes, ('13), went to Vassar for a week-end in October, when the Barnard delegates to Silver Bay were entertained there.

Alice Brown, ('13), was elected a member of the Executive Board of Brooks Hall, the Barnard Dormitory.

Florence Rhoades, ('14), is the accompanist for the Barnard glee club.

MARRIAGES

Ethel Scarlett Richardson, ('12), and George Warren Beach were married on Wednesday, November 27, at the Hotel Calumet in New York.

BIRTHS

To Helen Aigner Warner, ('09), of Montclair, N. J., a daughter, Mary Louise.

To Margaret Hart Strong, ('11), of New York, a daughter.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters: How the duties of college and sorority life do multiply, as winter comes on! As we complete each busy day and look ahead to the busy days before us, we realize more strongly than ever how we should be broadened and stimulated by all we are learning and doing. We Gamma Phis at Minnesota are striving this year with particular earnestness for high scholarship, but many college activities are also claiming our interest. You will be glad to hear that three of our seniors, Margaret Nachtrieb, Eunice McGilvra, and Constance Davis, were elected into Sigma Tau, the honorary senior girls' society, and that Margaret Nachtrieb is secretary of the senior academic class. Eunice McGilvra was also made a member of the university chorus and Enid Wilcox is treasurer of Katchuwappie, an organization of sophomore sorority girls.

We have held initiation and there are nine new Gamma Phis on the campus. Besides the six to whom we have already introduced you, there are Dorothy Jones of Duluth and Jeanne and Audrey Borden of St. Paul. After two of the football games, we received informally at the house, and, a week or so ago, we gave a little dancing party there. Now we are looking forward to the fair, which will be held at the house on the afternoons of December 6 and 7. Our alumnae have been busying themselves in preparation of it for some time, while we have all done what we could, and we hope that it will be a huge success from every standpoint.

During October, we had the great pleasure of meeting our grand president. On the last afternoon that she was with us, we received, in her honor, at the chapter house, and in the evening we had a spread for just ourselves. Miss Shepherd told us of the chapters she had visited and we asked questions to our hearts' content. It was a rare treat.

We have recently had an opportunity of welcoming Alpha Omicron Pi into the circle of sororities here.

Kappa sends love to all her sister chapters and best wishes for the strenuous weeks which lie between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

PERSONALS

Harriet Ahlers, '14, will spend the winter months in Los Angeles, California.

Grace Wilcox was obliged to leave college on account of illness and during this semester she and her sister Blanche Wilcox will be at their home in Virginia, Minnesota.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



From left to right, top row—Pearl Megrath, Viola Schwaegler, Marjory Holmes, Erna Meerscheidt, Gladys Morris, Elsie Doragh, Myrtle Reede.
Bottom row—Marie Cavaline, Kate Meacham, Gezina Thomas, Harriett Smith, Anna Baker, Marion Alexander.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This year has been one mad scramble and we were glad enough to catch our breath during the Thanksgiving holidays. We are thankful that the football season is ended with the Northwest championship safely tucked away at Washington again. We are devoutly thankful that we have so successfully escaped the clutches of those awful "cons." We are thankful for the privilege of announcing to you all the pledging of three more charming freshmen: Myrtle Rude, Irma Meerscheidt and Gezina Thomas, all of Seattle and most enthusiastic workers. Mabel Posson, a Lambda pledge, has returned from California and we are glad to welcome her back to our ranks once more. We regret that Ida McGinnis, '16, has found it necessary to leave college.

But pledges are not the only absorbing interest at Lambda. On December 6, Lovina Wilson, '13, shines as the star in "Making Good," a play that has been written, coached and staged by university talent—a Washington production. This play is produced under the direction of the Dramatic Club of which Lovina and Leah Miller, '13, are already members and to which Margaret Meany, '15, has just been elected. Women's League [Lovina Wilson is president] and Y. W. C. A. have claimed the attention of many of our girls and their earnest committee work is deserving of praise. The Hockey season has just ended. Anna Baker, '16, made a place on the freshman team. Basketball turnouts have just begun

and enthusiasm is unusually keen for that sport. Rowing for women has just been re-established at Washington and we are all eager for the season to open.

The chapter has held a series of At Homes for the various fraternities this year and as a result we feel that our freshmen have been properly started on the high road to social success in college life. On October 26, Lambda entertained with an informal tea at the chapter house. November 8, marks the date of our reception to introduce Mrs. Buell, our charming housemother, to our faculty ladies, the other housemothers, our mothers and friends. On November 16 we entertained informally in honor of our Nu guests for the Oregon-Washington game, who came not. Plans have already been completed for another informal tea to be held at the President's Mansion on December 20.

Such is Lambda's chapter life as seen from the outside of the inside life—our frolics, song fests, spreads and such like—there is little to distinguish Lambda from her sister chapters. We've an idea that a crowd of Gamma Phis are pretty much the same, whether they happen to gather on the Pacific or the Atlantic or in the Middle West.

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY



Dear Crescent: Have you ever tried to give a toast and forgotten the words? Well that is exactly how I feel now trying to tell of the home life of Mu chapter to people who haven't even seen a single chimney corner in our brown house. In the first place everyone who comes inside says it's the coziest and most cheerful place to be found on any campus, and in the second place we live on a hill. To me that sounds most wonderful because it means so many early morning tramps into the hills back of us and it gives a reason for

the splendid view we get of San Francisco Bay on a half-way clear day. But I mustn't stay outside of the house so long even if the big porches are tempting and the air is as warm as summer.

The third floor of our house has earned the title of Olympus this semester and the four goddesses dwelling therein make frequent raids upon the mortals of the second floor in search of sundry bits of stray ambrosia. One of our most exciting ventures occurred at a later hour than usual one night to the disgust of more studious members and Minerva returned triumphant to the third floor with a scant inch of chocolate in a hot chafing-dish.

But you must not think that we are always so giddy for we have had several faculty dinners this semester where the girls enjoyed very much getting into closer touch with some of their professors. Sunday evenings have been quite an opportunity for entertaining friends from other houses lately and we always have a mighty good chafing-dish supper and sit around the fireplace afterwards.

The big affair of the semester for us was our underclassmen formal dance. The girls worked and planned splendidly and the result was a glen of autumn tinted grape leaves and lavender and pink asters. The dance was a big success and a pleasure for all who were there.

As for rushing we have slowed down a good deal of course since the first of the season, but, nevertheless, have had a few dinner parties and entertained one coming freshman for a week at the house. I must speak too, of what a good reception the California chapter gave us the day of the big game. In spite of the rain and despondent weather they made the day one to be remembered by us.

Mu sends this greeting to her sister chapters.

Since Christmas comes but once a year,
Our wish is that while this one's here,
'Twill prove all golden through and through—
A very merry one to you.

Nu—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Never, it seems to me have fifteen more ardent Gamma Phi Betas come back to college than when our six seniors, five juniors and four sophomores returned to Eugene this fall.

Everything seemed in our favor from our house, "as good as new" with its retinted walls, new hard wood floors and enlarged sleeping porch, to the return of our faithful cook; so with little trouble we were entirely settled and ready for rushing before college opened. During the first week, known as rushing week, we entertained with one formal and several informal affairs. As was mentioned in the

last letter the formal was a progressive luncheon. The alumnae and upperclassmen entertained the rushees while the sophomores served. After luncheon we amused our guests with "Advertising Tableaux," that is, well known advertisements illustrated by some of the girls in costume. The rushee correctly guessing the greatest number received a prize. Two of our most enjoyable affairs during the week were, a party ending with supper at the tea room of the Hotel Osborn, and a motor ride into the country, after which the machines stopped at the chapter house where several of the girls, dressed in Japanese costume served hot tea, ginger, and rice cakes in true Japanese style while little lanterns shone and incense burned.



From left to right—Grace Lilly, Katherine Bridges, Grace McKenzie, Katherine Stanfield, Beatrice Locke, Eva Brock, Anne Taylor.

The rushing, of course was a preparation for bidding day, Saturday of the first week. Having sent out seven formal bids we were never prouder nor more joyful than when the seven very nicest freshmen on the campus came and told us they wanted to be Gamma Phis.

Having pledged them and having had enough excitement for some little time we settled down to real college work. Several of the girls are also interested in college activities. Mildred Whittlesey, a senior besides being president of the college Equal Suffrage League, is a member of the Womans' Council; Florence Cleveland also a senior, was elected president of the girl's Choral Club and president of the college Y. W. C. A.; Flora Dunham, one of our juniors, is editor of the *Oregon Monthly* and will present one of the leading

parts in the first Dramatic Club play; Catherine Carson a junior holds the position of manager of the girls' Choral Club and is on the *Monthly*. Lyle Steiwer, a sophomore, is also on the *Monthly* staff; another sophomore, Beatrice Lilly is a reporter for the college paper and one of the committee for the sophomore class hour.

On the 23d of October we initiated our pledges,—Katherine Stanfield, Grace Lilly, Anne Taylor, Grace McKenzie and Beatrice Locke of Portland, Katherine Bridges of Brownsville, and Eva Brock of Hood River. Our banquet, given at the Hotel Osburn after initiation was without doubt a very enjoyable affair. Miss Ruth Guppy of Beta, who is Dean of Women acted as toastmistress, and as we went home we realized, the freshmen for the first time and the rest of us all over again just what Gamma Phi Beta means to each and all of her members.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO



From left to right, top row—Marjorie Zumhof, Alta Taylor, Ruth Motie, Kathryn Pitcairn. Bottom row—Constance Gyde, Anne Wilmot, Edwina Yerian, Helen Pitcairn, Lorraine Rank.

Dear Girls: Since our entire time has been taken up lately in preparation for the play, "Breezy Point," which we gave November 22d, we will tell you of that first. The play was given for the benefit of the proposed Woman's Building at Idaho, and was coached by Miss Permeal French, Dean of Women. Folk dances, under the direction of Miss Stevens, Women's Physical Director, were introduced during the play. Ruth Motie, of Spokane, sang two of her usual good solos. Including the dancers, there were eighteen

of our girls in the play. We have had many requests to repeat the play, as we had a capacity house, and many were turned away.

Owing to a recent faculty ruling, which allows each fraternity and sorority only two affairs during the year, entertainments lately have been in the form of spreads, small dancing parties, and dinners at the house. Since these two parties must be informal and in the house, this ruling interferes with our plans for a formal dance to be given during the winter. Steps are being taken by the Pan-Hellenic council to have the matter reconsidered, and, in the meantime, we have been compelled to postpone our annual reception to college girls and town ladies. We are especially disappointed about the formal dance which has always been considered the prettiest dance of the year; and hope, with the support of our President and Dean of Women, we will be able to have the ruling changed.

Doctor Watson, one of the foremost ministers of Moscow, is offering a lecture course on the Bible at our house. The lectures are given every Tuesday evening, and all college girls are invited. Aside from enjoying the lectures very much, we have been able, in this way, to meet all college girls, and foster a spirit of friendliness.

We are very proud of the honors which have fallen to Gamma Phi Beta this year. Ruth Motie, ('16), has appeared in Assembly, and has had numerous requests to sing at town affairs. With Elizabeth Soulen, ('15), who appeared in dramatic readings, she accompanied Professor Collens of the Music Department in a short concert tour this month. Edwina Yerian, ('16), and Ruth Motie, ('16), are members of the college orchestra and string quartette. Edwina Yerian is also a member of the mixed quartette, while Katherine Pitcairn, ('15), is accompanist.

Katherine Smith, ('13), and Marguerite Allen, ('14), were selected as the Idaho demonstrators at the Spokane Inter-state fair last month.

Our girls are taking an active part in the formation of a Home Economics Club in honor of Ellen M. Richards. The first meeting is to be held Tuesday, December 3, and several of our girls, who are registered in the Home Economics course, are to have places on the program.

Most of the girls will remain for Thanksgiving vacation, and many jolly stunts are being planned. There will be a house party at the Kappa Sigma house on Thanksgiving Day; a college dance is scheduled for November 29; and several smaller dancing parties and feeds will help to promote the holiday spirit.

Xi chapter sends her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PERSONALS

Maude Bonham, ex-'14, who is attending Lewiston Normal, visited Xi chapter the last of November.

Margaret Stolle, ex-'13, who is teaching at Culdesac, Idaho, spent Thanksgiving at the chapter house.

Ruth Broman, '09, has been re-elected treasurer of Latah County, Idaho.

Florence Zumhof was elected Superintendent of Shoshone County at the recent election.

CHICAGO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: Our alumnae editor wants us to tell something of the personnel of our chapter, in order that we may know each other better. To begin with there are a great many "Mrs." on the list and while the biography of the ordinary married woman does not make exciting literature as a rule, none of us are anxious to drop the title. To begin with the Smalley girls, now Mrs. Elias Bredin (Honta) and Mrs. Hayes McKinney (Alice) represent two chapters, Beta and Gamma, and they really represent three for Honta and Alice Hosmer Preble (Beta), worked like active members in the early days of Epsilon, and to them this prosperous chapter owes a great debt of love. Mrs. Koessler, (Jessie Horton), Mrs. Parker (Gertrude Bundy), Mrs. Reilly (Esther Rich), and Lillian Thompson are also names dear and familiar to Ann Arbor sisters.

Mrs. Burdis Anderson (who has contributed a lovely daughter to Gamma chapter), Mrs. Robert Corbett, (Olive Foster), Mrs. Burbank, (Caroline Clifford), Beulah Houston, are all charter members of Epsilon and also Dr. Frances Butcher, who attends Chicago Alumnae luncheons whenever her professional duties permit.

Mrs. T. L. Berry, (Grace Adele Lasher), Epsilon, who served as president of our national organization, is one of our valued members, and her niece, Mrs. Boice, (Grace Lasher).

Gamma is well represented by Mrs. H. E. Page, Miss Adah Grandy, and a host of youngsters, and so on, till a number past thirty would have to be named.

All Gamma Phis are cordially welcomed into our chapter, and those who are temporarily located in Chicago are urged to attend our monthly luncheons at the College Club rooms the first Saturday of each month. We do not want any Gamma Phi to feel lonely in Chicago.

PERSONALS

Mrs. James LeCron, (Helen Cowles, Epsilon), Cheyenne, Wyom-

ing, has a little daughter, Florence Cowles LeCron, born September 1912.

Mrs. Ensley Bent is spending the winter in Healdsburg, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Rogers have removed from Chicago to Springfield, Ill.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: We held our second meeting of the year at the chapter house, as guests of Mrs. W. W. Porter, Miss Blanche Knapp and Miss Gertrude Andrews. It was a pleasure, as always, to be back at the chapter house for a meeting and made us feel as though we were in college again.

Our next meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Huntington B. Crouse, (Florence Bailey), in Fayetteville. Everybody loves to go to Mrs. Crouse's so there was a large attendance with very little business and lots of good times.

The next gathering of "old girls" was at banquet which was held at the chapter house on November 8. There were 97 present, including active and alumnae girls. Christina McLennan, '09, was toastmistress. It was her first attempt at that sort of work but she fulfilled her duties as though "to the manner born" and took us through a very delightful toast list in a most winning way.

December 8 occurred the fourth meeting of the alumnae chapter at the home of Nettie Sadler, 907 University Avenue. This was a large, enthusiastic meeting and many plans for the betterment of Gamma Phi as a chapter, and of the alumnae meetings in particular, were discussed. Our desire is to make the gatherings so pleasant that every alumna living in Syracuse will feel badly if she misses a single meeting. We girls who go regularly feel that those who do not belong to the alumnae chapter, are missing a great deal. Certainly, we miss each and every one of them, and we all think that if they knew how attractive and pleasurable this "getting together" really is, they would manage somehow to be present, and after awhile they too would feel the same interest that we do.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Louise Bryan Burgess has moved to Toronto, Canada, from her former home in Albany.

Mrs. Delmer E. Hawkins's mother died in November.

Mrs. Max Damon, the sister of Mary Perrin, '09, died at her home in West Pittston, Pa., last July.

Mrs. Frederick D. Leete, (Nettie Fuller, '89), underwent a severe operation at Clifton Springs a few weeks ago. She is now recovering rapidly, and will soon be on her way to her new home

in Georgia. Her husband was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church last May. Bishop Leete's sister Gertrude, and two daughters, Helen and Jean, are Gamma Phis, all of Alpha.

Mrs. Laura Page Flick, with her whole family, is spending the winter in Germany.

Mildred Fulmer is taking an extended western trip, going to Calgary, Bampf, and Lake Louise.

Mrs. David Sherwood, (Olive Gordon, '11), of Canandaigua, was the guest of Mildred Fulmer at the time of the fall banquet.

Mrs. Robert Fraser, (Mary Nellis, '10), was the guest of Marian Beecher in November.

Florence Dale, Elizabeth Brooks, and Irene Baltzel came to Syracuse to attend the fall banquet.

Christina McLennan was elected president of the Syracuse Boys' Club Auxiliary this fall. The auxiliary gave an Ice Carnival at the large new skating rink, and Miss McLennan was elected Queen of the Carnival by vote of the audience.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Mildred Fulmer, ('10), to Mr. John Bloomfield Usher of New York was recently announced at a luncheon given by Marion Beecher, ('10), at her home in Highland Avenue.

MARRIAGES

Mrs. Katherine Parkhurst Wilbur, (ex-'09) was married on August 12, to Mr. Herbert Kohn of Hornell, N. Y.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Barrett, (Clara DeYoe, '08) a son.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stacey, (Hazel King, '05), in October.

BOSTON

To all Chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, Boston Alumnae Chapter sends Greetings.

News from our quarter has no need of startling headlines. We lead a quiet life, meeting regularly once a month in small numbers. (Can anyone suggest a way to draw even 25 per cent of the resident alumnae to a Saturday morning meeting?) The small numbers are large in geniality and enjoy every moment, not least the moments spent at the College Club in a post-meeting luncheon. This luncheon at the Boston College Club, whose fine and imposing club house is but a short walk from the Gamma Phi rooms, is an innovation which bids fair to have a majority vote if question of its value arises.

We are happy to have with us this year two Syracuse alumnae, Mrs. Arte Mead Bohr, and Mrs. Grace Zimmerlin Cumber. They have proved to be Gamma Phis of the finest sort. Having accorded them this high praise, let me add that they seem to be right at home and to have the best sort of a time with us.

The news of the past summer is almost too brief. One meeting, to entertain the seniors of Delta chapter, was held at the home of Mary Shepherd in Nahant. A fish dinner and a goodly gathering of Gamma Phis made a combination hard to beat which may be the reason no one attempted another entertainment.

Thus, sisters, we report activity enough to show we are alive and joyous. Here's prosperity to you all.

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are as joyful and happy over the beginning of our new year together, as are these days of fall, glorious and beautiful! We hope that everyone is as happy as we are.

Our first meeting on October 19, was such a pleasant one that we wish we could come together oftener. Helen Newbold entertained us most royally and each girl seemed to have a great deal to tell every one else.

We have some new members to introduce to you. Laura Matthews, one of our musicians has become active again after a long time away from us; Jessie Groat Richardson, has revived her interest in Gamma Phi, and has decided to join us;—Elizabeth Zangler and Emma Enright have finally found time to be frivolous with us, and think they will like us.

There were some of the girls who were embroidering guest towels, which we have heard is a sign of—well, you know—but, as luck would have it, not an unmarried girl was doing such sewing.

After our meeting, nine of us went to Mabel Patterson's home on Riverside Drive where Iota was giving the one formal rushing party of the season. There seemed to be a good impression made on all the sophomores present, for Iota pledged six very promising girls the following week.

A number of the alumnae were present at Iota's initiation and were very glad to welcome the new girls. Iota's girls are "our" girls, from the time they join the sorority, as we meet them often, and have their interests very much at heart.

Then came Founders' Day on November 11. Iota entertained all the Gamma Phis from far and near at Louise Kimball's apartment 3129 Broadway, to introduce her new initiates. We realized

again, as we always do on such occasions, that every Gamma Phi is ours, and we are theirs.

On December 7, Mrs. Palmer entertained thirty-four of us at her home on West 86th Street. We welcomed Mrs. Avery, Theta, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Knapp and Mrs. Dinsmore, Alpha, as guests, and Louise Lee, Alpha, and Helen Green, Epsilon, as new members.

Do let us extend our hand of greeting to you who come to New York at any time.

We will have a meeting on January 11, at the home of Mrs. Harson, 53 Arthur Street, Yonkers, and on March 1, at the home of Edna Stitt, 156 West 93 Street, New York. New York alumnae wishes to embody the spirit of Thanksgiving with her wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Una Winterburn Harsen, (Iota), has recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis, and is again at her home in Yonkers.

The sympathy of the chapter was extended to Emma Lowd, whose mother died at her home at 3609 Broadway, on September 14.

Ruth Elva Russum, (Alpha), spent the summer studying German phonics in Berlin. Some friends in Dresden invited her to visit them in their own home, and later took a most delightful motor trip through the Saxon Alps.

Edna Stitt, (Iota), spent the summer traveling in Norway. She has some very interesting things to tell about that country, and is very enthusiastic over the beauty of the scenery.

Florence Heermans, (Alpha), and Clara Whitmore, (Delta), marched in the suffragette parade up Fifth Avenue on November 9.

Helen Greene, (Epsilon), is instructor in chemistry at Teachers' College, while working for her master's degree at Columbia.

Annie Knapp, (Alpha), after studying a few months in Oxford, is now completing her work for a master's degree in History at Columbia.

We are very glad to welcome Isabelle White (Delta), back to the city after a long and serious illness.

Louise Lee, (Alpha), is teaching in Greenwich, Conn., and finds time to attend the alumnae meetings.

Helen Newbold, (Iota), is assisting Janet Seibert, (Iota), in the Physical Department at Barnard.

Emma Lowd, (Delta), studied for some weeks in Oxford, and, on her return to this country, was appointed principal of an Evening High School in the city.

Helen Fairchild McKelvey, (Iota), has just returned from a trip to California.

Olive Dutcher, (Iota), instructor in Biblical Literature at Mt. Holyoke, is enjoying her sabbatical year in pursuit of her Master's Degree at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia.

MILWAUKEE

On Friday, the second week in November, we had a very enjoyable luncheon, given by Mrs. Baldwin, (Lucy Churchill) at her home in West Allis. It was our first meeting of the season, and the time was very pleasantly spent in visiting together.

During the teachers' convention, which is held in Milwaukee every October, we had some of our out-of-town girls with us. On Friday of the convention week there was luncheon at the Tea shop. Carrie Morgan, Margaret Ryan, and Ruth Cottrill, all of Gamma, were our out of town guests.

Marguerite Samuels and Ann Martin (Gamma) are back in Milwaukee teaching this year.

We shall be very glad to welcome a new member to our association, in Nell Miller (Gamma) who is teaching in Milwaukee this winter.

Winifred Coon (Gamma) visited Edith McMillen Rice the first week in November. Her visit was the occasion for some pleasant little afternoons, when we visited and talked over old college days.

The Milwaukee alumnae wishes all of her sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PERSONALS

Ruth Cottrill (Gamma) visited Leonore Horan Williams in Milwaukee during the teachers' convention in November.

Margaret Ryan (Gamma) of Waukesha was in Milwaukee visiting Jean Williams Atwood for a few days during teachers' convention.

Daisy Stott Sullivan (Gamma) of Madison, Wis., visited Bernice Hunter Hoffman in October. She and her husband came to Milwaukee to attend the automobile races.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The San Francisco Alumnae chapter greets you all and knows that you are as happy in your love for one another as we are. Is it not really remarkable this bond which holds us together so closely and then reaches out to link us into the national chain?

We have had two good meetings since last you heard from us. The first was the monthly tea in September at the home of Rachel Vrooman Colby. Unfortunately for the success of this reunion—numerically speaking—it was a day when many other important

events called our members elsewhere. But what we lacked in number was repaired by the coziness and intimacy of the afternoon. We discussed Pan-Hellenic rules, the needs of the active chapter, and—shall I admit it?—just a little gossip made the afternoon pass very quickly away.

On October 19, our regular fall business meeting was held with Vida Redington Volkhardt in Berkeley. It was business of some importance which called us together that day. Afterwards we hem-stitched napkins for the chapter house, those lovely little Japanese tea napkins which seem to be the passion of the moment with us. The honored guest of the afternoon was little Frances Ambruster, the four-months old daughter of Grace Fouldes Ambruster. While stitching we lost ourselves in admiration of the new chapter house. I suppose the Eta correspondent will tell you all about it, but I can't refrain from saying how much we older people like it. It is so well built, so good and substantial, so convenient to our needs, and speaks so eloquently of the purposeful foundations beneath it that we have every right to be as proud as we are. Two of our San Francisco Alumnae were the architects, Florence Hinks and Elizabeth Austin, while Mrs. Colby acted as business manager. I am sure that Eta joins me in urging you most cordially, one and all, to come see for yourselves if what we say of this, our extraordinary house, is not true. Please do come!

BIRTHS

Cecil Harrold Dana, (Eta), has a son, Charles Harrold, born October 27.

Marin Waterhouse Pepper, (Eta), has a little daughter, born in November.

PERSONALS

Rebecca McNair, (Eta), has recently been appointed to a position in the Pasadena library.

Marguerite Campbell, (Eta), is the head librarian of the Ontario Library.

Bertha Knox, (Eta), has become an enthusiastic farmer. She has taken up some land in Mendocino county and will later number among the orchardists of the state.

Lillian Parker Allen (Eta '98), writes very interesting letters from Munich where she and her husband are spending the winter. They are making use of their valuable musical opportunities.

Elizabeth Sanderson Fryer, (Eta '97), has returned to her home in Montreal after spending a year for her health in Santa Barbara.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The heads of the Denver Gamma Phis are filled with many ideas, and so enthusiastic have we become, we hardly know where and how to begin with our plans.

Of course our greatest interest centers with that of Theta chapter around our new lodge which is so rapidly nearing completion that we have to think and plan hard about its furnishing. With both Theta and alumnae girls working toward that end we shall soon have a new home of which to be proud. And we feel even more proud to think that Theta girls, past and present, earned nearly every cent which has made the new lodge a possibility.

Our last jollification occurred, November 8, when all who could possibly attend were present at a delicious supper served in the Italian Garden of the Metropole Hotel. By feeding and treating well our eight pledges, we prepared them for the ordeal of initiation, which followed at the home of Bertha Webb, an alumna. Again, as always at initiation, the alumnae chapter was well represented, and we were glad to welcome also several girls who came from their distant homes to be with us.

Now we are once more launched upon the year's program of work and enjoyment. We have adopted a new plan with regard to our meetings this year and hope to reap from our gatherings some real benefit as well as pleasure. One meeting a month will be spent in reviewing some recent literary work, each program in charge of a committee who will enlighten the rest of us, while we work. Alternate meetings will be devoted to the discussion of several topics in which we are all deeply interested. Chief among these is the subject of expansion. The Denver girls are greatly in favor of expansion, and feel that it has become not a question of merely our pleasure in the matter, but a real necessity. We Denver girls perhaps feel our isolation more than others for our very nearest sister chapter is a thousand miles from us. Not only do we need the wholesome influence of more chapters, but we are withholding from many a worthy girl joys and privileges which we, as sisters, know exist in our sisterhood. Let us broaden out and become a greater influence in the world of sororities! Many a good field is open and ready for us. Let us not lose our opportunity!

Theta and Denver Alumnae chapters feel also the need of a visiting delegate. We look forward with eagerness to the new edition of our CRESCENT because it brings us into temporary touch with our sister chapters. But what we learn is not the vital part of your chapter life; it is past when it reaches us. What a delight it would be to know some one from each chapter, to welcome her in our life, and to hear of your plans and ideas!

We are also greatly in favor of starting a scholarship fund for worthy girls, of whom there are many attending our universities. Why should not we take our place among other sororities and do something of real worth and value?

We hope to be able to continue our charity work this winter. Plans are under way for our annual Christmas basket which is sent to some needy family in the city. This year we want to branch out into another line of charitable work. This will be in the nature of help in the Childrens' Hospital, such as assisting on mending or sewing days.

For the Friday after Christmas we are planning a reunion of all Gamma Phis who may be in Denver at that time. This meeting will be held at the home of Grace McDonough, and we are hoping to be able to greet at that time many girls who are no longer living in Denver. How we wish we might welcome some from our sister chapters and become acquainted with you all!

PERSONALS

Helen Hersey (Theta ex-'10) has returned to New York where she will resume her study of music.

Mrs. Harold W. Moore (Mary Crary, Theta), is spending the winter holidays in New York.

Marion Moore, (Theta ex-'10), daughter of Bishop Moore of Indianapolis, spent a few weeks of last month visiting relatives and friends in Denver, arriving in time to attend Theta's initiation and banquet.

Among out-of-towns sisters whom Denver Gamma Phis were glad to welcome at their initiation and banquet were Lucile Timberlake Stover (Theta '03) and Marion Van Dyne (Theta '02).

Eunice Robinson and Anne Henry, (Theta '11) spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Denver, and will come home again during the Christmas vacation.

BIRTHS

On November 6, 1912 a little daughter, Marjory, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Moore, (Ora Lee Bowman, Theta '08), 2520 Dahlia St., Denver.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Irene May Seltzer, (Theta '11), to Grant Alter of Victor, Colo., has been announced.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The chronicle of our "doings" seems much more elaborate when history is making than when your CRESCENT correspondent sits her down to collect the fragments and

spread the news to sister chapters. In fact it is remarkable to see how fast it dwindles under these circumstances. This is not because there is no news—quite the contrary—but in the search for something essentially of the Minnesota alumnae, we find merely the succession of things which delight the heart of every Gamma Phi no matter where she lives and it is such a temptation to indulge in personalities! There are, however, some things which we are accomplishing as a chapter. We have told you in previous years of our alumnae year book, have we not? These little booklets are attractively gotten up and contain the list of officers for the year, a statement of dues, a calendar of meetings and a complete alumnae directory. One of these is mailed to each alumna and in the past has proved an excellent way of interesting all the girls whether in or out of town. This year our program consists of ten regular meetings including the Christmas party at the house and the regular spring banquet.

So far we have had three meetings. The first was with the "Works girls", the next with Helen Riheldaffer Austin, and the third with Pearl Weston Hall. Each of these meetings was well attended, especially the last, and many plans have been discussed and perfected. Chiefest among them were the plans for the Gamma Phi Christmas sale which is to be held December sixth and seventh at the chapter house. For this reason it is not surprising that the meetings have taken the form of thimble bees and to see all the good looking things in the process of making is sufficient proof that the girls have been working "for fair."

It was a great pleasure to Kappa and Minnesota chapters to meet Miss Shepherd, our Grand President, who visited us during October. A tea was given at the house in her honor and Mrs. Crooker (Louise Jones, Alpha) entertained Miss Shepherd and a number of alumnae at luncheon at the Interlachen Club. This little visit of Miss Shepherd's made us all wish very keenly that it could happen oftener not only for the pleasure of coming to know our president but also for the strengthening of our feeling of unity in a national organization. There have been a number of other gala events but these we can only mention: Ethel Work's wedding, the informal teas and "open house" after the football games, and best of all initiation which you will hear about from the active girls. In closing you might be interested to hear that two of our alumnae, Cora Taney and Mary Haupt are taking part in a production of Pinero's "The Amazons", presented by the St. Paul College Club and given for the benefit of a scholarship maintained at the university by this club. Minnesota sends the best of good wishes for the New Year to all her sister chapters.

PERSONALS

Mary Bierer Albritton (Epsilon, '08), has just returned from a visit of two months in Kansas City.

Louise Jenkins (Kappa, ex-'11), made her début at a tea given by her mother, Tuesday afternoon, November twenty-sixth at her home in Minneapolis. A number of Gamma Phis assisted and a dance was given in the evening.

Julia Hoppin (Kappa, ex-'14), whose home is now in Medford, Oregon, spent several months traveling in the east visiting friends in Washington and New York. While in Minneapolis she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Keene Hoppin.

Gene Oliver, (Alpha), is to be in Chicago this winter with her mother and brother. Her address is 4701 Malden St.

Ella K. Smith, (Gamma), spent the month of October at Shell Lake, Wis. She also visited in Virginia, Minn., where she was the guest of Blanche and Grace Wilcox.

Bernice Works (Kappa and Epsilon, '05), with her mother and brother Howard, leave the first of December for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Helen Jewett (Kappa, '11), has been down from Fergus Falls visiting at the sorority house and with a number of Gamma Phis in town. While in St. Paul she was the guest of Hazel Strong (Kappa, ex-'12).

Louise Sumner (Kappa, '12), is assisting in the History Department at the university and studying for her master's degree.

Millicent Lees Hoffman (Kappa, ex-'09), spent three weeks in Chicago and St. Louis this fall.

Margaret Menzel (Kappa, ex-'13), is in Portland, Oregon, where she will remain till Christmas time. After the holidays she will spend the winter traveling through California.

Ethel Robertson (Kappa, ex-'11), is in Orlando, Florida, for the winter.

Marion Jones, (Kappa, '04), is matron of the Gamma Phi House.

MARRIAGES

Ethel Works (Kappa and Epsilon, '05), and William D. Kerr (Sigma Chi Northwestern '04 and Madison Law), were married at the bride's home in Minneapolis, Saturday, October 26. Bernice Works was her sister's maid of honor and Samuel Kerr was best man. The Epsilon Gamma Phis at the wedding were Mary Albritton from St. Paul and Laura Wilburton Shepard who came up from Winona, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr will reside in New York City.

DEATHS

The death of Mr. Charles E. Silverson, a well-known and highly esteemed business man, has called forth our readiest and sincerest sympathies for his wife, Katherine Taney Silverson (Kappa, '06), in her bereavement. Katherine has always been very close to the sorority life and for that reason this great sorrow of hers touches us all very deeply. Mr. Silverson died in New Ulm, September 21.

Minnesota Gamma Phis deeply sympathize with Edna Hilton, one of our Delta sisters, in the death of her father which occurred October 21, in Minneapolis.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson (Lydia Jensen, Kappa), on October 10, 1912, a son, Elwood Winfield.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR SEPTEMBER—*Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Circle* of Zeta Psi.

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

FOR NOVEMBER—*Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Centaur* of Alpha Kappa Kappa; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Delta Chi Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

FOR DECEMBER—*Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

The “symphony” and the “creed” which we quote should be an inspiration for the New Year:

A FRATERNITY GIRL'S SYMPHONY (Suggested by Channing's Symphony)

To live constantly above snobbery of word or deed; to place scholarship before social obligations, and character before appearances; to be in the best sense, democratic rather than exclusive, and lovable rather than popular; to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; to be womanly always; to be discouraged never; in a word to be loyal under any circumstances to my fraternity and her teachings and to have her welfare ever at heart, that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which is no discordant note.—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

MY CREED

Howard Arnold Walter

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave for there is much to dare;
I would be friend of all—the foe—the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and love, and lift.

—(Copied from the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*.)

Quoted by the *Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

Quoted in *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

In regard to the ever present subject of scholarship:

Besides attempting to compel their members to be good students the fraternities also stimulate their scholastic ambitions by the offer of prizes and material assistance. Alumnae associations of A Φ maintain a loan fund for the benefit of their members at Boston University, and scholarships for their girls at Syracuse and the Woman's College of Baltimore. At the University of Wisconsin the A Φ alumnae provided a silver loving cup, which is held each year by the freshman member of the chapter who makes the best grades. Alumnae associations of Π Β Φ maintain a scholarship at Kansas University and a loan fund at Swarthmore. K K Γ, at the University of Pennsylvania, gives an annual prize for excellence in biology; the same fraternity and K A Θ have established funds which are eventually to be converted into scholarships for their members. And several years ago Π Β Φ established for its members one graduate and two undergraduate fellowships.—Value of Girls' Fraternities in Ladies' Home Journal. Quoted in *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

And also:

Nevertheless, the problem of scholarship is a serious one, and most certainly "THE" question confronting the college fraternity today and we cannot afford to ignore it. If you wish to know the dominating phases of college life, just read the chapter letters. As a rule, athletics, society, theatricals, glee clubs, and every activity, except scholarship, permeates the chapter letter. This indicates the activities which are most interesting to the college student. But we believe the foregoing conditions exist mostly in the larger colleges and state universities—while in the smaller colleges, debating, oratory, scholastic attainments are the most important functions. We believe every college activity has its place—and it would be unreasonable to expect an athlete to be a grind—and equally exacting to have your orator the hero of the gridiron—though we know of several instances where such a fact was true. We feel that the members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon owe a duty to the college

of lagging behind. The active girl is valuable to the fraternity, *but the earnest, willing alumna is indispensable.* The active girls will all be alumnae some day, else I dare not say that. To be this kind of an alumna calls only for a modern adaptation of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Keep your lamp of Alpha Chi Omega full of the oil of enthusiasm. This little domestic duty means an effort on the part of every alumna girl, for life sometimes seems to resolve itself into a fire department, the more effectively to quench our enthusiasm. But keep the lamps burning! They mean the spirit of youth, and that light we can carry with us even into the darkness of old age.—*Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

Those who are reading the articles in the *Century* upon sororities will be interested in the list of questions which that magazine in quest of material sent to sorority editors:

1. In the latest edition (1911) of *The Sorority Hand-book*, the following claims are made for the college sororities:

"By taking its members out of the crowd and making each a distinct unit in a small group, the sorority is able to foster individuality. . . . By emphasizing and developing these requisites for leadership—(self-confidence, self-control, self-sacrifice), by providing innumerable opportunities for the practical application of the same, the sorority is supplementing the work of the college and rendering a special service to society."

"Very valuable, indeed, is the business training that comes during association in the chapter in undergraduate days or from service in the national organization after the college course is ended."

"Another opportunity that the sorority opens to its members . . . is the chance it gives them . . . to get a wide outlook over the entire field of collegiate education."

"Instead of being an undesirable thing, . . . the clique, as established by the sorority, is a most salutary arrangement for grouping girls into congenial coteries. Promiscuous friendships, though democratic, are dangerous."

"Furthermore, in taking a girl out of the crowd and making her a permanent member of a small group, the sorority is rendering her an inestimable service. . . . The sorority, by demanding the same virtues as the family, makes the break between home and college and later between college and home almost imperceptible."

"Whatever the line of service to which she may consecrate herself, the sorority girl will always be a success. . . . In addition to the stores of knowledge acquired through years of study . . . she will have gained through the discipline of the chapter both wisdom and understanding."

1. Would your experience of sorority women tend to substantiate these claims? Give concrete instances, if possible.
2. What other benefits, advantages, or opportunities have you observed that are traceable to sorority membership? Illustrate, if possible.
3. Have you noticed that the sorority lessens a tendency to overvalue the alma mater at the expense of other institutions of the same grade?
4. Have you observed any bad effect upon character due to the sorority—such as snobbishness, sportiness, a tendency to promote social life at the expense of the intellectual, or intellectual ambitions at the expense of health?
5. Have you observed within a sorority a tendency to crush individuality through the dominance of a powerful personality and a tendency on the part of weaker members to a harmful imitation of her ways.
6. Have you observed any bad effects upon the life of an institution due to sorority politics, rivalries, and jealousies? Illustrate.
7. In cases where a teacher and a student are members of the same sorority, have you observed any bad effects in their relations because of favoritism or a conscientious avoidance of it?
8. What is the effect of the sorority upon the students who do not become members? Give concrete instances.
9. At sorority banquets and meetings of various sorts, what type of reminiscences predominates in the speeches? What ideals of college life are held up?
10. Should you consider it advisable or feasible to regulate the sororities? How?
11. Have you any further comments, favorable or unfavorable, upon the sorority as an institution? Illustrate, if possible.
12. Will you add the names and addresses of women (members or not members) whose experience would make their views especially interesting and valuable?

Concerning the freshman:

I believe that every freshman should immediately set about entering upon some activity, outside of her class-room and fraternity. The choice of the activity should depend upon her inclination and aptitude. If she is fond of music, she should try for the glee club; if she enjoys basketball, let her go out for the team, and go intending to win out. Mixing with other students is absolutely essential to one's development. Most girls find room for two or three activities, but to go beyond that, and to really make your presence felt in all of them, takes one of those wonderful and wonderfully scarce

individuals who occur just often enough to keep us from getting too conceited.—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

The "care of the freshmen" does not cease upon the night of the initiation; the fraternity has not done its full duty by them in simply admitting them to the mysteries and fellowship of the order, admirable as these may be. The freshmen will be to a large extent just what the chapter makes them; older students often fail to realize to how great an extent they serve as models for those who are younger.

It is not a question of precept but of practice; it is time wasted for the juniors and seniors to preach studiousness unless they themselves are reasonably studious. It is not a question of methods but a question of attitude. The honor system in our colleges is not constructed out of rules and regulations, but consists in the attitude of the student body toward cheating on examinations. If this is right, rules are unnecessary. Likewise if the chapter establishes an atmosphere of regularity and studiousness, it will not have much trouble getting its members to study. Rules and methods are often necessary to establish the atmosphere, and each college and each chapter will adopt such regulations as best fit the local conditions, but once the habit is built into the life of the chapter, the rules become as mere scaffolding. What is the attitude of your chapter to the college work and to the college authorities?—that is the supreme question.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Some New Year resolutions for all of us:

First: That we freshen our knowledge of fraternity history and organization.

Second: That we make a study of conditions surrounding our chapters as an aid to understanding the characters of individuals from those chapters, and the chapter life.

Third: That we establish the personal touch with new chapters.

Fourth: That we acquire personal friendships with undergraduates as well as maintain the friendships with our own associates among the alumnae.

Fifth: That we make the acquaintance of our girls through the written word wherever the opportunity is given us.

Sixth: That we establish a scrap-book as our annals.

—*To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

And also some suggestions to which the editor says *Amen!*

For the benefit of editors to come, we would lay down the Editor's Decalogue—although it has but five commandments.

- I. Thou shalt hand thy material in on time.
- II. Thou shalt write thy material legibly in ink on one side only of paper of the required size.
- III. Thou shalt notify the editor or business manager *directly* when thou dost not receive thy paper.
- IV. Thou shalt send items of alumnae interest to the alumnae editor. This shalt thou do of thine own accord.
- V. Thou shalt make thy criticisms of the magazine to the editor herself.
And if *thou* doest these things, the millennium for all editors shall soon be at hand.

Aglaia of Phi Mu.

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