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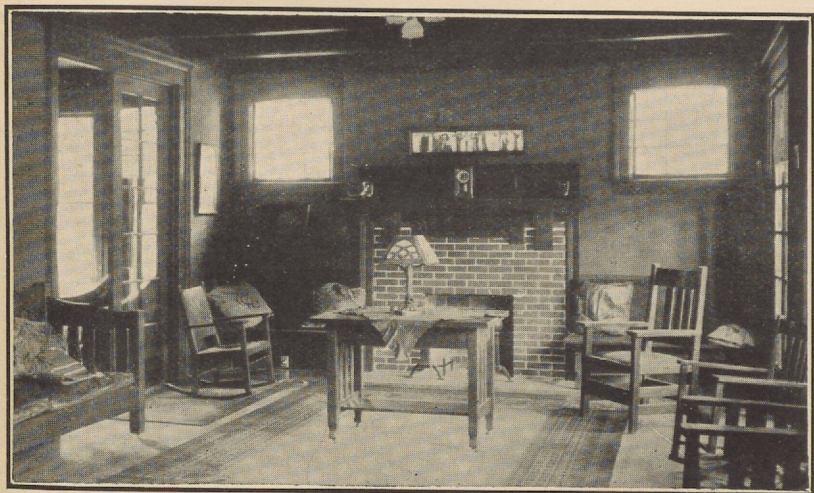
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HISTORY OF ALPHA CHAPTER

BY MAY WILSON LOVELAND

Alpha of Gamma Phi Beta was formed at Syracuse University by Frances E. Haven, E. Adeline Curtis, Mary A. Bingham and Helen M. Dodge, on the afternoon of November eleventh, 1874. These four girls held their meetings at each other's homes on Friday afternoons. The colors, light and dark brown, were chosen in honor of Doctor Brown, who helped the girls in many ways. Bishop Haven, then chancellor of the university, aided in selecting our name, while our pin was designed with the assistance of Mr. Moss and Mr. Cobb.

The University was small at that time, and as there were very few in the classes, Gamma Phi was likewise small. As the university grew however, so our sorority grew. Our first initiate was Clara Worden Wilcox.

In June, 1882, we installed another chapter, Beta, at Michigan, thus making Gamma Phi Beta a national organization. Kate

Gardner Cooke, a freshman in college at the time, was instrumental in forming this chapter.

Our first room for the use of the chapter was in the Hendricks Block, opposite the postoffice. Here the girls met every Friday afternoon from three until five, and afterwards they would have spreads and all sorts of good times with the aid of a small gas plate and a piano! In the fall of 1892 we rented our first chapter house on the hill, and with the new house came that important institution, the sophomore donation party. It was not organized all at once—the first party was in the form of a surprise on the girls. The guests met at the home of Dean French, and Dean French himself with a large parcel under his arm, headed the line which marched in upon the girls. Each person brought something for the house, and from such a beginning has come our elaborate donation party given by the sophomores each year. One has to pay admission now, and practicing begins weeks ahead! It is no longer a surprise—to the sophomores at least, though the program is jealously kept from the rest of the chapter.

Our banquets too, have changed. They were formerly simple affairs at the homes of the girls. At the fall banquet the sophomores waited on table; at the spring banquet the freshmen performed that duty. Later the banquets were held at the hotels, and finally at the chapter house.

After a few years in the first chapter house, which was rented already furnished, the girls decided to move into a larger house which they furnished themselves. When the girls first rented a chapter house, and when the college work began to take up the afternoons, chapter meetings were held Friday evenings at half past seven, as they are at the present time.

Twice again we moved—the second time, to that house in which we planned that building for which, early in May, 1911, ground was broken. Late in August we moved for the last time into a house built as we wished, and one which was our very own.

ALPHA MEMBERS

Our true history would not be complete without a mention of some of the Alpha girls who have made Gamma Phi what it is,

and who have helped to spread our fame. One member of whom we are proud is Mary Whitford, '81. For over thirty years—in fact from the time of her initiation until a few weeks ago, when a severe



GRACE SMITH RICHMOND, (Alpha)

accident kept her in the hospital, she has never missed a chapter meeting.

A Gamma Phi who is known all over our country is Grace Smith Richmond, '88; her interesting books and short stories have endeared her to us all.

Mabel Boomer Hodder, '95, is a professor at Wellesley.

In our own university we have several faculty members: Minnie Mason Beebe, '87, professor of history and French and May L. McChesney, '01, now studying abroad, and instructor in piano, are both in the College of Fine Arts. Katherine Sibley, '09, is professor of physical culture. Chancellor Haven's daughters, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Draper, and Chancellor Day's daughter Imogene Day are all Alpha Gamma Phis.

Three Alpha graduates are missionaries, and are helping the people in foreign lands; Luella Masters, '92, is in China, and Mrs. Draper, '79, and Winifred Draper are in Japan.

The Hiram Gee Fellowship in Painting has four times been taken by Gamma Phis. The first time it was ever awarded it went to Florence Haanel, since then Sarah Veeder, '96, and Bergetta K. Moran, '06, have received it, and last year it went to Hilda Grossman.

And then there are all the rest of us who are doing our best for Gamma Phi, but who have achieved nothing particularly noteworthy. Nevertheless we bend every energy toward the betterment of our own chapter and our whole sorority.

THE HISTORY OF GAMMA CHAPTER

BY CARRIE E. MORGAN ('86)

THE BEGINNING OF GAMMA CHAPTER

In the spring of 1885, the writer of this article, who was then a student at the University of Wisconsin, received a letter from Satie Satterthwaite of Beta chapter, asking if she and Leora Chase would not organize a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Wisconsin. Coming as a complete surprise, the letter was the cause of much thought and discussion. Two friends of ours, Minnie and Lena Knox, also residents of Ladies' Hall, were taken into our confidence, and together we discussed the pros and cons of the matter.

After much deliberation and the interchange of many letters between ourselves and the girls of both Alpha and Beta chapters,

we finally decided to drop the matter until the opening of the fall term and see what material the incoming freshman class should bring with it.

Now fate was indeed kind to us, for she brought us a room-mate by the name of Mary Clark. We decided that Mary looked very promising, and that our judgment was true all Gamma Phis, both past and present, will unite in saying, for what Gamma chapter would have done without this same Mary Clark, now Mrs. T. E. Brittingham of Madison, is very hard telling.

Mary had a young friend by the name of Cora Bennett, who, we decided, would make a splendid Gamma Phi, so we invited her to join our circle. To this number we added two freshmen living outside the Hall, Jessie Bell and Carrie Woolston. One other girl promised to join us later, so eight strong, we began to perfect our organization and make ready for the installation on Nov. 14, the anniversary of the founding of our order, on which date the National Convention was to be in session at Syracuse, N. Y.

With what pleasure I look back upon those days and all they meant to us, the steady sealing of the tie that bound us all together. With what interest we watched the coming mail, and how we studied the faces of the girls in the group pictures that were sent on to us; and last, but not least, with what excitement we opened the box of badges, that our would-be sisters had sent us, and when we read in the accompanying letter that we might look at one of them.

At last the fateful day came, and with it came Libbie Cornell and Grace Darling of Beta to install us. The ceremony took place in our suite of rooms on Saturday night, but we did not appear with our badges before Sunday evening.

As no one knew of our intended organization and our visitors had remained incognito, it was with some consternation that the Hall girls beheld six crescents appearing at the supper table Sunday evening. After the first excitement was over, although not a word was said, the girls all gathered in the room of the Knox girls for their customary Sunday night sing. During the next few days, however, congratulations were showered upon us by both men and

women, and very cordial notes of welcome were received from both Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma sororities.

So much for the beginning. Before the year was over we had added to our number Flora Waldo, Nell Smith and Cora Clemens, making eleven in all. Many were our good times together, and many, many were our talks and plans for the future of Gamma Phi.

The next fall the girls rented rooms on Langdon St., where they could all live together, and had as their chaperon the lady who owned the house, Mrs. Pettingill. So Gamma Phi was the first sorority in Madison to have a chapter house and many are the tales of the fun they had when living at "Petts."

II. LATER HISTORY OF GAMMA CHAPTER

It is, indeed, the irony of Fate that the logical chronicler of this tale should be away on one of her numerous trips abroad, for it is she, and she alone, who has lived in close touch with the girls from the beginning and who knows the history of each year of Gamma's existence; and not only that, but the history of each individual member of the chapter. However, I shall take advantage of her absence to say some things about her. I refer to Mrs. Mary Clark Brittingham of Madison.

Gamma lived in five different chapter houses, before it was decided to build a chapter house of its own. In the year 1904 the alumnae received a letter from Mrs. Brittingham, unfolding her plans for a chapter house for Gamma Phi and asking our assistance, financial and otherwise. To many it looked like a hazardous undertaking, but most of us knew well the executive ability and good judgment of Mrs. Brittingham, and entered into the project very gladly, giving willingly of our shekels.

Almost before we knew it, the necessary legal steps had been taken and an association formed, known as the Sorority House Association of Gamma Phi Beta, incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin. A fine lot on Sterling Court was purchased and a commodious house erected, finished on the outside in the double brown. As the house has been previously described, it will not be necessary to go into detail here; suffice it to say that the project paid, and

the skeptical as well as the confident ones received their five per cent dividends at the end of the year. This first year in the house was one of phenomenal success, for besides paying for all of their furniture and declaring a five per cent dividend, the girls took up two hundred dollars worth of stock.

The debt on the house has been gradually diminished and a half



GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE, MADISON, WIS.

lot between our house and that of Kappa Kappa Gamma purchased; consequently, no building can be erected between the two houses, and we are the proud possessors of a strip of lawn, a real luxury in Madison.

That the success of this undertaking has been largely due to Mrs. Brittingham we gladly concede, although she modestly lays the cloak of honor upon the shoulders of her husband, who so generously helped in the project, purchasing the lot for the girls and attending to other business transactions, also superintending the building of the house. In fact the advice of Mrs. Brittingham to

all Gamma Phis, seeking to build is this, "First find some business man, who is willing to advise, and then go ahead."

The stock in the company is all owned by Gamma Phis, and no one person has a monopoly, the largest amount owned by any one person being five hundred dollars worth. Thus the girls all feel that the house is their own and they take a personal interest in it.

From a chapter of eleven in 1885, they have grown to over thirty members, the largest number they ever had being thirty-eight, I believe. The girls are delightfully situated in the midst of a



CHAPTER ROOM OF GAMMA CHAPTER, WISCONSIN

group of sorority houses, their neighbors being Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, and Alpha Xi Delta. They have as their chaperon, Mrs. Mayers, a very fine woman, who has been a real mother to the girls.

As to the achievements of the girls, it seems to me that they have striven not so much for marked distinction as for all around development. They count among their number, girls who are known not only as good students, but good athletes and girls of dramatic ability. Nor has executive ability been lacking, for one of last

year's number held the presidency of about six student organizations.

For the past two years the chapter has maintained a scholarship of one hundred dollars for some worthy student in the University of Wisconsin, the same to be awarded by a committee of the faculty. As Gamma Phi has taken the lead in this sort of thing at the university, she can well be proud of the fact. The girls also have a silver loving-cup, on which is inscribed the name of the freshman having the highest rank in scholarship.

Each freshman has also a sorority mother, who looks after her interests and is her constant adviser. The matter of scholarship is closely watched and must be brought up to mark. The girls are governed by a set of house rules in addition to those of the Student Government Association. They are striving to develop into women who shall fill well their allotted places in the world.

As I look back to the beginning and think of the oft-repeated question, "Will it pay?" I can say from the bottom of my heart "It did pay," and my greatest pleasure to-day is the work that I can do for Gamma Phi Beta, for I have long ceased to think of my sorority as Gamma chapter, but as the broad national organization, whose every movement is of vital interest.

GAMMA MEMBERS

Carrie E. Morgan is the City Superintendent of Schools at Appleton, Wisconsin. Miss Morgan is at present the business manager of the CRESCENT.

Cora Bennett has been for a number of years at the head of the physics department in the East Cleveland high school. She has also shown marked talent in the art of lettering with the pen, and in illuminating symphonies.

Gertrude Ross has been for three years at the head of the English department in the East Side High School in Milwaukee. Miss Ross served as a member of the executive board of Gamma Phi Beta for a number of years, finishing her term with the Grand Presidency in 1907.

Lucy Churchill Baldwin is the present Grand Treasurer of Gamma Phi Beta.

Alice Smalley McKinney is a member of the Advisory Board.

Leora Chase Sherman is President of the Federated Clubs in the third district of Minnesota, and is also a prominent member of the Thursday Musical Club of Minneapolis.

Laura Case Sherry, who at one time played with Mansfield, is a very prominent member of the Dramatic League, Milwaukee, and has appeared in prominent parts in local plays both in Milwaukee and Madison.

Nell Perkins Dawson, whose husband is editor of the *New York World*, has charge of the book review department of this paper, and has been associated with her husband in his work for a number of years.

Lulu Jane Abercrombie has been singing in Grand Opera.

Alice Ringling, '12, began her stage career with quite a prominent part in *Kindling*, and was most successful.

HISTORY OF DELTA CHAPTER

BY LOUISE L. PUTNAM ('89)

Recent chapters whose charter members waited, in some cases years, for a Gamma Phi Beta charter will be surprised to hear that Delta not only did not wait nor even apply; she was practically offered her charter. And these same charter members of later years who studied up on sorority history before applying to Gamma Phi will be amused to learn that the charter members of Delta actually knew more about the Templars, (for some of them had studied mediaeval history,) or about the Masons and the Oddfellows (for some of their fathers belonged to these,) than they did about sororities in general or in particular.

They knew that Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi existed, for there were chapters in Boston University, but sororities were not then the prominent social element in college life that they are to-day, and the large body of non-society girls never thought of asking how many chapters these two sororities had nor if any other sororities existed elsewhere. Gamma Phi Beta, however, had not been so oblivious of Boston University, and when Emma Cushing, Alpha,

chose the spring of '87 for a visit to Auburndale, she was commissioned to start a chapter in Boston University if she found an opening. A friendly Alpha Phi introduced her to some Boston University girls and Delta chapter was born of the mutual good impressions.

The chapter was founded April 22, 1887. The charter members were Mary J. Wellington, Emma F. Loud, Minnie A. Cass, Mabel I. Dyer, Louise L. Putnam, Clara H. Whitmore, Edith L. Easterbrook and Mira L. Sanborn. They were initiated by Emma Cushing and Ella French who was sent by Alpha as a special committee, assisted by Lena Knox of Gamma who was studying at the Boston Conservatory of Music. It was a very solemn occasion; no flowers, no banquet, just the simple ritual, and that was much simpler than the one known to younger Gamma Phis.

Lizzie L. Damon was the only one added to their number that year. (For a time the meetings were all held with Mary Wellington who was boarding in town with her mother, and in the autumn when the Wellingtons had but one room, that was put at the disposal of the handful of Gamma Phis once a week even if Mrs. Wellington walked the streets during the meeting.) After the first fall initiation, this hospitality was no longer demanded, for the chapter had outgrown the room and sought larger quarters. The mothers' teas that gradually became an occasional feature in Delta's social life were not started for seven or eight years but the mothers began to earn them at once.

These modest ways of Delta's first year are only an index of the modest college life of twenty-six years ago. Our first rushing season was a good one, and proud of the six pledglings, the girls decided to hold their first freshman initiation and banquet at the Parker House. Lo and behold! the next week one of the Kappa girls remonstrated with them for their extravagance. Kappa Kappa Gamma couldn't afford to go to a hotel, she said, and she didn't see how Gamma Phi could.

Picnics and summer reunions at the girls' homes began very early though it was long years before any one dreamed of a house party. The spring banquet naturally established itself as a celebration of

Delta's founding and has always been observed as near April 22 as possible.

Steady uneventful growth marked all the early years of Delta. The few modest parties were thoroughly enjoyed for there were no pretentious ones to put them in the shade. Gamma Phi had her share of successes in the struggle of rushing and for college honors but I am glad to say she had her disappointments too. It was not always easy to hold her own against the two other sororities, one five and the other three and a half years older, and the failures did more to weld the links of friendship's chain than uninterrupted prosperity would have done. The charter members had formed a habit of founding something, and an alumnae party to the college girls in the Christmas vacation of '91 not only began a long line of happy reunions but suggested the idea of an alumnae organization for its own sake and to help the active chapter. Accordingly the Delta alumnae association was founded and had an honorable career until the establishment of alumnae chapters with full rights of representation caused the Boston alumnae chapter to take its place.

Four conventions have been held with Delta, those of '88, '93, '99 and '11. In some ways it is hard for Delta to entertain, for the college has no dormitories and most of the girls live in the suburbs. But Delta has always felt that to offset this, she could offer a city of fine hotels, the historic glories of the Hub, the beauty of the Atlantic Ocean, the charm of Puritan Salem and the revolutionary magnets of Concord and Lexington, all of which have been shown to delegates on foot, in trolley, in carriages and in automobiles, according to the fashion of the day.

There is one element in Delta's life which it is pardonable in a review of this character to mention, and that is, the high grade of scholarship attained by her members. Not for any special year or term of years has this been true but throughout the twenty-six odd years Gamma Phi has counted a long roll of brilliant students. Until the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in Boston University in 1899, there were few means of denoting scholarship save through class offices, proctors and commencement speakers and the more or less vague impressions that go abroad among the students

that certain scholars hold high rank. But after the coveted keys made their appearance in college, many Delta girls, in fact in no boastful spirit we can say, a larger proportion of Delta girls than of the other sororities were elected to Phi Beta Kappa each year.

No chapter wishes to appear too frivolous in recounting the social happenings that have gladdened its days, for every student knows that the balance between work and play must be kept steady. Without a chapter house and with no dormitories where the girls become so closely associated, Delta has not had the spontaneous social life which many chapters can enjoy. An especial effort has to be made to bring the girls together for play and the results are perhaps more appreciated. Delta's house parties have been an annual feature for many years and the pranks that are played, the songs that have been sung have passed down into history.

There is no great loss without some small gain and since a chapter house in a city as large as Boston where real estate values reach such dizzy heights is out of the question, Delta has never faced the problem of financing such an undertaking but has had to content herself with renting one or two rooms at a price equal to the rent of a small house in many cities where our chapters are located. But her quarters, humble or commodious as the changes of the seasons bring, have yearly been hospitably open to guests. We have had "Faculty teas," "At homes" to the other sororities, Christmas trees to the little "North-Enders" as well as all manner of interclass entertainments among ourselves.

Our dramatic ability has been displayed on the college boards when each chapter has taken its turn at entertainments; we have raised money through a concert for a professorship fund the graduates were raising; in fact, Gamma Phi has been represented in all the college activities, educational as well as social, throughout Delta's career. For we have always tried to make of ourselves, well developed, sanely-balanced young women, proud of our Alma Mater and our sorority, realizing that to honor one is to honor both.

DELTA MEMBERS

As regards celebrities, Delta seems to have but the short and simple annals of the poor. There are few stars, and these few would be the

last to insist that they are of the first magnitude. The great majority are comfortable family—or student—lamps, burning steadily away for the benefit of more or less grateful families and schools; but there are many—oh! so many! to whom they are the very light of life. So please read between the lines and remember that in the words of the immortal Brookline child, these too “have not been idle.”

At the head of the list, is our well beloved Grand President, Mary Endicott Shepherd (1903) for whom an introduction is unnecessary. She has been not only a most earnest and faithful worker for Gamma Phi, but she has made an exceptionally successful teacher in the Lynn Classical High School.

Perhaps Emma Lowd (1887) can best be introduced in her own words. At a Founders' Banquet the alumnae were called upon for their “lives.” A proud mother had, with perfect propriety, expatiated on the fact that she had successfully brought up three children. Emma, head of a big public school in New York, followed with the epigrammatic remark—“Minnie has been telling you she is married and has three children—I have only to say that I am not married, but have a thousand!”

Another New York girl of whom we are immensely proud is Clara Whitmore (1894) a successful and inspiring teacher whose book “Woman's Work in English Fiction” is now a recognized authority and text-book, and has been so praised by eminent authors—Howells in “The Easy Chair” among others—that modest Clara has scarcely yet forgotten to blush.

We boast but one editor in our ranks—Margaret Eaton Whiting (1898)—and she is so modest that she refuses to divulge the name of her magazine. Our only information is that it is a very good one—either pedagogical or for children—and that you mustn't talk shop to Margaret.

Next door to an editor comes the woman in journalism; of these, two have done especially good work—Elizabeth Pope Putnam (1897) club and society-lady for a big Lynn journal, (this is sandwiched in between managing a large property in real estate) and Maisie Whiting (1904) formerly on the *Leviston Journal* and now doing newspaper work in Boston. Maisie is best remembered

by those in college with her, as the author of some delightful farces published by Denison (Chicago).

No living person, with no possible exception, can tell all the things Esther Willard Bates (1906) has done, is now doing, or is likely to do. There is no doubt newspaper work is on the list, as she is one of the pillars of the Woman's Press Club in Boston. She is teaching English most successfully in the West Roxbury high school, is the author of *the* text-book on pageants ("Pageants and Pageantry"—Ginn)—and an utterly fascinating book it is to read!—is about to manage a big pageant in an old town near Boston, is prominent in school politics, and has to help her brother edit an art-journal to fill up her time! But what can you expect of a girl who had a poem published in the *Atlantic* (where she has since appeared delightfully) when she was still an undergraduate.

Another *Atlantic* contributor is Annie Jocelyn Gray (1898) who is known also by other work in various magazines. Some day there will be a book (but don't say I told you so!)

If there is any reader of the CRESCENT who has no use for nonsense and delightful foolery, let her now peep between the pages of that most fascinating book for children called "In the Miz" (Little, Brown, Boston.) and perpetrated by Grace Ward Lofberg (1897) (only she was Grace E. G. Ward then). The others know it already.

Delta seems rather to run to secretaries. Boston University possesses two of these pivotal function-axis about whom, at times, the whole organization seems to revolve. For years Helen Dame (1896) ruled over the main office of the university, making life (comparatively) easy for its overworked president and dean; then, departing to the Theological School—those Theologs were ever a lode-stone!—left behind her, Marion West (1909) who wears Helen's mantle most gracefully, and is the only possible means of reconciling us to missing the other dear familiar face. Grace Durgin (1902) is performing the same kindly function for Northfield, Louise Barbour (1902) has "sec'd" for the Baptist Missionary Board, and Marguerite Slater Bartlett (1902) before annex-

ing the last name, conducted various charitable and pedagogical organizations along a path of increasing efficiency and financial prosperity. But greatest of all our secretaries and organizers is Florence Marshall (1899) head of so many organizations that the present scribe can't remember them all. In the maze she remembers that she was wildly successful as the head of the Boston Trade School for girls—that the Mayor appointed her on one commission, that the state has sent her broad-cast over the land, and now Heaven only knows what appointment she is filling—but Heaven also knows she is filling it well.

Did anyone ever hear of a wedding-list that left no one out? Then be charitable if you or your best friend who certainly deserves a place in this list, is not there. One of those left out is Katherine Aldrich Whiting (1899) best known of course as the corresponding secretary of Boston chapter for untold ages, but also the first woman to deliver a Phi Beta Kappa poem. The above is said with bated breath, for the same claim was made for President Hazard of Wellesley and was promptly disproved. If any one "poemed" earlier than 1901 let her now speak, or else forever hold her peace. Thus endeth the first lesson!

HISTORY OF EPSILON CHAPTER

BY JESSIE VAWTER ('14)

How, when, and where are the three questions upon which all histories are based. How, when, and where Epsilon came to be must first be taken into consideration. It reads like a story—and something like this: Several years ago in the spring of 1888, two Northwestern co-eds, Caroline Clifford (Burbank) '90, and Beulah Houston, '92, were looking over *Baird's Manual*, and found an interesting article about the flourishing society of Gamma Phi Beta. Immediately the idea of obtaining a charter at Northwestern occurred to them. It was a difficult undertaking, but they were determined to win out. When the fall term of school opened, Olive Foster (Corbett), Charlotte Lyford (Boyd), and Fannie Butcher (Dr. Butcher) had joined the ranks. Caroline Clifford and Beulah

Houston then called upon Honta Smalley (Bredin) and Alice Hosmer (Preble), both of the Beta chapter. They were very cordially received, and an engagement was made for the Beta girls to visit Northwestern, and especially, the prospective Gamma Phis.

The time had come—an impression must be made. A horse and carriage were hired for the occasion, and a supper ordered for the guests. 'Tis needless to say that the impression was made. Honta Smalley wrote to the various chapters of Gamma Phi Beta in praise of the girls. In less than a week's time word came from Syracuse, "Chapter approved, proceed at once." The week of initiation Pearl Farwell, Mary Holderman, Livonia Kay and Helen Reed were pledged.

On the evening of October 13, 1888, in University Hall, in the rooms of Doctor Shepherd, two Beta and four Gamma girls introduced the nine prospectives to the hidden and secret mysteries of Gamma Phi Beta. Immediately following this ordeal, a sumptuous banquet was held at the Avenue House, and there, Ella Butters (Anderson) and Lottie Hayes were pledged. So it was that Epsilon chapter sprung into existence. A week after her installation, she held her first initiation, and Mayme Patterson and Dilla Tibbles increased the number to eleven.

Two rooms to be used for fraternity hall above Mine's book-store on Davis Street were rented and furnished by the girls themselves. Spreads were held in these rooms and at the homes of the town girls. Doctor Shepherd acted as sponsor for the sorority. Before the first anniversary of the founding of the chapter, Zulla Fuller had been initiated, while Edith Chappell, Ida Randall, Helen Brown, and Jessie Wilder were pledged. It was a year of good, solid, hard work, and a creditable chapter had been added to Gamma Phi Beta.

To Honta Smalley (Bredin), who was active with the chapter that first year, and who ceaselessly and untiringly worked with it for thirteen years, is due in large part the success and advancement of Epsilon. All who are fortunate enough to know her now, realize that she still has the keenest interest in Gamma Phi Beta.

Literary work was begun in the spring term, and the study of American essayists and poets was taken up. A program was made out with a date and topic assigned to each girl. Myrtle Lyford, sister of Charlotte Lyford, a charter member, was elected by the freshman class to represent it at the declamation contest, and this was considered quite an honor.

The fall rushing of 1889 was the most successful of any sorority at Northwestern. Initiation and the first Founders' Banquet were held the same evening at the Avenue House. The National Convention was held in Evanston on November 6, 7, and 8, and because of the lack of accommodation, members of other sororities kindly helped entertain the delegates at their homes. Mamie Patterson gave the toast for Epsilon at the banquet.

In the fall of 1890 Gamma Phi secured three pledges, and initiated them on October 13. Marie Holderman and Livonia Kay were elected as delegates to convention. The sorority steadily progressed between the years 1891 and 1892, and there was the most earnest work along literary lines. For the spring banquet of 1892 a prize was offered to the member who showed her faithfulness in the literary work of the fraternity by giving the best extemporaneous speech, and the alumnae acted as judges. The prize, which consisted of a Gamma Phi stick-pin, was awarded to Bessie Larrabee.

Eleven of the old girls returned in the fall of 1893, and they were successful in pledging seven splendid girls. The faculty of the university provided rooms for all the sororities in the Women's Hall, and Gamma Phi was allotted two of the best.

The twentieth annual convention of 1894 was held in Evanston, and was one of the most successful in the entire history of the sorority. Jessie Wilder was president, and Mrs. Carrie Burbank was toastmistress of the convention. Clara Eckert gave the Epsilon toast. The visiting delegates were treated royally, and were entertained at a number of receptions in their honor, to which all fraternity men and sorority women were invited. Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Phi each gave an elaborate "at home" to the visitors. Informal parties were enjoyed throughout the year, and the one

formal just after Lent. In June the four seniors were graduated, and Clara Eckert, who had in her junior year taken one of the leading parts in the play given by that class, now, won for herself a hundred dollar prize in political economy.

The fall of 1895 brought eleven girls back to a rushing season harder than any previous one. However, five girls were pledged and initiated. Jessie Ross, May Peterson, and Grace Lasher were elected as delegates to the twenty-first annual convention held at Syracuse. Jessie Ross headed the list of honors for the year by being chosen for the Conzdon Oratorical Contest. On the seventh of October, Pearl Farwell, one of our founders died, and the news came as a great shock to the sorority.

The year 1896-1897 was one of the most prosperous in the life of the chapter. Gamma Phi with her seventeen members was the largest sorority at Northwestern, and the girls ranked high in both scholarship and society. Florence Patterson was Epsilon's delegate to the convention at Baltimore. For the literary exercises each week there was a book review given, consisting of a general outline of a modern novel, and the comments and criticisms of it by prominent men.

The social functions of the chapter were important events in college circles. At this time Gamma Phi was the only sorority possessing a house, and it proved very advantageous during rushing.

The eighth annual Pan-Hellenic promenade, given by the five leading fraternities of the university, was led by Grace Adele Lasher (Berry) and Mr. Ernest Buchard of Phi Kappa Psi. The junior play, one of the most brilliant social affairs, owed its tremendous success in large part to Gamma Phis. Out of four girls in the cast, two Gamma Phis, Louise White and May Peterson, took the leading part and the title role. Gamma Phi was also well represented on the *Syllabus* board. This splendid year was concluded with the usual spring banquet, and May Peterson acted as toastmistress.

Marie Bennett, Louise White, and Ruth Phillippi were our delegates to the convention at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1897. Ruth Phillippi was again delegate at convention the following year. After the new dormitories had been built, the faculty compelled the soror-

ity girls to live in them. In this year the girls took up the study of the art and artists of Italy, France, Germany, and England. Two of the girls went to Chicago every Saturday morning to teach sewing at the Northwestern settlement. Ruth Phillippi was graduated in June, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The year 1899-1900 was a year of good earnest work and few social affairs. Mabel Johnson was elected Epsilon's delegate to the convention at Boston. The literary work of the chapter was a continuation of the study of artists and their works. Marie Bennett led the Pan-Hellenic prom at the Country Club. Imogene Kean who was honored by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa was the only senior and graduate of the year.

The fall of 1900 brought with it the hardest rushing that Epsilon had ever experienced, but the results were very favorable, and five girls were added to the chapter. The convention of this year was again held at Evanston, and about forty-five delegates and visitors were present. The dean of Woman's Hall, Mrs. Martha Foote, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi assisted in the entertainment of the guests.

At the convention at Baltimore in the fall of 1901, Harriet Durham was the Epsilon delegate. Informal dances were given through the year and as usual, the one formal party came off in the spring.

The next year all but three returned, and pledged six freshmen. At the customary "frat Christmas," gifts were presented to the fraternity rooms. In June, 1903, the Chicago alumnae entertained Epsilon at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Preble. The annual spring banquet was held in the same month at the Wellington Hotel in Chicago, and the Chicago alumnae were invited.

In the fall of 1903, five new girls were pledged and initiated, and an informal dancing party was given to introduce them into college society. With the kind help of the ever loyal alumnae, a new piano was bought for fraternity hall. Sidney Hall was our delegate to convention. During the year many spreads and social gatherings were held at the rooms of the girls and at the homes of those living in town. The Sunday night gatherings at the home of Ethel and

Bernice Works, where the pleasures of a grate fire and chafing dish were enjoyed, were perhaps the most memorable.

All of the girls returned to school in September, 1904. At the Pan-Hellenic prom of that year the majority of the chapter were present. Gamma Phi, later, opened a series of formal parties with a dance at the Evanston Country Club, where other sororities were her guests. Maude Martin, the one senior, was graduated in June, and brought honor to herself and to Gamma Phi by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The year 1905-1906 was another splendid one in our history. The chapter numbered eighteen, and Gamma Phi stood first among sororities in scholarship. The new local Pan-Hellenic rules in that year made it impossible to pledge before four weeks. Alice Lyons and Laura Wilberton were our delegates to convention that fall. And the girls were well represented in college activities. Sarah Shute was president of the junior class, Laura McCarty was vice-president of the sophomore class, and one of the girls was a member of the *Syllabus* board. The chapter rooms were re-decorated and refurnished, and were now ever so much more attractive. The junior class staged "Follies" that year, and Sarah Shute took one of the principal parts.

The convention of 1906 was held at Seattle, and Laura McCarty was sent as delegate. Profiting by the examples of other chapters, it was decided to choose a "frat-mother" from the upper class girls to look after and advise each new girl. The usual formal party and banquet were given in the spring. The girls continued in settlement work, and Helen Cowles and Matilda Gage were Gamma Phi delegates to the settlement association. Persis Rollins was Epsilon's delegate to the 1907 convention.

Beginning with the school year 1908, freshmen could not be initiated until second semester. Seven energetic and enthusiastic girls were made Gamma Phis on February 17, 1909. The Pan-Hellenic prom which was the last given at Northwestern was led by Adele Goble (Mrs. Fred Coleman).

The year 1909-1910 was Epsilon's banner year for new girls—fifteen were initiated, seven in November, and eight in February.



AILEEN CLEVELAND HIGGINS, (Epsilon)

Eleven girls were initiated in the year 1910-1911. Edna Luke, the one senior, was graduated in June of that year, with honor both to herself and to Gamma Phi as she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Zita Murphy took one of the principal roles in the junior play, "The College Widow," and because of her wonderful ability in that line, was elected to the Northwestern Dramatic Club. She was vice-president of her junior class, and was a splendid "mixer" in general college affairs.

Those who were fortunate enough to be in the chapter when it was so royally entertained at a house party in May, 1911, by the Gamma chapter will never forget it.

Three delegates went to convention at Boston in the fall of 1911, Laura Hall, Carolyn McCarty, and Marguerite Robinson.

This year, Gamma Phi, as usual, was well represented in student affairs. Klea Cozzens was elected vice-president of her sophomore class; Florence Hildebrand was chairman of the social committee of the same class for the whole year; and L. Louise Wheeler was president of the junior class in music school. Laura Hall contributed stories to the *Northwestern Magazine*, and won first prize in a short story contest conducted in that publication. Zita Murphy made a tremendous "hit" when she played leading role in George Ade's "Father and the Boys," given by the dramatic club at the Ravinia Theatre in the spring of 1912. We deeply regretted when we gave up our five seniors, Zita Murphy, Laura Hall, Carolyn McCarty, Ruth Eastman and Mildred Ross. The spring banquet, as for the year preceding, was given at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago.

This last fall, 1912, fifteen girls returned to start the first year of sophomore pledging. We are proud to say that we secured five "star" girls and have recently pledged a sixth. Early in the semester some of the girls were entertained at a house party given by Ardis and Nell Ade and Mabel Sell at the Ade home in Kentland, Indiana. Junior prom on December 13, 1912 was led by Jessie Vawter and Mr. Russel Brown of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Dorothy Winchell and Klea Cozzens are our representatives to the

local Pan-Hellenic; and Florence Hildebrand and Jessie Vawter are the Gamma Phi members of the intersorority sorority, Sigma Sigma. Three of our girls will be graduated in June, L. Louise Wheeler, Mary Richardson and Dorothy Winchell, and we grieve to see them go.

Epsilon of Gamma Phi Beta is almost twenty-six years old, and she has on her membership roll the names of one hundred and seventy-seven members. Fortune has favored her, and she ranks among the leading sororities of Northwestern. We feel it a great privilege to be able to know Mrs. Corlett (Olive Foster), Mrs. Anderson (Ella Butters), and Mrs. Burbank (Caroline Clifford), who were three of our charter members. Our alumnae living in Evanston have been very kind to open their homes to us and to help us in every way. We congratulate ourselves on being members of Epsilon, and we are proud of her founders and of those girls, who, through the twenty-six years, have made her what she is to-day.

EPSILON MEMBERS

From time to time Aileen Cleveland Higgins's (Sinclair) charming and fanciful verses have appeared in the leading magazines. "A Little Princess of Tonopah," "A Little Princess of the Pines" and several others have appeared in book form, while "Dream Blocks" has been issued in most attractive dress. Mrs. Sinclair has been signally honored by admission to the Lyceum Club—an international organization to which only women who have done original work of high standard in literature or the other arts are eligible. The club membership includes the names of Lady Balfour, Alice Hegan Rice, Jane Addams, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Edith Wharton, Princess Karadja, Anne Warner and Alice Meynell and has the largest club house in London on Picadilly with branches in Berlin, Paris and Florence.

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HISTORY OF ZETA CHAPTER

BY MARY T. MC CURLEY ('10)

The following extract from "History of Zeta of Gamma Phi Beta 1893-94" written by Nellie Powell will give us an idea of the first days of the chapter:

"We shall never forget those first letters from Syracuse inviting us to start a chapter here nor that first meeting of five of us. How stiff and formal we were; on the one hand how enthusiastic, on the other how doubtful of our ability to carry through such a great undertaking. We all had friends in Gamma Phi and were anxious to become members of that dear sorority, but the difficulties in our way often drove us almost to despair. After much discussion we decided to become Gamma Phi's babies and proudly shared our secret with two others whom we had chosen. . . . On the evening of November 24, 1893 we submitted to the terrors of initiation and were warmly welcomed into the circle of Gamma Phi Beta. I am sure that we shall always find in our hearts a very tender feeling for Miss Budd and Miss Worster, Alpha, the first of our dear sisters to give us the kiss of welcome and the grip of friendship."

The seven whose names every Zeta girl knows and for whom we have the deepest admiration are Nellie Powell, Margaret Brownell (Powell), Ada Bawden (McMurtie), Olivia Harper (Medders), Anna Palmer, May Palmer and Charlotte Yocum (Rice). They keenly realized their responsibilities and put forth every effort to live up to the ideals which had been placed before them at initiation. They took their sorority life very seriously and would not have permitted, during the meetings, any of those frivolities which once in a while will creep in these latter days. In June they held their first banquet—a very informal affair—but as greatly enjoyed as any dignified one of more recent date.

The next fall, on the anniversary of the establishment of the chapter, the first initiation was held and seven were added to the circle. With the size of the chapter doubled, Zeta felt equal to any undertaking and began to plan some entertainment for the whole college. This took the form, in the fall of '95, of a play written by an Alpha Gamma Phi.

The following year, Zeta entertained the convention. The chap-

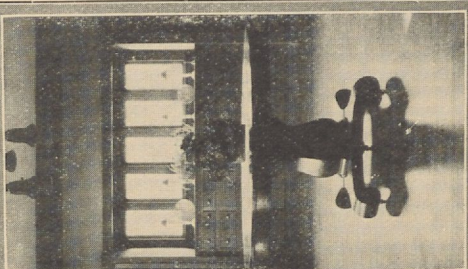
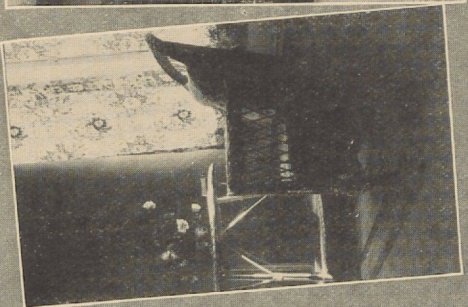
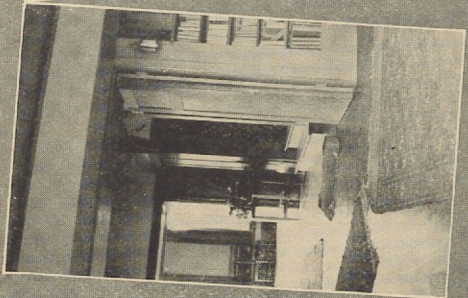
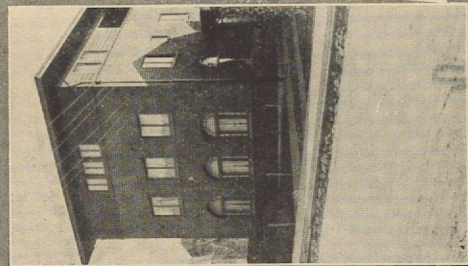
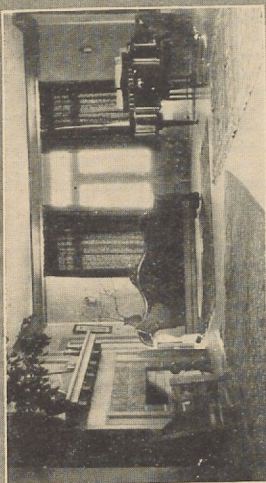
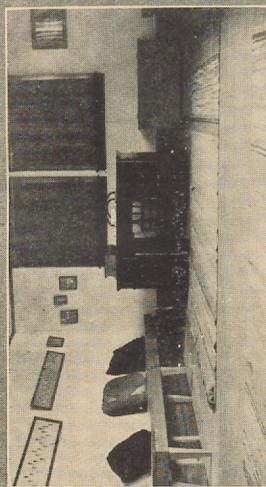
ter realized then for the first time the strength and influence of Gamma Phi Beta and each member resolved anew to make Zeta worthy of the trust which reposed in her. Five years later the convention again met in Baltimore and once more Zeta felt honored to have a share in the privileges and love of Gamma Phi. "The Convention" is the event of most interest and the one longest to be remembered by every Zeta girl who was in Gamma Phi at that time. It is no wonder that the present chapter members are looking forward eagerly to the day when they will be hostesses to the Gamma Phis "in convention assembled."

Zeta's first chapter room was one loaned by the college authorities in the Music Annex. All the sororities were in this building and it was very amusing when two of them at the same time, started the same tune to different words. About 1898 the college needed the building and so the chapters were forced to find a shelter elsewhere. It was at this time that Miss Nellie Wilmot and later Miss Jeannette Wilmot, Alpha, came to live in Baltimore. They promptly showed the Gamma Phi spirit and their home soon became the meeting place for Zeta chapter. Though we were entitled only to a part of the third floor they always put the whole house at our disposal, especially at initiation time and nothing that would help Zeta has ever been too much trouble for them. Lizzie, the family servant—an old southern ducky, knew each Gamma Phi by name and always had a most hearty welcome for every new member. In 1908 the Misses Wilmot gave up house-keeping and Zeta was left without a home. Since then our chapter room has been in the houses of strangers. Recently it has been refurnished and we are well pleased with the result.

After having twice entertained the convention Zeta determined to venture into literary lines. At the convention of 1903 she asked and was granted the privilege of editing the CRESCENT for two years. Anna Dimmick, 1899, was appointed editor and later when the magazine was taken over by the national sorority she was asked to continue her work. This she did successfully until 1910 when the press of other duties forced her to resign.

Unlike most of her sister chapters Zeta has always been affiliated

ETAS' NEW HOME



Exterior of Eta House

Chapter House

Hall and Dining Room from Living Room

Living Room
Corner of Tea Room

Dining Room

with a local Pan-Hellenic organization. At first it was not designated by that name but in the minutes of the meetings of '94 references are made to a contract, drawn up and signed by all the sororities, which determined the pledging day. Various schemes of rushing have been tried at Goucher but the ideal way is still being sought. For six or seven years Zeta girls have urged sophomore pledging and two years ago called a meeting of all the sorority girls in college to discuss the question. Though the motion was lost then, it was passed last spring and Zeta is having her first experience in no freshman pledging. She, with the other sororities, is working to establish a sane relationship between sorority girls and freshmen.

It is impossible to tell of all the college honors which have come to Gamma Phis at Goucher. There have been in the nineteen years of her existence one hundred and thirty-six members of Zeta chapter. Some of the very dearest and best of these never held college offices—never sought them—but were content to help their sisters to prominence and to do the work for the sorority for which those in public office cannot find time. Among the office holders however there have been Student Government, Y. W. C. A. and many class presidents, editors and business managers of *Donnybrook Fair* and *Kalends*, the college publications, and a host of minor officers. Gamma Phi has always been well represented in the musical clubs and college dramatics and several have won their G for basketball and tennis. Phi Beta Kappa was established at Baltimore in 1905 and among the few alumnae honored by election was Margaret Brownell Powell, a Zeta charter member. Since then two more Gamma Phis have achieved this honor.

In reviewing the years since 1893 we find nothing that will put Zeta chapter on the scroll of fame. However, we have had more than our share of honors and successes, few disappointments and failures and have enjoyed a period of normal growth and prosperity. Ever mindful of the privileges which Gamma Phi brings each one of us, we hope that our chapter may always strive to attain the highest and best.

HISTORY OF ETA CHAPTER

Many years ago, when the University of California was not the large college of the present day, there was but one sorority represented in the community. Some enthusiastic members of the class of '95 thought there was room for another, and began discussing the matter. Various Greek letter men of the faculty were interviewed, and it was deemed best to organize a local society first; accordingly Tau Delta appeared on the campus, November 28, 1893.

We were still in doubt to what national sorority to appeal, but a recent graduate of Michigan, who had joined the faculty, said so many and such fine things about Gamma Phi Beta that we felt we wanted that organization most decidedly. Those were days when the West was a long way from the East, and expansion was frowned upon by the older chapters. Such letters as were written by our friends in the faculty showed we were no ordinary group of girls and we sent an application for a charter to convention. Great was our rejoicing when a telegram announced that Eta of Gamma Phi Beta was to be established at Berkeley, and on April 29, 1894, three Beta Girls who lived at San Jose and a Delta girl who lived at San Francisco initiated the new chapter.

Tau Delta had grown in its few months of existence and there were eleven charter members of Eta. Up to this time, we had meetings at the homes of various members but after we were really a Greek letter society, a room was rented, and we went there for meetings and luncheons and jolly good times. Next a scheme was tried of having a chapter room in a house where some of the girls lived and this lasted till there were enough girls to have a regular chapter house. Now we are truly proud of the new home which was really planned and built just the way we wanted it, thanks to two of our own Gamma Phi architects.

Eta has grown and prospered. The charter members are usually represented at the various functions, and enjoy, with the younger members, all the good times.

ETA MEMBERS

Mrs. William E. Colby (Rachel Vrooman, '95) is now chairman of the Legislature Committee of the California Civic League. She

has been state chairman of education of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and secretary of Alameda District. She is assisting in the translation of German books, and is preparing for the Carnegie Institute an article on Mining Law.

Francis Gearhart, '00, has gained distinction as an artist. She has exhibited her works in Los Angeles, in Fresno, in Oakland and in Berkeley.

Dr. Veda Redington Volkhardt, '95, was for several years on the staff at the University of California Infirmary.

Mrs. W. A. Sawyer (Margaret Henderson, '04) is known as a bacteriologist. She is assisting her husband, Doctor Sawyer of the Department of Bacteriology, U. of C., in some important experiments on the bacterium of infantile paralysis.

HISTORY OF THETA CHAPTER

BY A CHARTER MEMBER

Once upon a time—as all good fairy stories begin, only this isn't a fairy story—there flourished in the University of Denver a band of extraordinary maidens who called themselves the Alpha Iotas. Alpha Iota lived with its head in the clouds, not necessarily because it was in the vicinity of Pike's Peak but for the reason of the very superiority mentioned above. Alpha Iota claimed its own ritual, its own book of songs, and boasted many followers won from the national sorority that was its rival; its members shone resplendent in pins that bore as emblems the laurel wreath of victory, the lamp of knowledge (sometimes mistaken by the uninitiated for a gravy bowl) and the mysterious letters Phi Kappa Sigma. These same members were—figuratively speaking—joined together with the bonds of cherry and tan (in spite of the fact that cherry was vastly unbecoming to the red-headed members). In lusty volume of song they proclaimed to the outside world that the flower which they chose to honor was the marguerite—modestly adding:

“And we are like it in that we
Are veritable daisies.”

Finally, in order that the freshmen might be taught self-control,

the mouse was chosen as the spirit of their devotion; and the worshippers after much experience, much Spartan endurance and much heroic suffering learned to regard the sudden advent of the frisky god without even moving an eyelash!

Each week these Alpha Iotas met in solemn conclave; continually, they reveled in the hospitable Warren home, ever open for their festivities. If there was a college celebration, Alpha Iota was to the front; if there was a spirited rushing season, Alpha Iota carried off her share of the booty; in short, the complacency of Alpha Iota in regard to its place in the college world, its brilliancy and popularity and its ability to accomplish great things has never been equalled—certainly has never been surpassed.

Time went on. Beta Theta Pi succeeded in disfiguring the third finger of the left hand of several of the alumnae and the epidemic of matrimony set in. The rest of the coterie gasped—did fate ordain that particular destiny for each and every one of them? Once again did they put forth their collective voice in the following plea, sung to the well-worn tune of Solomon Levi:

“Oh Alph’ Iota mousie, be careful what you do—

For all you know the Beta dog is running after you—

And if, by chance he catches you, just do the best you can

And mingle with the pink and blue, the cherry and the tan.”

Here it is that the indefinite third person becomes the editorial we. We woke to the progressiveness of the age and decided that we must become national. ’Twas sad indeed to localize such talent and such gifts as fate had showered upon us; ’twas ours to see that world was informed of the very existence of such greatness. “We want a charter from a national” became the war-cry—and many were the discussions thereof. “Let’s ‘hitch our wagon to a star’” cried Lindsey the poetical, editing the college paper with one hand and writing nonsense verses for the *Kynewisbok* with the other. “No”—said practical Louise—“We’ll try for the crescent instead,” and with one accord her sister Alpha Iotas cried “Aye verily—even so.”

Then came the application for the aforesaid charter. Will any of us ever forget the shrieks of laughter, the howls of derision

that greeted the efforts of our scribe as she patiently labored with the letters which were to describe us so exactly that the hoped-for sisters would see us in their mind's eye. "I won't be called an honored alumna" wailed Lucia—"it sounds too old." "You're not doing me justice," said Winifred—"I'm much nicer than you make me out." "Don't say I'm 'a faithful student'" remarked matter-of-fact Edith—"It's the same principle that makes one speak of a hopeless creature as 'well meaning,' and I'm really attractive," she modestly added. "Well," said the unfortunate scribe, ignoring as usual, all complaints and doing just as she pleased, "I've written all the letters, sent all the pictures, told all the lies—yes, *lies*"—and she dodged a sofa pillow—"and now all we can do is to wait."

We waited all right. Finally we played our trump card. Louise Iliff set out for Ann Arbor to plead our cause at convention—and lo! Solomon in all his glory was naught in comparison with her. And—to make the story short—one night, a certain telegram winged its way to University Park, and Alpha Iota as individuals, came so near the verge of imbecility—all from sheer happiness—that even now some of the members have scarcely recovered.

They came, they saw, they conquered—and were conquered, we hope. By "they" we mean Honta Smalley Bredin (Beta '88) Louise Klock French (Alpha '95) Irma Wheeler Thayer (Beta '95) Ruth Philippi Sparling (Epsilon '99) and Louise White Huller (Epsilon '98). Even now the thrill of that initiation week comes back, and never in the installation of any chapter have five finer or more representative members "put through" an enthusiastic local.

December 27, 1897 looms up as a red-letter day in our memory for on that day Alpha Iota became Theta of Gamma Phi Beta with the following names for charter members: Mary Wheeler Shattuck, Grace Evans Shannon, Mabel Walker Edwards, Edna Iliff Briggs, Vassie Willard, Ethel Thomas, Gertrude Holman, Louise Iliff, Florence Slocumb, Emma Stover, Grace Sater, Beulah Steele, Edith Wallace, Winifred Willard and Lindsey Barbee. In the afternoon a farewell service for Alpha Iota was held and if the initiates elect were a little "teary 'round the lashes," 'twas not to be wondered at for Alpha Iota had been a very dear and precious thing. On

that evening at the Warren home, the mystic rites of Gamma Phi Beta were administrated and after each maiden had won the shining badge of her order, we gathered in the great dining room—and “joy was unconfined.” Next morning we had a “sing,” and from that day Theta girls have loved to sing and have made their songs truly a part of their chapter life. That afternoon we were at home to “our friends the enemy,” Pi Beta Phi, and in the evening Bishop and Mrs. Warren gave a large and beautiful reception in honor of the delegates and the new Gamma Phi’s. Oh, it was a week of rejoicing, and when the last goodbye was said and the flutter of handkerchiefs could no longer be seen, we turned to the sober responsibilities of the new life.

We had always been organized, so rushing was nothing new. To be frank, our greatest responsibility was constant guard over the pins which our generous sisters had loaned to us. Fear of losing a beautiful diamond badge forced one wearer to arise in the dead of night to see if any clever burglar had made away with her prize. Jennie Gertrude Sweet, a pledge to Alpha Iota, was the first initiate and in September of 1898, we pledged Jessie Kunkely (Pike) Chellie Stevens (Wright), Edna Myers (Allen), Mabel Brown (Holt), Lucile Timberlake (Stover), Ella Jamieson (Sanderson).

At this time, we moved into the chapter house which was then the scene of so much of the college life—which also had the distinction of being the first sorority house in Colorado. Here, eleven girls held high carnival; here were the initiations, the jolly Hallowe’en parties, the dances, the luncheons and the rushing stunts; here it was that the goat—the real goat—began his sway. This goat was presented by an enthusiastic Gamma Phi brother, and with a great stretch of the imagination and both eyes shut, one might describe him as double brown. Certain it was, that at his advent the girls fell down and worshipped—and straightway called him Theta! Oh the comedies and tragedies in which Theta played a leading part! University Park residents became accustomed to the sight of distracted maidens chasing a belligerent animal over the cactus; college men grew weary of coaxing Theta from recitation halls where in emulation of Mary’s little lamb, he wandered with

a thirst for knowledge. Theta, undismayed, still ate the stockings from the clothes line, cheerfully pushed the affrighted guest from sidewalk to door and insisted on leaving a smudge along the dining room window, where, eager for admiration, he gazed in upon his admiring subjects. Truly over the door it might have been written "Theta and Theta—one and inseparable, now and forever."

From the chapter house we moved into the little lodge which up to the present time has been the center of the chapter life. As the college has grown and prospered, the chapter has increased in numbers and in strength; from a freshman class of two or three, we now initiate ten or eleven, and we can truthfully say that there is no college activity nor college honor which Gamma Phi Beta has not shared. Theta girls have basked in the light of faculty approbation, they have filled every position of responsibility and trust; the chapter has never chronicled a failure. They have contributed a thousand dollars toward the new gymnasium; they bought all the trees that adorn the north campus, and as soon as the new lodge is completely furnished, the proceeds of the annual play will be used toward a scholarship in the university.

In 1904 came the convention and for the first time we understood the national significance of the order. The new chapter with whom this responsibility of convention rests for the first time will realize the inspiration and added enthusiasm which were ours after our Gamma Phi sisters from all sections of the country had given us the grip and had smiled upon all our undertakings. Then it was that the treasurer of our convention committee, Edith Wallace (Potter) gained everlasting fame and gratitude by turning over eighty-five dollars after every bill was met.

No history of Theta would be complete without a mention of the annual play which has been the one distinctive feature of the chapter. This play has been written each year by Lindsey Barbee; for two years was coached by Beulah Hood of Theta and has always been managed by a Gamma Phi. The first effort—"A Leap-Year Cinderella"—was presented in 1905 with an "all-girl" cast; in 1906 came "Minerva vs. Venus"; in 1907, "A Trial of Hearts"; in 1908, "The Kingdom of Heart's Content"; in 1909,

"At the End of the Rainbow"; in 1910, "The Fifteenth of January"; in 1911, "A Trial of Hearts" was repeated; in 1912, "The Dream That Came True" was presented; and on April 4, 1913 will be given "The Thread of Destiny"—a play of the time of the Civil War. As we look back upon these performances—amateur of course—but given with a cleverness and enthusiasm that has won the chapter more than a local dramatic reputation and has assured them crowded houses—certain parts and certain girls stand out against the general background of success. Who will ever forget Allene Seamen as "Honor" in "A Trial of Hearts?" or Beth Stephenson the sweetest *ingénue* that ever trod the amateur boards, or Mildred Hansen in her character parts? Who ever portrayed the dash and the charm of the college girl more perfectly than Helen Barbee? Then there was Ora Bowman (Moore) inimitable in her parts; Lucy Moore (Lennox) the irrepressible and versatile Lucy; and Eunice Robinson whose juvenile appearance and propensities won for her the "kid parts" which she played so cleverly. There are scores of others that could be named—but more remarkable than the individual acting has been the united effort of the chapter—for, in football parlance, "each time the team worked as one man and pushed the ball over." More than anything else has the play taught Theta chapter the beauty and wisdom of concentrated effort, the true value of sisterhood, the necessity of forgetting one's personal desires and selfishness in the pursuit of the greatest good for the greatest number.

The curtain falls upon the first act of the Theta drama; there have been promptings, many of them; there have been mistakes, perhaps; but each one has been true to the part that was given her; each one has helped to make the play a great and glorious success. When the curtain rises again, the setting will be changed; the new home long desired, oft dreamed of, will hold the center of the stage. Join hands, Theta girls, as you gather round the fire-side, and as you realize the joy of hopes fulfilled, pledge anew your love, your loyalty and your labor to that which is our common inspiration—Gamma Phi Beta.



ELEANOR VERDEN, (Theta)

THETA MEMBERS

Denver, Colorado, February 25, 1913.

My Dear Girl: The demands of the store room were loud in my house-wifely ears this morning, for I knew there were things that needed to be done down there—trunks to be gone through and fruit looked after. One old trunk, which is really a memory box, full to the lid of college pictures and trophies drew me straight to its corner, and a peep into its depths is responsible for this letter to you. As I opened it, I saw a snap shot of you, taken during our freshman year, and it has made me want to break the long silence and tell you something of what Theta girls have done during the years, and why we are so proud of them.

If you had been in Denver last week, we would have gone to the theatre to see one of our very own girls in "The Concert"—Eleanor Verden, her stage name—but in the world she is Eleanor Culton. You know she was a brilliant pianist and her years abroad during which she studied under Ernesto Consola, the greatest pianist of Italy, served to increase her power as a performer. Later, she was head of the children's department in a Chicago conservatory. But the lure of the stage was on her and with the help of Marcia Craft, of the Royal Opera of Munich, who, by the way, is considered the most wonderful Madame Butterfly in Germany, Eleanor began her stage career. Since coming to America, she has appeared in "The Aviator," in stock company at Cleveland, and now for two years, with "The Concert."

Do you remember Helen Hersey, with music in her soul, and a glorious mezzo-soprano voice? She was here in 1911, to make her musical debut, after studying five years in New York, under Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Toedt. Back again in New York now, with greater triumphs before her, her voice still improves and we are longing for the time when she will come home to us in the West, and sing for us once more.

Louise Iliff is one of the Theta girls of whom you will want to hear. With her large, inherited wealth, she has been able to do fine things toward equipping the Iliff School of Theology. In

memory of her father, Mr. John Wesley Iliff. She has given \$50,000 for the endowment of a chair in this school.

I saw Margaret Packard not long ago. She is now Mrs. Claude Taussig, and as brilliant a conversationalist as ever. You know she was several times abroad, and when she came back to America speaking French like a Parisian, Denver University was quick to claim her as its professor of French. There her work was of a very high order, but successful as she was, the Prince came along, and her womanly heart yielded to his charms, and she resigned the professorship in the university for the joy of being the head of his home. Still she is doing very valuable work, teaching French in Denver University's Saturday College.

The East has taken two of Theta's girls of rare gifts—Beulah Hood, and Allene Seaman. Beulah taught in East Denver high school several years, but some way that did not quite satisfy, and Elbert Hubbard induced her to go to East Aurora where she is the head of the advertising department of the Roycroft establishment. There, too, is Allene, and I fancy the two have many Gamma Phi love feasts together, in their eastern home.

I'm sure you read the CRESCENT, and so know something of Lindsey Barbee and the fine things her brain is constantly evolving. For some years she has been teaching in Wolfe Hall, where she has been the inspiration—or the victim—of more desperate, boarding-school-girl crushes than anyone we ever knew. Some day Lindsey will take a while off, I hope, and write the story of these screamingly funny experiences. With part of her spare time, she edits the CRESCENT and my private opinion is that it is a mighty task, with unlimited hard work. With the rest of her time, she writes the annual play for Theta, and helps in numerous ways to keep Gamma Phi prosperous and happy here in Denver.

While I'm telling you the story of our girls who have succeeded so splendidly, I've saved some for the last, that I know you will want to hear about—the girls who are giving their college trained lives to their homes and their babies. I couldn't begin to mention all of Theta's babies, for they range from Mary Wheeler Shattuck's oldest, Mary Hussey, our very first—and she is ready to enter college next autumn—to the daughter of Ora Bowman Moore, wee

Marjorie, who came "out of the nowhere into the here" five months ago.

But I wish you could see Grace Evans Shannon, a queenly matron, in her home on Capitol Hill, with four beautiful children. Three of them are prospective Gamma Phis too. Don't tell me it doesn't take brains and lots of them to manage that home and mother the children as finely as Grace is doing it.

And Mary Crary Moore is in the same class. I knew by the look in her eyes last week, as she stood looking at them, that she would rather be the mother of Ruth and broad-shouldered Jack and to two younger babies, than be on a royal throne.

Last summer Ethel Thomas Holden, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, came back to us for the first visit in many years. You remember that Ethel always walked off with all the available prizes, both oratorical and literary, during her student days at Denver University. Later when she went up into the Northwest to teach, a fine, young lawyer walked off with her, counting her his greatest prize. And now she is radiant with four lovely children all her own.

Edith Boughton Denious is always associated in my mind with poetics and Greek roots and the heavily intellectual in college life, and I wish you could see her now in the full flower of her young womanhood, perfectly happy with her three babies! Truly it is a sight to make us proud and thankful for college-bred mothers.

I must tell you about Mabel Brown, whom you always loved. She is Mrs. Marmaduke Holt, and always does she find time to do the splendid helpful thing for others. She, too, has three children to whom she gives the best that is within her, and who are her great joy and pride. Truthfully could she play the rôle of a modern Cornelia, and say, "My children are my jewels."

I wish I might tell you of others of our girls, but this letter must come to a close, even though much is left unsaid.

(Perhaps for reasons of her own, the writer of the above letter omitted the name of Winifred Willard, a charter member and one of the cleverest girls of whom Theta can boast. For two years she was at the head of the English department at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where she accomplished great things and won many laurels in her particular line of work.—Ed.)

HISTORY OF IOTA CHAPTER

BY JEAN BARRICK, ('14)

In November, 1901, a group of ten Barnard girls who had petitioned Gamma Phi Beta for a charter, received this cherished possession, and through it were able to found the Iota chapter of the sorority. The ten girls to whom Iota owes its origin are Olive Dutcher, Alice Carpender, Clara Cook (Mrs. C. W. Stoddard) Augustine Ellean (Mrs. Fiske), Louise Kimball, Sadie Holt, Grace Peters, Janet Seibert, Laura VanCise, and Alice Waugh.

Of these girls, Olive Dutcher is taking her Sabbatical year studying Biblical Literature at Columbia and Union Theological Seminary. She teaches in Mt. Holyoke College.

Sadie Holt has been a graduate student at Columbia, and is now in the University of Chicago.

Alice Carpender is an enthusiastic worker for suffrage, and is allied with the Bull Moose movement. The other founders are either married, teaching, or doing clerical work.

Among the later graduates those who have attained distinction are Willa Fricke '06, who graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University in 1912, and is now practicing medicine in New York, and Mabel Barrett, '12, who obtained the Curtiss Scholarship awarded that member of the senior class who shows most promise in her line of work, thereby enabling her to pursue another year's study at Columbia.

The Iota girls who wear Phi Beta Kappa keys are Helen Carter Green, '07; Sara Rome, '09; Alice Bennett, '11; Aurill Bishop, '11; Margaret Hart Strong, '11; and Mabel Barrett, '12.

HISTORY OF KAPPA CHAPTER

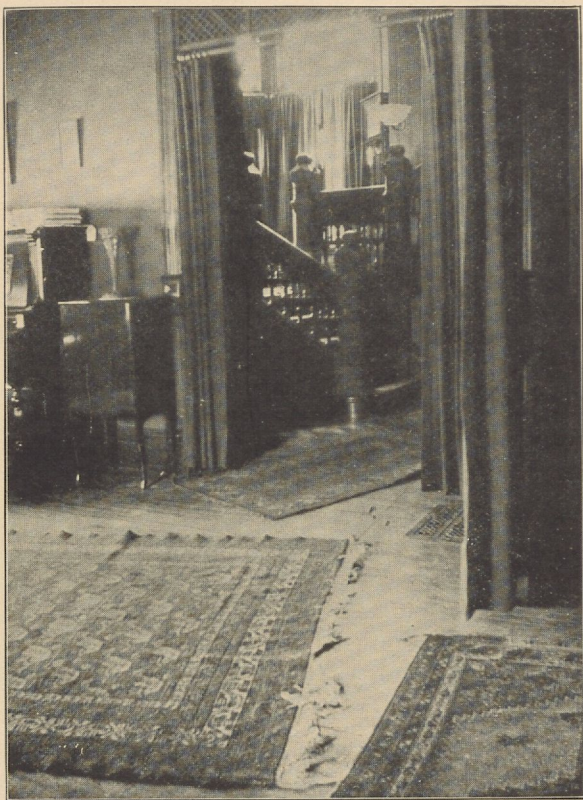
BY MARION I. JONES ('04)

Probably no other one of the contributors to this chain of Gamma Phi History letters is writing from my point of view, namely that of a charter member returned to earth, so to speak, and living in the Gamma Phi house as chief director and manager of its activities.

I can scarcely count the times during the past year that I have

gone back in memory over the experiences of which I am writing, comparing and contrasting college and sorority ideals and problems of my time with those of today and seeing many changes in the ten years that have passed since I was an active Gamma Phi.

Family histories properly begin with ancestral portraits, and so let



HALL AND STAIRWAY FROM LIVING ROOM OF KAPPA CHAPTER HOUSE

me ask you to look over my shoulder at the frontispiece of my history, a photograph of a group of ten girls, a copy of which hangs in a place of honor in our chapter room. It is commonly designated as the "Original Ten" and great as is the interest of each new Gamma Phi in studying this group, I am sure no one can be so thrilled with pleasant memories as I am when I look at it.

The setting of this picture in my mind is not the photographer's gallery, but our college chapel, and I can see those same girls, myself among them, sitting in the front part of chapel at noon, while the contents of ten lunch boxes disappear in much the same manner that apple pie disappears from the Gamma Phi table to-day.

There were three seniors, five juniors, and two sophomores and I hardly know what brought us together beyond the fact that we were congenial friends and had common interests. Perhaps those noon hours together served to strengthen our friendship and keep us in close touch with each other's experiences. Chapel may seem a strange place in which to eat lunch, but ten years ago it was the only available spot on the campus where one could sit down and eat comfortably, or even uncomfortably. Here each sorority had its particular corner at noon, as well as at chapel time, and we had ours.

We had organized in a small way and formed a little club known as the "Khalailu," (the Arabic word for "friends") and when we put on our little oval silver pins with the Arabic letter, looking like an interrogation mark upside down, college people began to look at us and wonder what we were about, though we had no thoughts, at that time, of applying for a sorority charter.

That idea first cropped out on Hallowe'en of 1901. We were being entertained at a house party by Maude Hyser, and as we sat round the fire "the morning after," we formulated our ideas and set immediately about investigating the matter. We soon decided that Gamma Phi was what we wanted, and we sent off a letter, post haste, to the convention which was assembled at Baltimore at that time, inquiring about the manner in which to proceed. We received a very discouraging reply, which was perhaps not to be wondered at, for our letter must have made us appear very green and unsophisticated in sorority matters. We were much impressed with Gamma Phi conservatism, especially when we found that Alpha Phi, which has always been strong at Minnesota, had first tried for Gamma Phi, and failed.

Not long after that we met Mrs. Louise J. Crooker, of Alpha, through a mutual friend and through her efforts the machinery which secured us our charter was set in motion. To Mrs. Crooker,

Kappa chapter owes its existence. She helped us draw up a formal petition and this, with our recommendations and letters, we had printed and bound and a copy was sent to each chapter of Gamma Phi about the middle of February, 1902.

The next three months were most exciting especially when the "returns" began to come in. Two or three times a week, we all rushed over town to Mrs. Crooker to hear the news and make



DINING ROOM FROM KAPPA CHAPTER ROOM

plans, and as we became more confident of our success we astonished the college world by beginning to rush in competition with the other best sororities.

The climax of that experience, prehistoric, I might call it, was Mrs. Crooker's visit to Madison, whose vote was slow in forthcoming, and the return, with her, of Dorothea Curtis to "Look us over." That was our first encounter with an active Gamma Phi and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

By the middle of May, the last vote was in and we were invited to enter the family circle of Gamma Phi, only three months from the time we sent in our petition. On May 23, which we celebrate at our annual banquet each year, we ten were initiated and installed as Kappa chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, together with nine others whom we had taken into our local. A large reception at the home of Helen Hendrix introduced us and the Wisconsin girls, nearly all of whom had come up for the installation, to the college world and the sororities received us at a tea given in our honor shortly after.

College closed soon after our initiation and we wound up our festivities with a house party at Lake Minnetonka, whither we have gone for a frolic every summer since that time, with the exception of one. I am sure no freshman ever put on her pin with more secret pride than did we, and I imagine that we were quite self-conscious for some months, feeling our hearts beat a little faster every time anyone noticed our pins.

The fall of 1902 brought upon us the full realization of our responsibilities and the first trial of our mettle in competition with other national sororities, five of which were represented at Minnesota. Nothing could equal the excitement of that first rushing season, the midnight consultations and anxious telephone messages and the careful interpretation of every word that fell from freshman lips. But we came out of the fray with eight new Gamma Phis, all of whom proved to be good sorority material and loyal helpers. Before the end of that year we took in four more girls and our experience proved conclusively to us that the sorority field was not over crowded, as so many people had told us.

Best of all the memories, to us at least, are those of our first chapter room, a very tiny one in a house just off the campus. We had it freshly papered and furnished with comfortable, and to us, most beautiful things. There was a little oak desk, (the one on which I am writing this) a davenport, folding chairs, a table with a chafing dish, and I must not forget Hermes, who stood on the desk and viewed all our doings with placid indifference until, in a moment of great excitement, he lost his balance and broke his neck.

None of the sororities had houses at that time, the chapters being largely made up of town girls. But we all had little flats or rooms for our meetings and as we grew in numbers and strength, we had to enlarge our quarters from time to time until in 1908 we had our first house on Harvard Street.

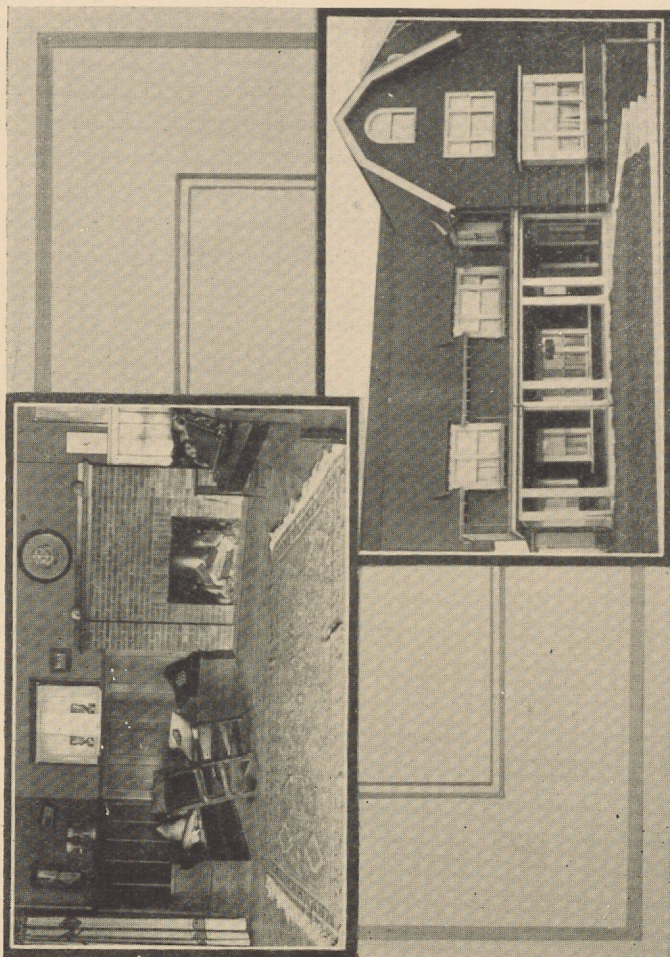
But I am going too fast. In November of 1905 our turn came to entertain convention. We were scarcely three years old and had very few alumnae, but everyone did her part and what had looked to us in anticipation as a great undertaking, proved to be one of our greatest blessings, for we acquired much confidence in ourselves and learned a great deal of Gamma Phi lore which we had had no opportunity to find elsewhere. Gamma Phi had put in a chapter at Leland Stanford by this time and we no longer felt our infancy so keenly.

Of our various houses I might say much, for we have been very migratory, as have all the sororities here. Suffice it to say that this is our first experience in the same house for two successive years and we hope we shall not move again until we have a real home. Alpha Phi and Theta are at present the only possessors of houses of their own.

Our house is large and roomy and the additions which our alumnae have made from time to time in the furnishings make us very comfortable and hospitable. We can entertain at small dances quite easily and our afternoon teas each week are a pleasure to us all.

Since Gamma Phi came to Minnesota, four other sororities have entered the field, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Omicron Pi. The University has grown, too, adding many new buildings, those of especial interest to women being Shevlin Hall, in which the tall Gamma Phi clock stands, and Stanford Hall, the dormitory. We who came to college before the days of those buildings can appreciate best what they mean to college life.

Kappa chapter has initiated one hundred and forty-eight members, three of whom have passed beyond the Valley of the Shadow—Lulu Millspaugh, Grace Hunter Jones, and Lilla Albrecht. These girls were among our most loyal workers and will ever hold a loving place in our memory.



LAMBDA CHAPTER HOUSE, SEATTLE

ONE END OF OUR LIVING ROOM

We have six times been represented in Phi Beta Kappa and countless have been our active parts in other college organizations. The chapter membership has increased until now the average is about twenty-eight, the majority of whom are town girls, and if you should come to 1018 University Avenue on Tuesday at 5:30 I should be proud to introduce the entire chapter as conclusive evidence of the wisdom of Gamma Phi in entering the sorority world at the University of Minnesota.

HISTORY OF LAMBDA CHAPTER

BY EDITH GRATIN PROSCH ('01)

Lambda chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was established at the University of Washington in May 1903, but before this it had become a well organized chapter due to the difficulty at that time of convincing national sororities that our institution was sufficiently large to support chapters. In this, Gamma Phi Beta was the pioneer. The way paved by her was quickly followed by many others, who lacked the courage to be first. Washington was small, the equipment meagre and the surroundings were crude, but we had our wonderful campus of four hundred acres and the rapid growth of the state in wealth and population to offer as favors in the argument of establishing national chapters. At that time there were about four hundred students at Washington, one hundred and fifty of whom were women. Our buildings were few, an administration building, a science hall, two dormitories and a gymnasium, and our campus was virgin forest. There were no chapter houses for women and but few for men. The streets outside the campus were unpaved and poorly lighted. The sidewalks often were two planks, carelessly laid over the mud. To the north of the campus was a large tract of wooded land which set the bounds of Seattle's growth.

Lambda had the first sorority house, an unpretentious home near the station, as we called the place where the students left the electric car to go to the campus. Here were our little stores, candy and stationery and the small groceries patronized by the students.

Life was not uninteresting, for we saw here better than anywhere else the phase of student life that had to do with business relations to others. Our example, of having a chapter house was soon followed by other sororities, but their homes were better than ours, and in a neighborhood somewhat more aristocratic. Dissatisfaction and a period of migration followed. The opening of each college year saw us in a different house, none suitable to our purpose. In the year 1907 we entertained the national convention of our sorority, the only time such a convention has been held in Washington, for either men or women. It was our misfortune then to have the worst house of all, in a very shabby district. Do what we would, we could not make it attractive. Life was a continual apology, and especially was this true when the delegates were here. Our rivals had much better homes than we, and they kindly entertained our visitors. The comparisons were pitiful but natural. Desperate because of our wanderings, we finally were able to induce a Gamma Phi Beta father to build us a home, carrying out our ideas. The land north of the campus had just been put on the market and a location was secured there where we were again pioneers. That was a hard year. The land company who had charge of the district was slow with its work, the paving was in a miserable condition. All winter the water supply was uncertain, electric lights and telephones were delayed and our neighbors were few and far between. It was not unusual to have a girl, starting off to a party, return to the house, because she had fallen into a ditch and soiled her gown. But what a change has come in six years. This is now the choice neighborhood, and all the houses are in close proximity to ours. The campus too has become a wonderful park. With the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition of 1909 came all kinds of great changes. New buildings, beautiful roadways, wonderful gardens and wide lawns came into existence and the life of the little university changed into that of a large and cosmopolitan institution.

Our chapter life has of course been closely identified with that of the university. Our growth and strength has depended upon that of our Alma Mater. It fell to our lot to be instrumental in forming Pan-Hellenic and it was our good fortune to be the

sorority who suggested and helped the Women's League. We have tried to take our part in college life, to be leaders where we could, and if not that, to be earnest helpers. It was also our good fortune to be instrumental in the establishment of our two youngest chapters, Nu and Xi and our privilege to have charge of their installation.

With the added years, conventions have become more firmly established at Washington, and the sororities are no longer exploring new countries. Lambda has tried to be influential in the establishment of these conventions. She has stood for high ideals in living and thinking, and has tried to extend a helpful hand not alone to those in college but to the poor of the city and to the unfortunate.

Since she was chartered she has had the pleasure of welcoming ten other national sororities to the university. Life is not as simple as it was in the earlier days, but the very complexities that have arisen have helped to develop us and make us better and stronger individuals as well as a larger and better chapter.

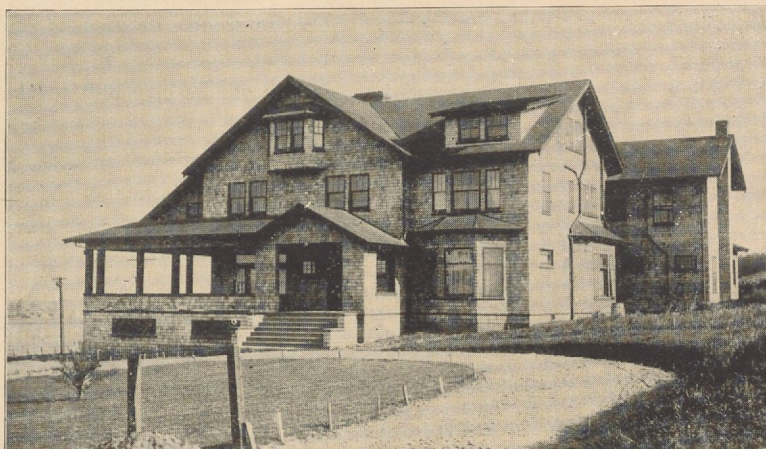
THE HISTORY OF MU CHAPTER

BY DORETTE JONES

Mu chapter to-day and Mu chapter ten years ago are as different as the United States of to-day and the United States in the days of our forefathers. To give the history of that wonderful progress with its battles and victories, its generals and soldiers, one must need a volume, or perhaps a set of volumes. That is not my privilege here for I am to relate only a story—the story of Mu chapter, told to you now as it was told to me.

Mu wasn't like Topsy for she didn't "jist grow," rather should we say that she is a product of evolution and as such, let us start our story: "Way way back in the ages dark" there was a group of Stanford girls who lived at Roble Hall. Something (shall we call it fate?) drew these girls close together and their love and friendship was very great. This was in the days of the fall semester of 1902. Perhaps all they did then, was to go to the games

together or hold midnight spreads or drive, but at any rate there was something which made them just a little different from the other girls, just a little dearer to each other. That something—obscure and minute as it was—was the nucleus of Mu chapter to-day. When the New Year came, that is 1903, this bond of friendship and love was exceedingly strong, and so it is that we are not surprised when we come to the next stage of its existence, and find the tiny thing assuming a form.



MU CHAPTER HOUSE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Among the many cherished treasures in our frat chest, is a book—an ordinary note book, whose value to us is priceless. On the first pages we see a new chapter for this story of mine, and it is headed, Gamma Beta. Let me give you a part of the first secretary's report. "On April 21, 1903, in Roble Hall, Stanford University, the following women in good and regular standing in the aforesaid university met and formed the local society, Gamma Beta:

Marie S. Burnham
May R. E. Vorhees
E. Jeraldine Brown
Helen K. North
Florence J. Ross

Helen Whitehead
Milola J. Ward
Daisy G. Dake
Emma E. Charlebois
Beatrice Yoell

The second report gives the constitution of Gamma Beta (local) sorority, "whose object was to apply for a charter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and to unite its members in a closer bond of fellowship." The next month, just before college closed we find a mention of the fact that Miss Eunice Gray of Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta spent the hour with them to discuss business. My historian's mind grasps at that—first meeting of the Gamma Betas with a Gamma Phi Beta—surely that is history!

Summer comes now and brings with it many changes. Many of the girls failed to come back (some of them have never come back!) and the little group was forced to assume heavy burdens. Realizing that if the work was to be accomplished soon the members must work together it was decided that they should rent a house and be known as Gamma Beta. In August they moved into the house at No. 1 Alvarado Row, and there their first house mother was a Gamma Phi Beta, Eunice Gray. By this time, a black cloud had loomed up on the horizon for the Gamma Betas. Rumors had reached some of the eastern chapters that there was a local at Stanford who was presuming to call itself, Gamma Beta. Already, opposition the enemy, had entered the ring!

By October a ritual had been written and several freshmen initiated—Helen Thoburn, Pauline Gartzman and Ruth Gilbert, among the number. A humorous story is told to-day of a Gamma Beta initiation. The secret symbols were arrayed, the rooms duly furnished, the girls dressed appropriately and everything was in readiness for the serious ceremony, but—no freshmen! The three novices had quietly left by the back door and gone to Palo Alto for a good dinner. How long the girls waited and what followed, was never told!

All this time, you must remember, Uncle Sam was busily engaged in carrying letters to Gamma Phis throughout the country. Many dark and blue Mondays did these girls experience. "Good news?" you'd hear them ask as they met each other by the post office steps. Their expressions were a barometer to the contents of the day's mail. How many bitter disappointments were they doomed to receive! And yet, how many joys! Each time a girl, wearing a purple silk-

covered button and ribbon appeared on the quad. you may believe there was great rejoicing in the Gamma Beta house, for that meant not only would she wear a real Gamma Beta pin but eventually (they hoped) a real Gamma Phi Beta one. Convention of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority had been held at Denver and our Gamma Beta girls sent over a quantity of huge yellow chrysanthemums, yet that was a disappointing time for them. Epsilon and Beta chapters were opposed, Eta was critical and only Minnesota, the new chapter was in sympathy with Gamma Beta then. Things looked hopeless. No one could offer any encouragement. Petitions had of course been sent but no satisfaction had come from them.

The opening semester of 1904 found the Gamma Beta girls joining hands with the Pan-Hellenic association here. That year was the most difficult, for the Gamma Betas were fighting and fighting hard and ground was gained but slowly. Inch by inch they scrapped it out, socially, politically, financially. Pioneers in every sense of the word they were. With people standing by only too willing to criticise, the girls struggled through bravely. One by one they heard of the chapters who at last expressed consent to Gamma Beta's admission into Gamma Phi Beta.

Yellow telegrams are supposed to be the bearers of bad news but we have one in the most sacred part of the frat chest which brought the best news which Mu chapter ever heard—it announced her birth as a chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Ten words it contained but ten times ten words of joy did it bring—"Executive board Gamma Phi Beta congratulates Mu chapter—Elizabeth Putnam.

On January 9, 1905, Mu of Gamma Phi Beta was established at Stanford University, the installation being held under the direction of the Eta chapter of Berkeley, Miss Gray and Mrs. Washburn of San José and Mrs. Bennett of Stanford. The following day, under the supervision of Eta chapter a typical Gamma Phi Beta meeting was held at the Mu chapter house. Charter members of Mu chapter were:

Edna Brown	Emma Charlebois
Helen Salisbury	Helen Thoburn
Hazel Patterson	Pauline Gartzmann
Helen Dorrance	Mabel Crow
Ruth Gilbert	Winifred Gilbert
Milola Ward	Jessica Bird
Georgia Mullin	Mabel Gray

Plans for building a house were next taken up by these ambitious girls. When the earthquake in 1906 came, materials and labor were very high and consequently the money would not go as far as it was originally intended. In May 1907, a Gamma Phi Beta building company was formed and the house was begun. Although we cannot own the lot, according to the rules of the University, yet we are soon to be the proud possessors of our own \$12,500 Gamma Phi home, which we are paying for each month. Yet our pride or that of future generations can never equal that of the girls who came back in the fall of 1907 and saw the house nearing completion. What fun they had, holding rushing parties in the new house when the floors weren't down and the only light they had was that of Japanese lanterns, dancing fantastically around the rafters and beams.

With the occupation of the house—the house with the Gamma Phi Beta door plate, my narrative must draw to an end. What has happened since then is almost within the memory of present Gamma Phis. We are proud of our results and some day we want you all to come and let us show you.

We have a strong chapter to-day with girls who are better for what our ancestors here went through. If we may keep their example of perseverance, courage, industry, love and good-fellowship always before us, then they will never have cause to regret the foundation they laid for us.

With an invitation to all Jimmy Phee's everywhere to come to visit us, to join us in our meetings on Monday nights and our frolics on Friday nights, let me close with this short whispered question: "Aren't you glad that Mu had a history so that she can be here to-day?"

HISTORY OF XI CHAPTER

BY KATHERINE SMITH ('13)

Xi is still quite a baby and so can hardly have a very long and extensive chronicle to give. We have just passed our third birthday, our third year of joyous friendship and activity.

Three years ago in November when that hoped for yellow slip came with its wonderful news of the granting of our charter our sorority was known as Alpha Delta Pi. The two and a half months spent in anticipation of our "new birth" were happy months and



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months of striving too, for examinations came in that time and we worked hard to keep the trust that Gamma Phi Beta had placed in us. Then came February and with it Helen Saunders, Rosella Mohr, and Edith Prosch of Lambda, and Helen Riheldaffer of Kappa. It was in them that the sorority had placed the honor of presenting our new charter to us and it was they who started us on our new path. Indeed we feel that too much appreciation can not be extended those girls for their kindness and goodness to us at that time.

After the joys of our installation week, the banquet, the teas,

receptions and the beautiful dance, after Xi had calmed itself and "gotten back to earth" again, our thoughts turned to the doing of something which would, perhaps, bring glory to us. So we entered the dramatic field, and in the late spring of 1910 presented "Miss Fearless and Company," the proceeds to be given to the University Library. Our attempt was wonderfully successful, and we were able to present the Library with a large reproduction of "The Oath of Knighthood."

Our year closed with Xi's first spring banquet. And when our only senior, Mary Belle Meldrum, arose to tell us goodbye there were tears in many eyes, and many hearts were heavy. Mary Belle had meant a great deal to us and her absence as our leader and companion would be keenly felt. At this banquet there were eight brand new Gamma Phis, for that day we had initiated some of our faithful alumnae.

In September of 1910 there were five old girls back to clean and arrange our house which had been remodeled during the summer months. We were a much larger band after rushing however as several desirable freshmen had linked themselves to us and were wearing the symbol of buff and brown.

This year was a pleasant one and was marked by many entertainments and good times. We entertained and were entertained both by all the four fraternities and the other two sororities. The one big event, however, was our formal dance in commemoration of our installation in the early spring. This party is one of the most pleasant memories of our college life as it was the most beautiful dance that has ever been given at Idaho. Our second spring banquet marked the close of our sophomore year, and here Veronica Foley and Bess Dunn, our seniors, bade us farewell.

In September of our junior year, 1911, there were a goodly number of us here to welcome the new girls. We were successful in our bidding, as we have always been, and considering that we were rushing for the first time against the national Delta Gamma, which had entered during the summer, we felt doubly proud of our successes. It was this fall that Ruth Annett represented us at Boston and it was with anxious hearts that we awaited her home

coming. It was many days, too, before she was given a minute's peace, so anxious were we to know all about convention and her visits with Gamma Phis. Gamma Phi did very little entertaining this year and our installation and initiation banquet was the only big sorority event of the year, excepting, of course, the annual spring banquet.

This last fall when we four seniors gathered together and realized that this was our last year with the girls and the college, we made solemn resolutions that it was to be the very best, and most successful year in our short history. One semester has just passed, and it has indeed been a joy to us. Early in the fall we again entered the dramatic field and gave "Breezy Point" and as a result we have quite a sum to present to the Idaho Women's Building as soon as that coveted addition to our campus is built. Our first semester examinations have been successfully passed and now by way of recreation our minds are being filled with ideas for our second installation dance which is to be given in March.

What the future may hold for us we cannot know but with increased hopes and aspirations we feel more and more that the bringing of honor to Gamma Phi Beta is a privilege and a trust, given to us to cherish and to keep sacred.

XI MEMBERS

Among the Xi members who have been successful in their chosen professions are: Ruth Broman who is Treasurer of Latah County in Idaho; Florence Zumhof, Superintendent of schools, Shoshone County; Pearl Wickstrom, Principal of Wardner-Kellogg high school; Laura Edna Dewey, head of the Home Economics department, Lewiston, Idaho; Ida Mae Walker, Supervisor of Domestic Science and Domestic Art in the public schools of Nampa.

REPORT OF ELEVENTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 1912

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF GRAND PRESIDENTS

Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 16th and 17th, 1912

The Grand Presidents of all but two of the fraternities represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress met at the Congress Hotel Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, October 16th and 17th, 1912, to discuss matters on which they wished to reach a common understanding. A great many of the matters which make the direction of a fraternity difficult were discussed, and finally a code was drawn up, embodying the principles on which the Grand Presidents will act during the coming year. This meeting was the first of its kind ever held, but so great was the value of the discussions it brought out that it is possible many more assemblies of the same kind will be held in the future.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, Γ Φ Β, Secretary of N. P. C.

The Eleventh National Pan-Hellenic Congress was called together by the chairman, Mrs. Cora Allen McElroy, Α Φ, in the Congress Hotel, October 17th at 1:30 P. M. Miss Lillian W. Thompson, Γ Φ Β, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

Π Β Φ—Mrs. J. L. Lardner, 810 Milburn St., Evanston, Ill.

K Α Θ—Miss Eva R. Hall, 327 Sycamore St., Sycamore, Ill.

K K Γ—Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.

Α Φ—Mrs. John Howard McElroy, 1514 East Fifty-fourth St., Chicago, Ill.

Δ Γ—Miss Marguerite B. Lake, "Crannog," Forest Hill, Md.

Γ Φ Β—Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 224 W. 61st Place, Chicago, Ill.

Α Χ Ω—Mrs. James H. Crann, 610 Colorado St., Davenport, Iowa.

Δ Δ Δ—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 7318 North Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Α Ξ Δ—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, 670 Euclid Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

Χ Ω—Mrs. H. M. Collins, 210 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Σ Κ—Mrs. Grace S. Houlder, 11 Willow Place, Arlington, Mass.

Α Ο Π—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, 715 Court H, Port Huron, Mich.

Ζ Τ Α—Dr. May A. Hopkins, 4609 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas.

A Γ Δ—Miss Elisabeth Corbett, National Home, Wis.

A Δ Φ—Mrs. W. C. Coles, 21 Cleburne Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Δ Z—Mrs. O. H. Hayes, 33d and Jersey Sts., Indianapolis, Ind.

Φ M—Miss Louese Monning, 1001 Polk St., Amarillo, Texas.

K Δ—Miss Jenn W. Coltrane, 84 North Union St., Concord, N. C.

The reading of the minutes of the Tenth Congress was dispensed with, and the report of the chairman of the Executive Committee was read and accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To the Eleventh National Pan-Hellenic Congress:

The following matter has been compiled, printed and issued to the fraternity officials through their National Pan-Hellenic delegates:

1. Two thousand copies of the report of the Tenth Conference, including the constitution adopted at the Tenth Conference giving limited legislation to the delegates and directing the government of the organization through an Executive Committee.

2. Three hundred copies of the Supplementary Report for officials of the National Pan-Hellenic fraternities.

3. Fifty copies of the exchange list for the National Pan-Hellenic Journals.

4. Three hundred copies of the Social Service Report prepared by Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ, and Miss Green, K A Θ.

5. The First Bulletin, February 1st, containing articles on:—

Deans' Conference,
Eligibility Clause,
Scholarship Card,
Announcements.

6. The Second Bulletin, May 1st, relating to subjects pertaining to Summer Conventions:—

How can local Pan-Hellenics assist the National Pan-Hellenic?

Fraternity Examinations.

The responsibility of College Fraternities regarding High School Fraternities.

How to present the Pan-Hellenic Movement at Convention.

Regarding a Conference of Grand Presidents.

A reprint of the Scholarship Card.

Announcements.

7. The Third Bulletin, September 15th, relating to the 11th Pan-Hellenic Congress:—

Program.

Instructions to the Delegates.

The Conference of Grand Presidents.
Congress Hotel Rates.
Finances.
Pan-Hellenic Luncheon—July 1, 1912.
Fraternity Journalism.
Announcements.

Letters, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee, were sent to the National Pan-Hellenic Editors asking them to emphasize the purpose of the Fraternity and scope of the Pan-Hellenic Movement.

Letters of instruction to Pan-Hellenics at Goucher, Stanford, Kansas and Missouri, as ordered by the Tenth Conference, were sent, signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Letters of information, as requested by fraternity officials, laymen and Pan-Hellenics, were sent, signed by Chairman and Secretary.

Considerable printed matter issued by the various conferences was often used in answering legitimate letters, recognizing the printed page has the power to set forth a principle and to disseminate knowledge.

One copy of the Men's Interfraternity Conference was mailed with the First Bulletin to each delegate.

One copy of the model Constitution for local Pan-Hellenics was mailed with the Second Bulletin to each delegate.

During the year, Φ M and K Δ have been admitted to the Congress.

Several Pan-Hellenic dissensions have been current this year, but have been satisfactorily adjusted. These dissensions have been the outgrowth in the main of petty rules.

The year has been auspicious in the growth of the Pan-Hellenic movement. Despite the incessant labor put upon the Executive Committee, which has worked without precedent or prejudice, the Chairman has found the work interesting and uplifting, and returns thanks to those who have sought to help the Executive Committee in its initial services to Pan-Hellenism.

CORA ALLEN McELROY, A Φ , Chairman.

The reports of the delegates were then read and approved, and handed to Doctor Hopkins, for use in the supplementary report which the Congress ordered her to make. The recommendations were given to Mrs. Houlder, and were later presented by her to the Congress for discussion and adoption.

The following committees presented reports which were accepted:—

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Crann.

Report on Eligibility Clause—Mrs. Parmelee.

Extension—Miss Hall.

Chaperones—Mrs. Crann.

Moved and carried that the executive committee be authorized to draw upon N. P. C. funds, if necessary, to secure chaperons by advertising, or by enrolling in a suitable agency.

Deans' Conference—Mrs. Parmelee.

Meeting adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order by the chairman at 9:30 Friday morning, October 18, 1912. The committee on recommendations presented its report, and the following suggestions were adopted:—

Moved and carried that Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin be appointed historian of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress for the next five years.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee appoint a committee to investigate the grade of work done in summer schools.

Committee—Mrs. Parmelee, Miss Lake, Mrs. Campbell.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee draw up the resolutions passed by former Conferences, and send them to the Grand Officers.

Moved and carried that Alumnae Pan-Hellenics be allowed to contribute and subscribe to the Bulletins.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee appoint a committee to investigate what is being done with fraternity publications by the libraries to which they are sent. Committee—Mrs. Houlder.

The report of the Committee on Scholarship Cards was then read and accepted. After some discussion the committee was continued and requested to embody the suggestions of the Congress in a new card. Committee—Mrs. Bigelow.

Meeting adjourned.

THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order by the chairman Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. J. Calvin Hanna, B @ II, read a paper on "High School Fraternities, Especially as Related to College Fraternities." Mr. Hanna is principal of the Oak Park High School; he presented the arguments against High School fraternities with the greatest clearness, and so strong was the im-

pression made by his paper that the Congress ordered a committee to print and circulate it, together with the statement that this Congress, as well as former ones, heartily disapproves of High School fraternities and will do all in its power to discourage them.

The Committee on Chapter House Inspection presented a report through its chairman, Miss Lake. After some discussion, it was moved and carried that the Committee on Social Customs draft and submit to the Twelfth Congress a set of model rules.

The following committees were appointed to work during the year and report to the Twelfth Congress:

A Committee on the Point System—Miss Powell, Mrs. Lardner.

A Committee to Investigate Interfraternity Organizations—Miss Coltrane.

A Committee to Investigate Sophomore Pledge Day—Miss Monning.

The following resolutions were referred to the Grand Presidents to be put before the chapters of each fraternity for a vote:

1. A girl who breaks her pledge shall not be invited to join another fraternity for one calendar year.

2. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year.

Meeting adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session was called to order by the chairman Saturday morning, October 19th, 1912, at 9 o'clock. A petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic was presented, asking that a dispensation permitting the pledging of High School seniors be granted them for two years, and stating that after that period it would be unnecessary. A thorough discussion of the matter resulted in a vote refusing the dispensation. A motion was then carried to turn the petition over to the Grand Presidents of the fraternities represented in Michigan. The Grand Presidents have granted the dispensation for two years with the understanding that it shall never be asked for again.

Moved and carried that delegates be instructed to request their fraternities to forward the National Pan-Hellenic dues of \$10.00 as soon as possible to the new treasurer, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 7318 N. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

The meeting then adjourned in order to catch a train for Evanston where the Pan-Hellenic banquet was to be held in the new gymnasium. A report of this luncheon appears below.

The Eleventh National Pan-Hellenic Congress was, like its pre-

decessors, notable for the friendliness of its atmosphere, and the trenchancy of its discussions.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, Γ Φ Β,

Secretary of the Eleventh National Pan-Hellenic Congress.

A luncheon, open to members of the fraternities of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, was held in Patten Gymnasium, Evanston, Ill., at one o'clock on Saturday, October 19, 1912.

Those present numbered three hundred and ninety-nine, about sixty more than last year's attendance, and included one man, Mr. George Banta, Φ Δ Θ, guest of the Congress.

Mrs. McElroy, chairman, presided as toastmistress, and the following toasts were responded to most delightfully:

Twice Welcome to Northwestern—Miss Blanchard, Acting Dean of Women at Northwestern University.

Our Scholarship and Scholars—Miss Powell, President of Κ Κ Γ.

The Inspected and Inspector—Miss Fitch, Editor of *The Trident*.

The College Girl in the South and Her Fraternity—Dr. Hopkins, President of Ζ Τ Α.

Pan-Hellenism and Its Future—Mrs. Collins, President of Χ Ω.

The New Administration—Miss Shepard, President of Γ Φ Β.

Mr. Banta was called upon to speak impromptu, and a vote of thanks was tendered him for the attractive luncheon programs, which were a gift to the Congress from the Banta Publishing Co.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

I. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS

Committee on Sophomore Pledge day—Miss Monning, Φ Μ.

Committee on Summer Schools—Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ; Miss Lake, Δ Γ, Mrs. Campbell, Α Ο Η.

Committee on Former Resolutions of Ν. Ρ. C.—Miss Thompson, Γ Φ Β; Mrs. Crann, Α Χ Ω; Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ.

Committee on the Use made of Fraternity Publications by Libraries—Mrs. Houlder, Σ Κ.

Committee on the Publication of Mr. Hanna's Paper—Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ; Miss Hall, Κ Α Θ; Mrs. Collins, Χ Ω.

Committee on Point System—Miss Powell, Κ Κ Γ; Mrs. Lardner, Η Β Φ.

Committee on Interfraternity Organizations—Miss Coltrane, Κ Δ; Mrs. Coles, Α Δ Φ; Miss Corbett, Α Γ Δ.

II. STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Eligibility—Mrs. Collins, X Ω; Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ; Mrs. McElroy, A Φ.

Committee on Chaperones—Mrs. Crann, A X Ω; Miss Baldwin, A ≡ Δ.

Committee on Extension—Miss Hall, K A ⊙; Doctor Hopkins, Z T A; Miss Lake, Δ Γ.

Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics—Miss Hall, K A ⊙; Mrs. Hayes, Δ Z.

Committee on Uniform Scholarship Cards—Mrs. Bigelow, A O Π;

Committee on Social Customs—Mrs. Lardner, Π B Φ; Mrs. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1912-13

Chairman, Lillian W. Thompson, Γ Φ B.

Secretary, Lois Smith Crann, A X Ω.

Treasurer, Amy Olgen Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE'S CARICATURE OF WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

BY FLORENCE A. ARMSTRONG

(The following article by the editor of the *Lyre* is a splendid defense of the fraternity system as unjustly and ridiculously set forth by Miss Rickert in recent issues of the *Century* magazine. We quote in full.—Ed.)

It is not the purpose of this article to defend the fraternity system; time and the honorable record of the Fraternities will do that effectively. These pages will simply show the exaggerations and contortions in the caricature which the *Century* published in its November and December issues as an authentic photograph. They will also show the unfairness of making a composite picture of isolated, abnormal cases and of drawing conclusions from this picture, colored by evident prejudice as well.

If the preservation of American democracy really did depend upon the abolition of women's Fraternities; if the best development of the whole body of women students really did demand the breaking up of organized groups of congenial students—if these two important things were disastrously threatened, as the claims go, by the fraternity system, it is my sincere conviction that the Greek letter women the country over would be the first to say "Down with Fraternities." For intimate work with many Greek letter women has shown me that there exists no more large-souled, devoted body of college alumnae than the fraternity alumnae—large-souled and devoted as regards country and womanhood and college as well as regards their own college organization.

Let us then keep the issue clear. When we consider social conditions of our college women, let us consider them in all fairness, and not cloud the situation, and retard what should be our common cause, be we independent women or fraternity women, the cause of the best possible development of college womanhood.

In the first paper Miss Rickert heads her discussion, *The Fraternity Idea Among College Women. What Does It Stand For?* The second paper is entitled *Exclusiveness Among College Women. What Can We Do About It?* The two discussions are illustrated. The illustrations, like the incidents quoted, are a conglomeration; most are exaggerated drawings, e. g., a distressed rushee, "one shoe off and one shoe on," tied to a radiator in the corner of a fraternity house, *A Novel Method of Extracting a Promise to Wear a Fraternity Badge*; some few are actual photographs consisting

of *A Typical Sitting Room in a Girl's Well Appointed Fraternity House*, and a group of fraternity houses at the University of Wisconsin, homes of Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, and Chi Omega. The sober and dignified halftones lend an air of reality to the cartoons, just as in the articles themselves, occasional sober truth gives to the uninformed a feeling that all the statements may be fair, since some of them are ostensibly so.

It is just this compilation of exaggeration and of truth, which makes of the articles, appearing as they do in so dignified a journal, a mischievous attack. To the fraternity woman, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the fallaciousness of the discussion is immediately apparent. Of the uninitiated, who are informed on the subject and who are fairminded, the same would be true; to the uninformed the whole thing would appear as a real "investigation,"—"Comprehensive and impartial," as the editor of the *Century* calls it in an introductory note.

The secret of this unusual fallaciousness Miss Rickert herself explains early in the first paper in saying, "*Is this unjust? The fraternity women have responded most generously to my inquiries; they have heaped upon me a small mountain of manuscript in explanation and defence of their theories and their practice. How shall I get at the truth? It is almost impossible to say anything that is not true of one fraternity or one chapter, and at the same time untrue of others; but I have tried to understand their ideals, and to follow up and judge the tendencies of their practise.*"

When one reads at the close of this article the questionnaire sent out last summer by Miss Rickert, and then reads the above statement, one sees as if by a lightning flash where the trouble lies. A similar set of questions sent out to investigate any organization, the fraternal orders, the church, the family itself, would have resulted in the same sort of discussion, provided there were the same attitude of writer animating the discussion. For not from a pile of manuscript elicited by a superficial questionnaire can the truth be found. Not by trying to understand *their* ideals in such a way shall the motive power of this band of 50,000 highminded women be reached. One must live in the midst of Fraternities, work with fraternity women, work in co-educational institutions, know intimately from first hand the social problems of great institutions of learning, and care for the welfare of college women—and on top of that, know too the "ideals" and "tendencies of practise" of young women outside of college halls, and then one may be competent to pronounce from the housetops one's judgment of college Fraternities. A pile of *their* manuscript—never could such

equipment prepare one to judge scientifically. For the sake of going wisely, the National Pan-Hellenic Congress goes slowly with its changes, working, investigating through committees of sympathetic women of wide experience, saying sanely "How can we get at the truth?" Only by first hand experience and by sympathetic skill can any large social question be handled satisfactorily.

Every reader of *The Lyre* will, I hope, read these articles in the *Century*, and also the article to appear in the February number along the same line, by college presidents and the president of the Pan-Hellenic Congress. A brief summary of the first article follows: The Greek letter badge, said to stand for congeniality of character, has come to stand for clanship of race. The fraternity system is aristocratic because it is destructive to freedom of intercourse. It does not benefit its members, as claimed. Though all reforms now advocated by Fraternities were consummated, the objections to the system would remain, as it means "type" to those within, "caste" to those without; as to the girl on the outside, her case does not seem serious, as she can well take care of herself. "*The fraternity system is hastening on our 'French Revolution' by creating a type that rules by habit rather than by individual power and wisdom, and by inflexible system of caste emphasizing the gap between privilege and the working world.*"

The second article most hesitatingly suggests the usual remedies, the cottage system, which would somehow find ideal houses, ideal housemothers, an ideal system by which the dean could divide the women students satisfactorily into groups; and think that thus all the benefits and none of the shortcomings of Fraternities would be realized. Also she mentions the possibility of dividing the dormitories into floors or sections; and as for the alumnae—an alumnae club house where the visiting alumnae could be accommodated would serve to keep warm and close the relationship between the alumna and her alma mater! She suggests, too, the emphasizing of other inclusive organizations to such an extent that all the forces of the better students would be enlisted, leaving no energy for Fraternities which would then "*dwindle and shrivel until they become mere social excrescences, curiosities of aristocratic affinities.*"

Throughout the pages of both articles is a prejudicial air and a certain bitterness and unfairness that are immediately apparent from a most casual reading. A mature fraternity woman from the University of Nebraska says: "Such things are surely not true in western schools, and not generally true of any." From the president of the local Pan-Hellenic of a large eastern denominational college comes the remark, "Miss Rickert has evidently made her investigations in a larger school than Allegheny." From Berkeley,

the president of the university Pan-Hellenic writes of the "compilation of mistakes." By a "veteran" fraternity woman, editor of the journal of one of the oldest and finest of the Fraternities, they are regarded as "rather amusing in their superficiality," and she continues: I could have made out a much better case against ourselves. In fact it seems to me that those articles do not present premises that justify their conclusions. They also show how dangerous it is to try to study any question as apart from its environment—for after all, fraternities are only a phase of college life and can not be studied apart from the college; and no one is competent to handle such a question who has not lived for years on college campuses—in my opinion. The effort to link up the fraternities with the local societies is amusing; and there are many inaccurate statements in the articles, too."

After summoning up the attractions and value of fraternity life, which she has gleaned from sources at hand, the author says: "*This is a composite picture, made up from scores of glowing accounts of the benefits of the System. Is it true? Certainly the shield has a reverse side.*" And then for every kindly thing said about the Fraternity, isolated incidents are given to vitiate it. To illustrate: "*Well dressed? One would scarcely believe the difference it makes to a 'rushee' whether she is wearing a smart fall hat or a summer left over; and if her belt pin should one day fail to do its duty, her cause might as well be lost. One method of choosing likely members is to send delegates to the station to observe the new girls as they arrive. There is witnessed the triumph of the tailored suit over the dowdy frills of the country dressmaker, of the suit case that has lived abroad over the bulging valise that is packed with home-grown apples and home-made cookies.*"

In reply, I find in a letter from a former Council member, a city bred woman of social experience, "Miss Rickert bitterly speaks of the importance of a tailored suit over the dowdy frills of a country dressmaker. Things may not be what they seem, yet why should neatness and being well groomed *not* count in the college world, when they are to count everywhere else?" Personally I have known chapters, even in a great university, to bid girls of promising rather than of well groomed appearance, knowing that the right sort of girl will learn. Also from one of our own chapters comes the remark, "I should just like to tell of two of the most stunning-looking girls we have; one is a Washington, D. C. girl, with many friends, men galore, beautiful clothes, etc., etc. People thought, we did, that she was flippant, frivolous and the like, and no one bid her at Bidding Time last year. We looked up her scholastic record; fine marks, A's and B's; she has travelled extensively at

home and abroad. We cultivated her acquaintance—she rings true and we love her. The other is, as I said, very attractive; she has an automobile and a canoe, both of which she manages successfully. She is an only child, admired by men, and musical. Her marks were down last year and we did not bid her. She is now doing splendid work and we feel that she will do even better."

As to scholarship, the *Century* says: "*They have ideals of scholarship, indeed they are trying to establish a standard for admission, and they even carry off a share of the honors, but on the whole, their social mind interferes with the scholastic attitude, and prevents over application to mental effort.*"

The pros and cons of fraternity scholarship we all know; no reader of fraternity journalism can escape knowing the facts on this subject. I cannot help but think of the intellectual power of the fraternity girls I have known in active student life. Some are fair students only, as the majority of students are; but some positively brilliant and indefatigably alert. Indeed, mental alertness grows out of the wide-awakeness, the many-sidedness of chapter life. "At the University of Nebraska the grades are somewhat lower for fraternity members," says an alumna, "but there is little difference. And I do believe," she continues, "that were the faculty to choose the same number of non-fraternity members from the representative students, and average their grades, there would be very little indeed, if any, difference." One Fraternity, Delta Delta Delta, reports nineteen Phi Beta Kappas for 1911-12. Surely this fact speaks for itself.

Miss Rickert's citations concerning snobbery as to rushee's "family" are not at all convincing. She knows of a girl who was rushed hard and dropped because it was discovered that her father had been a butcher; I know of brilliant and lovely fraternity girls whose father has been in the meat business, I know, however, of a dashing brilliant girl who was dropped because her father was a saloonkeeper—and the same chapter would do the same thing again under similar circumstances I feel sure, as the community sentiment is against saloonkeepers. As to dropping a girl because she was Jewish, that too would be a matter of local feeling, probably, as Jewish women are frequently found in Fraternities to my personal knowledge, and are as likely as not to be most brilliant and popular.

No one who knows well bred college women will be greatly disturbed over the paragraph on family jars. There are "occasional mistakes" of course—but these misfits are far fewer, I am sure, than the constant mingling with uncongenial students that falls to the lot of many independent girls. And the worst example of an unhappy, uncongenial group I ever saw or heard of, was in a club

house of independent girls. On the other hand, the many chapters of Fraternities which it has been my pleasure to know, have been on the whole very happy, and that is as much as can usually be said concerning life in any group of human beings.

"The most untrue part of the attack," says one university woman, "seems to me the description of life inside the chapter, untrue because ignorant. The social mind *does* prevent over-application, but it produces creditable grades, often excellent ones; there is *not* a perpetual feud on the inside of things; and my own chapter certainly never forced any of us Episcopalians to dance in Lent. Twice, I remember, they postponed dances for us until after Easter, at the request of two or three."

As to the contempt meted out to the rituals of Fraternities, we each can speak of only one ritual. Of the ritual of A X Ω , the things said are utterly untrue; and Alpha Chis can not but smile at the description, "*the ideals necessarily those of immaturity, having all the vagueness and some of the wrong-headedness of youth.*" When we think of the years of experience and of the cultivated, mature women that gave us our ritual, in which even a silver-haired woman of wide experience can see something new and inspiring every time she hears it, this charge also falls flat.

And the ridiculed "dynamic force" is there and is something too great and good for scoffing. If the ritual's conception of loyalty does not require that a chapter shall announce to the multitude the specific charge when it expels a young woman for "loose morals," it is only ordinarily merciful. As Fraternities do not expel members on trivial grounds of "slight indiscretions," it should be a matter for faculty action, to make investigation and decide whether or not a young woman expelled from a Fraternity should or should not be allowed to remain on the campus. And even faculties make their expulsions quietly.

Every Fraternity woman knows it is *not* an "average" performance for a chapter to give a formal dinner and live on bread and potatoes for a week to make up the expense! The fraternity woman finds much more wholesome and sensible arrangement of menus, as well as much more correct and attractive service than does the usual independent girl. So far as relative values in business training derived from chapter finance management and from general student organizations, my experience is directly opposed to that of the dean quoted. The chapter house finances are much more complicated and more carefully managed, in my estimation, than in the larger student bodies. As for the business training of the Y. W. C. A., which is the only large body I have known to afford women students valuable business training, the most important part is managed

by the Advisory Board and by the General Secretary; where there are large and continued finance undertakings, my observation has been that they are put into older and more experienced hands. However different these things may be in different institutions, it is difficult to see *why* "chapter business training is inferior to that of other organizations." In our Fraternity, I should say decidedly that this is not true, speaking from an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the Y. W. C. A.

Indignant protest comes from over the land at the statement that Fraternity crushes individuality. *Theoretically, one could reach the conclusion that it might; practically, fraternity women know that it does not.* We have seen too many women come into their own, gloriously and distinctively, to be able to understand such a statement. *"The fraternities are admitted to be groups in which like seeks like, and the whole flock aims to induce still greater likeness to the pattern of the group. The girl with a streak of genius cannot easily find her like, so she flocks not at all; the poor, proud girl fears patronage and will not; the awkward, ill bred country girl, can't; the dig dare not, for fear of losing some intellectual good thing. All these must develop more or less as individuals; but the fraternity girl unless she enters as an individual strong enough to dominate her companions, must herself be dominated by them."*

All this has a strange, foreign sound to the fraternity woman. Girls with streaks of genius are in our chapters; so are poor, proud ones; and so are hard students. Some girls are dominated in a chapter; but I have known in a group of three independent university girls living together, one who dominated the other two! and of two, one who dominated the other! To be sure, there is a common standard to which all members of a chapter conform, as there is in any number of cultivated young women, fraternity or independent. And if by "type" is meant poise and graciousness, which we hope Fraternity fosters as well as seeks, let us be grateful amidst the unconventionality and carelessness prevailing too much in our institutions of learning, that Fraternity does mean "type"; and let us hope that this "type" will some day be known as "college type" rather than as "fraternity type."

But if by "type" is meant a certain brand of human beings fore-ordained to be Kappas, or Thetas, or Alpha Chis, that is all rubbish, as every rushing season with its overlappings and surprises, illustrates. As to restricting friendships—that is an uncertain matter, I suppose; since Fraternity is perennially charged with restricting friendships, I would hesitate to say that always it does not restrict them. I have always felt that Fraternity broadened a girl's friend-

ships decidedly; a fraternity woman has more *close, congenial* friends when she leaves college, and ten years later, than the independent girl. Then she has, besides, a large number of pleasant acquaintances scattered all over the campus, just as the independent girl has. As I look over my own experience, even when working in institutions where there was no chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, as I have worked at three different times, my friends have been more numerous than had I been a member of no Greek letter organization. This is true of every person with whom I have talked on this interesting phase of fraternity life. That my fraternity membership in no way interfered with my friendships with independent girls I am altogether positive, while a student as well as in other capacities. This has always seemed to me a most important phase of the fraternity question. From a great university comes this testimony: "At Nebraska we have taken in girls who were so retiring and reticent that without fraternity associations their college social life would have meant little to them." We can all doubtless reiterate this assertion from the experience of our own chapters.

Says Miss Rickert: "*The fraternity girl with all her poise, her charm, her efficiency, is crippled by the fact that she is not allowed to come to grips with all sorts of conditions and people, by which alone is gained the personal, as opposed to the group, attitude toward life.*"

Since reading these words several weeks ago, there has been several times gone through my mind a procession of friends of mine, whom I have met in different institutions, who have been allowed to come to grips with all sorts and conditions of people, whose college days lacked the sweetness and "homeyness" which come to the fraternity girl. There is the magnificent young woman, a student of medicine, in ugly quarters, wholly uncongenial surroundings—a girl of fine nature who loathed ugly things and who would have blossomed beautifully with more of brightness and love about her. She was preparing herself for a large service, and was too poor to spend unnecessary time or money. "*What the university fails to do,*" says Miss Rickert, "*to counteract the effects of poverty, ill breeding, bad preparation and inexperience is another thing altogether. Individual tragedies settle themselves, and those who win come out stronger, finer women for their victory over adverse conditions than any fraternity girl for whom the way has been made smooth.*"

Why, in the name of all that is reasonable and fair, is it another matter altogether what the university fails to do for its women? It seems to me that that is just exactly the point at issue, and that to sit back and say "individual tragedies settle themselves" would be

a cowardly and unworthy attitude of which any friend of college women should be ashamed.

Always I shall think that my "medic" friend was cheated out of part of her right, and I shall never believe that she is finer and stronger because of her struggles, of the coldness and ugliness of much of her university life. She would have made a gentler, greater woman could she have had more of the warmth and beauty such as is found in chapter life. There are many others with similar experiences, as we all have witnessed. As I have watched this procession go by, there has also gone another—of strong, light-hearted, well-equipped fraternity women taking up their duties in the world. And in the actual working life of the world, the girl with the lesser social opportunities only occasionally forges ahead of the fraternity girl. Sometimes she does forge ahead—there is no fixed law, it resting of course, on the relative strength and tact of the two workers. Experience shows that wholesome happiness is a valuable asset in preparation for active work, be one's field what it may.

Does the independent woman take the broader outlook upon the world's needs? Look into the social settlements, into mission fields, into Y. W. C. A. offices; look into the school-rooms, into summer camps—wherever college women see an opportunity for helpfulness, you will find the fraternity woman—and as for the volunteer work in countless communities, quietly and effectively done by large-hearted fraternity women, no words can estimate that. The habit of sympathetic interest and of mutual responsibility and helpfulness gained in chapter life, results naturally in a sympathetic outlook upon the broader circle of after years.

In closing her first article, Miss Rickert quotes some very beautiful and very false words from "a college president." "I always think of the fraternity men as in a circle, hand in hand, facing outward; but of the women as turned the other way, worshipping at their own little shrine, with their backs to the winds of the world."

No person who knew his ground would make such a statement, as the women's Fraternities are far and away ahead of the men's organizations in practical application of their creed of Fraternity.

"The Pan-Hellenic Society believes itself specially chosen and trained for service. And what has it done?" asks Miss Rickert. *"Aside from a vague and general interest in alumnae activities, this service is reduced to scholarships, some isolated attempts in education and philanthropy, a certain 'dynamic force' upon the character of its members, scarcely apparent to outsiders, and continued perfection of organization, thus far for no more evident purpose than the reform of its own body."*

Here again Miss Rickert speaks on a subject of which she is

uninformed. Should the fraternity system do no more than carry out its main work, organizing and developing its 50,000, and ever increasing army, into finer, happier, more sympathetic, coöperative and useful citizens, it would be performing a gigantic service to the country.

But that is not all. Organized work is being done—scholarships are numerous, and why scholarships should be underrated is more than I can see; Pi Beta Phi has added to its scholarships a school for mountain whites which is now in operation, and what will develop from this one undertaking only the fulness of time can tell. Chi Omega, with a particular interest in her membership in social service, requires that each chapter perform some definite, significant act of charity annually. From the *Eleusis*, August 1912, we quote:

“Convention showed that both our active and alumnae chapters are intensely interested in the welfare of *people*. By way of illustration we cite incidents where in the various cities the chapters have established means through which nutritious but economical food may be obtained at minimum cost by the children of the different schools; and again others are watching closely the means of recreation offered by the municipalities and are giving freely of their time and thought to the improving of these conditions; still others are making possible for unfortunates hospital care, and flowers are brightening the lives of many a city dweller. And so on through a long list—a list which spelled service with a capital ‘S’. The reports we feel confident demonstrated that organized effort along all lines of social work was something of untold value, and that we should move forward with redoubled vigor toward the good of our practical ideal.”

Alpha Chi Omega’s studio in the artists’ colony at the MacDowell Memorial Association furnishes free a workroom for an artist in ideal surroundings for creative work; like many other Fraternities, Alpha Chi Omega expects to add other scholarships to this one; she too has some definite act of beneficence performed annually by each chapter on The Heraea—March the first.

One of our individual chapters gives a scholarship annually in its own institution. Fraternity women in active college life do a great deal, as every Y. W. C. A. president well knows; and much hospital and settlement work is performed by fraternity girls. What have the Fraternities done to meet the needs of the world? It would take a separate investigation to get in order and tabulate all the things that Fraternities have done. We have worked quietly and modestly and shall continue to do so. But it might be a good thing to make an array of just what we have done to produce on occasion

for convincing the uninformed that Fraternity and the needs of the world are knit together indissolubly!

On page 213 of this issue is Walter B. Palmer's opinion as to what to do about college social conditions. The vital point in the whole discussion of the fraternity system—the other two-thirds—Miss Rickert passed over as insignificant. The reforms needed in the fraternity system are coming, effected by women who know their ground; the excluded women for whom the institutions themselves do so little socially, should be the concern of the independent woman and of the fraternity woman as well. The fraternity system is not responsible for social conditions and attitudes found the country over—in little inland villages, in cities, in the mountains, east, west, north and south—and it is of no use to pretend that it is. For the neglected social condition of the many students whom existing Fraternities can not reach, some one is responsible. Student groups there will be and must be to the end of time. Then why not recognize the fact and make these groups the agents for the greatest development possible; since other student groups are needed, why not form them?

Whatever sentiments the *Century's* articles may awaken in us, let us follow Mrs. Loud's earnest wishes in realizing that every incident cited by Miss Rickert actually happened somewhere, some time, and in seeing to it that Alpha Chi Omega in small things and in great be worthy only of sincere respect, and worthy of her opportunity. Let the articles be read in chapter meetings and thoughtfully discussed. They should make us thoughtful and careful.

THE KNOCKER

BY DOROTHY VORSE, Γ Φ Β.

[The following toast was given at the Des Moines Pan-Hellenic banquet in November and was one of a toast scheme based upon the much-criticised articles in the *Century*. Ed.]

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary
Over all the latest fiction,—periodicals galore,

Suddenly I spied some writing which really seemed to call for
fighting,

For 'twas some one surely knocking, knocking, knocking evermore,
Knocking us—and nothing more!

"Ah," I tho't, "'tis cruel to knock us—to array such awful faults
thus."

But aloud I cried, "I'll agree with all the things that hurt us sore.
Yes, sororities *are* evil—wicked things—but oh, how feeble.
Yes, they should be all abolished from the schools forevermore."

"Presently my soul grew stronger; hesitating then no longer,
"Sir," I cried, "or Madame, truly your harsh words I do deplore.
But I'll tell you other stories of wrongs done by the sorores—
Yes, I'll aid you in your work to banish us forevermore."

"Now, while I'm engaged in telling, and the scores of stories
swelling,

I methink me of the way we choose the leader of our frat:—
Each girl lists her dates (by hours), and the bunches of her flowers
Sent her by prospective suitors—and those lists are placed on file.
And the longest wins the nomination—another way's abomination,
For popularity with men, you know that that is well worth while.

"'Do we choose a girl for money?' Certainly!—that isn't funny.
When we bid a maid, we utter 'Pray tell us now of your papa.
Is he banker, dear, or jeweler, or some wealthy social ruler?
Or perhaps even a "multi"?—then, oh then, we welcome you.
For we need a baby Chickering, and we're tired of always dickering
With the butcher—but if you can't help us, we will look some more!'

"As for dress—that's what we're after—it's a most important factor.
Once we bid a girl because she wore the newest of panniers,
And we dropped another who refused Dame Fashion's call
And determined to wear hobbles to the college Junior ball.

"And good looks. Now here's a story you perhaps will think is gory,
But it's true, and proves that beauty gets a girl a pledge pin sure.
Homely Jane sent an actress' picture for the Gamma Gams to see.

And they 'picked her for a winner,' and sure as I'm a sinner,
Said, 'We want her,' and they sent to Jane a pledge pin the next day.
But when they saw the girl who wore it, they immediately swore it
A mistake, and grabbed that pledge pin, and they spoke to Jane
no more!

"Now another thing the frats do—they encourage wicked slang so.
Once a learned Judge was dining with the Gam Gams all sedate,
When, their stateliness all shattering, a freshman voice was heard
a-chattering,
Shouting, 'Shoot the biscuits, some one, I've gotta beat it to a ball.'
But the Judge relaxed in laughter, and the very next year after,
His only daughter joined the circle of those Gam Gams—slang
and all."

Now these stories have no moral; but I do hope you won't quarrel
With those souls who knock fraternities whene'er they have a chance.
For a rigid "investigation" of the terrible relation
'Twixt the fraters and the barbs, has proved much worse than
e'er before.

So whene'er you have a call, to agree with barbs at all,
Do it—do it—*over do it!* You'll regret it not at all.



“THE moving finger writes and having writ, moves on” and each year Gamma Phi Beta places upon the shelf of Time the volumes of her history. Volumes of struggle, of achievement, of endless endeavor; chapters of romance, of comedy, even, perchance, of tragedy. The history of the sorority, abounding in ideals, setting before its readers the true, the good and the greatly-to-be-desired; great enough in the records of past and present to extend its influence into the world without, to broaden its horizon, to widen its sphere of activity. The history of the chapter—chronicling each successive step to success and achievement, betraying more than anything else the aims and ideals of its members. The history of the individual—the one in whom there lies all possibility—to whom there is intrusted the fair fame of Gamma Phi Beta—with whom there rests the opportunity of becoming a real, a vital member of her chapter or of remaining a passive factor in the sorority life.

“KNOW THYSELF” is a good if an ancient maxim. Therefore the freshman is bidden to read not only the history of her own chapter but those of her sister chapters; is urged to become familiar with the names of those in the sorority who have accomplished something in the outside world.

MISS EDITH RICKERT, author of the oft-quoted and much criticized articles upon sororities in the *Century* has gained more notoriety by this handling of an unknown subject than could possibly have come to her through a perusal of her thrilling page

in the *Ladies' Home Journal* entitled "How Can I Make Money and Stay at Home?" Miss Rickert has certainly been the subject of many scathing remarks, she has had the props knocked from under her ridiculous structure, and has undoubtedly learned a few important facts since the publication of her "impartial investigations." But—immortality is cheap at such a price, we suppose!

THE Denver Alumnae Chapter is very encouraged and very enthusiastic over the replies to the letters concerning a National Scholarship Committee and a Students' Aid Fund. Those chapters who have answered have seemed interested in this movement and it is quite possible that, ere long, some definite action may be taken.

NOT long ago we received a letter from the editor of a prominent sorority journal, stating that she had been asked by a leading magazine for an article upon the civic, educational or philanthropic work done by the women's Greek letter societies, and requesting an account of Gamma Phi Beta's activities in this line. What could your editor do but confess frankly and openly that—save the outside interests of some individual chapters—the sorority has no certain and definite work without its own circle. Which fact brings a repetition to you of the statement that Gamma Phi Beta will never reach the full flower of growth and usefulness until she realizes the necessity of her influence and activity in other directions save those that have to do with her own development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the convenience of those who may chance to be in a city or a college town where there is a chapter, either active or alumnae, a list of the time and place of meetings has been published. Will those chapters not represented in this list please send the desired information to the editor as soon as possible?

Once more we ask this trifling courtesy—if the chapter correspondent cannot or will not send the required material, will she inform the editor so that a second plea will be unnecessary?

Look over your chapter names, and if there have been changes in addresses, notify the business manager at once so that our mailing list may be correct.

Help Miss Morgan by sending your CRESCENT subscription immediately. Don't let the college year close with any arrears.

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house,
117 Euclid Avenue.

BETA

GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house.

DELTA meets in the chapter rooms, 284 Dartmouth Street.

EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M. at the sorority rooms, fourth floor of Willard Hall.

ZETA meets every Saturday evening at 307 East 24th Street.

ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house,
2732 Channing Way.

THETA meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park.

IOTA meets every Monday afternoon at 4:00 at Miss Kimball's apartment, 3129 Broadway.

KAPPA meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house,
1018 University Ave., S. E.

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XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house.

BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 A. M. at
284 Dartmouth Street.

CHICAGO meets the first Saturday of each month at the Chicago
College Club Rooms—Fine Arts Building, Luncheon at 12:30.

SYRACUSE

DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of
members.

NEW YORK meets October 19, December 7, January 11, March 1,
April 5, at 1:00 at homes of members. Banquet in May.

MINNESOTA meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of
members. Banquet in May.

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ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: Mid-years have come and gone, and likewise the first two weeks of our new semester.

Our Christmas meeting came after the last letter to the CRESCENT. It was held at Mrs. Cooke's, the Saturday after Christmas. Everyone had a delightful time, though there were not quite as many present as in some former years.

The three days following examinations, January 23, 24, and 25 this year constituted senior week, and we all had a vacation. This is a new feature, and it is intended to make up to us for the lack of our Junior Prom, which has been abolished. Thursday night a number of the girls attended the senior ball, and Wednesday night the performance of "Broke," the senior week play.

At a large Masquerade given by the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, February 4, Gamma Phi was asked to give an Egyptian stunt. The result was very clever; Grace Beaver as Cleopatra reclined gracefully on a long divan, while Lydia Rhoades danced up and down before the bored beauty! Two attendants played entrancing music on combs, while two other attendants fanned Cleopatra vigorously with queer fans. All the stunts, each one representing a country, were impromptu, but very funny.

At the junior-freshman basketball game that same evening, Pansy Stone, the manager of the freshman team was knocked down, and her knee received a serious wrench, but it is much better now.

Little else has happened so far this semester, but the remainder promises to be very busy for Alpha.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Heroy, (Jessie Page '08) have recently gone to Los Angeles to remain until April. Mr. Heroy is in the

Department of Agriculture in Washington and has been sent to California on government business.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pishel, (Emilie Treadway '08) are living at "The Victoria," 14th and Clifton Streets, Washington, D. C.

Gertrude Waters ('08) is in the employ of the Edison Company of New York City, and has recently been very prominent in organizing a school for the employees of the company.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hodge, (Jessie Hulburt, '95) a daughter, Caroline Hildreth Hodge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Heroy, (Jessie Page, '08) a daughter, Laura Page Heroy, on November 30, 1912.

MARRIAGES

Stephanie Clark, ('11) was married on December 30, 1912 to Robert Coit Meleney, of Chicago.

BETA—(NO LETTER)

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

It seems a real privilege to sit down and write a chapter letter after a week and a half of "exam" writing. Our first semester ended Wednesday, February the fifth, and, we are glad to say, ended happily for us all. We have been working hard, and the Lodge has been seized with an attack of such absolute quiet, that it seemed all but impossible that twenty-two girls were safely housed within its walls.

Now, however, the reaction has come in the form of preparation for Junior "Prom," which takes place February the seventh. The "Prom" house parties are of three days' duration, and the stunts are so varied and such good fun that they are topics of anticipation for several weeks before "Prom," and food for pleasant recollection for many weeks after. On the night before the dance, the Junior play is given, and the play this year is of special interest because it was written by a man who is here in college at the present time. We think we have just cause to be proud of Gamma Phi's representation, since four of our girls, Helen Harrison, Agnes Boeing, Jessie Sumner, and Frances Lauder are in the cast. Everyone with true Wisconsin spirit is interested in the junior festivities, and "Prom" seems to us quite the nicest way to mark the division between the old and the new semesters.

Our half year has been very successful in many ways, and we have only one thing to be sorry about. Dorothy Crain, one of our freshmen, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health,

and although she had been a Gamma Phi such a very short time she had done many things both for the good and for the pleasure of our chapter, and her absence from the circle is keenly felt. This, however, has been our one misfortune, and the past few months have been happy ones for Gamma.

PERSONALS

Clara Jenson, '12, started to teach in January, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Gladys Hayden, '12, who has been teaching at Hurley, Wisconsin, was obliged to resign on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, of Madison, will sail very soon for Central America. They expect to visit Guatemala, Costa Rica, British and Spanish Honduras and Salvador.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kreutzer expect to leave in March for the South and Panama. They will return by way of North Carolina, where their son Knox is studying at Asheville.

Gertrude Wright is studying vocal music in New York City, with Oscar Sanger, and has bright prospects for her future career as a singer.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, (T, '87,) District Vice-president for the fifth district of the Minnesota Federation of Clubs, gave the address of welcome at the midwinter luncheon in connection with the meeting of the State Federation of Clubs. Mrs. Edgar H. Lloyd, State President and Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, National President, were the guests of honor.

BIRTHS

Two of Gamma's babies whose arrival has not been announced in the CRESCENT are Betty Woodard, daughter of Jessie Bell Woodard, born Feb. 1, 1912; and Jeanne Week, daughter of Josephine Allen Week, born Sept. 9, 1912. Both of these babies are living in Texas.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear sisters: It is with the greatest pride and joy that we introduce to you our four initiates—Helena Pierson, Anna Raymond, Annie Strang, and Dorothy Taylor, and our one pledge, Rena Fowler. Our restricted rushing season was a long and nerve-racking one, but our happiness in our new sisters more than makes up for it. Pledge day occurred before the Christmas vacation, and the week following our return we gave our pledges a party at the chapter rooms, 284 Dartmouth Street. The party took the form of a country fair, and while our space was limited, we managed to have quite a number of side shows including Madame Gitchie Gumee, the Fortune Teller (Elsie Jordan), Madame Paddy-Rewski, the

World's Fastest Rag-time Pianist (Helen Clark), the Famous Rogues Picture Gallery, and the Silhouette Booth. After the spread, the Kitchen Orchestra under the direction of Rachel Hardwick rendered its choicest selections, while a fair country maiden sold lolly-pops and raisin cookies.

The initiation was held at the home of Rachel Rice in Roxbury, on the afternoon of January 11, and immediately following that, the banquet was held at the Hotel Vendome. There were about fifty present including many alumnae, and we had the wonderful time that Gamma Phis always have when they get together. The toasts were in the following order:

Toastmistress—Florence W. Barbour

“All the college is a stage,
And all the students merely players,
And one girl in her time plays many parts.”

For 1916—Dorothy S. Taylor

“At first the infant, Dearest prize of all.”

For 1915—Helen M. Farwell

Then the Sophomore, with her shining morning face,
Wise beyond her years.

For 1914—Edna W. Simmons

Then the Junior, seeking the bubble reputation
Even in Psychology.

For 1913—Ruth D. Norton

And then the Senior,
Grave in cap and gown.

For the Alumnae—Esther W. Bates

Last scene of all,
That ends this strange, eventful history,
The Alumna, full of wise saws
And modern instances.

The Goat—Helen Pierson

“With eyes severe, and beard of formal cut.”

Our numbers are to be quite diminished next term, as several of our members are going to leave temporarily. Rachel Rice '13 is to spend some months traveling in Europe. Marguerite Hill '15 is to stay out one term, and Ruth Hatch '13 has finished her course this February and is to attend Bryant & Stratton Commercial School.

Mid-years have left us weary of brain and subdued of spirit, but unwavering in loyalty to Gamma Phi. So as such, we greet you.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Parker (Marjorie Barnard, ex-'13) are at home at Parker Station, N. H.

ENGAGEMENTS

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Milicent A. Harrison '14 to Mr. Joseph P. Maxfield '10 of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We are enjoying the first sighs of relief after the agony occasioned by the mid-year examinations. We have had no meetings during the two weeks that the "cramming" process has been going on, and consequently, have seen almost nothing of each other. There is really very little Epsilon news for the CRESCENT this time. On January 17th we gave an informal dance at Winnetka Woman's Club, and had as our guests twenty girls from other sororities. We had a very enjoyable time, and decided that it afforded a splendid opportunity to come into closer touch with other college women.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave a reception on the afternoon of January 11, to all the sororities at Northwestern.

We spent the afternoon of January 22 at Ethel Anderson's home and made various necessary articles for our sorority rooms. A dainty buffet luncheon was served after the work was done.

Dorothy Winchell entertained six of the girls at luncheon at her home on January 25.

We are very sorry not to have Ruby Walton with us this second semester. She is planning to stay at her home in Scalesmound, Illinois, on account of her father's ill health, but expects to be with us again next year.

PERSONALS

A few of us had the pleasure of meeting Hermina Haller of Gamma chapter who spent the recess between semesters in Evanston.

Nell and Ardis Ade ('12) spent several days in February with Epsilon.

Helen Lewis is again with us after a six weeks vacation, and is continuing her work in the Cumnock School of Oratory.

Carolyn McCarty ('12) was the guest of Epsilon the week of January 18.

Ruby Walton ('15) led the grand march at the winter ball at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sparling, (Ruth Phillippi, Epsilon, '99) a son, Austin, on November 5 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last chapter letter we have been passing through a series of joys and troubles, but it is unnecessary to say which we consider the joys and which the troubles when we tell you what has happened and what is to come.

We all had a very pleasant Christmas vacation, most of us spending it at our homes with a few remaining here in the city. Upon our return to college, we were greeted with the mid-year examinations.

On February 7 and 8 the senior class will present "Jeanne d'Arc" (Percy Mackaye's), in Catherine Hooper Hall. The cast is kept secret until the night that the play is given. For the two weeks preceding Senior Dramatics the seniors in each hall sit together at a large table in the dining-room so that they may have a chance to talk over their secrets without danger of revealing them to the underclassmen who are very curious to find out the particulars.

We are all looking forward with much pleasure to a dinner party which is to be given for the active chapter at the Maryland Country Club on Saturday, February 15.

On Saturday afternoon, January 25, Mary McCurley, (Zeta, '10) entertained at bridge the alumnae of the chapter who live in the city in honor of Mrs. E. R. Smith (Grace Howard, Alpha, '99).

As Inauguration comes only once every four years, it seems to be one of the big events in our college days. Margaretta Williamson, '13, has invited the active chapter to have a house party at her home, 1031 Park Road, Washington, D. C., from March 3 to March 4. We are hoping that we may see some Gamma Phis from other chapters, who will probably be in Washington at that time.

PERSONALS

Margaret Schmidt, (ex-'15), who is attending Teachers College, Columbia University, visited the chapter December 20.

Mathilda Omwake, ('12) of Waynesboro, Pa., called on the Gamma Phis January 28.

Nell Watts, ('05) has returned from North Carolina where she spent the late fall and early winter.

Anna Palmer, (ex-'96) one of the charter members of Zeta, is spending the winter in Lynn, Mass., and studying music in Boston. In the spring she will be joined by her sister May, also a charter member of Zeta.

Josephine Stone, ('07) who has been at the head of the educational department of Los Angeles Y. W. C. A. for the past three years, is at her home in Battle Creek, Mich., for the winter.

Mathilda Omwake, ('12) is spending a month visiting in Georgia. On her way home she expects to visit Ruth Porter, ('10) at her home in Charleston, West Virginia.

Margery Sawyer, ('14) attended the Student Volunteer Conference held at the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., the first of February.

BIRTHS

Born, January the first, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gorrell, (Edna Borcharding, Zeta, '04), a son Robert Borcharding Gorrell.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

You haven't heard anything from Eta since before the holidays so there is a great deal to tell about it. First of all, we came through our ex's with flying colors, and are back at work with full vigor, though not in full numbers, as one of us graduated, and another could not come back on account of ill health. We regret their absence very much.

But our three pledges help materially to console us. They are Sybil Scott, Margaret Hannah, and Berenice Arnold, and we are very proud of them. We cannot initiate Berenice until the fall term, because of the six months rule lately passed by the Pan-Hellenic, but the others will be taken into the fold very soon, and are already living in the chapter house.

That chapter house has been a lively place in the three weeks that have passed since registration day, the thirteenth of January. There has not been very much rushing, but we have been busy with other things. On the twenty-first, the upper floor served dinner to the lower floor, the guests were requested to come in costume, and most of them complied, with various results, more or less becoming. There were a suffragette, two Indians, a Hindu beauty, a pirate chief, and even the Gold Dust Twins appeared, as well as Tytyl of Blue Bird fame. As to the dinner itself, it was very impromptu—each course was served in a different room of the upper floor, the guests progressing from one room to the other, and the finish, composed of coffee, peanuts and olives in true Gamma Phi style, and a box of candy, was very fittingly partaken of in the chapter room. There we sang songs and admired one another's costumes and the evening's entertainment ended with a serpentine all through the house, to the tune of the Jolly Sophomore. The whole affair was very easily arranged and was very successful, in spite, or perhaps because of, its hasty preparation.

On Saturday evening, the eighteenth, we gave our first dance of the semester. It was very informal, though rushees were bidden,

and very jolly. Simple decorations, and a dainty supper helped in the success of the occasion.

On the twenty-seventh came the great annual Christmas Tree, the day on which gifts are made to the house—an Eta tradition. Many of the girls came from home to have dinner at the house, and after a short meeting, the fun began. We were joined by several of the alumnae, and many of the mothers came to see the gifts, and the girls. Such gifts! A beautiful antique Japanese gong, to call us to meals, presented by our beloved House Mother, Mrs. Gurney. Then there were cut glass dishes, four card tables, a dozen glasses of jelly, centerpieces, a mirror for our tea-room, and so many other things that I can't think of them all. We sang to our donors, and after our ice-cream and cake, all had a grand Virginia Reel, and afterwards a Serpentine. It surely was great fun.

Everyone was anxious to have a dance before Lent set in, so the date was set for February first. The second dance was fully as enjoyable as the first. There were decorations of Japanese lanterns, and many wood-wardia ferns, and the rooms looked very lovely indeed.

We are all quite busy preparing for the Parthenia, the great spring festival of all the women students of the university. Miss Mayda Hatch has come all the way from Boston to train the dancing choruses, and classes have been formed in Aesthetic dancing for the purpose. The dancing is a great pleasure, as Miss Hatch makes it so interesting, and we are looking forward to a great success which will perhaps vie with that of last year.

THETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Now that the winter days, with their snow and ice have passed and we have in their stead the bright and warmer days of spring, each girl seems filled with new life and enthusiasm. As we turn the calendar backwards, the one day which brings the most pleasant reminiscences is that of the party given to the upperclassmen by the freshmen on January the eleventh at the home of Isabel Tully. The older girls were graciously received and ushered mysteriously past certain closed doors which later were opened for the clever program which they had prepared. It consisted of two vocal solos by Madeline Keezer and Delphine Shader, "The Ragita Twins" (Comedians and Dancers) by Lucia Herbert and Lucy Gallup, a comical sketch by Isabel Tully, Marie Harris and Ruth Coldren, and a song composed by Laurel Grimes and sung by all the freshmen. After presenting the new lodge with a gift of money enough to buy some nice

piece of furniture, delicious refreshments were served and the older girls of Theta went home prouder than ever of their fine new freshmen.

On February the eighth, Theta entertained the members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at a house dance at the home of Ruth Coldren. The ballroom was artistically decorated in the colors of the fraternity, while the programs and refreshments were in the two shades of brown. This is the first of a series of dances which we have planned to give each fraternity of the college.

The date for our annual play has been set for March 28. The prospect for our play, which is always the pride of Theta owing to the talent of Lindsey Barbee and the interest which the girls show in making it a success, is very promising this year. Miss Barbee has chosen the Civil War times for the setting. The old-fashioned dresses and Virginia reel will be very attractive and Theta is eagerly awaiting the beginning of play rehearsals.

We are proud to introduce to you our two new pledges, Lucia Herbert and Ruth Coldren.

PERSONALS

Gertrude Bent (ex-'15) left February the fourth to spend the remainder of the winter touring the East and South.

Delphine Shader ('16) spent the holidays at her home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lucy Gallup ('16) and Mary Gallup (Theta) spent the holidays in Seattle, Washington with Mrs. Clarke Gallup (Lela Tait, ex-'15).

MARRIAGES

Mabel Short, '03, was married in June 1912 to Mr. A. B. Hinsdell of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They are living at 639 Fountain Street in that city.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

By the time you are able to read this letter Christmas will have been so far in the background of your memory that it may seem ancient history to hear of our St. Nicholas party, but as it was the first exciting event since the last letter, I would better tell you about it anyway. Two weeks before the party, Jean Shaw, our Santa, had each member of the chapter draw a slip with another girl's name on it. Then the one who drew the slip, must find an appropriate gift and write a fitting verse for the girl whose name was drawn. The presents were very good. One of the girls who brought a budding veterinary to the fall dance was the recipient of a little black horse with one leg carefully bandaged, bearing this tag:

“This little horse went to market,
This little horse got lame;
This little horse needs a doctor
And what's that doctor's name?”

After the distribution of gifts in Jean's witty manner, we had dinner at the apartment, then sang and danced until it was time to go.

On the thirty-first of December, Alice Malleson, one of our last initiates, gave the chapter and a number of the alumnae a Five Hundred party. The carnations on the tables looked like dear friends. Helen Warrall Haight and her little daughter Alice were there. We are so glad that they will live in New Jersey instead of Minnesota after this. Edna Stitt was another guest around whom a great deal of interest centered, for she had just announced her engagement to Rev. M. L. Robinson of New York, the week before.

The Friday evening after Christmas vacation, the Barnard Philanthropic Clubs gave a Phoebe Snow dance. Louise Comes, who is president of Y. W. C. A. induced a number of the Gamma Phis to come, and we all had such a good time. The girls looked very sweet and demure in their simple white dresses and violets, and oh, the joy of dancing without gloves!

But soon the atmosphere about college began to darken. Exhibition week was coming when the maidens would perform publicly the tricks which their masters had been training them during the past four months. This circus also goes by the name of examinations. It may interest you to know that the sole question on the sophomore English paper (a three hour performance at that,) was—“Write a brief on ‘Resolved that fraternities be abolished at Barnard.’”

This goes to prove how widely and how freely the fraternity problem is being brought up in the college. The Dean and some of the faculty have even posted office hours during which time they request the girls to come in to discuss this point of common interest with them. How happy I shall be when I can give you our new rules, for I am sure that if time and consideration by faculty and students alike amount to anything, our situation ought to be quite ideal.

The two active members present at the January alumnae luncheon were Elsa Berghaus and Jean Barrick. This custom of the alumnae to bring the active girls into association with them before graduation seems to be very beneficial. It helps us by showing the enthusiasm the older girls still feel for Gamma Phi, and, by being already acquainted with our alumnae, we are sure to join their chapter later.

The Wednesday after mid-years were over, we had a theatre party to see "The Whip," thanks to the patience of Alice Brown, who stood on line over half an hour in order to get the tickets. We enjoyed the melodrama immensely, and took all the thrills in as appreciative a manner as though we had never been educated up to Shakespeare.

Before closing I should like to tell you of a plan Iota has to make more singing possible at Gamma Phi gatherings. We think it would be a good idea if a small pocket song book were published, containing the words of our songs, without the music. We could carry these with us inconspicuously. If a small committee were appointed by each chapter to look into the matter, good results ought to be accomplished. Nothing makes visiting girls feel more at home at a sorority gathering than to sing the same songs with her newly-met sisters that she used to sing at her own college.

Iota hopes that all of the Gamma Phis who are in New York will visit them on Monday afternoons at the apartment, 3129 Broadway. Miss Kimball, an Iota girl, lives there, and is anxious to bring us all together.

PERSONALS

Rosalind Case '12, who is staying at home in Peconic this year, visited the chapter in January.

Regina O'Sullivan, '14 has resumed her work at college this February.

Dorothy Dean, '15, will not be back this term, but will appear on the scene once more in September.

Sophie Lingg, '13, is staying at the dormitory for a few months.

Jean Barrick, '14, has taken her place in the glee club again after a term's vacation from that arduous work.

BIRTHS

To Florence Rose Friend of Hackensack, N. J., a son.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Sisters Dear: We have no celebrities, no daughters or sisters of genius for you to open your eyes over; prominence has slipped around the corner from us, and we stop short to wonder what we have done and what we *do* do. There is only the ordinary round of classes, study, college activities with their fun and work, parties from tobogganing to the most formal, and a little more study sprinkled over the top by the generous faculty. We all push, we pull, then we get down under and boost. We are an *active* chapter, but that does not make talent blossom, or genius grow on bushes. I might give you a list of those who hold college offices, such as

Eunice McGilvra, '13, president of S. G. A.; Constance Davis, '13, president of Acanthus Literary Society, etc, but that would only be repeating what has been in earlier letters. Most of us are the kind who would be stars, were there no others in the sky. You see, we believe half the world was made to applaud the other half, and we were cast with the first lot.

Every Monday at five o'clock we used to gather at the chapter house (1018 University Ave.) for meeting followed by a spread. I say "used to" because the old order will have to be changed this semester, and as I am writing the night before we settle the question I can not tell you the new decree. What with classes from eight in the morning until six at night every day except Saturday it looks as if a weekly midnight watch would be ours. Every Friday afternoon the house-girls serve tea from four to six to as many of their friends as can and care to drop in. Not everyone is burdened with a late class. It is decidedly pleasant to finish a class discussion with your next-door-neighbor over a fragrant cup of tea.

Meanwhile college plans many attractions for us. Thursday, February 6, the All-University chorus will give "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," accompanied by part of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. We have four girls in the chorus. February 13, the Masquers will present "Arms and the Man"—all Gamma Phis expect to see it from the audience side of the foot-lights (I told you we were made to applaud). Athletics are gaining interest here and many of us are practising for the skating, and swimming, meets to be held in about a month. If we are not stiff or black-and-blue from trying to be "fancy skaters," we are hanging over radiators to dry our hair.

As a sorority our social activity lapsed into stony passivity between the Christmas party and the end of finals. We celebrated that milestone by a dance at Shevlin and for the first time we experienced an eleven o'clock closing hour—the new S. G. A. ruling for Shevlin Hall. There is probably nothing startling in that for some of you, but our college dances have always lasted until twelve, every night in the week.

As a parting morsel of news let me introduce two pledges—Daly Lindsey, '15, Virginia, Minn., and Marion Slater, Minneapolis. Marion graduated from Oberlin in 1912 and is planning to take her Master's Degree here next year. They will be wearing Gamma Phi pins long before you read this letter.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our new semester has begun. It is new indeed, for, with semester pledging, we can hardly re-

alize that there are new freshmen. It was Lambda's proposed system that was finally adopted by the local Pan-Hellenic. We believe that it will be successful and will eventually be succeeded by a sophomore pledge system. A more favorable time for the change could not be found. We have a large chapter of enthusiastic girls, including twelve newly initiated freshmen. Our chapter house is full to overflowing which makes it more attractive than ever.

But this is not the only excitement since last we wrote. On December 20 Lambda gave an informal Christmas dance, one of the most successful ever held at the President's Mansion. A Christmas tree provided the setting for unique favor dances.

Our annual banquet—the big event for all Washington Gamma Phis—came on February 2. Seventy-nine Gamma Phis, old ones and new ones, gathered in the big grill room of the New Washington Hotel. Pink carnations, pink shaded candelabra and full blown roses decorated the long U shaped table. Our toast scheme, the River, was successfully carried out on the menus in dainty water-color landscapes, the work of a freshman, Anna Baker. Katherine Kerr presided as toastmistress. The following toasts were cleverly given:

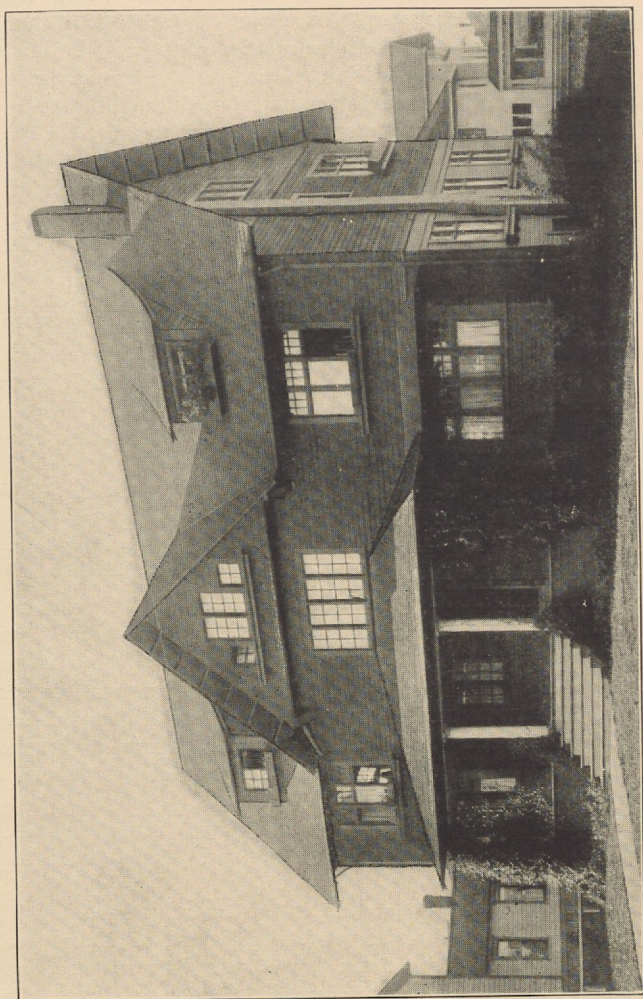
The River.....	Gertrude Young '13.
The Ocean.....	Violet Dungan '10.
The Mouth.....	Wilhelmina Schumacher.
The Banks.....	Frances Markey '14.
Tributaries.....	Mabel Springer '15.
Springs.....	Gazina Thomas.
The Course.....	Airdrie Kincaid.

This was the first official appearance of our newest sisters in Gamma Phi, Anna Baker, Marian Alexander, Elsie Doragh, Gazina Thomas, Harriett Smith, Viola Schwaegler, Erna Meerscheidt, Mabel Posson, Myrtle Rude, Marjorie Holmes, Gladys Morris and Pearl Megrath.

Verna Pendleton, Virginia Hadley and Violet Megrath made an exciting journey around the table, ending our festivities in happy confusion.

The very latest news at Lambda is the installation of our new Steinway grand piano. We are very, very proud of it and realize that it means much to our chapter house and more to the chapter.

The pussy willows are all out now and the campus is full of budding life and new energy. Lambda sends greetings from the glorious Northwest—where new vigor and fresh hope come always with the budding of green leaves and the return of the birds.



NU CHAPTER HOUSE, EUGENE, OREGON

MU—(NO LETTER)

PERSONALS

Ethel Lloyd Bosworth and her three small daughters are spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

MARRIAGES—MU

Mildred M. Hayes '11, to Almon Roth '10, at Edenvale, Dec. 26, 1912. Both were prominent in activities at Stanford. Miss Hayes was a member of the women's honor society, Cap and Gown, and worked on the *Daily Palo Alto* staff. Mr. Roth was student adviser and took his degree in law.

Rae Belle Morlan, ex-'13, to Stanley Bisel at Los Angeles, November, 1912.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braun (Winifred Gilbert) a son, Jan. 1913.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last letter to the CRESCENT, nothing eventful has happened to break the monotony of the daily routine of the college life except our "rushing affairs" which occurred in Portland during Christmas holidays.

First and foremost was an elaborate and unusually enjoyable card party given in honor of the active girls and rushees by our alumnae, at the home of Alice Benson Beach, Eta. The hospitality of our hostess made us feel as though we were again going through the delightful process of being rushed.

One of our freshmen, Grace Mackenzie '16, entertained with a formal tea on Friday of the same week.

Ruth Beach '14, was recently elected vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. for the ensuing year.

Rushing for next semester is in progress now but as this letter leaves before registration day, we have no results to send.

PERSONALS

Ruth Duniway ('10) is teaching in the high school at Athena, Oregon.

Javina Stanfield ('12) is teaching at Sunnyside, Wash.

ENGAGEMENTS

Gladys Farrar ('09) to Robert Kellog, Sigma Nu.

Pearl McKenna (ex-'12) to James Johns ('12) Beta Theta Pi.

Ruth Hansen ('10) to Thomas Word ('12) Phi Gamma Delta.

Javina Stanfield ('12) to Arthur Means (ex-'12) Beta Pi.

MARRIAGES

Helen Beach ('11) has recently been married to Graham Mitchell ('12) Sigma Nu. They are now living in New York City.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born to Professor and Mrs. Orin Stafford (Lilah Straub '01) on July 25, 1912.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters: Semester exams are just over, and initiation is looming in the near future. Xi's freshmen are all required to make twelve credits before initiation, and they are all busily adding—and subtracting—credits. The older girls are all laying deep plans for the rigorous week of work and privation which precedes the actual initiation.

December the sixth, Phi Delta Theta entertained us at a Bingville party. When we arrived in Bingville we learned that a program had been prepared for the last day of school. Here the freshmen in Windsor ties and Buster Brown suits gave a very creditable and interesting "last-day-of-school" program. Later everyone went to the county fair, indulged in fair games and hard (?) cider, and were buncoed, swindled, and entertained till a late hour.

The Junior Prom on the 13th of December was the most formal of the college year, and we were very proud to have Irene Tosney a member of the Central Committee.

Flora McConnell and Grace Bolger have places on sophomore frolic committees for Feb. 3.

January the nineteenth, the freshmen gave a stunt party for the older girls, at which every one gave presents to the house, as this party was given in place of the usual Christmas tree. A regular vaudeville program was given by the freshmen, who first presented a symphony orchestra. The bass viol was constructed from an ironing board, with picture wire strings, while dish pans, dover egg beaters, frying pans, and iron kettles played a prominent part. Annette Kellerman gave a gym class exhibition, a hypnotist, magician, and strong man performed amid gales of laughter, chorus girls danced, and orators declaimed. The freshmen composed a song in honor of the older girls and gave a truly beautiful "good night" tableaux.

Many sleigh-ride parties have found us jolly members. The deep snow caused many a disastrous ending, but in no way dampened our enthusiasm. We have had one truly Gamma Phi sleigh ride—given for, by, and in honor of Gamma Phis. Gamma Phi songs were sung, and Gamma Phi spirit reigned.

Our Domestic Science girls have been showing their skill in the house lately, and we have enjoyed their management of elaborate dinners, and pretty breakfasts very much.

Only two girls and our matron, Mrs. Kenyon, remained in the house during Christmas vacation, but they managed to keep the ghosts of the absent in the dark closets. They entertained at several parties, and spent part of the time visiting Marguerite Means in Lewiston, Idaho.

Iva Emmett was a member of the committee on arrangements at the farewell given for our President, Doctor MacLean, who is leaving for the University of Winnipeg, Feb. 5. Ruth Motie sang a solo during the evening.

PERSONALS

Marie Kettenbach (ex-'12) has returned and will register in the College of Music during the second semester.

Louise Richardson (ex-'12) formerly of Lambda, visited with Marguerite Allen '14, in Boise during the holidays.

Margaret Stolle, (ex-'13) visited at the house between semesters. Xi Gamma Phis sympathize deeply with her in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Emma Stotdaher, January 2.

CHICAGO

The history of Chicago alumnae chapter is very much like that of its individual members—quiet and comparatively uneventful.

The chapter was organized in the summer of 1894, at the home of Honta Smalley (now Mrs. Elias Bredin) with two ideas in mind, one to continue the delightful associations of our college days, and the other, that we might be in a position to be helpful to our neighboring active chapters, Beta, Gamma and Epsilon.

Honta Smalley Bredin, Alice Hosmer Preble, Esther Rich Reilly, Gertrude Bundy Parker, Lillian Thompson, all from Beta, Beulah Houston, Olive Foster Corlett, Caroline Clifford Burbank, Epsilon, Margaret Little Dunham, Alpha, are the names of girls who have been connected with the chapter in early days, and all but Mrs. Dunham are still active. Gamma chapter has contributed many members during the later years especially, and we have had with us for varying short periods, members from many of the other chapters. We consider this association of members from the different active chapters one of the valuable features of our chapter life.

The actual membership of the chapter is about thirty, but there are usually about fifty Gamma Phi alumnae, in and about Chicago, who receive notices of our meetings and attend occasionally.

In the early days afternoon meetings of an informal social nature prevailed—Later luncheons at some centrally located tea-room or

hotel were found to be more popular—Now we meet more regularly in the College Club rooms, and after luncheon take time to consider questions both of chapter and sorority interest. At all times, members have frequently entertained the chapter in their homes, especially in the summer.

Chicago alumnae are deeply interested in the Intersorority Conference and the questions brought up there. Esther Rich Reilly and Lillian Thompson have brought us great credit in these conferences. The questions of expansion and sorority government have received serious consideration.

So far no one of us has become famous. Fully half of our members are devoting their time to home making and most of the rest are helping the world along by teaching.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Fred Collman, (Dell Goble, Epsilon) has moved from Winnetka, Ill. to reside in San Francisco.

Bertha Gray, (Epsilon, '10) has left Evanston, Ill. and is living in Portland, Oregon.

Harriet Ludlow's address is Monroe, Wis.

Mrs. Robert Melaney, (Stephanie M. Clark, Alpha, '11) has come to Chicago to make her home. Her address is 1514 East Fifty-fourth Street.

Chicago alumnae were delighted to have Sarah A. Holt from Iota, join them at their February luncheon in the College Club rooms. All Gamma Phis finding themselves in Chicago on the first Saturday of the month, are urged to follow her example.

Mrs. E. D. Kinne (Winifred Morse, Beta) during her visit with Marion Hubbard, at Oak Park, attended the February Chicago alumnae luncheon and called on the Epsilon girls in Evanston.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: As we have had but one meeting since our last letter, we haven't a great deal to tell for while we have been busy as individuals, as Gamma Phis we have done little.

Mrs. Kate Cooke entertained us on the 28th of December at her home 1105 Harrison Street. This was the regular Christmas party and was largely attended by members and guests, the latter, girls who came in from near by towns or were visiting in the city during the holidays. About forty were present, and, naturally there was a great deal of merriment and visiting.

Some of the girls who returned had been married since we last saw them, and we had to find out all about the favored men, what their life work is and how the girls enjoy keeping homes of

their own. Then there were reminiscences of life in the old chapter houses on Irving and University Avenues, which brought back other memories that were both sweet and sad for a number of the girls whom we remember in those houses, can never return to us.

It certainly does pay one richly to go back for these reunions, for it brings back our college days and makes us stronger in our love for Gamma Phi.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Kate Cooke spent a few days in Buffalo just after New Year's.

Deirdre Mace Gowing, ('08) with her husband and small son have been called to Syracuse from their home in Virginia by the serious illness of Mr. Gowing's father.

Marion B. Scott, ('09) went to Tarrytown on the Hudson in December to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brace.

The Dean of Women at Ann Arbor, was in Syracuse the latter part of January. On January 31, Mrs. Hine of the faculty of the College of Fine Arts gave a tea for her at her home. Christina McLennan, '09 assisted.

The eleventh anniversary of Syracuse University alumnae was celebrated at the Gamma Phi chapter house on Friday January 24, with a luncheon followed by a business meeting.

Marion B. Scott went to New York January 29 to visit friends and to attend the Yale Delta Kappa Epsilon's annual cotillion at Sherry's.

Mildred Fulmer, ('10) has been visiting in New York, Tarrytown, Newark, N. J., and Baltimore for the past three weeks.

Mary Whitford, who has never missed a chapter meeting for the past thirty years was severely injured during December. She was on her way to the weekly Friday evening meeting when a sled, manned by a small boy, coasted into her. We are all glad to hear that she is recovering rapidly now. Alice Graves and Millicent Hinckley arranged a "sunshine bag" for Miss Whitford to help pass the hours of convalescence in the hospital. Everyone who wished contributed some little article or a note, which were to be extracted from the bag at the rate of one a day by the invalid.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Mabel Stone, ('95) who lost her mother, Mrs. Ellen Stone the latter part of January. She had been a resident of Syracuse since 1871 so had been able to follow the growth of our sorority from the very beginning, and felt justly proud when her daughter was our National President.

The mother of Lillian Lewis, ('98) died on January 25 at her home in Auburn.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: To give a proper setting to the events which I shall relate, I must tell you that "the season" in Boston differs slightly from that in New York not only in its exact calendar date, but in its duration and intensity. It drifts along leisurely enough until the middle or last of January and then, no one, not even the "wall flowers," has hours enough, stretch the day as much as we can, to take in all of the most important affairs.

In the midst of all this whirl, a Gamma Phi alumna has one great advantage, for she can mark in her calendar the first Saturday in each month, and add eleven o'clock at 284 Dartmouth Street. The alumnae meetings have proved a boon to many, for the luncheon at the College Club, following the meeting, emphasizes the social aspect of the gathering, and yet allows the fortunate possessor of opera tickets to arrive on time.

Our initiation banquet at the Hotel Vendome was able to compete successfully with the attractions of "The Garden of Allah," Tetrassini, and a lecture course on Zoroaster. Every Gamma Phi who was not too ill to attend the "Feast of reason and flow of soul," was present and the rest are convalescing with the hampering conviction of having missed a great treat. An added zest was given to the feast by the presence of Kappa Kappa Gamma in an adjoining room, separated by a partition which was rendered less effective by swinging doors through which the waiters kept passing. Singing of Kappa and Gamma Phi songs was much improved by a bit of the spirit aroused in the Sangerfest of Old Germany. We exchanged menu cards, and proved that we really have a most friendly spirit toward each other, though in the past weeks, we have been working in rivalry.

Our toast list brought together so much talent of high order that we were surprised and delighted. There was not one serious toast, and the girls laughed as they had not in years.

Florence Barbour, a girl gifted with a talent for mimicry, set the pace as toastmistress, and led all a good run in merriment.

Esther Bates, in replying to the alumnae toast and Dorothy Taylor one of the new initiates, cast their thoughts in poetical mold, while the others held their own in more prosaic but witty prose.

We are justly proud of our four initiates and one pledge, and trust that all the alumnae chapters are as happy in their active chapters as are we of Boston.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Paul Brodbeck, (Frances Sanders '05) is now living at Notre Dame de Grace near Montreal.

Mrs. George W. Priest, (Mabel Sangford '93) has moved to East Orange N. J. She was able to attend Delta's initiation banquet at the Hotel Vendome on the eleventh of January.

Mrs. S. E. Whitaker, (Edith Wilder '92) has moved to Edgewood, R. I., which brings her in closer touch with our chapter.

Miss Farquhar of Alpha was one of our welcome visitors at the fall banquet.

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Merrill, (ex-'08) was recently married to Mr. Everett Carroll Wilson and is now living in Beverly, Mass.

NEW YORK

Dear Sister Gamma Phis: We have had one meeting since you last heard from us, and that was with Mrs. Ralph McKelvey at her home in Spuyten Duyvil. The name was really very appropriate, for we *had* expected to have it in Yonkers with Mrs. Harsen until a car strike changed our plans. Mrs. Harsen lives about five or six miles from the end of our New York subway, and, as the Yonkers cars refused to run, we were unwilling to follow the example of the suffragettes who marched in that direction on their way to Albany to greet our new Governor on January 1.

We went on the subway to 231st Street, then followed the directions that appeared on our notices, "White house half way up the hill by the flight of steps." Some of us walked over, while a few were beguiled into taking an automobile, which, after extracting a quarter apiece, left them at the foot of one hundred and sixteen steps with the rest of us! That climb was certainly a test of the old saying "Sound in wind and limb," but it landed us at our destination with thoroughly appreciative appetites for the delicious luncheon that awaited us.

There were twenty present, seventeen members and three guests, Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, Alpha, Jean Barrick and Elsa Burghaus of Iota.

It was a great pleasure to meet Mrs. Fredericks, especially as she was chairman of the building committee of Alpha's new home, and could tell us so much about the success that has come to the girls.

We had a most interesting discussion on expansion, and decided that we are very much in favor of starting new chapters in colleges of good standing, where there is a chance for our own development as well.

Naturally, an alumnae chapter has little need of concern on many questions of vital interest in the college world, but a few of us

attend Iota's meetings, and are watching her problems with great interest.

The question of allowing sororities to remain at Barnard is often discussed by us, for we should feel very badly to have the decision of the faculty against us.

Then we are greatly interested in the bills that have been introduced into the State Legislatures of Wisconsin and Ohio to abolish fraternities and sororities in those states. With our own Carrie Morgan, our able business manager of the CRESCENT on the University of Wisconsin committee that may appear before the Legislative Committee, we have hopes that the bill will be defeated.

We who have been sorority members for so many years feel strongly that we would have missed a great many of the pleasantest associations in our undergraduate and alumnae days had it not been for the bonds of Gamma Phi.

Our meeting on March first will be with Edna Stitt, and just here you will be interested in the engagement that has recently been announced. We are all greatly relieved that Doctor Robinson has a charge in New York for we shouldn't have liked him nearly so well if it had meant the loss of one of our most loyal members.

The Iota girls gave another of their dances on February 14, and several of the alumnae were among those to enjoy the evening. They were: Louise Kimball, Sara Rome, Helen Savitz, Helen Brown, and Helen Newbold.

Our last meeting for this year will be on April fifth, and, as is our custom with this spring meeting, we shall hold it out of town.

Mrs. Beakes has invited us to White Plains and we shall be very glad to personally conduct any visiting Gamma Phis who would like to join us.

PERSONALS

Helen Fairchild McKelvey has just returned from several weeks visit in Daytona, Fla.

Helen Worrall Haight, is now living in Franklin Furnace, N. J. Gertrude Gaggin, (A, '99) is studying in the Y. W. C. A. Training School at 135 East 52nd St.

Sadie Holt has been spending a part of the winter in Chicago, where she is studying at the university.

The sincere sympathy of the chapter is extended to Olive Dutcher (I, '02) in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Dutcher on February 13.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William James Stitt, of 156 West 93rd Street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Edna Walmsley Stitt, to the Reverend Millard Lyman Robinson of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church, 337 East 17th St.

MILWAUKEE—(NO LETTER)

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: There is not much I can tell you about our meetings, except that they take place four times a year for the transaction of business, with special meetings whenever they seem necessary. These regular meetings take place in March, June, September and December, but there are monthly meetings at the homes of members where the girls meet each other to chat and to stitch. The attendance at our meetings is rather small. We have just started an active campaign for inspiring Gamma Phis who are not too far away from San Francisco to attend our meetings. But the trouble is that our homes are too far apart. Girls come from all different parts of the state but especially from Los Angeles and its vicinity. Now Los Angeles is five hundred miles away. It seems there is a busy organization of Gamma Phis down there and that they do much entertaining and other good work in the way of spreading the glory and fame of our ranks.

Many of our good times come when we are the guests of our active chapter. We always enjoy very much the annual Thanksgiving dinner, the Christmas tree, and such fêtes, as well as the impressive initiation ceremony which they do so well. Of course the CRESCENT gets word of these entertainments from the pen of the Eta scribe.

One event, however, is given much importance in the calendar of alumnae events, and that is the Christmas luncheon. This year, as usual, between Christmas and New Year's we went out to the chapter house, closed for vacation, and took possession. The sunshine pouring in at the open windows—for it was a perfect day—the fresh green branches and flowers in the house as decoration soon took away the idea of an uninhabited house. Usually we have a caterer to attend to the important culinary details, but this year a committee of girls presided over the stove and butler's pantry with such skill and consideration that a more delightful feast than usual was served to us. There were many girls present from a distance, some of whom had not seen the new house. Their exclamations of joy and surprise escaping unknown to themselves, awoke new admiration in those of us who are fortunate enough to live nearer the center of activities. We united then, with our more distant sisters, in agreeing that Eta surely has a home which is worthy of her steady progress and ambitious aims.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since Christmas, Denver alumnae chapter has had three good meetings. The first one, on

December 29, was a social meeting held at the home of Grace McDonough, at which time we welcomed our Theta sisters and those girls who were spending the holidays in Denver. Following this we held two business meetings at the homes of Belle Connor and Mildred Hansen. The business of these meetings centered largely around our new lodge which is quite the most absorbing topic in our minds. At Belle Connor's we were delighted to meet Harriet Ludlow of Gamma chapter. We were greatly interested in hearing news of our sister chapter and wished we might have that privilege oftener.

Our regular meetings occur fortnightly on Friday afternoons, unless, as is the case this week, the day is changed in order that those who wish to do so may attend the concerts given by the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra. On Thursday of this week, January 30, we are to meet with Lisle Brownell Milton. The attendance at our meetings is quite uniform though we wish it might be larger. However there are many of the girls who would miss almost anything else rather than an alumnae meeting.

It is one of our customs and greatest pleasures to send Christmas dinners to needy families. This last Christmas we filled three baskets with enough of Christmas goodies and staples to last several meals. The first Tuesday of every month two girls go to the Children's Hospital to assist in the cutting and making of garments for the children. Several of the girls are also taking part in the work of the neighborhood house, while others tell stories to the children at the public library. One of our alumnae, Bertha Webb (Theta '10) has charge of the North Denver branch of the public library.

This year the alumnae chapter will have full charge of our annual play, which will probably be given sometime in March. As customary, Lindsey Barbee will write the play for us, and Denver people at least, know what clever plays Lindsey writes. Though it is not yet started, it is Miss Barbee's intention to write a war time play, with scenes laid during the Civil War. The play will be given at the Woman's Club Building, and will be managed by two of our alumnae, Kitty Lee Bishop, and Belle Connor. The parts will probably be taken by members of Theta chapter.

PERSONALS

Lucy Moore Lennox (Theta '08) has returned from a few months' sojourn in California and is now at home in Victor, Colo. On her way she visited in Denver with her mother and joined Denver alumnae in several meetings. It seems like good old times to have Lucy back with us and a big welcome always awaits her.

We missed Mamie Gallup, for a few weeks during the holiday season, while she was visiting her new sister-in-law, Mrs. Clarke Gallup, (Lela Tait, Theta, ex-'15) in Seattle, Washington.

MARRIAGES

On December 26, 1912, Irene May Seltzer (Theta '11) and Mr. D. Grant Alter, Jr., were quietly married at the bride's home in Denver. The young couple left immediately for Victor, Colo., where a nice, new home awaited them.

Frances E. Brown, (Theta '13) and Marsdon Everett Weston, both of Denver, were married January 2 at the Pro-Cathedral in Los Angeles. The bride has been at Ocean Park for the last nine months with her mother who is in poor health. Mr. and Mrs. Weston will reside in Denver.

About Christmas time at the Hotel Coronado in San Diego, May Schiffer (ex-Theta) and Mr. Jack Boyer of San Diego were married. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are living in San Diego at 1141 Spruce St.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This number of the CRESCENT gives promise of being a complete Gamma Phi biography and we all shall be looking forward to March 15! Minnesota's share in the biography will not swell the volume very materially for our family history has been brief. As a chapter we have been in existence only since September 1908—a little over four years—though the present organization is an outgrowth of the Minnesota Alumnae Association which dates back to November 1904. At that time Kappa chapter was only a little over two years old and the strong feeling of unity between active and alumnae girls was due partly to the fact that our numbers were small, but more especially to the need of earnest coöperation in the common task of firmly establishing Gamma Phi Beta on the university campus. The four years' work of the Association covered a period when there was much active work to be done and among other things the alumnae bore a large share of the responsibility connected with our first convention which was held here in November, 1905. The fact that this early association was first of all the expression of a real need of the sorority arising from the strong feeling of interdependence between active and alumnae girls, has given the present organization a strength and stability and vigor which serve not only as an ideal but also as an impetus for further work. No better tribute to the success of the Minnesota Alumnae Association could have been given than the desire on the part of the girls to strengthen its organization by making the Association a chapter. Since that change took place

we have felt the additional benefits of being in closer touch with the national sorority, thus increasing our efficiency locally.

We were asked to give an account of any of our members who have gained special prominence in any way. We have decided we must be a very commonplace group of people, for there is no one sufficiently prominent to warrant a "write up." A good many of our number are married and the rest are also doing interesting things, but as the chapter is still young there are none of us who have as yet succeeded in making the world stop and look at us. Please note this is only because we are young yet! When our graduates are older and can speak with the mantle of maturity safely tucked about their shoulders then Minneapolis alumnae may have a long list of celebrities. We think we see beginnings of greatness right now in many cases, but of course our little triumphs look large at close range, so we shall spare you a recital of accomplishments which in themselves would be neither remarkable nor significant.

We have spoken of the year books which we send out every fall, containing a list of officers, statement of dues, program of meetings, and a complete alumnae directory. A small portion of our dues is assigned to the wedding present fund, so that every Gamma Phi bride receives a pair of silver candlesticks marked with the sorority monogram.

Our Christmas party on December 27 at the chapter house which included both active and alumnae girls was unusually pleasant because it was so well attended and there were so many "old girls" back. A short program of stunts was given by the active girls after which Luella Ames as Santa Claus unloaded an interesting pack of useful and ornamental gifts for the house in a most delightfully jovial manner.

The meeting of January 31, was held with Mildred Gamble at 2428 Girard Ave., Minneapolis. A number of active girls came over to the meeting and a pledge service was conducted for Marion Slater. The reason the alumnae had this unexpected pleasure was because active chapter meeting was omitted that week on account of mid-years. After the pledge service, the regular business meeting was held, the principal subject of discussion being the disposal of the money cleared by our annual Christmas bazaar. This bazaar was held December 6 and 7, announcement of which was made in the last CRESCENT. There were many lovely things on sale arranged attractively at different tables. There was an infant's table, a children's table, one for school girls, college girls, engaged girls and last but not least, a housekeeper's table. The sale was a great success in every way, its financial aspect being the part in which we

were most interested. Our other interesting event since the last letter is the spread which took place at Shevlin Hall, January 24, in honor of the freshmen. It was very well attended by both active and alumnae girls and the freshman toasts were the best part of it all. These reunions are always exceedingly enjoyable, and make us realize very keenly how much our sorority life means to every one of us.

PERSONALS

Helen Griffiths (Kappa, ex-'05, Bryn Mawr, '05) an instructor in English at Mt. Holyoke College, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Minneapolis.

Margaret Lees, (Kappa ex-'11) left Minneapolis with her father the early part of January, for an extended trip to Panama and South America.

Katherine Taney Silverson, (Kappa '06) is spending a month in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Ruth Hall (Kappa ex-'07) and her sister Sidney Hall, (Epsilon) spent a week in St. Paul as guests of Mary Albritton, (Epsilon).

Maude Hyser Wallace (Kappa '04) and her small son, Richard, are to be in Minneapolis for several months visiting Mrs. Wallace's parents.

The Christmas holidays brought a number of Gamma Phis home to St. Paul and Minneapolis. The following were warmly welcomed at the annual Christmas party: Eleanor Sheldon, from Oshkosh, Wis., Mary Heritage, Hudson, Wis., Sara Marshall, Racine, Wis., Anna McCawley, Park Rapids, Wis., Nettie Monroe, Des Moines, Ia., Lorena McFarlane, Virginia, Minn., Helena Fitzsimmons, Hibbing, Minn., Mary Fitzsimmons, Green Bay, Wis., Marie Moreland, Hastings, Minn., Grace Moreland, Brainerd, Minn., and Julia Bell, Aitkin, Minn.

There are a number of Minnesota Gamma Phis in California this winter. Ruth Fagundas, Margaret Menzel, Agnes Malloy Moore and Eva Wilkinson are in Palo Alto, and Mildred Hunter is in Los Angeles.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Finley (Sara Morrow Preston, Kappa '07) a daughter, Anne Morrow, on December 28, 1912.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gere, (Alice Oliver, Alpha) on January 30, 1913, a daughter, Alice Adelia.

MARRIAGES

Anne Hull, (Kappa '11) to Beriah Anthony Wall on January 16, 1913 at San Juan, Porto Rico. Mr. and Mrs. Wall will be at home after March first at Pueblo Viejo, San Juan, Porto Rico.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

For December: *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*; *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*; *Adelphean of Alpha Delta Phi*; *Parchment of Sigma Iota Chi*; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*; *Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Quarterly of Delta Upsilon*.

FOR JANUARY: *Quarterly of Alpha Phi*; *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*; *Aglaia of Phi Mu*; *Journal of Kappa Alpha*; *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*; *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Circle of Zeta Psi*; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Anchora of Delta Gamma*; *Quarterly of Alpha Gamma Delta*; *Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega*.

FOR FEBRUARY: *Trident of Delta Delta Delta*; *Eleusis of Chi Omega*; *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*; *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Triangle of Sigma Sigma Sigma*.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Alpha Delta Phi—Washington State College.

Pi Beta Phi—Washington State College.

Kappa Alpha Theta—University of South Dakota.

Delta Delta Delta—James Millikin University.

Alpha Xi Delta—University of Nebraska. University of Iowa.

Kappa Delta—Woman's College of Alabama. University of Cincinnati.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—University of Oregon.

Dr. Laura Drake Gill, former Dean of Barnard is active in the movement to establish, within two years, a woman's college of high grade—this college to be affiliated with the University of the South. In connection with the subject of schools for girls in the South, the following quotations from *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma will be interesting:

When one begins to investigate the girls' schools of the South the first interesting fact which presents itself is the number of such institutions. A list recently prepared for the Southern Association of College Women contains the names of one hundred and forty-one schools for girls in the South which possess charters that give them the right to confer degrees.

The second fact of interest is rather a startling one. These degree-conferring institutions vary in standard from poor preparatory schools to recognized colleges. Many of them are private institutions, a large number are far more interested in the name of college

and in the conferring of degrees than in standards; but all of them, be they called college, seminary, institute, or what not, have this in common—they decorate their graduates with the baccalaureate degree.

There are a few good preparatory schools for girls in the South which make no pretence of being colleges and do not aspire to conferring degrees. Some five or six of these have been admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

From the above facts it is easy to see that two of the educational needs of the South today from the point of view of scholarship are fewer nominal "colleges for women" conferring degrees for preparatory work, and more and better equipped preparatory schools for girls.

Such in brief are the conditions as regards girls' schools in the South. When we begin to cast about for reasons for this state of affairs they are not far to seek. In the first place the South was a pioneer in the matter of the education of women. Before Vassar College was founded or Oberlin opened its doors to women, even before the days of Mary Lyon Seminary, which did not claim to be a college, we are told of Elizabeth Academy at Old Washington, Mississippi, founded in 1817, chartered as a college in 1819, and we hear of two young women who received degrees from Mississippi College, a coeducational institution, in 1832. This school, however, closed its doors to women later on. Science Hill in Kentucky dates back to 1825. Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Georgia, claims to be the oldest college for women, chartered for conferring degrees. It was chartered in 1836 and graduated its first class in 1840. It is not strange then that the territory in which the work began should be that in which it has spread so largely.

A second reason for the existence of so many separate schools for girls in the South is that coeducation has always been looked upon with more or less disfavor in that section. Before the war the education of young women was all but universally separated from that of young men and today separate education rather than coeducation is the rule. The doors of many of the state universities are now thrown open to women, but there is still a great demand for separate schools.

But "the old order changeth, yielding place to new." We hear a great deal now-a-days about the passing of the old South and the rising of the new, of commercial progress and material prosperity but along side of this there is a great educational awakening as well,

of which we do not hear so much. The improvement begun in the graded schools and carried through the high schools is bound to make better colleges. Higher and better standards are being everywhere adopted and maintained. Southern girls are beginning to recognize the value of a college education even for women who are not teachers. There are every year a larger number of girls who are willing to stay at college after they are eighteen. Gradually, slowly, it is true, but surely, the day is coming when nominal degrees for women will be a matter of ridicule; when a girls' college in the South will mean the same as does a college for boys, an institution, whatever differences there may be in curriculum, which shall admit to its baccalaureate course only those who have had four years in a well equipped high school following eight grades; and which shall not lay emphasis upon externals, but shall give a well rounded education.

On September 26, 1912 a tablet to the memory of Major Butt was unveiled in All Saints Chapel, University of the South. This tablet reads—"To commemorate the noble life and heroic death of Major Archibald Willingham Butt, U. S. A., an alumnus of Sewanee, who gave his life in the service of others on the Titanic, April 15, 1912, in the greatest disaster in marine history. This tablet is here placed by his Brothers of Beta Theta chapter, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity."

A few more quotations in regard to the popular Miss Rickert:

Fashions change in "muck-raking," just as they do in hats. Once the magazines "muck-raked" vicious social conditions and criminal misgovernment, now they are "muck-raking" colleges and college organizations. Perhaps next year they will be "muck-raking" home and mother.

The *Century* takes a hand, in the November number, in an article entitled "The Fraternity Idea Among College Women—What Does It Stand For?" by Edith Rickert. The prefatory note tells us that it embodies the results of a "comprehensive and impartial investigation" made by the author. This sounds statistical and unalluring; but cheer up! the article is illustrated by a spirited sketch of a new girl tied to a radiator in a fraternity house "until she puts on the fraternity badge," and another one, showing a group of fraternity girls at a railroad station sizing up "the new girls as they arrive." (You can tell which is which, because the new girl wears a last year's hat and spectacles, while the fraternity girls wear sneering smiles).

The picture and the prefatory note are thus at variance, and the article proves to be in line with the pictures. Therefore it is not

quite possible to criticize the contents of the article seriously; but readers of *The Key* may be interested in learning how the author obtained her information of fraternities and what use she has made of it.

Miss Rickert's method (in other published articles as well as this one) is to gather her material, not by personal observation, nor by scientific investigation, nor by statistical compilations, but by asking for the personal opinions of other women, whose opinions may or may not be of value. As if a doctor should base his diagnosis of a patient's case, not on his own observation of symptoms, nor on a scientific study of similar cases in medical history, but on the personal opinion of his patient's family, friends, and neighbors, as they file past the bedside. Under such treatment the patient might have a fighting chance; that is what the fraternity system has under Miss Rickert's treatment.

There is but one question that can *pertinently* be asked concerning any form of college student activity, be it athletics, Christian Association, debating clubs, or what not: Does this organization advance or hinder the real object of the college; does it make for higher or lower scholarship? The answer to this question as it applies to fraternities is accessible and available. It is to be found in the records of college presidents and registrars and deans of women students, who, almost without exception, are co-operating with individual fraternities or with the National Pan-Hellenic Congress in recording and supplying statistics of the records of fraternity members. In some instances, these records include comparative statistics of fraternity and non-fraternity women. Miss Edith Rickert could have obtained these records without difficulty, as a basis for her article, instead of canvassing for individual opinions. But they would not have served her purpose so well. For in the first place they show excellent scholarship record for fraternity women and therefore they are entirely useless for the purposes of a sensational article; and in the second place statistics are so fatally accurate that they might kill the effect of Miss Rickert's general vague statement of the scholarship side of the question: "They have ideals of scholarship, indeed they are trying to establish a standard for admission, and they even carry off a share of the honors; but on the whole, their social mind interferes with the scholastic attitude and prevents over-application to mental effort."

Thus lightly dismissing the one pertinent subject of inquiry, Miss Rickert centers on the impertinent questions with which she flooded the fraternity world, and after remarking, "The fraternity women have responded most generously to my inquiries; they have heaped

upon me a small mountain of manuscript in explanation and defense of their theories and their practice," she continues, politely, "How shall I get at the truth?"—a gratifying tribute to those who have given of their time and thought to help her write her article!

This series of questions, by the way, is the third from Miss Rickert with which the editor of *The Key* has been honored within a year and a half. The first was on the subject of women's colleges, and the answers were used in four articles in *The Ladies' Home Journal*. These articles were preceded by a prefatory note, stating that they were based on answers received to questions "substantially" as followed in four fair-minded questions; but those four questions were not, in form or in spirit, the ones sent out. Those that were sent out presupposed that the women's colleges are not "doing their job," and were calculated to draw out answers confirming that view.

The second series of questions emanating from the facile pen of the versatile Miss Rickert was on the subject of the financial relations of husbands and wives. The Editor of *The Key* must admit that she didn't keep a copy, and cannot quote from memory the detailed questions on the sharing of the income, and whether the wife had an allowance, or had to ask for it every time, and whether she had any friends or neighbors whose money experiences with their husbands ought to be given to the world, and what remedy she would suggest for it anyway.—Editorial in *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Would that our friend Miss Edith Rickert, the author of the two articles on fraternities in the *Century*, could have a few weeks of actual experience in a college where fraternities exist. We also disapprove of the high school fraternity and dislike to be criticised for their faults.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

In the November and December numbers of *Century* appeared articles by Edith Rickert, a professional writer, on "College Fraternities." The editorial note introducing them claimed the articles were the results of an "impartial and comprehensive investigation" of the subject. The articles contain too much venom to be humorous and too great a lack of facts to be taken seriously. It is quite interesting reading however, if for no other reason than to discover how little a working knowledge of logic and English composition is necessary to procure an A. B. at Vassar and a Ph. D. at Chicago University, these being Miss Rickert's degrees, and colleges.—*Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

In regard to the ever-criticized chapter letter:

Now the writing of chapter letters can be made an easy and pleasant duty. It is only necessary to understand the purpose of the chapter letter and then make every line of it measure up to that purpose.

First, then, who is the chapter letter written for? For the fellows in your own chapter? Never. You are writing to interest and inform a double audience: 1, the active and alumni men of the Fraternity in general, and, 2, the alumni of your own chapter. You should put in everything of general interest to either or both of these groups and cut out whatever is not of interest to them, however much it may interest you.

The chapter letter is, or ought to be, a "news" letter. We do not desire in this department any literary efforts on the charms of spring or the beauties of the campus. We want letters that are chockfull of good, live "news" about the chapter's progress and aims, about your house, about the chapter's connection with college activities, and especially about your men, both active and alumni. Did you ever read in the larger newspapers the letters from Paris or New York or Atlantic City? The newspapers pay good money for those spicy, gossipy letters. Study them for ideas on handling material.

Chapter letters should be "news" letters. What is "news?" News is anything odd, strange or out of the ordinary run. This winter the dramatic club of Syracuse presented "The King Pin," written by Brother Karl Oswald, Syracuse, '14. It was the first time that the Syracuse dramatic club ever staged a play by an undergraduate. That was news. Our Illinois chapter this winter had the highest percentage of any fraternity in scholarship. Good news. There is always news material in any of the chapters if the correspondent will nose it out and play it up right.

Good writing is as much an art as good piano playing. You have heard amateur pianists monotonously drumming out selections that tired you, but the very same pieces have thrilled you when played by artists with a skillful command of emphasis and tonal effects. Our chapter correspondents ought to study and learn, not only for the sake of the magazine, but for their own personal benefit, how to shade and emphasize their material, how to play up one thing and lightly pass another. This can be learned just like bricklaying can be learned, and it (good writing) is a splendid acquirement for anyone. Learn to pass the commonplaces in your letter with a mere mention and to lay stress on what is news, as defined above.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

Why do we so generally use the ambiguous term "active" when we speak of our undergraduate members as distinguished from our alumnae? A person not versed in the fraternity vernacular would naturally suppose that a fraternity is made of two classes—"active" members and the rest, whatever the latter may be. None of us, probably, mean to imply that our alumnae are not active in the work of our fraternity, the growth and well-being of Alpha Phi, its reputation and standing, are a sufficient witness to the fact that our alumnae *are* active; we hope that they will continue to be thus in the future as they have been in the past. Why, then, should we, in referring to the members who are now in college, use a term which is meaningless to many and which contains an implication which is not just to our alumnae? Why not say "undergraduate" when we mean that, and relegate the term "active" to that limbo of out worn or inaccurate words and phrases which one of our contemporaries has dignified with the name of the "cannery."—*Quarterly of Alpha Phi.*

All of the ten leading national women's fraternities conduct examinations on subjects relevant to their fraternity and the Hellenic world in general. The questions usually cover the history, policies, and ideals of the fraternity, with emphasis on the constitution and ritual; and considerable attention is also paid to such matters as interfraternity relations and the position of fraternities in college life. These examinations are held annually, and practically all active members are required to take them, and as a result, the women are unusually well posted on fraternity matters.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

Substitute Gamma Phi Beta for Alpha Delta Phi:

The active chapters are the life-center of the fraternity. Here is where standardization is most needed and can accomplish most. The almost endless phases of chapter life offer scope for the talents of all; each member can do her part in bringing honor to her chapter. Here are some of the things that will probably appeal to all Alpha Delta Phi girls as minimum requirements for an active chapter.

I. As to scholarship:

1. An average grade for all members, for each term or semester, of at least 5 over the passing mark.
2. No member below the passing mark in more than one study.
3. Monthly reports (if available) of the standing of all members, the same to be posted or read in meeting.
4. No member who has failed to carry work, for whom special study time is not provided and insisted upon.

5. Relief of any member who has failed to carry work, from household or social duties which take time evidently needed for study.

II. As to conduct of business:

1. All formal meetings conducted in strict business fashion, according to parliamentary usage.
2. All accounts audited strictly and regularly, and reports presented to the chapter.
3. All examinations conducted in accordance with the honor system.
4. An up-to-date card system of registration for all active and alumnae members, giving all appropriate information. Kept up by a system of blanks, sent out each year to alumnae to be filled and returned.
5. A business adviser, preferably the father or guardian of a member, to pass upon methods used and coach the girls who are receiving, perhaps, their first business training in the conduct of sorority affairs.

III. As to conduct of chapter house:

1. Every part of the management of the house in charge of a responsible house officer.
2. House officers, except for special reasons, recompensed for their time and trouble in a way provided by the chapter.
3. Regular hours, especially for study and meals, adhered to by the household.
4. Definite requirements as to care of rooms.
5. Prompt payment of accounts, and well-kept books in all departments.
6. A definite understanding with the chaperon as to her rights, duties and privileges. The chaperon should be a woman who may be intrusted with final authority in all matters of social usage and expediency.

IV. As to social life and collegiate interests:

1. All members of sophomore standing or above, required to work in some college activity, outside of classwork, unless excused for a good reason by the president.
2. All sorority representatives to charitable, athletic, musical, literary or other organizations, to present reports to the sorority in order that its members may be well informed as to events and plans.
3. All members required to attend and participate in all sorority functions unless excused.
4. All social affairs to be properly chaperoned.

5. A social committee who will make out a definite social program, to be approved by the society and posted. (This will be of great help not only to the active members, but to visiting alumnae and others.)
- V. As to relations to other fraternal organizations:
1. Honorable adherence to Pan-Hellenic rulings, even when such a course means apparent loss to the chapter.
 2. Unvarying fairness and courtesy to every other fraternal organization.
 3. No unfair use of influence in furthering the interests of sorority sisters in honorary organizations.