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## PROGRAM GAMMA PHI BETA CONVENTION

MADISON, WIS., NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 8

*Hostess—Gamma Chapter*

Wednesday evening—Buffet supper and "stunt night."

Thursday morning, 9 to 12—Business session.

Thursday noon—Luncheon for delegates and visitors at the home of Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, 640 North Henry St.

Thursday afternoon, 2 to 4—Business session.

Thursday evening, 8 o'clock—Formal reception.

Friday morning, 9 to 12—Business session.

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All visitors will be most welcome to all of the convention program. Mrs. Frank W. Lucas is chairman of the Visitors' Committee and will arrange for rooms, providing the visitors write her before October 20 and state what price they are willing to pay for their rooms and what arrangements for meals they wish to be made.

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*Stunt Night!* Each chapter is requested to provide some little form of entertainment for "Stunt Night" which will be made most informal—and to instruct her delegate to do something to make "getting acquainted" easy. Mrs. A. G. Sullivan will be chairman of the committee and will receive communications.



## WHAT SHALL WE DO AT CONVENTION

### I

First and foremost, I hope that we shall accomplish things, make decisions on the spot and make it possible to look back upon Convention as the starting point of actual progress. In order to make decisions, the delegates should be truly representatives with power. They should be chosen for their ability to think clearly and to consider questions fairly, with reference to all chapters. They should understand thoroughly the principles underlying the votes of their own chapters and should be given power to act according to their own best judgment even if it is necessary to cast a vote different from the chapter vote taken before Convention where the question was discussed from only one point of view.

Among other things, we should make definite provision for the office of visiting delegate. We should put ourselves on record nationally as standing for good scholarship. We should make such changes in our organization as will establish a closer feeling of unity between the chapters themselves, between chapters and the national officers and make it possible to carry on the business of the organization with less labor, in less time and therefore with greater enthusiasm.

MARY ENDICOTT SHEPHERD.

### II

In this day of criticism, a passion for investigation is sweeping the country from which not even fraternities and their sister organizations have escaped. State legislatures, in a few instances, have introduced bills against them; college faculties and student bodies have sat in judgment upon them. In some institutions they have been abolished, while in others fraternity members themselves have decided to do away with their secret societies. What are we going to do about it? Shall we not give a little time at this coming convention to this question? Shall not we, too, invoke the spirit of investigation and try to find out whether there is just ground for this criticism?

That there is anything wrong with our ideals we will not admit, and none but the most captious of critics can fail to find something

of good in a system which fosters friendships so strong that they outlast, not only the wear and tear of college life, but the vicissitudes of after years as well.

But human nature is prone to err and fall short of its ideals and it is not unlikely that we merit some of the criticism that has fallen to our share. It is worthy of note that we are not criticised for our relations to each other but for our relations to outsiders. We are being judged for the part we play in college life.

Do we help our college or do we hinder it? This question will have to be settled very soon, possibly before another convention, and, if we do not settle it ourselves, others will do it for us. We must face it squarely and honestly, with a prayerful desire to find our faults, and a strong determination to overcome them and to broaden and strengthen the purpose of our being until we can feel in very truth that the rock on which we are founded can never fail.

UNA WINTERBURN HARSEN.

### III

Gamma Phi is entering upon a new field of expansion. 'Twas bound to come. Expansion these days spells growth, and it is a glorious thing to grow, to be alive, to feel the old shell of a conservative organism dropping away, and to know that, before the new shell of reaction begins to harden, it is our privilege to work and play and *grow*. But in this expansion there will be greater need than ever for co-ordination, for efficiency of management, and for business-like methods in the handling of the sorority.

Were I to attack specifically one of the weak points of our organization, it would be the principle of rotation of officers. It is unfortunate that the weakness of this plan should fall the heaviest upon two of the organization's most important offices, namely, those of secretary and of treasurer. Efficiency in these offices demands time and qualifications.

When a chapter honors some one of its women by placing her upon the Advisory Board, it has in mind her ability to serve ultimately as president of the sorority. Whether she will have the time or ability to fill the equally important offices that fall between is, perhaps, ignored. Should any chapter be wise or fortunate enough to



have chosen a woman who may be able to fill all these offices with equal efficiency, the chances are that, with the succeeding years, her duties in life may have so greatly increased as to preclude the possibility of her giving so many years of service to the work. The result is that many resign their various positions before reaching the important offices.

I take it that the chief value in this principle of rotation is familiarity with all the different departments of the organization, in preparation for fulfilling the office of leader. However, there is the greater value of efficient and business-like management which the principle utterly ignores. The large amount of work and the very detailed character of it, which the offices of secretary and of treasurer involve, may best be accomplished only by one who has special ability and time for that particular work.

It is never fair to attack the existing order of things, unless one may present what he believes to be a better plan.

I believe a better business management of our sorority would be brought about by uniting the offices of secretary and of treasurer under a salaried head; the tenure of office to be for not less than four years, to permit perfect familiarity with the work.

We know in Denver that Gamma Phi lives at the end of the rainbow, but we know that we do not, unfortunately, possess the proverbial "pot of gold". However, the salary for this position need not be large; only an amount sufficient to attract some one of our business women to become interested in it.

Some of our sister sororities have found this plan more feasible, and I believe that Gamma Phi would find in the end that the expense had been justifiable, and a better business plan evolved to meet our growing demands.

GRACE EVANS SHANNON.

#### IV

The suggestions which I shall make have been discussed before at conventions. I know, but my experience, through a local Pan-Hellenic connection with the methods of work of the other national sororities makes me anxious to present again the matter of having the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta visited at least every other year (the

off-convention year) preferably every year, by either an officer of the board, an advisory member or some person especially appointed for the work. All the chapters should be visited by the same person to get the most out of this system. Gamma Phi lacks certain policies, a certain unity found in the other sororities. Much could be gained from a visiting delegate, who should in each university meet not only Gamma Phis but girls from all the chapters. Here, Pan-Hellenic is often asked to meet such visitors.

I know you all cry "expenses," but what is right for our growth, for the strengthening of the individual chapter, can be accomplished. I believe such a course would result in raising the standard of our scholarship in individual chapters and might result in our having a much to be desired national standard.

I wish that the varying local Pan-Hellenic conditions might be thoroughly discussed, that the delegates might go home with a vision of the ideal Pan-Hellenic in order that Gamma Phi may take the lead in each university in improving conditions there; for there is room for improvement along the lines of simplicity in rushing rules, and an improved conscience as to the observance of those rules.

But above all, let convention strengthen our loyalty to Gamma Phi and to its members; let it fill us with renewed enthusiasm; let it make each of us, delegates of stay-at-homes, better members of the order.

RACHEL VROOMAN COLBY.



## THE INSTALLATION OF OMICRON

BY HONTA SMALLEY BREDIN (Beta '88)

Last May when the call "On To Urbana" came, I cannot say which feeling was uppermost in our hearts—satisfaction that those patient girls were at last to get what they had worked for so long, or joy that Gamma Phi had decided to grasp this opportunity and add to her chain this other link which promises to be so strong.

Those of us who went down to the installation left Chicago late in the afternoon of Friday, May 23. Carrie Morgan came down from Appleton and met us here and we were a jolly company of girls though some of us were Gamma Phis before the others were born. We forgot school, grey hairs, children, books, and other troubles, rejoiced together in the fun before us. We were—Carrie Morgan, charter member Gamma; Olive Foster Corlett, charter member Epsilon; Honta Smalley Bredin, Beta; Alice Field Boyle, Theta; active girls from Epsilon: Dorothy Winchell, Klea Cozzens, Ann Potter, Helen Paddock, Margaret Bentley, Jeanne Wheeler, Joyce Farr.

We had much to talk over on the way down and had quite a clear idea of the plan for the ceremony itself outlined to us by the Chairman, Dorothy Winchell, who had worked out the details and adapted the usual form to the very unusual circumstance of fifteen girls initiating forty-four in three hours.

We arrived in Champaign about ten o'clock and were met by quite a confusing bevy; however, the confusion was ours. Our hostesses had definite plans, and we were each sought out by our appointed escorts, relieved of our baggage, and piloted to the interurban car which bore us all to Urbana. Two of us were taken to the home of Mrs. Moss, one to Mrs. Schmidt's, and the others to the Phi Beta house. There we were joined by Caroline McCarty, Epsilon, and Mrs. Helen Carter Green, Iota, and these two with Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Schmidt made in all fifteen Gamma Phi girls.

We were up betimes, for the installation must be concluded by noon, and the preparations were complicated by the number to be initiated, but shortly before 9 we began. I wish I might tell you of those three hours. I am sure none of us who were there will



INSTALLATION BANQUET OF OMICRON



ever forget the deep impression it made. We had charter members of three chapters and there were two of us who were only two years from the beginning of a fourth, and there were freshmen of this year—thirty-nine years to be spanned. The spirit of all was so unified and the initiates were so responsive that one felt the common pulse beating in time and the strength of the common purpose.

Such an occasion is an inspiration; it deepens our love and broadens our outlook, and the fifty-nine who clasped hands at midday were ready to pledge their loyalty with a surer, firmer purpose.

I want right here to give credit first to the Phi Beta girls who had made ready for us and had prepared everything as we suggested, even thinking of little details and anticipating wants, and second to the chairman of the committee, who was so very efficient that her poise seemed the result of experience and not of careful thought and earnest work.

Directly after the charter had been delivered to our new Omicron, fifty-nine Gamma Phis sat down—most of us on the floor—to a buffet luncheon, during which we chatted and sang.

At three we were due at Mrs. Moss's for her reception. This was a very pretty affair, and her large rooms were abloom with flowers, the real ones, and the girls, who looked like flowers in their pretty gowns. I have only a confused memory of a long line of us constantly repeating names, incorrectly often, and replying to very cordial congratulations. There were wives of the faculty, including Mrs. President James, who spoke most highly of the girls, many townspeople and college girls, oh, so many of them. Often they came in groups so that we could get an idea of how the Delta Gammas, etc., looked together. Our Omicron girls were scattered through the rooms. The guests passed through the reception room to the large parlor, then through Professor Moss' study to the dining room, which was fittingly decorated in carnations. It was late when the last one had gone and we could sit down. Most of us had been standing all day and we sat on the porch and rocked and rested. Those who returned to the erstwhile Phi Beta house found that while they had been gone, a fairy had come and blotted out Phi Beta and written instead in letters of gold Gamma Phi Beta.

The house was filled with flowers—the gifts of friends—and telegrams began to come from the big sisters who were glad to welcome the baby chapter.

After a short rest our chartered car came and gathered us up and took us to the banquet at the Hotel Beardsley. If “the essentials of a feast are only fun and feed”, we had a feast indeed. The banquet was excellent, and the orchestra played in a hanging balcony. Every now and then it would strike up some popular air to which the Omicron girls had written Gamma Phi words, and the girls would all sing. We had words printed on our programs so that we might sing too, only it was so much nicer to listen. After the banquet we drank Omicron punch and listened to a few most interesting toasts by Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Schmidt, Miss Morgan, Miss Cozzens and Miss Elliott, and closed with a final song and pledge.

Our souvenir programs in brown and mode were very pretty and included the names of the new chapter so that we can keep them in mind. We went home in our car and to bed, well content with having earned a night's repose by something accomplished, something done, and as we believe, well done.

I am not asked to write of my impression of the girls or of the town or people or the university buildings or grounds, all of which are “another story”. So as I have told my tale I will stop, and “God bless us, everyone” as Tiny Tim says.



## IMPRESSIONS OF INSTALLATION

BY ONE OF THE INITIATES (GERTRUDE L. ELLIOTT, '13)

The impressions of installation week were so numerous that they seem, on first reflection, a mass of rejoicing without a definite picture. However, in our case one of the laws of time has been broken. Since expectation is not always greater than realization, we had anxiously looked forward to installation as a delightful experience, but upon reviewing past impressions, the scale balances still farther to the right.

An air of mystery fascinates us all. For days before the event there was a constant hustling along California Avenue and in the Phi Beta house. Frequent calls were made on our ever faithful advisers, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Schmidt. Numerous meetings were held before and after meals to settle various questions which arose. Suspicions were aroused in the minds of friends before the announcement of the new chapter, and before the *Daily Illini* published the "write-up".

By Friday night, all was in readiness for the guests. Carolyn McCarty who was at home in Tuscola, a short distance from Urbana, was first to arrive. After dinner the time was quickly passed with conferences over the new pins, until the arrival of the train. Not so large a delegation came as we had expected, but we were glad to welcome Miss Morgan from Appleton, Wisconsin; Mrs. Bredin and Mrs. Corlet from Chicago, Mrs. Helen Carter-Green of Iota Chapter, Allys Boyle from Theta, and eight girls from Epsilon; Dorothy Winchel, Margaret Robinson, Klea Cozzens, Anne Potter, Margaret Bentley, Jeane Wheeler and Helen Paddock.

The situation at the house may appropriately be compared to a wedding. Telegrams of good wishes were coming in from chapters and friends; flowers and congratulatory notes were being received from the various fraternities.

After breakfast on Saturday morning the "goat" arrived, as we were told, when the transfer men brought trunks of unknown content to the second story. The sage old animal was at first quiet after his night of confinement at the station, but his restfulness

ceased when once he inhaled the balmy air of Urbana. An extra hour was required to quiet his nerves and all this time we became more excited, until the hour approached when the mysterious hammering and moving of furniture ceased, and the captives were led to the "scaffold." The rest of the morning was taken up with the installation of the forty-four initiates who were becoming prouder and happier each minute.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Schmidt gave a reception, introducing us to the University community as the Omicron Chapter. The banquet at the Beardsley Hotel at eight o'clock finished the festive day. Mrs. Schmidt acted as toast-mistress. Mrs. Moss responded to "In the Beginning," telling us in her usual pleasing way of the beginning of the sorority and the girlhood days of the four founders at Syracuse. Gertrude Elliott talked on "Phi Beta at the Goal," tracing the new chapter from its origin to the present time. Klea Cozzens in "Chapter Ties," emphasized the bond which exists between the chapters. Mrs. Bredin responded with some clever stories of her early Gamma Phi days, and Carrie Morgan finished the program with "The Old and the New," in which she gave us some ideas upon expansion.

The next day—Sunday—found the out-of-town girls leaving the baby chapter happy, contented and determined to strengthen the Omicron link in the chain of sisterhood.



## COMMENCEMENT AT MINNESOTA

BY A SENIOR OF 1913 (MARGARET NACHTRIEB)

Several months before commencement week the seniors at Minnesota have one big day known as Cap and Gown Day. Usually the first chapel day of April (we have chapel three times a week) is reserved for the graduating class and the official recognition of their garb. All who can, appear in caps and gowns, and march across the campus into the Armory where they are the "guests of honor" at special exercises. This year that day was a double celebration, for about seventy-five members of the state legislature visited college and took part in our exercises. The cadets and seniors lined their path while the faculty escorted them from the car to the Armory, and the college band was heard between the booms of the saluting cannons.

But not until commencement week were caps and gowns worn in learned quantities. A herald of that great time was needed and, accordingly our class play, "Maiding It For Ma," appeared before the footlights and an interested audience on Friday, the eighth of June. As is the way of class plays, all manner of dire calamities threatened it before and all manner of praise was heaped upon it after. But it was a success, a real "Dramatic Scream Class Play."

If I seem to praise unduly please remember this is our class I am writing about—the class of 1913.

Commencement week proper began Sunday, June 10, with a baccalaureate address by Cyrus Northrup, President Emeritus of the University of Minnesota.

Monday was class day, beginning at 8:30 with a general drowning of books especially disliked to the accompaniment of speeches. The old river grew ever blacker and raised at least a foot. After a return to the campus knoll to hear reports from the various colleges, came the most beautiful and touching part of class day—the planting of the ivy. Our president gave the speech, artistic enough to be poetry, yet clear enough to move every heart. We all walked up to the vine, helped cover the roots, and made a wish as we each one threw on a handful of earth. The shadow of Thursday and parting seemed to fall upon us. Something farcical was needed to

relieve that solemnity and we found it in the next speech, "Farewell to the Postoffice," delivered from above the postoffice door. Our "P. O.," be it said, is Minnesota's Pyramus and Thisbe wall—all the Pryamuses on one side and the Thisbes on the other, but yet it is the rendezvous of all notes and note-senders. A luncheon at Shevlin Hall, served by the juniors, prepared us for the afternoon of games and stunts on the Armory field. One last Twilight Sing on the campus knoll and a get-together in the Armory finished the day. Caps and gowns were everywhere all day, but somehow, the sombre sobriety generally attached to them was lacking.

Tuesday night saw the Senior Prom come in carriages, whirl in light, music, and beauty, and roll away even as it came. All formal balls are the same in description, the only difference is that this one was *ours*.

Wednesday the alumni gave us a foretaste of the life ahead by inviting us to their exercises. We watched their baseball game in the afternoon, feasted with them at dinner, entertained them with vaudeville stunts from our class play afterwards, and spent the rest of the evening dancing with them.

The next day was Commencement Day itself—an imposing faculty in the colors of many degrees and universities on the platform; sitting before them long lines of black-garbed students marked into colleges by the colors of their tassels, and every available niche filled with relatives and undergraduates. We sat there with the strange, sorrowful joy of listening to an exhortation which marked the close as well as the beginning; and we were upheld from utter sadness by the excitement of the ringing words, "I confer upon you the degree of Bachelor of Arts."

And thus ended the college career.



## THE ANTI-FRATERNITY AGITATION

The sorority year that has just closed has been remarkable on account of the unreasonable attack by the *Century* upon sororities, the framing of anti-fraternity bills for presentation to the legislatures of Ohio, Minnesota, Texas and Wisconsin, and the anti-fraternity legislation at Wooster and Barnard. A brief review of these bills will be profitable.

In January of this year, the anti-fraternity bill was introduced in the Ohio legislature by Representative Hoaglin of Paulding County. After much agitation and press notice the committee on Universities and Colleges heard both sides of the question on different evenings and the committee report to postpone the bill was adopted by the House almost unanimously. It is said that the trouble in this case rose from political causes on the campus and it is likely that the bill will be vigorously argued in the next legislature.

Until 1913, there was never opposition to fraternities at the University of Texas but in January, a committee of non-fraternity students adopted a resolution to abolish Greek letter societies. A communication was presented to the President of the University, was given by him to the faculty, and shortly after this a bill to do away with fraternities and sororities was introduced in the House of Representatives. This bill was referred to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, was argued by the active students of the university, rejected by the committee and the author never called up the measure for consideration. As a result of the trouble, the faculty has adopted the following rules:

"1. Before students can be pledged or initiated by fraternities or sororities they must have passed in one long session at least 4 courses of regular work counting for degrees. Students coming from other colleges shall be subject to this rule, except that those credited at the university with at least 4 courses for work done during their last year at the institution from which they came, may be pledged or initiated on the completion of 12 hours of work in their first term in the university. If, however, they fail to complete 12 hours of work during their first term here, they must comply with the first provision of this regulation.

2. Members of fraternities and sororities may not board or lodge in chapter houses unless they have passed at least 12 hours of class work; if they fail at the end of one term to pass in at least 12 hours of class work, they shall cease to board or lodge at the chapter house and shall not return to it until they complete at least 12 hours of class work in a subsequent term.

3. No student who is not a regular member of the fraternity or sorority may board or lodge in a chapter house.

4. Pledging for an academic year shall not take place before September 15th.

5. In each chapter house there shall be a resident member approved by the faculty to be responsible to the faculty for carrying out these regulations.

6. A standing faculty committee on student social organizations shall attend to the enforcement of these regulations."

The action of the Mississippi Legislation in 1912 prohibiting and abolishing Greek-letter societies in state institutions has been decided by the court to violate the fourteenth amendment to the constitutions and also the constitution of Mississippi. Hamilton Douglas, a lawyer of Atlanta and head of the Sigma Chi fraternity, was one of the leading counsel in the case, and after a trial of several days, the law was declared void.

In 1909, the Wisconsin legislature passed a resolution providing for the investigation of Greek-letter fraternities at the University of Wisconsin, stating as its *raison d'être* the promotion of more democracy among the students. The investigation proved that the fraternity system was not objectionable, so nothing more was heard until January of 1913 when Douglas Anderson, Assemblyman, introduced a bill providing for the abolition of fraternities in all educational institutions supported partly or wholly by the state. The proposer of the bill was a non-fraternity man, his co-workers were non-fraternity men, and in an interesting discussion of the question in *Banta's Greek Exchange*, John L. Kind, National treasurer of Delta Tau Delta says:

Just what were the motives and the incentive of Mr. Anderson we can only conjecture from what was said and what happened. He said he introduced his bill because he had discovered among his constituents in the northern part of the state a strong feeling against the fraternities at the university. He argued for the good of the university in promoting his bill, and he emphasized his desire to wipe



out "the biggest blot on the fair escutcheon of the University of Wisconsin". In a moment of false inspiration, off his guard, Mr. Anderson evidently admitted his real program and purpose. It was on the morning of the final discussion and vote on the bill in the Assembly. Assemblyman Bowe charged Mr. Anderson with being a disgruntled student who was now trying to have a law enacted for the sole purpose of wreaking vengeance on an element of students who had not recognized him when in college. Mr. Anderson hesitated, felt for an answer, then admitted that he was disgruntled, with the defense that any organization that made students disgruntled should be abolished. Then arose Assemblyman Don Hall and gave to Mr. Anderson's ambitions the *coup de grace*, saying in substance: "I have tried all along to believe in the sincerity of Mr. Anderson in proposing this measure for the good of the university. He now admits that his motive is one of personal disgruntlement, dissatisfaction, and a desire for revenge". The bill was killed by a majority of fifteen votes.

In the same article, Mr. Kind adds:

What would the abolition of Greek-letter national fraternities by process of law accomplish? That is perhaps the most vital, most practical question that can be asked. The fraternity houses exist, and Mr. Anderson himself suggested that they be used to house students. Since they could and would still be used to house and feed students, why should not the same students who occupy them now continue in residence? If they did, what would prevent them from filling vacant places with other young men of their choice? These men would not be initiated into any mysteries, they would not be made members of a Greek-letter fraternity, to be sure, but they would live and associate immediately with each other then as now, and so where would the shaking up in the bag of democracy be that Mr. Anderson wanted to administer? It would simply mean to the casual observer wiping the Greek letters off the front door. But the real effect would be of much greater importance. The ties that bind a group of young, inexperienced men and women to a responsible, supervising national government would be broken. The feeling of pride in and responsibility to a great, dignified organization of national scope would be destroyed. All the advantages of national membership would be lost, all the local disadvantages that our opponents point out would be augmented. It is always better "to look before you leap".

The offer of a million dollars by L. H. Severance, a Standard Oil man of Cleveland and Wooster, on condition that fraternities and sororities be abolished at Wooster University, resulted in the elimin-

ation of the secret societies. In regard to this action the following clipping from *Banta's Greek Exchange* will be interesting:

Just as we are about to go to press word is received of the sudden death of Mr. L. H. Severance, at whose door was laid the animus of the opposition that resulted in the anti-fraternity regulations at Wooster. Mr. Severance had not made any direct gift to the university since fraternities were put under the ban, but had promised an athletic field. There was no written statement, however, of the gift, and as Mr. Severance died intestate and the legal heirs have no interest in the university, there seems to be little likelihood that Wooster will receive any money from that quarter. It would seem to be the irony of fate that Wooster failed in its "expectations" after risking its entire wealth of fraternity allegiance on a turn of the wheel.

In regard to the decision concerning sororities at Barnard, Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, author of *The Sorority Hand Book*, writes:

The action of the Barnard faculty is ostensibly the result of an investigation that has been going on since last fall, when a committee was appointed to hear testimony and to collect evidence concerning the advantages and disadvantages of such social organizations as the sororities. This committee was composed of (1) the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations; (2) four alumnae, of whom two were sorority members and two not, and (3) four undergraduates, of whom two were sorority members and two not. Fifteen meetings were held. To the superficial observer an effort was made to be fair and just, but to be positive on this point one would have to be present at all the meetings, so as to sense the faculty attitude and to understand how the members of the committee were selected.

The final result was a majority and a minority report. The minority report recommended that all sorority chapters should be forbidden for a term of three years to elect new members, and at the meeting of the Faculty Committee and Student Organizations this was the report that was approved and which was submitted to the whole faculty for its ratification, which was immediately forthcoming. The text of the faculty resolutions is as follows:

"Resolved, That for a term of three years, commencing Oct. 1, 1913, no society of a social character at Barnard College of which the organization, the emblems and the rites are in any way secret and which has National affiliations shall be allowed to elect new members."

Dean Gildersleeve, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, is quoted as having made the statement that the element of secrecy was the



point to which most objection was made. It is understood that at least one of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations asked to see the constitutions of the various sororities represented at Barnard, and also wished to know the meaning of the different Greek mottoes. Now, the very fact that so much stress was laid during the hearings upon the element of secrecy in the sororities is a very strong indication that this was not *real* reason for the legislation that will result in the eventual disappearance of sororities from Barnard. In the first place, any college man who has arrived at the dignity of an appointment to the faculty of Columbia must be aware that there is in the Greek World a fraternity which makes no secret of its motto. Even a slight comparison of fraternities would show any open-minded investigator that this particular non-secret organization has not produced any greater or better men than its rivals which emphasize secrecy, nor has it in its chapters, at Columbia or elsewhere, any finer type of manhood than is found in the others. Secrecy or non-secrecy has nothing whatever to do with the character of fraternity men, or with the quality of the training received by them in their organizations. As an argument used against fraternities the claim of secrecy as a dangerous element is as full of holes as is a piece of mosquito netting. Ministers of the Gospel, men with reputations for probity and purity, men forever ranged on the side of righteousness, would most certainly not stand for anything that is at all questionable, especially for anything that might pervert youth, or even weaken it spiritually.

It is simply inconceivable, for instance, that Phillips Brooks, should have belonged to a fraternity, had the organization been anything but an inspiration to him and his fellow members. That thirteen other Bishops of the Episcopal Church belonged to the same fraternity as Doctor Brooks, that many other noted divines are on the membership rolls of other similar orders and gladly give up precious hours to attend and address fraternity gatherings should be proof enough to any fair-minded person that these societies in their organization and inside workings are above criticism. The argument that secrecy is a dangerous, or even an objectionable, feature is wholly untenable in view of the fact that our greatest men and women, like Bishop Brooks and Frances Willard, have been members and loyal supporters of the system. Moreover, anybody who advances the argument knows that it is untenable, but advances it merely to attract attention away from the real reason, just as the juggler pulls off some wonderful trick while the audience has its thought concentrated on some minor interest. Wooster, after sending out hundreds of splendid fraternity men during a period of forty years, men who are today a credit and an asset to their alma

mater, was suddenly seized with remorse at the *harm* done by fraternities. (It has been shown pretty conclusively in the Greek Press that money was at the root of that particular "evil". Barnard, like Wooster, felt pressure from a certain quarter and yielded to that pressure as a matter of expediency, meanwhile using the word "secrecy" as a bright shuttlecock to pass between the contestants and to distract the attention from the real issue. No faculty committee would lay itself open to the charge of vulgar curiosity, of unpardonable discourtesy, in demanding meanings of secret mottoes, and no faculty committee would care to run the risk of being considered markedly unjust, or deplorably uninformed, in advancing an argument that would not hold water unless afraid to do anything else as a matter of *policy*. It would be interesting to get at the real *reason* in the Barnard case.)



## PROS AND CONS

[In connection with the account of the war on fraternities, it is interesting to read the various good things which have been written upon the subject of the secret society.]

President W. O. Thompson of the Ohio State University writes:

I am not a member of a college fraternity or of any secret order. There were no fraternities in college where I was a student and I have never felt any desire to become a member of a secret order. I recognize, however, that others as good and better than I are members of fraternities and secret orders. I have no conscientious scruples on such matters. I recognize that college fraternities have been the occasion of much discussion and that certain evils are laid at their door. They are charged with being undemocratic, self-centered in their associations and amusements, inclined to aristocratic ideals, tending toward expensiveness in living, low in scholarship, lax in moral ideals and practices and given to selfish combinations in college activities and in general to be out of harmony with the best ideals of college life. I do not believe that these charges are universally true or that any fraternity could be justly charged with all of them at any one time. I do believe, however, that at some periods particular chapters could be charged justly with one or more of them. Nor do I believe that these qualities inhere in the fraternity system. If they exist in any degree it is in spite of the principles of the fraternity not because of them. The same and similar qualities are found in all groups. Not one of the evils complained of is necessary. All of them could be eliminated and where they exist the remedy should be applied. To abolish the fraternity does not seem to me to meet the situation. Nevertheless the fraternity must prove its right to exist by its own character and record. At present the legislature is considering a bill to abolish the fraternity as a remedy for certain conditions. Such a bill could scarcely have been considered if some evils were not recognized. Alumni of the fraternities recognize that the system is on trial and must meet the situation or retire from the field.

This from the *Delta Chi Quarterly*:

In these days of attacks upon fraternities and wild unfounded charges it is a refreshing change to read such words as these from "The Man Who Made Cornell University":

In a talk on students and college fraternities Dr. Andrew D. White today gave a suggestion to Andrew Carnegie as to what he should do with his money.

"If I had Carnegie's money," he said, "I would found hundreds of fraternity houses."

Of fraternities Doctor White said:

"At first I opposed the building of chapter houses because they tended to bind the men together in cliques. But today, with the source of proprietorship in the men, the fraternity problem is solved. Dormitories as a rule are not good. I advise young men who cannot enter fraternities to form societies among themselves to have studies of Shakespeare and discussions. By banding together you can secure better quarters and so attract others."—*N. Y. Times*, February 12, 1913.

From *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, we copy this view of a non-sorority girl:

### THE SORORITY QUESTION

#### *By a Non-Sorority Girl*

After one has been an alumnus for several years and at the same time, has kept in touch more or less with the college world, one has an opportunity to consider many questions from a broader standpoint than was possible during undergraduate days.

The question of sororities is one that has been and still is attracting a great deal of discussion. Like all other questions—it has its advocates and opponents and many of these seem unable to see anything on the other side.

Looking at the question from the standpoint of the individual, I think that sorority life is more of a benefit than otherwise. The girls have a definite home of their own, a number of "sisters" who are more or less deeply interested in their welfare, a definite place in the social life of college, a chaperone when a chaperone is wanted, the opportunity to meet more people and more pleasant acquaintances than their non-sorority sisters have—and if they, as a whole, wish to utilize it, the chance of cutting down their college expenses by co-ordination.

Many people say that sorority life tends to encourage cliques and snobbishness, but, wherever a number of girls are thrown together, we will find cliques, more or less keeping to themselves, and if the older sorority sisters do their duty by the younger ones, they can discourage snobbishness very effectually.

The house life seems to me to be a very important factor in helping the girls and through them, the college, especially in colleges where there are no dormitories. No one knows better than a non-sorority girl, the unsatisfactory task of hunting for a good boarding house, the sometimes frequent changes during four years of college life and the being in more or less close contact with



people who are not always congenial. Sorority girls have none of these conditions to meet for they have their own home and if they are careful in selecting their members they should be very congenial. This brings me to what seems to me to be the greatest fault in the sorority system—the method of selecting new members or rather, the short time taken in which to select them. It is absolutely impossible to know a girl in an acquaintance of just a few weeks and meeting her only in a social way, to know whether she would make a good house girl or not, to know whether she would be congenial with most of her sorority sisters, to know how she will adapt herself to the new conditions which confront all beginners and last but not least, to know what kind of a student she will make. The rushing system is bad too, from the standpoint of the older girls, for their first few weeks in college are given up almost entirely to it and neither they nor the freshmen can give a proper amount of time to their studies and to their other college work. Undoubtedly, many girls fail in their work because they have not been able to make up the work neglected during their first few weeks. If the sororities could agree among themselves to eliminate these several strenuous weeks and bid late in the second semester or on a class day, would they not succeed in helping their cause wonderfully? During these six or eight months, they could entertain girls quietly and more personally, and could really learn to know them and find out whether they would make good sorority sisters or not—also, they could find out what kind of students they were, both from the college and scholarship standpoints—and this last point should be considered more than it now is for outsiders criticise sororities more on the ground of poorer scholarship and too much social activity than any other. In fact, these two points seem to have caused most of the present agitation against sororities.—K K Γ Key.

And from *Banta's Greek Exchange* the following article upon "The Worth of Sororities" by Miss Coltrane, retiring president of the fraternity:

Sororities being a present day demand have present day trials to meet. Their value has been recognized, and therefore the demands increase. Growth frequently brings criticism. A movement that is of so little importance and influence as to excite no adverse criticism is short lived and of little value. A study of the history of all great movements merely serves to assure sorority workers that the attention and criticism the sorority movement is now receiving, is but another proof of its strength, worth and permanency. The day will come, as it came in the life of all

religious and social movements that are now well established, when the critics and enemies themselves will suddenly awaken to the fact that a portion of their time now spent in study and discussion of the defects (real and imaginary) of the system, might be more profitably spent in recognition of its merits.

We are even willing to admit that the criticism given to sororities is partially just. Since we recognize our defects and are working daily to lessen them, it is not fair that you help us by emphasizing our strong points? The mere existence of a defect is no argument in favor of annihilation, for the world has seen but one perfect man and one perfectly conceived cause, and that cause in its development as a movement has been injured, retarded and often misused by the errors of judgment of those who have conscientiously attempted to further it. Sororities are not perfect, as above stated, but they are endeavoring to rid themselves of their defects while they earnestly strive to accomplish their ideals; and they are hoping, the while, that the world in general will devote enough time to an unprejudiced study of them to understand them—for they know that understanding will bring respect, admiration and co-operation.

Is it possible or probable that fifty thousand of our country's college women have allied themselves with a false cause? Many, also college women have not associated themselves with it and do not encourage the organization, for the cause is yet young. But a greater number are joining this army each year, and each year new members have more reason to respect the movement than did their predecessors—for yearly the merits are strengthened. Sororities are different organizations from what they were twenty or even ten years ago—and yet we cannot, must not despise their beginnings. Surely there is respect due sororities from the mere fact that through them hundreds of women are devoting their time to a study of one of our country's greatest assets and gravest problems—the girl from 16 to 21 summers! The work is not for advertising, for notoriety, for political or financial gain, it is a work of love. "When I was in college my troubles were these, my deeds were this, my friends' needs were that, since then our mistakes have been thus and so—what could have been done to avoid it all, what would have made my friends and me worth more to the world, what does the present day college girl need? Surely our needs are alike." These are some of the thoughts of the sorority workers, the daily meditations of a sorority President; her greatest desire is to be a real benefit, she loves her girls and feels that their lives are really a great part of her own, they reflect her ideas and her ambitions, their responsibilities she shares.



Serious is the mistake of a college girl who understands, or rather misunderstands, that the end of a liberal education is the mere knowledge that is required for her diploma, for this is only one step. Commencement is the realization of the lack of knowledge, but the knowledge of how to obtain that which is lacking. Harold Bell Wright says, "School could fit her only for the fancy works of life; plain sewing she must learn of life itself. School has made her highly ornamental; life must make her useful. School has developed her capacity for pleasure and enjoyment; not until life has developed her capacity for sorrow and pain would her education be complete. School has taught her to speak, to dress and to act correctly; life must teach her to feel. School has trained her to sympathize, school has made her a lady; life must make the lady a woman."

It is here that sororities feel their mission lies—they attempt to teach a girl the knowledge and value of true womanhood, and to implant in her a desire to attain it. This is not to be learned in books nor from the chair of a learned Ph. D.; it is something to be absorbed and cultivated by association with persons and ideals that demonstrate and engender it. It is the thing every true mother would teach her daughter, and yet, of necessity, that daughter must be separated from her mother at the most important years of her life; and, as too frequently happens, the daughter fails to realize the point of the teaching and the importance, until she has left the sometimes too-kind, too-protecting and petting influence of the home—and then she finds herself in the entirely different and independent life of a college. The sorority merely aims to supplement the home and the college (and surely in this stage of rush and hurry there is need for both home and college to receive assistance.)

To success there are always two keys, a principle and a method. We have only the highest ideals and are trying to carry them out by a very definite method. To do this we must be trained. The entire world cries for trained workers. To make this training thorough the sororities have combined into a wonderful and strong organization, which will in time be of even greater value.

Of sororities an originator says: "The sorority started out, as did all woman's clubs, with the idea of self-culture, in the days when education was forbidden fruit to women and when newspapers and magazines were rare. Now our whole American nation has become educated. We were awake to present day needs. There is no longer in the heart of the American woman merely a hunger for knowledge. Added to this is a desire to let others have a taste of the joys that have come so abundantly to her.

It is no longer self, but service—broadening, inspiring, satisfying service for others. This is the keynote to which the sorority would attain itself in the future.” Yes, for the sorority world has awakened to the importance of emphasizing the fact that noble womanhood means service and a service that recognizes the importance of doing well the small things in life. There is everything in that one word which accompanies service—thoroughness—in all things. It means interest, concentration, patience, forgetfulness of self, close application and work. This is a lesson if instilled in a college girl’s mind will be given to all her tasks in life, and by this emphasis does the sorority strive to give to the world noble women who are prepared to serve it.

No movement nor organization is laboring with higher purposes than the Pan-Hellenic National Sororities. These sororities without respect to creed, location or worldly goods, are striving to reach all of the deserving young women in the standard colleges of the United States, and to make that class larger, to help these women to be better students, finer “all round” women, respecters of the law (college, political and moral). Sororities are not encouraging nor tolerating narrow, near-sighted book-worms, dangerous fanatics of injurious and foolish initiations, nor flippant extravagant butterflies. They aim at this important formative period of a girl’s life and character, to furnish girls with a conscientious, broadening, honorable, independent, charitable view of life and system of personal standards. They aim to instill into college girls the realization that a woman’s charm is not in the display of what she knows, but in the proof of what she is; that her education is not a means of, nor reason for taking her out of the home, but training to improve her as a true home-maker; that education is but a means of learning that the simplest mind is the greatest, and the greatest women are always the simplest. Sororities are endeavoring to train the young women of this and coming generations to do their part in the work for our country, to equip themselves with the bodies, the brains, the ideals, the visions, the moral strength that our country so much needs for its club women, social leaders, working women, and *most of all, for its Mothers!*

If I could walk through the floral gardens of the world and pluck the flowers of choicest beauty and sweetest perfume, and then select from the crowns of kings and queens the rarest jewels that glisten, I would fashion them into a more beauteous crown, and with the hand of love, I would place that crown upon the heads of our college girls—for they are the future womanhood of our country.



Have sororities a place of their own? Yes, for they are a part that binds the links in the indefinable life of a girl.

In the August *Eleusis*, Mrs. Collins, the president of Chi Omega, gives an analysis of the opposition to fraternities, and will continue the article in the November issue of the magazine. We quote the first installment:

Sources of the opposition: Here we may list some non-fraternity students, some faculty members, a part of the public, and a few fraternity members. Of these such of the non-fraternity students as are opposed to fraternities, form the active element. Whatever opposition sentiment is held by the public is due largely to sensational news service and to the agitation concerning high school fraternities, the average citizen not distinguishing between the college organization and its pseudo-understudy. Upon the whole, faculties seem to favor fraternities. When a charge comes from faculties it is usually one that is made much of by the non-fraternity element, as well—poor scholarship. In addition, the non-fraternity leaders charge snobbery, overlooking students of merit, and baneful results of secrecy. At Brown and Barnard the essence of the objection to fraternities was their nationalism, yet, as a rule, college authorities regard the nationalism of fraternities one of their strongest assets.

Regarding the charge of low scholarship: This charge was thrust at fraternities several years ago by President Sherman of Cornell. Now, such poor scholarship as fraternities exhibit is not the fault of the fraternities. It is the fault partly of the individual and partly of educational conditions. The misfortune both of the college and of the fraternity, is that American ideals of education are not sufficiently fixed to compel their assimilation by the great and increasing army of students. Finally, whatever is strong and whatever is weak in the educational system will be reflected more quickly by an associating group of students than by the individual student.

In the matter of snobbery: It is a sufficient answer to say that more snobbery exists in the clubs of those colleges for women and those colleges for men that taboo fraternities, than a fertile imagination could unfold in the fraternity system. (Yet these are the colleges the non-fraternity forces would initiate.) And to this club condition is added the misfortunes of intense college localism. But fraternity men and women learn that there are really quite a few colleges of account and quite nice people in them. And that makes against provincialism, doesn't it?

Secrecy: We cannot count sincere any effort to make much of this. It is a shibboleth. It makes a quick appeal to ignorance, prejudice and fear. Now, however ludicrous it may seem that anyone should be thrown into a state of disquietude by reason of the secrecy of fraternities, it must be recollected that the American's fear economy has had abnormal development during the past few years. Moreover, there are still living genteel, little old men and genteel, charming little old ladies (and we are fond of their picturesqueness) who are very timid about women meeting in conventions—without chaperones in attendance at the sessions!

Opposition from within the fraternity: Here will be noted only those qualities that are often common both to the non-fraternity leaders and to those from within the fraternity who oppose the system. In the majority of both of these one will find non-social characteristics, individualism, considerable office seeking and sometimes tendencies toward the spectacular. Your experiences will give you numerous illustrations.

What has been the error of the fraternities up to the present, in handling the situation?

We would say a lack of vigor, due to the fact that fraternities have not mastered the important principle that one can be both strong and well bred.

What is our hope?

First: Our nationalism. The antagonism has usually grown out of the failure of local groups to live in harmony with their national program.

Second: The good sense of people which makes them respond to a right cause when fairly presented.

Now, what is the cause?

We have held it a simple and sufficient creed that the social in most of us draws us into congenial groups, but that upon our congeniality must be builded the spirit of usefulness.

What shall be done?

Individually and as chapters we must live up and out to our program. We must have the inner beauty and the outer strength and fineness that make one wholly unafraid before one's fellows. Individually and nationally we must abide in the "street called straight." As our vision, as our strength, as our personal fashion of living, so will be the outcome of the struggle.

In answer to the question, "What can we all do about it?" we have the following from the editor of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*:

We must acknowledge the right of the college to govern our fraternity houses as they would the dormitories where they exist,



or else be in a position to know that our fraternity houses are governed as they should be.

We must do all in our power to aid the local interfraternity conferences, where they exist, to formulate simple satisfactory rules governing the evils of rushing. Postponed initiations may well be encouraged as a help to scholarship and solidarity in the chapter. Refractory chapters who refuse to co-operate should be made to feel the sting of executive reproach from their governing boards.

We must remind our chapters that they are not institutions apart from the colleges in which they exist, but are integral as well as vital units in the whole. Snobbery should be frowned upon; the building of superbly furnished chapter houses should be stopped. We insist that the group system is inevitable, but need not be subversive of the democracy of an institution.

We must continue to preach scholarship and foster it by all the artificial means we can command. Why should fraternity men be deficient in brains? They are not, but are often surrounded by so much luxury that they forget they are in an institution of learning.

Most of all we must carry on a campaign of education so widespread and earnest in its appeal that we can show unsuspecting legislators that there are real advantages in fraternities. Something approaching family life is the due of every young man; boarding-house life in a college town was not decreed by heaven for every homesick young fellow from the country.—Quoted in *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

In regard to the ever-present charge of poor scholarship among fraternity men, the following statement is gratifying:

"Fraternity men at Northwestern University were jubilant yesterday when it was announced that of the thirteen men elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society, membership in which is based on scholarship, eight are members of fraternities. They take it as proof that in the class of 1913, at least, the fraternity men have shown themselves as willing to work as those not connected with the secret societies. One charge against the fraternities has been that they devote too much time to social affairs and too little to the college work. Against the thirteen men the 'co-eds' developed twenty-two of their sex who won the honor. Fourteen of the thirty-five are from Chicago and Evanston."—*Chicago Tribune*.

From the *Delta Chi Quarterly* we clip the following:

Following the wave of anti-fraternity feeling, which has found

expression in many ways, including attempts in legislative halls, there has been an awakening among the Greeks, and we are pleased to present comments from several of our contemporaries, as follows:

Although conscious of evils that require reformation of the system, we know of none that demand its total destruction. We, therefore, in common with other fraternity journals, opposed to the letter and spirit of any legislation that contemplates their absolute prohibition. Investigation of the system by legislative committees, made with an object of enlightening the state to the facts, and conducted in a spirit of fairness and impartiality, is not to be discouraged. But the passage of laws which prohibit the existence of college fraternities under any conditions is a policy which no fraternity man can endorse. The evil is not the fraternity. The evil is something the fraternity does or omits to do. If the fraternity's acts of commission or omission are inimical to the body politic no one can well object to legislation that will regulate the exercise of the functions normally a part of the fraternity system. But to strike down the whole system is not only unjust, but also a very dangerous, a very far-fetched exercise of the police powers of the state.—A T Ω *Palm*.

And also the following:

Shall these two years pass before the fraternities again rally to attack the problem of anti-fraternity agitation? We have had our warning. We have two years in which to prove our value to a skeptical public. Can we do it? We have the machinery for work already organized in the Interfraternity conference and the National Pan-Hellenic. Here is a real national problem for these organizations, something that equally concerns each of their constituent members, something demanding action—not theoretical discussion and hobby riding. Time for practical, intelligent, common-sense action is given us. How will we use that time?—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The idea advanced in the following article is worthy of reflection:

#### LET US ABOLISH SECRECY FROM OUR FRATERNITIES

Once upon a time a Woman conceived the idea of a beautiful Garden and into the plans for it went her dearest hopes and her loftiest ideals. She took into her confidence those friends who also had hopes and ideals, and asked them to come and live in her Garden and help make the dreams come true. Around the Garden they built a Wall—that may not have been wise, I do not know, but perhaps they felt that the Garden would be more truly theirs



if separated from the broad highway and the gaze of the careless passer-by. Then in the Garden they planted small saplings that would grow into noble trees; they established firmly sturdy shrubs in the background; they laid out winding paths that their tired feet might find soft places after the hard stones of the city streets; they bordered these paths with old-fashioned flowers that spoke eloquently of faith and hope, sincerity and truth; they tended carefully the modest violet, the fair lily, and the red rose of love. All the flowers that they admired most grew there.

Gradually they began to absorb some of the beauty and sweetness of the blossoms and their lives grew better and fairer. They felt that there were others also who might love the flowers and so they stood at the gate and watched the people passing by. One of these seemed to say that she could feel the beauty of the Garden and would tend the plants with care—they asked her to enter; one lingered and they thought she too might join their band, but something seemed to whisper that she would but pluck the blossoms and let them wither; one they urged to come within the gate who preferred a garden farther on; one hurried by who was destined for great deeds on the highway and had no time for pleasant hours in a Garden; one passed with quiet tread and so busy were those at the gate that they did not see her until she had gone; one came tripping along and, because she seemed light-hearted and gay, they fancied that she would suit their Garden life and took her in only to find that she liked the bright colors but could not understand the language of the flowers. And as they lived together in the Garden they became thoughtless and let the weeds grow up and the thorns crowd out roses and the flowers wither from neglect. Some were careless about those whom they asked to share the Garden with them. Others forgot that there were Gardens as fair as this one, and tried to keep the stranger from entering these. Many were heedless of those on the highway and forgot that the flowers might be carried out to those who had no Garden. But most of them remembered that through their lives and actions the beauty and the fragrance of their Garden might go to all the world. And so one day the Woman said: "There are some who pass by our gate and think that we should have no Garden because they have none and there are some of us within who feel the same. Now we made our Garden, we think it a beautiful Garden, we know that we are better for living in it. It is not large enough for everyone to live in happily but why may not all see it and then have Gardens of their own? When our plants were small and we were inexperienced we thought they needed the protection of a Wall, but if they

cannot now withstand the winds and storms of the outer world, surely they must be but weak seedlings in poor soil. If all who pass by might see our Garden and know that it is fair and realize that the weeds grow and the flowers wither only when we are careless, then perhaps they might see why we love it so.

Let Us Tear Down The Wall!"

DOROTHY NOBLE SAFFORD, in *Alpha Omicron Pi*.

And last—but not least—the following article is a ringing declaration in behalf of the fraternity system:

### BEHIND FRATERNITY SHUTTERS

Taken from *The Independent*

A FRANK STATEMENT OF WHAT MEMBERSHIP IN A GREEK LETTER SOCIETY DID FOR ONE COLLEGE STUDENT

By H. E. Wade, Δ Φ

Four years ago I was a freshman, small, freckled, bashful. And for a few months my time was occupied in much the same way that many another first-year man's has been, except that the moments spent by them in making friends and getting into college activities I was forced to put in trying to pick up an occasional dollar. Not that I made many friendly overtures toward others. Few freshmen do. Yet the chances my classmates had to meet each other and men of the upper classes at smokers, on the gridiron or in the fraternities, were denied to me.

Sometimes I imagined that my clothes, remarkable for their out-of-dateness and unfamiliarity with a tailor's shop, had something to do with my inability to mix with the other fellows. Then again I would decide that my little box-like room, wedged under the eaves of a dingy boarding house some twenty minutes walk from the campus, to which I was ashamed to take my acquaintances, was the cause of my loneliness. But I finally concluded that it was simply lack of money, for I could spare scarcely a cent for any function, and I let it go at that.

To make matters worse I fell behind in my studies. That I spent as much time on them as the average man I was sure, yet there was something I lacked. Little did I realize that it was nothing more than the guidance, encouragement and advice of an upper-classman who knew exactly what a freshman year was like and had more than a passing interest in my welfare. Yet being ignorant of this, I kept on working, grinding and failing.

One day in early spring I stole a few minutes from my tiresome routine to watch baseball practice. How I longed to get out on that field and show some of the awkward recruits how to play the



infield! Back home I had captained the high school team for two years, but nobody knew that here, and little odds it would make if they did. For my Saturdays were taken up helping figure the payroll of a construction company, and I could spare no time for baseball.

The 5:30 bell rang and I started toward the commons, where I waited on table, pausing but once to look back at the knots of students gathered idly here and there about the campus. I was about to cross the main walk when I found my path blocked by a pair of tall, well-built lads. One was a sophomore and the other I recognized as the junior president.

The soph demanded to know where my freshman cap was. I explained that it had been stolen by a couple of his classmates and that I meant to purchase another as soon as I could spare the money, although this acknowledgment of poverty made my face grow warm as it had many times before. But I had not settled the matter.

During the words that followed I intimated that if he worked as hard as I for the cash that bought his hats he would go bare-headed. We were rapidly becoming belligerent when our argument was stopped by the junior, who to my surprise invited me to his fraternity that evening.

My first meeting with the members of the frat to which I now belong was more than a surprise to me; it was a revelation. The marks of luxury and extravagance that I had always connected with fraternity houses were lacking. Nor did the men at any time relax into that state of carefree hilarity in which popular opinion places them. On the contrary, each seemed up to his eyes in business. I had a chance that evening to see some of the inside management of the baseball team, to hear a lively debate between the chairman of the Junior Prom and the junior president over the advisability of allowing flowers to be worn at the dance, and to meet three prominent men from my class who, by the way, were made to study two hours during my stay under the watchful eye of a senior, so that their low marks of the last month in history might not be repeated.

From that night on my life in college changed. I became a frequent guest at the fraternity, and through my newly made friends gained acquaintances right and left on the campus. Then just before finals I was astonished by an invitation to join the frat. I had not dreamed that I was creating the impression that I could afford to belong to a Greek letter society. But in answer to my refusal on these grounds it was proven to me that I could better

afford to live at the fraternity house than in my present quarters. I therefore accepted.

To pay for my board in the house I was made steward. I superintended the buying and planned all the meals. This was hard at first, but one of the fellows who had formerly held the position helped me out until I learned my duties. For my fraternity expenses I was allowed to borrow from a fund held for such purposes. And no sooner was my position made known to our alumni than, through their influence, I secured a scholarship.

Each blow of good luck left me breathless. Yet I was not long in divorcing myself from the hot little room under the eaves, nor did I waste much time before starting to work with the intention of getting off my conditions acquired at mid-years. As special advisers I was given a brother in the faculty and an upperclassman. Things that had formerly taken me an hour to accomplish they taught me to do in twenty minutes; lectures in which I had failed to take the proper notes they dug up for me in the notebooks of former students filed away in the fraternity bookroom; and problems that had from the start tied themselves in knots they showed me how to unravel in record time. As a result I hit my finals between the eyes and was not flunked in a single course.

At the beginning of my junior year I found myself in politics. The college political game I soon discovered was as intricate as that of a democracy and much more uncertain. Yet here again the popular opinion that fraternities dictate who shall be elected, and that they can put through any kind of a man, I found to be wrong. Of course, there was a well-defined balance of power among the societies, but they had long since been taught that the you-give-us-this-and-we'll-give-you-that policy would not work. No undemocratic or overbearing candidate could ever hope to be placed in any office by his class. And it was early impressed upon me that the only route to class leadership was to meet all my classmates, get acquainted with most of them, and become intimate with many. This I tried to do, and as a result was made vice-president.

In the meantime I broke into baseball and again had the fact demonstrated to me that a new man can seldom get ahead in college activities without the piloting of a more experienced fraternity brother. During my first season's practice I became discouraged at not making the team. Had I still been living my hermit's life at No. 10, third floor back, I should no doubt have given up. But when asked by a senior whether or not I thought it the spirit of the fraternity that its members try for athletic honors and quit cold because they failed to receive them the first year, I saw a light and followed up



my first season's practice with a try the following year, this time with better success.

Next month I get the sheepskin for which I have plugged four years. Do I hate to leave? I should say I do. Would I—if I had continued to live my life under the eaves? Draw your own conclusions.

*New York University.*

## THE CHICAGO INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

(As reported in *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.)

Representatives of fifty-five fraternities and sororities met at Chicago May 30th and 31st, upon invitation of the executive council of Delta Upsilon, to consider matters of general interest to all Greek-letter societies. The immediate cause of the calling of the congress was the introduction during the past winter in the legislatures of many states of bills hostile to fraternities. The congress decided to establish a permanent information bureau, to be known as the College Fraternity Bureau, with headquarters in Chicago. The duties of this bureau are set forth in the following resolution, which was adopted by the delegates:

*Whereas*, there has recently been threatened legislation, hostile to fraternities in some states, and anti-fraternity action by faculties in some American colleges and universities; and

*Whereas*, there is need for combined action on the part of the fraternities to combat the enactment of such hostile laws and regulations; and

*Whereas*, action looking to this end ought to be initiated in the shortest, quickest and most effective way;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, by the representatives of the fifty odd fraternities represented at this conference, that there be established as soon as practicable, a bureau of information at Chicago, Ill., to be maintained by intercollegiate fraternities of the United States, to be known as the College Fraternity Bureau.

It shall be the duty of this Bureau:

1. To collect and maintain a reference library containing all accessible data concerning fraternities, with reference to pending or threatened anti-fraternity action by legislatures or faculties.

2. To furnish such data to the local organizations of various universities and colleges as these organizations may find such data necessary.

3. To conduct in such manner as may seem best a campaign of publicity calculated to disseminate knowledge concerning fra-



ternities among the American people, and particularly in those states where the fraternities have been, or are likely to be, attacked, that will tend to explain fairly the aims and purposes of fraternities and to eradicate and overcome false impressions and statements.

Such bureau shall be managed and controlled by an executive committee of nine (afterward changed to ten) members, of whom not less than three shall be members of sororities and at least one of whom shall be a member of a professional fraternity. Such executive committee shall be selected in such manner as this conference shall determine.

The adoption of this report shall not obligate or bind any fraternity in any manner whatsoever to support said bureau, but if this report is adopted by a majority vote, the roll of fraternities represented shall be called and those whose delegates are authorized to do so, may pledge themselves to support such bureau and to pay their proportionate cost thereof. Those delegates who are not authorized to act for their respective fraternities are urged to place the matter before their fraternities to the end that such fraternities shall take definite action upon the matter as soon as practicable.

In case this resolution shall be adopted, all intercollegiate fraternities not here represented, including all professional intercollegiate fraternities, shall be advised of the action here taken and cordially invited to co-operate in the maintenance of said bureau.

In addition to the foregoing resolution, the following declaration of principles was adopted by the representatives:

We, representing fifty-five of the Greek-letter societies located in colleges and universities of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, having a membership of 400,000 men and women, do make the following declaration:

*Whereas*, we believe that the people of our country are not familiar with the true purposes and ideals of our societies, and with the actual conditions among the same.

*Now therefore we*, represented in convention at the city of Chicago by officers and delegates of our said societies, do declare

*That* it is our earnest wish and desire to inculcate in our various

chapters or local societies, the principles of true womanhood and manhood; to promote the moral welfare of all our members; to stimulate and encourage scholarship; to prescribe obedience to all authority; to inculcate loyalty to and active interest in the institutions where they may be located; to foster a democratic and friendly spirit between our members and all others with whom they may be associated; and among our members to inspire a true and lasting friendship, and we do further declare that to those ends we have through our officers and councils dedicated ourselves in the past and do pledge ourselves for the future; that where we fail we will remedy and where we succeed, such shall be to us only an incentive to better things.

*And* we do further declare that our association together in such societies is only in fulfillment of the natural desire of all people to seek friendship among each other, and that we consider our members not as elected to any privilege but rather as dedicated and pledged to a life of striving for the perfection of our ideals, and

*We* do further declare that we welcome all sincere criticism of our lives and conduct and do pledge ourselves to take counsel upon the same and to remedy all things wherein we may fall short of these, our ideals and principles;

*And*, remembering our long and prosperous existence, our opportunities and hopes for the future, our thousands of great and true members now in the service of the world, the thousands of our young men and women in our brotherly care, the service of many good and noble men and women given to the perfecting of these principles;

*We do pledge* ourselves to promote these things in all ways and to continue our efforts to that end.

It was felt by the representatives that in many cases the public had confused the high school fraternities with college fraternities, and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted:

*Be it resolved*, That the representatives of the fifty-five fraternities and sororities here assembled declare their opposition to high school fraternities and sororities, and express the hope that their organizations will soon legislate against the initiation of members of high school fraternities.



## PHI BETA SORORITY MADE GAMMA PHI BETA CHAPTER

INSTALLATION EXERCISES HELD YESTERDAY MORNING—IS FIFTEENTH CHAPTER OF SORORITY

The Phi Beta local sorority was installed yesterday morning as the Omicron chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. The installation exercises took place at 10 o'clock at the chapter house, 1002½ West California street, Urbana.

The following alumnae officiated at the installation: Mrs. C. M. Moss, one of the founders of Gamma Phi Beta at Syracuse; Miss Carrie E. Morgan, and Mrs. Horita E. Bredin of the Wisconsin chapter; Mrs. Violet J. Schmidt of the Michigan chapter; Mrs. Helen C. Green of Columbia; Miss Allys F. Boyle of the Denver chapter, and Mrs. Olive F. Corlet and Misses Carolina McCarty, Dorothy Cinchell, Klea Cozzens, Helen A. Paddock, Anna Potter, Marguerite Robinson, Margaret Bentley, and Jeanne Wheeler of the Northwestern chapter.

The forty-four Phi Beta girls initiated into Gamma Phi Beta were: Stella Kleinbeck, Frances H. Abbott, Augusta Krieger, Miriam Gerlach, Edna Hoskins, Anna Belle Robinson, Nina Gresham, Frances Marie Scott, Florence G. Baxter, Frances Leonard Rayner, Bertha M. Schneider, Mary C. Barry, Ella Stuart Brown, Lenore Latzer, Ellen C. Powell, Lela Brownfield, Winefred Supple, Ruth Alice Moss, Bessie Baxter of the alumnae, and Vida T. Collins, Sada A. Harbarger, Willie R. Cary, Josephine Couley, Irma Latzer, Jessie Rothgeb, Lillian Savage, Helen Coe, Bess Tillotson, Gertrude Elliot, Nelle Hartsock, Katherine Theilen, Helen Hanes, Ruth Dickensin, Ruth Canfield, Charlotte Barr, Margaret Dodge, Alice Carter, Mary Henry, Lillian King, Margaret Huntington, Frankie Holton, Grace Geyer, Florence McElhiney of the active chapter.

Mrs. Frances H. Moss introduced the new chapter to the University community at a reception held yesterday afternoon at her home, 806 South Matthews avenue. The installation banquet, which consisted of seven courses, was held last evening at the Beardsley Hotel. Sixty-one members of the sorority were present.

Gamma Phi Beta was founded November 11, 1874, by Mrs. Frances H. Moss of Urbana, Mrs. Helen D. Ferguson, and Mrs. Minnie B. Williford of Utica, New York, and Mrs. E. Addie Curtis of Syracuse, New York. The Omicron chapter is the fifteenth chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, the others being at Syracuse University, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, Bos-

ton University, Northwestern University, Goucher College, University of California, University of Denver, Barnard College of Columbia University, University of Minnesota, University of Washington, Leland Stanford, Jr., University, University of Oregon, and University of Idaho.—[Extract from Urbana paper.]



## CONCERNING CONVENTION

Are we, henceforth to have a visiting delegate? Read this article by Miss Fitch, editor of *The Trident* and a pioneer in this phase of sorority work!

At the National Pan-Hellenic Congress this year there have been ten or more inspectors with greater or less experience. I found I was the veteran inspector in years of service and number of colleges visited. I presume it was because of my superior years and aged appearance that I was asked to instruct, entertain and advise you upon the subject of being an inspector or an inspected! I have done various kinds of inspection for seven years, and sixty colleges are therefore my victims! I find the general idea among actives and alumnae of the work, duties and pleasures involved in being an inspector are quite varied and erroneous. The common impression is that an inspector is an individual favored by Providence or some other kind of factor, who wears pretty clothes, travels in Pullman cars, meets many lovely people, is the honored guest at numerous functions, and goes on her way beloved by all left behind.

Please don't all at once, send in applications to your respective fraternities to be made inspector, for your illusions will be instantly dispelled. I speak feelingly! Based upon my own experience and my conversation with other inspectors, I should like to give you an inspector's conception of an inspector. First—an inspector is a gastronomical acrobat, encompassing in one small interior several meals a day or none as time, connections and best customs of society demand or permit. She has collected in one trip enough salads to supply a lady's tea room for one year, enough chocolate sundaes and college "dope" to overstock a drug store for a summer season, enough plain boardinghouse "grub" to starve forty fat men, enough banquets to rival a presidential tour. She has consumed everything from "tomayto" to "tomahto", from coffee to "demi tasse." She has, with hard labor, personally collected and dispensed with enough smiles to honor a humorist's convention. They have been of all varieties from the plain slit, to the upturned Cheshire cat, and are used to express or conceal surprise, pleasure, gratification, weariness, mental and physical boredom, schemes, and plain grouch.

She has personally tried all varieties of moving craft from a very seldom used "special" with electric lights, steamheat, library, stenographer, and four o'clock tea, to a plain freight train, with the caboose situated one block down the track in a pouring rain. If she had \$1 for each hour she has waited for delayed trains she could build a memorial home for the overworked and decrepit

councilors and members of the N. P. C. Thus you see her fondness for her crafty collection. (No pun intended—merely an adjective).

And so I might go on through the weather encountered from blizzards to hotternll, the varieties of beds encountered from Ostermoorish to hard and already inhabited, the varieties of sleep destroying noises from snores of the man in the berth above to revelish freshmen (I was tempted to use a d instead of an r in the adjective).

But what makes her feel, that *if* she is successful she is a consummate personification of tact is this. She must see exactly that nobody has such problems as each individual school and chapter, that nobody has such tricky rivals as "our friends, the enemy", it must enable her to correctly interpret 10 to 100 temperaments and personalities in two or three days, ladle out advice, suggestions, and opinions in such a way that each of the 100 will see her way is wrong (if it differs from the inspector's) so she will hand over cash, change her benighted opinions on extension, finance, government, so she will enthuse and boost and work for her fraternity. It will enable her to tell at a glance how to instill system into the systemless, memory into the thoughtless, coifuring to the uncoifed or the *coifuric*, how to secure man for the manless, and shoo man from the over manned. She will know how to secure unselfishness in the selfish, honor in the honorless (our rivals of course), humor in the humorless, how to make Pan-Hellenic out of Hell Panic. In short she will be a prophet, a mind reader, a wonder, a thousand personalities in one so she can understand the thousand personalities she meets. Such is the inspector from her own standpoint. And as she wearily—but smilingly—takes her train of any description at any time of day or night, does she not rest and enjoy the chocolates and magazines the adoring chapter has given her? No, she wonders as she works on delayed correspondence and reports—*did* she see things fairly, were her opinions just, did she leave the impression with the chapter which she wished? Possibly applications for the job will not now be so numerous.

A word about the inspecteds. First comes the inspector herself. You see I am determined to have this officer properly recognized. Never in any journal or toast program have I seen this officer among those toasted. Council, founder, symbols, freshmen, pledges, colors—everything and everybody connected with a fraternity has been toasted, praised or sung, except the inspector. Only once have I known of her receiving such honor, and that was when I myself was the toaster and chose my own subject! You think an inspector is not inspected? Have you ever tried it? Everything from clothes to slang is carefully tabulated mentally, and discussed by her own



chapter, and all other fraternities, even by the men students she meets, by the faculty and by the dean!

But I really meant by inspected—the chapter. The attitude of these individuals has changed greatly during the past six years. Then the general attitude was—scrub your house, hide your chapter skeleton, smile at your worst enemy, entertain your visitor, and sigh with relief when she departed. Now the general attitude is—scrub your house, but rattle your skeletons loudly, tabulate all your difficulties, confer with your inspector, ask questions, discuss fraternity and college problems in general. They feel now that their inspector can be a valuable asset to their chapter, and take this way of getting their “money’s worth” for their entertainment of her—and it is a very good way too.

In summing up, the inspector’s position in a fraternity and Pan-Hellenic circles can be of inestimable value. She learns many things and can give many to her own and other fraternities. My message as an inspector to you today is this—it is what I have tried to give to all local Pan-Hellenics—and it applies equally to actives and to alumnae. The fact that you and I wear fraternity pins makes us no whit better than nor superior in any way to those who do not. But it does give the right to others to *expect* a little more of each of *us*, because of that very fact. It means that we have voluntarily assumed extra obligations which those who wear none have not. These obligations we have assumed, and which are represented by our pins, mean greater loyalty to our college and its activities, greater charity and kindness for others, a submerging of self interest for the good of others. These things others have a right to expect of us because we wear fraternity pins, regardless of their shape or size, for we have proclaimed to the world at large that they are outward symbols of definite ideals toward which we strive. Shall we not teach these more energetically to our new girls, and live them a little more carefully ourselves?

Are we, too, to have a Committee upon Scholarship? We print entire such a report from Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The late date of this report for 1911-12 is caused by delay in receiving chapter records from some universities.

The average scholarship of the fraternity shows a decided gain over the previous year. It affords much satisfaction to find that a larger percentage of the work has been reported “good” or “excellent” than in any previous year.

Nearly all the chapters have a good average of scholarship and ten chapters have an excellent average.

On the Honor List we place:

First—All that have no failures: Beta Epsilon, Beta Sigma, Beta Alpha, Beta Upsilon, Theta, Sigma, Beta Omicron.

Second—All that have less than one per cent of failures: Phi, Beta Iota, Gamma Rho, Mu, Pi, Beta Phi.

Third—All having an average of 85 per cent or over, reckoned on the basis of 65 per cent passing mark: Xi, Beta Alpha, Beta Upsilon, Omega, Lambda, Beta Omicron, Gamma Rho, Sigma, Beta Mu, Beta Epsilon. There are about twelve chapters whose work was of nearly as high a grade.

Fourth—those making a gain of at least  $31\frac{1}{2}$  per cent in their average over the previous year. Beta Upsilon, Epsilon, Theta, Sigma, Omega.

A list of the chapters is herewith given in the order of their excellence in scholarship, excepting Kappa and Delta, from whom no report has been received:

1, Xi; 2, Beta Alpha; 3, Beta Upsilon; 4, Omega; 5, Beta Omicron; 6, Lambda; 7, Gamma Rho; 8, Beta Mu; 9, Sigma; 10, Beta Epsilon; 11, Chi; 12, Phi; 13, Mu; 14, Epsilon; 15, Pi; 16, Eta; 17, Beta Iota; 18, Iota; 19, Beta Lambda; 20, Beta Delta; 21, Beta Gamma; 22, Beta Chi; 23, Beta Sigma; 24, Beta Pi; 25, Beta Psi; 26, Theta; 27, Beta Phi; 28, Psi; 29, Upsilon; 30, Beta Xi; 31, Beta Eta; 32, Beta Tau; 33, Beta Zeta; 34, Beta Nu.

Our new chapter, Beta Omega, will not report until next fall, but we hear much that is in praise of her scholarship.

Let me again urge upon the chapters the necessity of a thorough investigation of the scholarship of candidates for membership. Only such as have shown ability in preparatory school should be considered.

I wish also to re-enumerate the duties of chapter committees in order to make the work more uniform. The duties of the chairman shall be:

First—To ascertain the standing of members once a month (or in chapters where it seems best, once in two months) and to keep record of the same on file for inspection by all members.

Second—To confer with any member or members who may be doing a low grade of work in order to ascertain the cause and try to find a remedy.

Third—To be responsible for the annual report of her chapter and see that it is sent to the national chairman within one month from the date of the receipt of blanks therefor.

Fourth—An assistant shall be appointed who shall perform all duties of the chairman in her absence or illness.

I would especially request that these duties be enumerated in the by-laws of every chapter, and that they be faithfully executed.



Your committee sends hearty congratulations to all chapters on the honor list, and wishes to express great appreciation for all the effort being made for advancement.

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The N. P. C. *Bulletin* tells us how to present Pan-Hellenic work at convention:

Looking into a matter for yourself is very different from being told about it. Also, making a study of a matter and knowing enough about it to appreciate its real value, is quite different from learning of it from reports, bulletins, etc. As this is true, we can understand how very difficult it is for chapters and individual fraternity women to become enthusiastic and realize the purposes of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress and to estimate the far-reaching work it has wrought since its inception. How can we change this? Our conventions afford some opportunity in this direction. The following plan which Zeta Tau Alpha has adopted for her August convention may be of interest:

A special day has been set aside as "National Day," and its entire sessions are to be devoted to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. *First*, the Congress will be vitalized. The lives and services of the delegates best known in the Congress will be set forth in detail in order that a knowledge of the personnel of the Congress will emphasize the impression and understanding that these delegates are women of mental poise and judicial endowment—and, therefore, well qualified to cope with the problems of the present college fraternity world and to direct the energies of the fraternities to the greater opportunities of the future. *Second*, an accurate and detailed account of the last Congress will be given, in order that our convention may know some of the knotty problems which confront national pan-hellenism and how often their solutions—giving satisfaction to all—are difficult. *Third*, it will be known that the Congress is not a body to make rushing contracts or petty rules, as many seem to think, but in contrast it will be emphasized that the Congress, in the brief period of its organization, has accomplished considerable that is worth while. This will be illustrated by reading, with discussions, full reports of the committee on "Social Customs," "Deans' Conference," "Chaperones," and "Scholarship."

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A word to the active chapter.

May you choose as delegate of your chapter that member who will most honorably represent you. A girl whose loyalty is unswerving, whose tongue and heart are kind, who comes to chapter-meeting—and thus will come to convention meeting—anxious not

to get all she can, but to give, help, and inspire all she can. May she be generous in debate, quick and eager to see all sides of a question, unselfish and gallant in compromise, slow to criticise, cheerful in disappointment, and humble in triumph.

To her give not only your trust and inspiration but your support and company. Come with her and make your chapter's gift to Kappa Alpha Theta one of fine enthusiasm and hopefulness.—From District president's letter to chapters of Alpha Alpha district.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*—Quoted in *Aglaiia* of Phi Mu.

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As convention time approaches all the chapters will find this discussion of the obligation of a chapter representative very helpful and suggestive. We suggest that it be read in chapter meeting:

"My duty was, and would be again—two fold. First—I would strive to bring to the convention a composite idea of the life and spirit of my chapter. Second—I would try to take back my own conception of the convention, gained by my best attention, tact, kindly feeling, insight, sociability and open-mindedness. Thus equipped, I would seek to apply the best vision of the Convention to my home chapter."

"I would study the type of a girl at convention, so that I might better know whether those whom I represented in my own college were the equal of these girls, whether my own chapter was measuring up to the standard set by other Pi Phi chapters. I would observe the Grand Officers—some of Pi Beta Phi's representative women. I would try to learn their breadth of vision in fraternity life and their conception of the fraternity world. I would make myself acquainted, before going with the various actives of Pi Phi—the alumnae organization, the extension plan, the national Pan-Hellenic association, the settlement idea, etc., so that I could talk and vote intelligently and of *my own* thinking. I would discuss carefully with my chapter those new points which I knew would be discussed at convention. I would get largely of that enthusiasm which has for its foundation, national interest and loyalty, strong, high ideals and a sweetness, born of choice associates, in order that I might bring back to the girls something other than a mere report of new rules, new laws, new ideas.—*Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.—Through Alpha Gamma Delta *Quarterly*. Quoted in *Aglaiia* of Phi Mu.

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This from the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega:

A national convention of one's own fraternity; what does it mean to a girl? It means that until a girl has been so fortunate as to



claim such an experience as her own, never can she realize the bigness, the far reaching extent of the organization which has in its little way, so far as previously known to her, made her life so much happier during her days so far spent in college.

When she is for the first time permitted to be present at a gathering of two hundred girls and women who have been called together from the four corners of this big country of ours, and because of the atmosphere of good feeling and fellowship, stimulated by the bond of fraternity, she feels at once a greater closeness and intimacy with each of these two hundred lives, and the hundreds more they represent. One then comes to realize that wherever in our travels in this big land a new and strange sister is met this bond of common interest will immediately reveal itself. Thus for the first time is the true import of the future value of her fraternity brought home.

Never will she feel a wave of enthusiasm and love surge within her so strongly, as when for the first time she hears some Alpha Chi song which is dear unto her own heart, ring forth from the throats of hundreds of joyous and gay singers, all joined in one accord to laud praises and love to Alpha Chi.

Then, too, until one has the privilege of seeing the business of convention in full swing, under the strong guidance of our grand council members, it is impossible to realize the extent of the unbounded love and loyalty which leads them to give so generously and unselfishly of their time and energy, to the furtherance of all that is best and good for the welfare of our fraternity. The great debt we all owe these noble women who have accepted the burden of direction can in no other way be fully realized and in no other way can one be so clearly made to see that the heartiest co-operation of each and every chapter, which would serve to lighten this assumed burden, is the only way in which this debt can be repaid.

The personal inspiration and good to be received from such a great meeting of Alpha Chi sisterhood is invaluable, and one's experience as a member of a fraternity is incomplete without it. Certainly it is worth great effort to name as one's own. If such an experience has not previously been yours, do strive to make it so; let no stone remain unturned until you can claim it as one of the experiences of your life.

## SORORITY CONVENTIONS

The Alpha Delta Phi sorority convened at the Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, June 16-20. At the opening session there were addresses by the national presidents of Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta on matters of general Pan-Hellenic interest. One of the first acts of the convention was to change the name of the sorority to Alpha Delta Pi, in order to avoid any confusion that might arise from the fact that the former name had been in use by a fraternity also. It was a most gracious act on the part of the sorority, as their own name had become very dear to them during the last ten years. Arrangements were made for an alumnae degree and the office of alumnae secretary was created. The convention went on record as opposed to the high school sorority and formulated a plan that will eventually debar members of the secondary societies from Alpha Delta Pi. The Province system was installed and the national endowment fund started. Resolutions favoring altruistic work were adopted. The next convention will meet in California in 1915.

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Kappa Alpha Theta convened at the Cliff House on Lake Minnawaska in the Catskills, June 24-27. There were over 300 present. The trophy cup, annually offered for a perfect scholarship record, was won by two chapters this year, so duplicate cups went to the Butler and Montana chapters. The Butler chapter also won the Loving Cup, given annually to the chapter sending in the best letters to the *Journal* and having the best record on a number of other points. Districts are to be numbered instead of lettered, as formerly. An Alumnae Service Board was established. It will endeavor to interest all ex-collegio members in the present plans and ambitions of the sorority, especially with a view to enlisting their aid in the general movement now on foot to strengthen the position of the fraternity system in the colleges and universities of the country. The convention made a charter grant to petitioners at Washington State College. There were two issues of the convention newspaper, *The Kite*, which was published at Troy, N. J.

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Kappa Delta convened at "The Manor," Asheville, N. C., July 9-10. Among the earliest acts of the convention was the provision



made for the undergraduate chapters to have a Faculty Advisory Board and for the chapters to do definite philanthropic work. Arrangements were perfected for the endowment of the sorority magazine. A charter grant was made to petitioners at the New York Normal College. This institution is located in New York City and is doing full collegiate work. A movement is under way to have the name changed in the very near future, as the present one is a misnomer. It is expected that it will parallel the work of the College of the City of New York and will offer to girls of the metropolis the same opportunities for a free collegiate education as is now accorded the men at the other institution. The next convention will meet in Evanston, Ill., in August of 1915.

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Sigma Kappa convened at the Adams Hotel, Denver, Colo., July 8-11. At the opening session the convention was welcomed by the Mayor of the city, and by the Governor of the state and by Bishop McConnell, who talked at considerable length upon the splendid part that sororities could play in the collegiate life. Another session was given over to addresses by other prominent Denver residents, a number of whom are well-known workers in their respective fraternities and sororities. One of the features of the convention was a very attractive daily, called the *Clipper*. The next convention will meet in California in 1915.

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Sigma Sigma Sigma convened at the Lenox Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. July 1-4. Reports showed the sorority in excellent condition after its two years' trial as a Normal Sorority, following an existence of thirteen years as a "hybrid", and indicate that the organization is about to enter upon a splendid career in its chosen field. The next convention will meet at Cincinnati in July, 1915.

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Sigma Iota Chi convened at the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., June 11-13. The most important ruling of the convention was the decision to limit charter grants in the future to junior colleges. The latter offer a splendid field for extension and will make it possible for the sorority to grow without coming into conflict with the Con-

gress sororities, as is unavoidable in the case of such sororities as continue a "hybrid" existence.

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Delta Gamma convened at the Clifton Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont., June 26-28. The work before it was almost entirely of a routine nature. The installation of the Toronto chapter took place at the Clifton in the evening of June 26. The next convention is to be in California in 1915.

From *Banta's Greek Exchange*.



## THE ALUMNAE

Fraternity service is for all of us. Let us ponder these beautiful words as we stand on the threshold of another college year:

A short time ago Dr. George Herbert Palmer of Harvard gave an address at vespers which contained some ideas exceedingly pertinent to college life in general, and to fraternity life in particular. What I put down here is his thought, plus my own interpretation, as a fraternity girl.

He introduced his subject by reading from the old testament, the beautiful story, where in response to David's longing for the water from a certain spring, three of his men risked their lives in getting it for him. You remember how David, instinctively noble, felt that he could not lightly accept for his own gratification the result of such tremendous sacrifice, and poured the water out upon the ground as an offering to God.

Doctor Palmer pointed out the sacrifices which are continually being offered to the college student, sacrifice of parent, of instructors, of the community, of factory laborers, and also the supreme sacrifice of the Son of God. The vital point is the manner of our acceptance. Are we simply going to absorb for our own pleasure these combined offerings, or are we going to take them as a sacred trust to be passed on to others?

No true woman can lightly pass this question by, but will try to show that fine *noblesse oblige* which characterized David of old and which has characterized the truly great of all ages.

And now for our "fraternity application": beyond doubt we receive much at the hands of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we reap the results of the noble, sincere women who founded and nursed her through infancy. The sympathetic interest of our alumnae is with us; the efforts of Grand Officers make our fraternity experience effective. Deep friendship with our Kappa sisters gives life a new joy. Truly through the lives of thousands of fraternity sisters, we are strengthened.

And how do we receive this offering? Some describe us as "worshiping at their own little shrine with their backs to the winds of the world." I do not wish to judge the truth of the statement. I am not competent, but this much I do know, "it goes down hard." Kappa must stand for something bigger than that, her influence of love and sympathy must pass far beyond the limits of the actual membership.—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

Shall we alumnae be "active" during 1913-1914?

An active alumnae makes an active chapter active. Each must

meet activity half way. The alumna must be made to feel her advice and help is needed and wanted; that because she is older and wiser in experience, her words are jewels and her presence a chain that links sister to sister. Actives, make your alumnae feel that they are in college again and "running things;" that you can't get along without them. Alumnae, remember how often you needed a push when you were an active, and with what tact the pusher must apply the push before you admitted yourself pushed. *The Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha has a word to say on the subject. "While you are no longer active members, in the ordinary acceptance of the word, you are just as much fraternity men as your active brothers of the chapter. It is your duty and should be your pleasure to contribute to the fraternity the energies of a zealous member. How best to do so is for you to determine. There are many ways. You know them all. Be loyal; continue your subscription to the magazine; keep up your interest in the fraternity; keep in touch with the chapter, and send good men to it as often as occasion may present."—*Trident* of  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ . Quoted in *Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

As the following quotation tells us—we have made our pledge not to the chapter but to the sorority:

An alumni club should be an alumni chapter, and an alumnus should feel it just as much his duty to join such a club as once he felt it his privilege to join a chapter. He must not forget that when he was an undergraduate there were alumni working for him and the fraternity, and that the debt should be paid with interest. We should remember that our pledges were not taken to the chapter, but to the fraternity; that we did not join the chapter, but the fraternity; that when we go out from the chapter, we do not go out from, but rather further into the fraternity, in its largest and best sense. Then it must be plain that if we would do our part in advancing the fraternity, there is always a place in the alumni club where we can renew the pledges once given in the chapter.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

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Let the slogan of the alumnae chapters of Gamma Phi Beta be—"Definite and practical work." The following is an extract from the convention report of the Social Service Committee of Chi Omega:

The alumnae chapters presented the following record of uplift work: Christmas celebrations for poor children, Des Moines and Lexington; aid to destitute family, Los Angeles; gifts to organized charities, Denver; equipment of maternity ward at woman's hos-



pital and penny lunches for poor children, New Orleans; maintaining hospital room, Fayetteville; sewing for Orphans' home, Kansas City; securing bath facilities for mill workers and furnishing school books to poor school children, Atlanta; classes for mill children, Knoxville, for which work some special training will be taken next year; Children's hospital, Washington; gift of library to settlement school, Lexington; aid to University Registrar in securing work for girls who are meeting their own college expenses, Eugene; Portland, San Antonio, Seattle and Dallas, charity work. Lynchburg, New York, Oxford and Boston have not, as chapters, taken up definite lines of social and civic work, owing to the large number of members who individually enter into charitable work. Chicago alumnae continue the luncheons at Fields.

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Does not the work of the alumnae of the various associations prove in itself, the value and the worth of sororities?

A recent number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* fell into the hands of the alumnae editor. What was her amazement to read that Delta Upsilon has more than three thousand alumni subscribers to its magazine! And a splendid magazine it is! Now, *The Key* falls short of three thousand alumnae subscribers by a big number (we'll not tell how big), but some day we'll have them if we all continue to help as we have been helping during the past year. For our alumnae subscription list is steadily increasing. Since Convention, in August, Beta Iota Association has sent in the largest number of new subscriptions, Columbus stands second, Chicago third, Denver Association and Indianapolis Club tie-for fourth place, and the Iota Club comes fifth. That we may make such a report from time to time, will you encourage all new subscribers to send in chapter name and alumnae association with their personal names and addresses. And, above all, work for new subscribers!

Opportunities for work open to Alumnae Associations! Bloomington, Illinois, Association writes that a few years ago it raised \$1,000.00, which fund, added to each year, is known as the Kappa scholarship fund, the interest from which is given each year to some deserving girl student, not a Kappa. Last year, the same association gave \$150.00 to a new dormitory for girls, and each year the association makes a substantial gift to the active chapter on its birthday. Chi Alumnae Club last year raised \$5,000.00 towards a new chapter house.

Alumnae associations of Alpha Phi maintain a loan fund for the benefit of their members at Boston University, and scholarships for their girls at Syracuse and Goucher. Alumnae associations of Pi

Beta Phi maintain a scholarship at Kansas University, and a loan fund at Swarthmore. Our own Philadelphia Association gives an annual prize for excellence in biology, and our Students' Aid Fund, under the direction of Mrs. Goddard, furnishes a most worthy object of interest and enthusiasm.

An alumna suggests that an association might further a Consumer's League in a town where there is none. Another reports the knowledge of a fraternity alumnae association which had charge of the sale of Red Cross seals at Christmas time. Another suggests that an association might help pay for a visiting nurse in a town where no provision is made for one with public money. Still another advises taking charge of the department of civics and philanthropy in a woman's club. Kansas City Association asks whether there is not a way of interesting Kappas in state and municipal welfare work. Miss Wheeler suggests that the alumnae support a visiting delegate, "a woman of wide experience and charm, to travel among the chapters, to know the girls personally and help them in choosing vocations," and we find that Gamma Phi Beta is considering the same proposition as a national object of common interest to its alumnae.—*Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



## THE FRATERNITY MAGAZINE

The editor of the *Delta* of Sigma Nu is planning and hoping great things for his magazine and we copy some of his ideas.

In one word: If you old men will get into the game; if you will go back to your old Chapters, and get into companionship with the young fellows, if you will subscribe for the *Delta* and keep in touch with the fraternity, if you will help us to keep in touch with you and your hopes and aspirations, three things are bound to happen:

1. A Fraternity which will grow more and more into an organization of increasing service to college men—progressive in its policies, constructive in its plans for helping these men and leading them to help themselves, so governed and so directed that no unfriendly faculty or legislature will seek to destroy it.

2. A Fraternity Magazine which will render a clearly defined service, first, to the active men; second, to the alumni. In doing which it will strive to express the best thought and purpose of our college life, the highest ideals of our religious life and the soundest principles of our business life. It may not be the best Fraternity Magazine in the world, but it will be faithful in its mission to inspire the young men to better things and to keep the old men loyal to each other.

3. A Fraternity Editor who will give himself wholly to his high ambition to serve his fraternity, and to make its magazine a symbol of light and leading; who will come to his task with patience as well as zeal, with a spirit of humility for his conscious shortcomings; therefore, with sympathy for the young as well as the old; with some vision for his fraternity, proud of its achievements, but hopeful that it shall grow into a greater sphere of usefulness.

Also:

The Chapter Letters have been the despair of the average fraternity editor. Their uncertain value as a medium of undergraduate expression, their shabby and careless preparation by the chapter correspondents, the uncertainty of their arrival in time for publication, these and other faults have greatly depreciated their usefulness. We may be doing a very radical thing, but we propose to give them an unusual treatment: First, they are to be brought into the leading place in the magazine; second, they are to be dressed up as news letters which may have a general interest for all our readers; third, they are to report the news of the colleges and all the fraternities in these colleges. They are not to discount the real value of self-esteem and full expression is to be given to the achievements of our men. But as a proof of the better day and the kindlier feeling

that are coming to the Greek Brotherhood, for the first time in any fraternity magazine, our chapter reporters are to tell us of the achievements of their rivals. Fourth and last, we shall not burden the *Delta* with complaints about the failure of reporters to send in their letters. In case any of them neglect their duty we shall address the Commander of the chapter in regard to such neglect; and if the proper spirit of co-operation is not shown the Editor will exercise the authority given him by the Law and remove these men from their positions.

Why may not Gamma Phi try this plan?

The new *Quarterly* management wishes to announce a prize of five dollars to the chapter having the best chapter letters for the coming year. This contest is to begin with the September number. A committee, chosen for the purpose, will announce the winning chapter and those having honorable mention in the *Quarterly*.

—*Quarterly of Alpha Phi.*

The business manager of *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha gleaned the following information from replies to inquiries concerning the management of the different sorority magazines.

The universal subscription rate is \$1, while life subscriptions range from \$5 to \$25. Practically all the magazines are self-supporting, but the policy seems to be to increase the amount of material printed as rapidly as finances will permit. Most of the editors receive no remuneration, and in many instances are not even members of the governing body, but Kappa Alpha Theta makes an interesting departure in that the profits on advertisements and individual subscriptions is equally divided between the editor and the fraternity. The advertising rates also vary, ranging from \$15 to \$40 per page, per annum, the usual charge being \$30, while one sorority charges \$50 and another only \$10. As a rule very few advertisements appear in the magazines as the character of these is very limited, being confined in most instances to the official jewelers, stationers, pennant makers, and such publications as *Baird's Manual* and the *Sorority Handbook*. Local advertisements are not encouraged nor even received by the best journals, as they are usually simply a form of graft for which the local chapter must in the end pay.



## CRESCENT STATISTICS

[A painstaking labor of your business manager in your behalf. Ed.]

The following statistics in regard to CRESCENT subscriptions may be of interest to CRESCENT readers. The figures are based on the lists given in the new directory and the CRESCENT mailing list for June. To the names given in the directory have been added Omicron chapter and such active members as have joined since the directory was published.

The present list is given by states. The percentages according to chapters will appear in the next issue of the CRESCENT.

Can you not help to swell the list from your own state by securing new subscribers for the CRESCENT?

State or County	No. Members	No. Sub.	Per Cent
Arizona .....	1	1	100
Arkansas .....	2	2	100
Hawaii .....	1	1	100
Delaware .....	1	1	100
Louisiana .....	1	1	100
Oklahoma .....	5	4	80
North Dakota .....	9	7	77+
Nebraska .....	7	5	71+
Porto Rico .....	3	2	66 $\frac{2}{3}$
West Virginia .....	3	2	66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Vermont .....	5	3	60
Georgia .....	5	3	60
Minnesota .....	140	81	57+
New Hampshire .....	9	5	55+
Colorado .....	117	64	54+
Illinois .....	169	92	54+
Maryland .....	25	13	50+
California .....	224	112	50
Oregon .....	70	35	50
New Mexico .....	2	1	50
Idaho .....	60	30	50
Texas .....	4	2	50
France .....	2	1	50
Michigan .....	107	44	41+
Wisconsin .....	139	56	40+
New Jersey .....	44	18	40+
Maine .....	5	2	40
Japan .....	5	2	40
New York .....	327	130	39+
Massachusetts .....	150	52	34+
South Dakota .....	6	2	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Montana .....	6	2	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Kansas .....	3	1	33 $\frac{1}{3}$

State or County	No. Members	No. Sub.	Per Cent
Washington .....	127	40	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Missouri .....	19	5	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa .....	44	11	25
Canada .....	12	3	25
Florida .....	4	1	25
Utah .....	4	1	25
Pennsylvania .....	68	16	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana .....	21	5	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
Connecticut .....	15	3	20
Tennessee .....	10	2	20
Ohio .....	42	7	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
Rhode Island .....	6	1	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
District of Columbia .....	8	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Virginia .....	4	0	0
Wyoming .....	2	0	0
Alaska .....	1	0	0
Nevada .....	3	0	0
North Carolina .....	3	0	0
South Carolina .....	1	0	0
Alabama .....	1	0	0
Kentucky .....	2	0	0
Mississippi .....	1	0	0
Africa .....	1	0	0
China .....	1	0	0
Cuba .....	1	0	0
Korea .....	2	0	0
Mexico .....	3	0	0
Sweden .....	1	0	0

The twelve cities having the largest number of subscribers are as follows:

Syracuse .....	99	73	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
Denver .....	96	54	55 $\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis .....	72	48	66 $\frac{2}{3}$
New York .....	47	25	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago .....	47	24	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seattle .....	76	22	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Berkeley .....	41	19	46 $\frac{1}{2}$
Portland .....	26	19	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
Milwaukee .....	18	14	76 $\frac{1}{2}$
Evanston .....	18	13	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oakland .....	19	13	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. Paul .....	24	12	50



## ALPHA PHI

[Mrs. McElroy, former chairman of the N. P. C. and president of Alpha Phi, has an interesting historical sketch of her sorority in the June *Quarterly* from which we give extracts. Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta are similar in history, policy and number of chapters and we have great respect and admiration for the organization and its splendid achievements.]

In 1886, Alpha built a chapter house which was the first to be occupied and owned by a woman's college fraternity. Rho, the youngest chapter, reflected this fame in maintaining the first woman's chapter house at Ohio State.

The Alpha Phi chapter houses, owned and now building, represent with their furnishings, together with the value of sites for future fraternity houses, more than one hundred thousand dollars. It is gratifying to know that the Alpha Phi college girls are comfortably housed—have well balanced food and are provided with suitable chaperonage.

All Alpha Phis agree, as do many of her friends and Pan-Hellenic associates, that the fraternity was farsighted in establishing years ago, the visiting delegateship when there were only eight chapters on its roll. Today, the visiting delegate sees the fraternity prospective as a casual visiting official can not. By her wisdom, careful advice and constructive criticism, she is able to keep before the chapters the fraternity's ideals and larger college responsibilities. In other words, she is able to promote cordial and profitable interchapter relationships which have existed to a marked degree in Alpha Phi, because of the cohesive and congenial character of her chapters, and which have been augmented by the twenty-three conventions at which enthusiastic alumnae have joined the delegates and officials.

Alpha Phi has no dead or inefficient chapters. This is doubtless somewhat due to her conservative extension policy which has always been to enter colleges and universities of the highest rank, and only to charter groups whose individual members in their good character, satisfactory scholarship and honorable family connections promised to be among the worthy college leaders as they prepared for life and its responsibilities.

Eleven years ago, Margaret Mason Whitney, Theta '00, at that time president of Alpha Phi, with the fine discernment of a seer, founded the National Pan-Hellenic, being convinced that the women's fraternities, by co-operating, could eliminate their superficial weaknesses and could build up the fraternity system to a greater strength and a nobler efficiency.

Today, the national Pan-Hellenic movement is recognized by thinking faculties as a keen force which reveals better understanding and, consequent solution of many complex college social conditions.



## NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

No less than 3,218 women have matriculated at the various German universities this winter, as against 2,958 last year and the 1,850 of three years ago. The figures show that for the present the German university woman is chiefly instigated by a desire to fit herself for high teaching positions or for the medical profession. Thus, 703 women are taking the medical courses, as against 569 last year, while 579 are enrolled as students of mathematics and natural sciences, as against 504 in 1911-12; and 1,758 are pursuing philosophical, historical, literary, and allied studies, as contrasted with 1,563 a year ago. No less than 91 women are, however, studying political science and agriculture, while 47 are fitting themselves to be lawyers, and the number of women students of theology—in conservative Germany!—has risen from 5 to 11.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

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Of all the different colleges, I think not one has more interesting class organizations than Baker. The four classes are modelled after King Arthur's Court, the House of Hanover, the Roman Senate, and the Columbian commonwealth. In each class the officers and emblems are in keeping with their form of organization. The House of Hanover has a king and queen, a crown Prince and Princess, a Duke and Duchess, and so on, making up an entire court, even including the Jester. King Arthur's Court has as its chief officers, King Arthur and Queen Guinevere. The Roman Senate has two consuls and the Columbian commonwealth, a president and vice-president.

The class graduating this year is the *Senatus Romanus*; so everything during commencement is carried out in Roman style. The scene of the class play is laid in ancient Rome, and gives an insight into the life of the people whose language we read with sweating brow.

On the night of the annual pennant parade, the four classes with their different songs and insignia make a very pretty picture.

One of the advantages of having the classes organized in this way is that it serves to bring the alumni closer together and closer to the undergraduates. It brings a closer tie when two alumni who have graduated some years apart find that they both belong to, for instance, the House of Hanover. Then, too, when a son of Baker returns after several years to his Alma Mater, he always feels a personal interest in the class which is organized just as his was.

If more of the colleges had class organizations somewhat like

Baker's, there would in all probability be a great decrease in the amount of destruction in which the classes in many colleges delight to show their "spirit"; Baker has plenty of class spirit, and it is shown, not in vandalism, but in developing the picturesque and unique side of the several organizations.—*Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

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The United States bureau of education just published a bulletin. It gives the values of the various state universities and other state-aided institutions of higher education. Under the value of the different campuses it states that Wisconsin leads with \$1,865,361; then Minnesota with \$1,849,001; Ohio State with \$1,583,000 and University of Washington with \$1,059,000. Cornell has the largest teaching force. Followed by Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, California and Michigan. The enrollment is:

Michigan, 4,930; Minnesota, 4,889; Illinois, 4,843; California, 4,806; Cornell, 4,596; Wisconsin, 4,149; Nebraska, 3,261; Ohio State, 3,199; Missouri, 2,444; Washington, 2,284.

And twelve state or state-aided institutions of higher learning, which are examined regularly by the United States bureau of education, have endowment funds passing the \$1,000,000 mark. Cornell University, with a reserve fund of \$9,523,405, leads the field, with the University of Washington with \$5,000,000 second, and the University of California, having an endowment of \$4,353,574, is third. Other institutions with large reserves are: University of Alabama, \$1,000,000; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$1,889,390; University of Minnesota, \$1,506,136.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

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Robert P. Doremus, of New York, has left his estate, approximating in value \$1,000,000, to Washington and Lee University. Andrew Carnegie has recently given \$25,000 to Cornell. The Carnegie Institute of Washington has granted \$25,000 to the Dudley Observatory of Union University. Charles L. Taylor, of Pittsburgh, former partner of Andrew Carnegie, and president of the Carnegie Hero Fund, has by bequest provided for a large gymnasium and stadium at Lehigh. By the will of John Fritz, the iron master, his residuary estate amounting to about \$150,000 is given to Lehigh, primarily as an endowment fund for the maintenance of the Fritz Engineering and Testing Laboratory. Colby has received \$75,000 from D. D. Stewart. Dartmouth has recently received a gift of \$75,000, and Cincinnati one of \$125,000.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.



The present sophomore class of the Yale academic department has united in the most revolutionary demand ever made upon the senior secret societies of Yale—Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key and Wolf's Head. All members of the class except two have signed a petition that the societies abandon their features of secrecy and select members for merit alone or else quit Yale. Family tradition and personal influence must cease to be a dominant factor in the choice of selecting members, according to the sophomores who have the crusade in hand.

The petition will be presented to the freshman class next week, and will then go to the faculty unless satisfactory reforms are pledged by the present society members. The faculty, moved by rumblings of discontent of present conditions, recently passed an order making the selection to the societies at the annual "tap day" private. In the future all spectators, including even relatives and sweethearts of the candidates, will be barred from the campus while the society members are being selected.—*Chicago Tribune. Quarterly of Alpha Phi.*

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In every line of work moving pictures are being brought more into use as educational factors; in the churches, Y. M. C. A., all kinds of conferences and conventions, high schools and colleges.

Brenau is one of the few colleges equipped with its own picture machine, and the shows given twice a week are affording much pleasure and profit to the students. Only pictures that have a true educational value will be shown. Last week the pictures presented Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress" and Sara Bernhardt in "Queen Elizabeth." More and more in the future it is probable that the true value of motion pictures as an educational factor will be recognized, and we are very glad that Brenau is giving its students such an excellent opportunity.—*Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

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Gamma Phi Beta installed a new chapter at this university in May. We attended a reception given in their honor and met many interesting Gamma Phis from other chapters. There are now eleven national women's fraternities and no locals.—*Illinois correspondent in Eleusis of Chi Omega.*

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On Saturday, February 22, at seven thirty p. m., was held the Seventh Annual Relay Festival in the gymnasium annex. Besides the usual number of indoor sports, there was introduced for the first time, the intersorority relay.

Each sorority at Wisconsin chose five men to represent them in

this relay. The relay consisted of two halves. In the first half were the runners for Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, and Chi Omega. In the second half were Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Pi Beta Phi. The first man of each team ran one lap, then touched his next man, who ran two laps. The third man in each team ran four laps and the fourth ran six laps, while the last man ran twelve laps or a mile.

Great excitement was created as the sorority groups watched the men that wore their colors. Merry shouts were heard as Alpha Phi passed Gamma Phi or as Alpha Xi passed Delta Gamma.

The results of the first relay were: First, Gamma Phi; Second, Alpha Phi, and Third, Alpha Chi Omega.

The second relay resulted in Delta Gamma, First; Second, Alpha Xi, and Third, Delta Delta Delta.

The Relay Festival not only proved a success, but aroused the interest of sorority girls in this particular event of the indoor meet.—Wisconsin correspondent in *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

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So much is being said about granting chapters that we have clipped the following from an article in *The Shield* entitled *The Wanderings of Ulysses*:

Over twenty years ago the writer was lonesomely dining at a Roman pension one winter Sunday evening. A beautiful American girl and her parents took the seats at his right, and across the table (evidently recent additions to her conquests) followed two attractive looking and attentive young fellows who wore Psi Upsilon pins. The girl wore a Beta Theta Pi pin at her throat. Said Mr. Psi U, "You should not wear that old badge. That society has a chapter in every country schoolhouse." The young lady leaned forward in eager though blushing championship of her absent friends. "If your little old fraternity had a few chapters in country school houses, maybe you would have some real men in it." was the Parthian arrow she winged across the table. I thought then, and I still think, it was the best speech that has been made in Rome since Mark Antony's and I'll bet that girl's oldest boy is a Beta right now.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

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"Each year the upperclassmen of Bryn Mawr present each freshman with a lantern with which to light her way through college life. The ceremony takes place in the cloister of the library. The students come to the cloister in white dresses and college caps and



gowns, carrying lanterns and singing a Greek hymn to Pallas Athenae. The design of the lanterns differs each year and a copy of each lantern is placed in the trophy room. This room contains one lantern from each class since the opening of college.—*DePaun Daily*, Greencastle, Ind.”—*Triangle*, Sigma Sigma Sigma.

“For the second time in the history of Wellesley the Tree Day pageant and exercises were opened to the public March 31. The student body, indorsed by the faculty, decided to have an open Tree Day for the benefit of the Student Building Fund.

Tree Day is the annual Spring festival at Wellesley, corresponding to Mount Holyoke’s May Day and the Vassar Daisy Chain. The custom originated in 1877, during the second year of the existence of the college. . . . .

Each year Tree Day represents some special legend of fable or myth such as the Romaunt of the Rose, or the story of Proserpine. This year it took the form, in part, of the Arthurian Legend.”—*New York Times*. Quoted in *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

## BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

The twelfth annual session of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress will convene at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 16, 1913.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

LOIS SMITH CRANN, *Secretary.*

AMY O. PARMELEE, *Treasurer.*

### FRATERNITY PATRONESSES

At the request of the N. P. C. Chairman for an article on Fraternity Patronesses for publication in the next *Bulletin* a questionnaire was sent to each Grand President. All but one sent in the desired information, and the following is the result of the data received:

#### ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

*Custom.*—Has both patronesses and honorary members.

*How elected.*—Each chapter has absolute freedom in electing patronesses, but honorary members—who must be of national musical repute—are elected by the unanimous vote of the chapters.

*Eligibility.*—Patronesses are women of social positions, perhaps professors' wives, who will take an interest in the activities of the girls, chaperone their parties, and give them a certain local backing. Patronesses are not members, but honorary members have full privileges of membership.

*Ceremony used.*—Both patronesses and honorary members are initiated; the regular initiation ceremony is used for honorary members; a special ceremony for patronesses.

*Estimate of value.*—Endorses system of both patronesses and honorary members. "It is a pleasure to the girls to feel that they have kinship with women so well known in the musical world. When artists appear in concert the chapter generally attends *en masse*, and the girls without exception are very cordially received."

#### ALPHA DELTA PHI.

*Custom.*—Has patronesses now where it is the custom of the institutions represented on the chapter roll. Had honorary members when a local these being abolished in 1905.

*How elected.*—By chapters with permission of Executive Council.

*Ceremony used.*—Are not initiated.

*Estimate of value.*—Where patronesses are older women their influence take the place of older alumnae with a younger chapter.



## ALPHA GAMMA DELTA.

*Custom.*—Both honorary members and patronesses.

*How elected.*—Chapters elect without permission of Council.

*Eligibility.*—Patronesses are chosen for social position; honorary members are women of collegiate education.

*Ceremony used.*—Only honorary members are initiated. Regular initiation is used.

*Estimate of value.*—Give chapters strength both socially and morally.

## ALPHA OMICRON PI.

*Custom.*—Patronesses.

*How elected.*—Each chapter is privileged to use its own judgment in selecting its own patronesses.

*Ceremony used.*—Patronesses are not initiated. This question was discussed at the 1912 convention, and the feeling was that to initiate patronesses would tend to destroy the strictly collegiate basis of the fraternity.

*Estimate of value.*—Undergraduate students derive much pleasure and benefit from contact with older women. Moreover many of these women are college professors or in some way associated with the college world, and their connection with the sororities forms the bond between the students and the college which is so necessary to their correct attitude of each to the other. Initiating any but students of the college is most heartily disapproved of, "for such a practice would lead at once to rivalry in securing the most influential persons—thus repeating the worst phase of fraternity life".

## ALPHA PHI.

*Custom.*—Few patronesses. No honorary members.

*How elected.*—Chapters confer with National Board of the fraternity before selecting patronesses.

*Ceremony used.*—None. Badge is never worn by patronesses.

*Estimate of value.*—Unless there are few of the older Alpha Phi alumnae in the locality, patronesses are not selected. When selected, patronesses are valuable because of their educational and cultural influences on the chapter.

## ALPHA XI DELTA.

*Custom.*—Patronesses.

*How elected.*—By each chapter individually.

*Ceremony used.*—There is a patroness ceremony used which is distinctly apart from the regulation initiation, as it consists mainly in a "welcome" to the new patronesses, and its use is entirely optional with the chapters.

*Estimate of value.*—Endorses system of patronesses because it

gives the girls the advice of older women and a glimpse of home life when away at school.

#### CHI OMEGA.

*Custom.*—Has patronesses.

*How elected.*—Individually by each chapter.

*Eligibility.*—Determined by local conditions.

*Ceremony used.*—Patronesses are not initiated.

#### DELTA GAMMA.

*Custom.*—Some chapters have patronesses; others have honorary members.

*How elected.*—Chapters have privilege of electing both with advice of Grand Council. Practice is not in general use and is discouraged except where local conditions seem to make it necessary, for the life and growth of the chapter.

*Ceremony used.*—Patronesses are not regularly initiated.

*Estimate of value.*—Policy is not to generally encourage the practice of having patronesses or honorary members. "In some cases they may be helpful, but they cannot have the same interest in the fraternity that the active members have".

#### DELTA ZETA.

*Custom.*—Patronesses.

*How elected.*—Each chapter chooses its own.

*Ceremony used.*—Patronesses are not initiated.

*Estimate of value.*—"We have felt that the faculty women who have acted as patronesses have helped our girls greatly in many ways, mainly as advisers and social helpers".

#### GAMMA PHI BETA.

*Custom.*—Officially does not have either patronesses or honorary members, there being none in any of the chapters.

#### KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

*Custom.*—Does not officially recognize honorary members or patronesses, two chapters alone having patronesses at the present time. In early history election of honorary members was permitted, but this was abolished in 1893. Only a few chapters availed themselves of that privilege—so that all told less than a dozen women were made honorary members.

*How elected.*—As the fraternity does not officially recognize the system the entire matter is in the hands of the active chapters.

*Eligibility.*—Patronesses must be college women.

*Ceremony used.*—Patronesses were never initiated, honorary initiation being used.

*Estimate of value.*—The general system is not endorsed, but there is no objection to a group of patronesses if a chapter desires them. The election of honorary members is, however,



emphatically opposed. "Honorary members can serve no useful purpose to a well established fraternity".

#### KAPPA DELTA.

*Custom.*—Each chapter is privileged to have as many patronesses or none as desired.

*How elected.*—No special permission is required from National Council.

*Ceremony used.*—Several patronesses have been initiated, the regular initiation being used. (These were teachers in colleges where there were chapters).

*Estimate of value.*—Heartily endorses system of patronesses. Later give advice in selecting new material, give prestige with faculty, and add dignity and social prestige to the sorority outside of college "as well as being a steadying influence to the girls".

#### KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

*Custom.*—Has no national provision for patronesses, hence customs vary for different chapters. Honorary members were at one time permitted, but that practice has not been in operation for a number of years.

*How elected.*—Chapters choose their own at their own discretion.

*Eligibility.*—Prominent town or faculty women.

*Ceremony used.*—Are not initiated, nor do they wear the pin.

*Estimate of value.*—On the whole the custom of having these older women attached to the chapter in an advisory or social capacity is favored, several instances being cited where their usefulness and advice have been of inestimable value to the chapters concerned.

#### PHI MU.

*Custom.*—Chapters have patronesses where local conditions seem to make it advisable. Honorary members were at one time permitted, but they were never initiated, and the practice has been abolished a number of years.

*How elected.*—Chapters have privilege of selecting their own patronesses at their discretion.

*Eligibility.*—Must be women of culture and refinement who are faculty members or town residents, who will be helpful to the active chapter in a social and advisory way.

*Estimate of value.*—The system of patronesses—if by this is meant the selecting of refined and cultured women who will act in the capacity of social helpers and moral advisers to the active chapters but who are not initiated—is in a general way endorsed, though there is no national provision for them, and the matter therefore largely rests in the hands of the chapters.

There is always the possibility of a chapter's making an unwise choice, and in that case where the purposes of the fraternity are not likely to be appreciated, the wisdom of the system might be questioned; but as this is likely to be the exception rather than the rule, it is the belief of the fraternity that the benefits gained outweigh the probable disadvantages.

#### PI BETA PHI.

*Custom.*—Has patronesses at the present time. Had honorary members at one time, but that system has long been abolished.

*How elected.*—Each chapter has privilege of electing its own.

*Eligibility.*—Women of prominence in the town where the chapter is located.

*Estimate of value.*—"Influence of refined women who may or may not be college women, is beneficial for the younger girls in the active chapters.

#### ZETA TAU ALPHA.

*Custom.*—Has patronesses.

*How elected.*—By each chapter.

*Ceremony used.*—Are not initiated.

*Estimate of value.*—System of patronesses is endorsed, but that of honorary members is strongly opposed on the ground that the fraternity is a college organization, and women who are elected either for prestige or personal accomplishment cannot understand the fraternity in its every phase, hence cannot have its real interest at heart. "The aim of the fraternity is not the mere addition of members, but the addition of only those who are willing to share the responsibilities of the fraternity and aid in the upbuilding of purer and nobler womanhood".

#### DELTA DELTA DELTA.

*Custom.*—Honorary members were permitted at one time, but the practice was abolished by Convention action some time ago. Each chapter was permitted to have three but all chapters did not make use of the privilege. At present, chapters are permitted to have patronesses only.

*How elected.*—Selection is left to the chapters.

*Eligibility.*—Patronesses must be women of culture and refinement chosen from among the faculty members or town.

*Ceremony.*—None.

*Estimate of value.*—Value of honorary members recognized in the early years of the life of any fraternity. When the fraternity attains the age when its own alumnae ought to be counted upon for general prestige and chapter backing, the honorary members make for weakness rather than strength.

Patronesses among faculty and faculty wives have a standard



value; the value of patronesses among town women depend upon the age of the chapter, upon the relation of town and gown, general living conditions and the social life of the college. Many chapters find these women of great value, other chapters have never felt the need of them.

LOUESE MONNING, *Phi Mu*.

### CITY PAN-HELLENICS

In July, 1912, Greek letter women of Medford, Oregon, wrote to Mrs. McElroy, then chairman of the N. P. C. for information regarding the formation, organization and object of city Pan-Hellenics. Mrs. McElroy supplied considerable information and urged writing the various city associations for which addresses were supplied. She asked these Medford Greeks to compile a report from the answers received for insertion in one of N. P. C. Bulletins. Their report to Mrs. McElroy follows:

#### I—PEORIA, ILL., P. H.

##### *A—Object*

1. "To keep in touch with the Pan-Hellenic world."
2. Proposed charitable work—sewing for visiting nurse, helping a free kindergarten.

##### *B—Meetings*

Quarterly luncheons, the June affair being in honor of the active college fraternity girls. Proposed monthly meetings.

##### *C—Fees*

Initiation—fifty cents.

Annual dues—fifty cents.

#### II—DENVER, COL., P. H.

##### *A—Object*

Social.—Philanthropic, various forms. Once aided a needy fraternity woman, once supported a bed in the children's hospital.

##### *B—Meetings*

Semi-annual. In the fall, the fraternity which holds the presidency entertains; in the spring a luncheon and business meeting.

##### *C—Fees*

Annual dues—fifty cents. Half goes to the entertaining fraternity, half to charity.

##### *D—Organization*

Only chartered alumnae organization members eligible.

Offices filled by fraternity representatives in order of their local founding.

## III—KANSAS CITY, MO., P. H.

*A—Aim*

Social. "Thinking of undertaking something useful but haven't determined what."

*B—Meetings*

Annual luncheons.

*C—Fees*

Luncheon ticket—\$1.50—usually something left over.

*D—Organization*

Officers chosen in the rotation system.

## IV—PORTLAND, ORE., P. H.

*A—Aim*

Social and philanthropic. Once sewed for a baby home.

*B—Meetings*

Monthly luncheons on business meetings.

*C—Dues*

Annual—one dollar.

## V—MEDFORD, ORE.

*A—Aim*

1. "To keep in touch with fraternity affairs."

2. For social and philanthropic purposes.

*B—Meetings*

Informal—monthly—special entertainment for actives during vacations.

*C—Fees*

Annual dues—one dollar.

## SECOND BULLETIN OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

CHICAGO, May 1, 1912.

*To the National Pan-Hellenic Delegates and Grand Presidents:*

In accordance with the announcement in the first bulletin, issued February 1st, the second bulletin in its material relates primarily to some Pan-Hellenic questions, which confront the fraternity conventions this summer. Contributions for the third bulletin, to be issued September 1st, should be submitted promptly. Delegates are urged to contribute without further solicitation.

CORA ALLEN McELROY, *Chairman.*

ESTHER RICH REILLY, *Secretary.*

LOIS SMITH CRANN, *Treasurer.*



## HOW CAN LOCAL PAN-HELLENICS ASSIST THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENICS

By making local organizations uniform and effective.

How do this: First of all the Model Constitution should be adopted. At present, constitutions are poor or entirely absent, by-laws are old and unamended, presiding officers are lax and unacquainted with parliamentary methods, meetings are held at the convenience of the presiding officer and usually only regularly through the rushing season. The Model Constitution provides for regular meetings, alumnae representation and regular trained delegates. The by-laws recommended are simple and general in application, and other provisions are easily adaptable to varying local conditions. If this constitution were generally adopted and its provisions enforced, we should have organizations which would be efficient working bodies for the national organization to deal with.

In the second place, a local organization to be effective must bear in mind the *dual* purpose of Pan-Hellenic—to promote good feeling and to regulate rushing. Too often the first is entirely forgotten, and the only effort toward regulation of rushing is by making petty rules. Petty rules never did regulate rushing nor help toward good feeling, as is shown only too well by the fact that nearly every case of Pan-Hellenic dissension reported to National Pan-Hellenic this year has been caused by petty rules.

Good feeling may be promoted by finding some common outside interests:

1. Encouragement of scholarship. In several institutions Pan-Hellenic, through its delegates, has urged the chapters to issue scholarship cards for regular faculty reports. In one place the dean of women has been asked to report in meeting both the high grades and the low grades learned by each fraternity. In some places, through the influence of Pan-Hellenic, the faculty prints lists of comparative standings of all social organizations in the institution.

2. University activities may be encouraged. There is always much the local Pan-Hellenics might do in the line of college settlement work, raising funds for dormitories or a swimming tank, urging regents to provide a Woman's Building. Such common interests will help to hold the organization together and give the delegates other things to think of than rushing rules and infringements.

3. Relations between fraternity girls and non-fraternity girls should be improved. In one college a fraternity had a girls' dancing party, to which four girls from every other fraternity were invited. Had there been non-fraternity girls also present, what

proved to be an excellent means of promoting good-feeling might have been still more effective.

4. Rushing should be regulated—not by the boarding school methods, which prescribed that “absolutely no food shall be served to freshmen by fraternity girls,” and “dances shall not be engaged until just before the encore preceding the dance desired.”

We are college women, and we should be broad enough to adopt general rules, such as:

1. Scholarship requirements before initiation.
2. Inconspicuous rushing (which shall bar theatre parties, entertainments at public restaurants or hotels, drives, etc., but shall permit simple entertainments at fraternity rooms or houses, homes of alumnae or patronesses).
3. Limited expense.
4. Formal bid without interview.

There should be, as well, an expressed sentiment against discussing fraternities other than your own, and regarding rules for active girls being kept by alumnae. Sentiment in this direction should be encouraged by every delegate in her own chapter and by every alumnae delegate among the alumnae.

Working along these general lines the efficiency of the local organizations will be increased, and they will lend themselves much more generally to the advancement of the work of the national organization. Strong local organization means a strong, effective national organization.

FRANCES PERKINS, Visiting Delegate to Alpha Phi.

## FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS

In order to comply with the request of the N. P. C. Chairman for an article on Fraternity Examinations, letters were sent out April 1 to the delegates. Replies have been received from eleven out of seventeen, and the following data was obtained from these letters:

### 1. ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

*Time.*—Annual: March.

*Type.*—(1) Pre-entrance given any time before initiation.

(2) Sophomore, on Alpha Chi Omega. (3) Junior, on Pan-Hellenic, men's and women's fraternities, policies, methods. (Fourth year members are only ones excused.)

*Preparation.*—Lists of subjects furnished each chapter by its alumnae adviser.

*Conduct.*—Official examiner aided by alumnae advisers.

*Grades.*—Papers graded by official examiner and the advisers



on basis of 100 per cent general averages and relative standing of chapters published in *The Lyre*.

*Pan-Hellenic Question and Preparations*.—Found in Junior examination, based on National Pan-Hellenic reports, Local Pan-Hellenic rules and conditions, *Sorority Hand-Book* which each chapter is required to possess.

2. ALPHA GAMMA DELTA.

*Time*.—Annual: Spring.

*Type*.—Presumably same set of questions for all.

*Preparation*.—No topical outlines. Questions are known to be based on chapter and fraternity history, constitution, chapter roll, *Sorority Hand-Book*.

*Conduct*.—List of questions sent out by Grand President. Corrected papers with grades are returned to her.

*Grades*.—Marked in percentage, grades read in chapter meeting. Those who fail must pass another examination at once.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparation*.—At least one question of general Pan-Hellenic interest, based on *Sorority Hand-Book*.

3. ALPHA OMICRON PI.

*Time*.—Annual: March or April.

*Type*.—Set of five questions for each class.

*Preparation*.—Constitution, National Pan-Hellenic reports, *Sorority Hand-Book*.

*Conduct*.—Questions are sent and papers corrected by an examining committee.

*Grades*.—100 per cent scale. Chapter averages are sent to each chapter.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparation*.—Junior examination only, *Sorority Hand-Book*.

4. ALPHA XI DELTA.

*Time*.—Annual: Spring.

*Type*.—Freshmen: Alpha Xi Delta and general Greek letter fraternity information.

Sophomore: Secret work.

Junior: Pan-Hellenic.

Senior: Policies and methods within the fraternity.

*Preparation*.—Constitution, Secret Work, Knowledge of Founders, *Sorority Hand-Book*, National Pan-Hellenic reports.

*Conduct*.—Not stated.

*Grades*.—Passing grade of 96.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparation.*—Junior examination; *Sorority Hand-Book* and National Pan-Hellenic reports.

5. CHI OMEGA.

*Time.*—Annual: April.

*Type.*—Part I—Freshmen and Sophomore Constitution, ritual, history, general fraternity history, which includes the Pan-Hellenic history. Part II—Juniors and Seniors: Questions of general college and fraternity interest.

*Preparation.*—*Sorority Hand-Book* and National Pan-Hellenic reports are basis of Pan-Hellenic questions.

6. DELTA DELTA DELTA.

*Time.*—Annual: Second Saturday in March.

*Type.*—I—Pledged members.—Written examination on chapter roll, national officers and names of fraternities in National Pan-Hellenic Congress, before initiation.

II—Freshmen—Ritual, chapter roll, constitution, by-laws, rubrics, history (10 questions).

III—Junior—Policies and methods within the fraternity, local and national Pan-Hellenic questions on other fraternities, both men's and women's (10 questions).

*Preparation.*—Topical outlines for chapter-study, prepared by Board of Examinations and printed in first issue of *Triton*. Outlines refer as text-books: *History of Delta Delta Delta*, *Trident*, *Triton*, *Trirene*, files, constitutions, rituals, rubrics, *Sorority Hand-Book* and *Baird's Manual*.

*Conduct.*—Standing Board of Examinations (national secretary, one of six vice-presidents, a third member elected by the executive committee) prepares topical outlines, questions, supervises study, grades papers and reports to various officers.

*Grades.*—Passing grade of 90 per cent. Failures must repeat examinations year following. Record of per cents obtained by each member are filed with national Marshal and published in the *Triton*. Failures in examinations and failures to take examinations are reported to the Board of Discipline. Members refusing to take examinations are deprived of chapter vote until the examination is taken.

7. KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

*Time.*—Annual—March or April.

*Type.*—Four groups.

a—Questions to be answered by all.

b—Questions to be answered by underclassmen.

c—Questions to be answered by upperclassmen.



d—Questions to make up a set of 8.

*Preparation.*—Large number of questions sent to each chapter. Examination questions are chosen from among these. Syllabi published by the fraternity from time to time give information along required lines.

*Conduct.*—Education Committee.

*Grades.*—Given in figures.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparation.*—Questions involve a study of last National Pan-Hellenic Congress—also questions in regard to other fraternities—their organization as shown in their journals.

#### 8. ZETA TAU ALPHA.

*Time.*—Biennial—alternating with conventions—February or March.

*Type.*—(Same for all actives.)

Five questions on general fraternities.

Five questions on Pan-Hellenic matters.

Remaining questions on Zeta Tau Alpha.

*Preparation.*—Ritual—*Sorority Hand-Books*, National Pan-Hellenic reports and bulletins.

*Conduct.*—Questions prepared by Grand Council.

*Grades.*—Papers are graded by the Grand President and published in *Themis*.

#### 9. SIGMA KAPPA.

*Time.*—Annual: April.

*Type.*—Four separate forms for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors.

*Preparation.*—A “Basis of Examination” sent prior to examination date.

*Conduct.*—An examining committee works in conjunction with inspectors and council, prepares “Basis,” grades papers.

*Grades.*—Per cents published in the *Triangle*.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparations.*—*Sorority Hand-Book* and National Pan-Hellenic literature.

#### 10. PHI MU.

*Time.*—Annual.

*Type.*—Same for all members covering history of Phi Mu, constitution; ritual and general matters of fraternal interest.

*Preparation.*—Topics for study sent to chapters by November 1.

*Conduct.*—Grand Historian, together with the province presidents, form the examination committee, prepare outlines.

The province officers personally conduct the examinations at the time of their annual visits to chapters.

*Grades.*—Papers are graded by the examiner.

*Pan-Hellenic Questions and Preparation.*—One of seven topics for study devoted to Pan-Hellenic subjects—references to *Sorority Hand-Books* and National Pan-Hellenic printed matter.

### PAN-HELLENIC QUESTIONS

A selection of the most comprehensive, searching, and interesting questions in the various sets submitted:—

#### ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

*Pre-entrance test.*—Constituency of National Pan-Hellenic and its purpose.

Junior test:

1. Local Pan-Hellenic.
  - a. Meetings
  - b. Success of local Pan-Hellenic.
    1. Reasons if not successful.
    2. Suggestions for improvement.
2. National Pan-Hellenic Congress.
  - a. Organization.
    1. When.
    2. By what fraternity.
  - b. Admission requirements.
  - c. Place and time of meeting.
  - d. Method of choosing officers.
  - e. Present secretary and our representative.
  - f. Fraternities represented—description of badges.

#### ALPHA GAMMA DELTA.

1. Name the Pan-Hellenic fraternities not represented in your college.
2. Name our leading women's fraternities.

#### ALPHA OMICRON PI.

1. (a) What is a national sorority? (b) Name the two chief agencies that are securing a unification of college standards.
2. (a) When and where was the first Intersorority Conference and by whom was it called? (b) When was Alpha Omicron Pi admitted?
3. (a) What was the first secret society for women. When and where founded? (b) Name first national woman's fraternity—when and where founded?



## KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

1. What was convention legislation concerning National Pan-Hellenic Congress?
2. What did the last National Pan-Hellenic Congress accomplish and what propose?
3. Give an account of not less than 100 words of the fraternity movement among women, mentioning at least four other women's organizations.

## ZETA TAU ALPHA.

1. What college in the United States was the first to open its doors to the higher education of women?
2. What was the first Greek letter society in the United States, and where founded? When?
3. When do you consider a university one of collegiate rank?
4. Who was the originator of the National Pan-Hellenic? Of what fraternity was she a member? Date and place of first National Pan-Hellenic meeting.
5. What three important questions did the National Pan-Hellenic Congress consider at its last meeting? What decision was rendered in each case?

## PHI MU.

Discuss the various standards of scholarship required by different sororities in National Pan-Hellenic Congress, and give the practical results of their operation among the chapters in your own colleges.

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THE VALUE OF FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS

Miss Griffith, official examiner of Alpha Chi Omega, writes: "Personally, I think the examinations are of great value, especially our third year, one with its wider outlook upon the fraternity world. When I meet girls from other fraternities, as I have several times, who frankly admit that they never heard of my fraternity, as there was no local chapter in their college, I cannot help but pray that no Alpha Chi Omega will lay herself open to such criticism as these girls have subjected their fraternity to, in my eyes. I presume, of course, there are plenty, but we are attempting to prevent that, for every girl initiated must have *heard* of the other fraternities in National Pan-Hellenic Congress. Whether she remembers them is another question."

Alpha Gamma Delta believes that fraternity examinations are necessary in order to have well-informed fraternity women who take an intelligent interest in fraternity questions. "Personally," Miss Elizabeth Corbett writes, "I believe most heartily in Pan-Hel-

lenic questions, which help to spread knowledge of itself and its possibilities and which emphasize the Pan-Hellenic idea in concerted and appreciable form."

Mrs. Bigelow gives her personal opinion which she believes to be also that of Alpha Omicron Pi. "Examinations are a very good thing for keeping active office. It makes them study National Pan-Hellenic reports which otherwise would probably receive little consideration, for we must admit that they are rather dry reading unless one is specially interested in them."

Miss Baldwin, of Alpha Xi Delta, "believes most heartily in the Pan-Hellenic questions, because the locals in many places mean little but bickering and the national seems far off."

"In Chi Omega," Mrs. Collins says, "we regard the examinations as very valuable, calling, as they do, for expressions of opinion from the whole fraternity."

Miss Hall writes of the Kappa Alpha Theta examination: "We consider them of value—we try to have the matter planned so that it is not a cramming time, and then forgetting what one has learned. I certainly should not consider that the National Pan-Hellenic did its work as it should if our chapters were not as well informed as possible on Pan-Hellenic matters and I think that some who would not otherwise take time to know, will get knowledge of the aims and acts of the congress by study at this time."

Miss Small writes that the Sigma Kappa purpose of examinations is "not to find out how little they do know, but to hold them responsible for definite knowledge upon definite things."

Doctor Hopkins states that it has been her experience in Zeta Tau Alpha that "the value of examinations is in the fact that it forces the girls to study not only their own fraternity but others—and that helps keep a fraternity from being narrow and self-centered."

Phi Mu's plan of annual examinations, which has been carried on for years, has, according to Miss Monning, "done more to perfect internal development than any one thing—a system of annual examinations is by far the best means of obtaining specific results in the way of specific information to the fraternity in question and of general information regarding broad topics."





THOSE of us who confess to a little superstition—and it has been said that everybody has a bit of it—will doubtless breathe a sigh of relief when 1913 is over. Whether misfortune really is attached to this particular combination of figures is another story; but certain it is that for sororities, it has brought disaster in its train. The sensational articles in *The Century* were an unhappy prelude to the anti-fraternity agitation which stirred us from coast to coast and this was followed shortly by the removal of Greek letter societies from Wooster, Barnard and the University of Alabama. Everything that can be said upon the subject has already been said—yet if repetition brings results, let us repeat. We acknowledge our defects nor do we profess to be a perfectly constructed organization, but we are striving for better things, for better conditions; and encouragement, not annihilation, should be our portion. It is not what the sororities have done that has brought criticism but what they have left undone. We have had our warning, and it lies with us to prove the falsity of the statements that have been issued and to demonstrate our usefulness and our worth, not only to the college but to the community at large. We quote the words of one of our founders as a message to all Gamma Phis, at this beginning of the college year—

“I think it ought to be impressed upon the sisterhood that the anti-sorority statement is strong and that it rests upon us to show that such organizations are helpful and uplifting. It is necessary for them to be democratic and conciliatory. A smile and a nod often works wonders. Anyway, we must guard against any exhibition of snobbish or superior feeling and must work out our own

salvation sanely and persistently. No sacrifice of personal pleasure must be considered too great if it stands in the way of the good of the order."

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THE president of our order has sounded the keynote of our coming convention by her plea for efficiency and actual accomplishment. The problem of the visiting delegate must be met and solved; we must put ourselves on record for some definite action in regard to scholarship and a national scholarship committee; Pan-Hellenic conditions must be discussed and a wider vision of Pan-Hellenic activities must be secured. Greater achievement, greater loyalty, greater endeavor should be ours as a result of this meeting; greater unity and a stronger organization should be acquired for the sorority. And—as a last word—choose your delegates wisely, oh active chapters; select a member whose tact, whose judgment, whose personality and whose loyalty to Gamma Phi Beta will make her a vital force in the convention.

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SOME "don'ts" for the delegates!

Don't stand on ceremony—remember that you have but four days in which to become acquainted.

Don't fail to make a note not only of each detail of business but of each little incident; remember that your chapter will be interested.

Don't hesitate to speak your mind; remember you are the mouth-piece of your chapter.

Don't under-rate your own judgment. If a question arises upon which you are not instructed, remember that you are the chapter's representative and that it will trust implicitly in your decision.

Don't lose sight of the national idea; remember that you are a part of the whole and go back to your college with a determination to work more earnestly for the welfare of your own chapter and of your sorority.

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Not often in this workaday world, amid the eternal striving for the almighty dollar, does the pendulum of time swing us back to



simpler, more symbolic ages. Yet—in Denver—for a brief period, this very thing came to pass and our western center of activity lost its identity in that of the days of long ago. For plumed knights on prancing steeds rode here and there; the streets were fairylike with myriad lights, wealth of color and waving banners. Everywhere one saw the blazing cross and crown, symbolizing eternal endeavor and eternal reward; and we were forced to stop and to think of the esoteric value of it all. Perhaps it bears a meaning to us of other mystic orders that, like the crusaders of old, we must strive for the right, be firm in our purpose and uphold our cause in the face of open hostility and criticism.

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IT is with sincere regret that every Gamma Phi learns of the Barnard regulation in regard to sororities. Some of us, in spite of the decree, still cherish the hope that the decision may sometime be revoked. In the meantime we refuse to think of Iota except as an active and vital part of our organization. The splendid spirit of the past is that of the present—and will be that of the future.

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THE recent convention of Sigma Kappa held in Denver, not only brought together Greek letter women in pleasant association—but was noteworthy in two respects. First, it was thoroughly business-like and wasted no time, dealing summarily and promptly with its own problems and finding opportunities to discuss the vital questions of the fraternity world. Second, it provided for an open session where subjects of college and fraternity import were brought before the audience; where phases of educational and public work were forcibly and attractively presented. The president of our State School of Mines discussed the fraternity situation in a broad and liberal way. An active worker in civic service showed us just what work was waiting for college women; a woman in high public office explained to the eastern visitors just what “suffrage” is—and proved without doubt to those credulous ones that a woman may vote “and be a woman still:” a non-fraternity member gave us

her views upon the ever-discussed subject. It was a pleasant, instructive and memorable morning, and could the hostile Miss Rickert have beheld this earnest group of sorority women wearing many different badges, but all eagerly and enthusiastically endeavoring to labor not for their own advantage but for the good of humanity, she must have said—like Peter Grimm—"I apologize."

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AT the recent convention of Alpha Delta Phi, the name of the sorority was changed to Alpha Delta Pi in order to avoid the inconvenience resulting from confusion with the identity of the fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi. This was a gracious thing to do, for it was not easy to part with the name to which was linked history, memory and tradition; indeed, we may regard it as a practical example of the spirit of Pan-Hellenism toward which we are all striving. We can wish for Alpha Delta Pi nothing better than the continuation of the success and achievement that have been characteristic for many years of Alpha Delta Phi.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Subscribers will please take notice that no further copies will be sent, if your subscription has expired, unless a definite subscription is received. Please give this matter your immediate attention, while it is fresh in your mind. Use the subscription blank, which accompanies this number.

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Chapters will please bear in mind that the January tax is due in January and not June. The expenses of the magazine cannot be met, unless dues are promptly paid.

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Please remember that it costs money to revise a mailing list. The list for January will be sent to the printer on Dec. 20. Names removed in December and added again in January cause a needless expense. The money thus wasted could be used to advantage in improving the magazine.

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Please help the Business Manager by sending her names of firms that might like to advertise in the CRESCENT. Help her also by sending the names of possible subscribers. Sample copies will be sent upon request.

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If you are in doubt what to send your Gamma Phi friend for a Christmas present, send her a year's subscription to the CRESCENT, if she is not a subscriber.

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Delta Alumnae may obtain copies of the new directory at thirty cents each from Mary E. Shepherd, 80 Gardiner St., West Lynn, Massachusetts.

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The most remarkable gathering of American College Fraternities in the history of the Greek letter world has just closed in Chicago. Practically every fraternity and sorority in America was represented by their chiefs. The heads of the interfraternity conference and the

woman's Pan-Hellenic Congress were there. The entire time of the conference was devoted to a discussion of the great question of united defense against the anti-fraternity movement which is so widespread over the country. These minutes will contain all that is apropos of the great meeting of the fraternities for self-preservation. They will be a mine of information to fraternity workers.

They will be sent to any one interested at the price of thirty-five cents, which is to be used in defraying the expense of the printing. Only a limited edition is being printed, and if you wish a copy send at once to William C. Levere, Box 254, Evanston, Ill.

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The twelfth annual meeting of the N. P. C. will be held in Chicago on October 16, 17 and 18, 1913, at the Congress Hotel. The morning of October 18, will be devoted to a meeting of the editors and business managers of fraternity magazines. The session of the Congress will last until Saturday noon when the delegates will adjourn to Evanston for an open Pan-Hellenic luncheon.

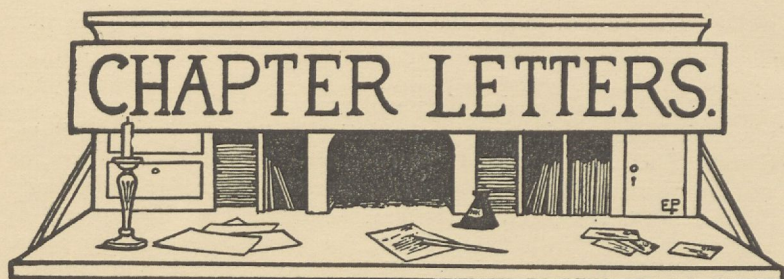
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If any chapter has not notified us of its correspondent and editor and its time and place of meeting, please do so *immediately*, so that our list of names and addresses and our directory of meetings may be complete.

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Will each delegate and each visitor to convention consider herself a committee of one to collect material for the "convention number" of the CRESCENT?





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Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham. Next  
letters *must* be in her hands by November 15.

#### A GAMMA PHI PILGRIMAGE

Befell that in merry June, on a day,  
In Brooklyn, at the Crescent as I lay,  
Ready to start on a pilgrimage  
To Gamma Phi Beta with full courage,  
At night, was come into that hostelry,  
Full four and twenty in a company  
Of sundry girls by secret bonds allied  
In fellowship, and Pilgrims were they all,  
That toward Gamma Phi Beta would ride.  
Shortly, when the sun was at rest,  
And I had spoken with them everyone  
We started on our noble quest  
*Unnoticed, unseen, and unknown.*  
Therefore, while I have time and space  
Before I go further in this tale apace  
I think it according to reason  
To tell you all the condition  
Of Iota in her Barnard home.

#### IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It is unpleasant to start a letter with bad news, but bad news it is this time. Although there has been no statement that "there shall be no secret societies in Barnard," the faculty has ruled that: "for a term of three years, commencing Oct. 1, 1913, no society of a social character at Barnard College of which the organization, the emblems and the rites are in any way secret and which has national affiliations shall be allowed to elect new members." This is followed by a recommendation to the undergraduate body to experiment with new forms of

social organization, under the supervision of the faculty, directly or through student council.

This ruling, coming as it did, just as the seniors were leaving, and before the fall pledge day, will probably affect several of the sororities here, rendering them practically "dead," now. But we Gamma Phis may rejoice, for we are strong enough as we are, or will be when our two new pledges, Grace Banker, '15, and Anna Paddock, '15, are taken in (before the ruling goes into effect) to continue to exist with flying colors for two whole years to come. There will be nine of us who will be more closely bound together than ever. So if any of you have already heard of this ruling, pray do not think we have gone out of existence, for we are very much alive!

Indeed, we have almost become reconciled to losing our five seniors, Alice Brown, Louise Comes, Sophie Lingg, Jean Shaw and Varian White, for after all, although they have graduated, that does not make them any the less "ours."

Now for more cheerful topics! Our last frolic before the house-party was a pledge picnic. We held the pledging at the apartment and afterward went over to the Palisades for the picnic. This was on May thirty-first. You may imagine what a doubly good time we had, in the knowledge that "Exams are over!" As has been already stated, Grace Banker, '15, and Anna Paddock, '15, are our pledges.

As the spring term at Barnard terminates at the end of May, Senior Week is accordingly early, that is, the first week in June. This year commencement festivities were initiated by the senior dance on the evening of May twenty-ninth. Following this, on the next two consecutive nights, the senior play, "Robin Hood," was given on the campus. Then came Sunday with its baccalaureate service. On Monday the seniors of Columbia College held their Class Day exercises, to which the Barnard seniors are always invited.

Perhaps Ivy Day, the next on the program, is of greater interest to one unacquainted with Barnard. The exercises begin with the Steps Ceremony. This takes place in the quadrangle, where each class has its own special flight of steps. The seniors commence by singing some of the songs they had sung each year of their undergraduate life. This is followed by songs to the seniors by the three other classes. This year, as the outgoing class was an "odd fellow"—'13, there came next the presentation of the "odd fellow's" banner to the incoming junior president. This banner has been handed down for a number of years, each odd class adding their numerals to it in turn. It is, however, purely an "odd



fellow" custom, for the "evens," have nothing like it. After the presentation comes the Steps Oration. This is in the nature of a farewell address, at the end of which the speaker removes her cap and gown and presents it to the incoming senior president. That signifies that the seniors have become, or are about to become alumnae. In contrast to the serious character of the oration is the liveliness of the "Songs of the Classes," which are then sung—"It is a Tender Freshman," "It is a Bantam Sophomore," "It is a Frisky Junior," and "It is a Stately Senior." Each class sings its song in turn. Then the seniors file over to the campus, the juniors move over to the senior steps, the sophomores to the junior steps and the freshmen to the sophomore steps.

Folowing the Steps Ceremony is the prettiest of the commencement festivities, the Pageant, which takes place on the campus. A synopsis of this year's pageant might be interesting to some. A group of gypsies meet 1913 (a maiden) who is wandering through the woods longing for her college days. The old gypsy mother summons up before her some of the events of her college life, i. e. 1913's Greek games, dance and chorus, the May-pole dance from their junior show, etc.; and ends with the planting of the ivy. The attractive and appropriate costumes, together with the dancing and singing make a very enjoyable spectacle.

"Campus Night," after Ivy Day, though an innovation, has proved so successful this year that it will probably be repeated. This, in general, is a large reception to the whole university, on Columbia campus. After the commencement exercises, in the middle of the week, comes the Alumnae Parade. Each class comes dressed in some distinctive costume. This year there were cubist artists, pirates, rag-a-muffins, and many others. Finally, Class Day, with its prophecy and statistics arrives, and last, but not least, is Senior banquet held in Barnard's small theater. Then, after the banquet, the seniors sit on the steps of the one dormitory Barnard now possesses, and sing and sing until there are no songs left unsung. The whole class spends its last night in college at the dormitory and Senior Week is a thing of the past.

And finally—the house party! This was held at Point Pleasant, New Jersey, from June sixth until June ninth inclusive. Those of us who couldn't go, have heard such enthusiastic reports of the wonderful time the rest had that we are already looking forward eagerly to next year's party. This year we had practically the whole of the third floor of a boarding house, but next year we plan to rent a bungalow. Why describe in detail the jolly incidents of the party? We couldn't do them justice in writing. Just to mention a beach fire, a sail or even a trolley ride brings up so many memor-

ies that it is hard to know where to begin. And anyway, can't you picture what a number of Gamma Phis would do on a sail, etc? Of course! Besides, four alumnae, Louise Kimbal, Vina Peters, Hazel Plate and Sara Rome, were with us too.

Now we are back at work again. You are also. So Iota sends her heartiest wishes for success in every way during the new semester and hopes you have all had a delightful summer.

#### PERSONALS

Fredericka Belknap, '15, was a member of the Sophomore Luncheon Committee.

Louise Comes, '13, was a member of the Senior Dance Committee.

Mabel Patterson, '14, spent the summer abroad.

Anna Paddock, '15, (pledge) has been elected vice-president of the French society.

Florence Rhodes, '14, went to her home in Omaha at the close of college.

Edith Stiles, '15, has been elected vice-president of the junior class.

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We took our leave for the hours were fleeting,  
And New York alumnae gave us greeting.

#### NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: We feel great regret at the action of the Barnard faculty in ordering the discontinuance of sororities in that college, and it is our hope that faculty student council and sorority members may find some modified ground on which all can continue in perfect accord and with undiminished friendship. A number of the members of New York Alumnae are interested in the work of raising an endowment fund at Barnard. Each class has its committee and is working as hard as possible to achieve great results. Edna Stitt, chairman of the 1906 committee, reports that they held a *Café Chantant* in the theatre of the college on May 23rd. It rained torrents, but despite the flood, they were able to hand over two hundred and forty-five dollars to the fund.

The other Iota alumnae are working on their committees, but we have had no word as yet of what special line their activities have had.

Those of us who come from Alpha are trying to swell the chapter house fund, and those from Delta make occasional gifts to the chapter rooms in Boston.

As most of our members are out of town for the summer the



writer must needs fall back on her vacation experiences and tell of the Gamma Phis she met during the summer. Life on the St. Lawrence among the Thousand Islands is always a delight, and at Thousand Islands Park, one of the largest colonies, Gamma Phis are always in evidence. The summer just gone has been an unusually fine one, with calm, warm days admirably suited to motor boating, shore dinners, and all the delights of an out of door life.

Corinne Lewis Robinson of Terra Ceia, Florida, and Jane Lewis Guy of Johannesburg, Africa, were at the Robinson summer home most of the season, and as Florence Trowbridge, of Syracuse, was with them, they had a jolly time. Bridge, picnics, and piazza teas made the days pass all too swiftly, so that it was time to say fare-well long before we were ready.

Millie Morgan Dorr and her new daughter spent some weeks at the Dorr cottage, while Belle Gage Dibble spent a couple of weeks near them.

There were some Gamma Phi mothers and daughters on the river; Mary Fuller Fearon with her daughter Gladys, who is an active member of Alpha, and Anna Ferry Whitford with her daughter Marion, A, 1916.

Clara Worden Wilcox, Alpha's first initiate, whose cottage was burned last summer is planning a new bungalow for next year.

Grace Howard Smith of Baltimore was at the Park a part of the summer, but left early for an automobile trip through the White Mountains.

The dates for our meetings are published in the list at the back of the CRESCENT, and we extend a hearty invitation to all Gamma Phis to join us in these luncheons. A note to Helen Newbold, 508 West 113th Street, New York, will bring all information as to the hostess for the day. We have so many guests and we enjoy them so much that we feel a meeting has not been quite as successful if we are all by ourselves.

#### PERSONALS

Louise Warr, Florence Heermans, Emma Lowd and Aurill Bishop spent the summer abroad.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer spent a part of the summer in Maine.

Olive Strayer Caughey spent the summer at Shelter Island and Jessie Groat Richardson was to be found at her summer home at Thousand Islands Park.

Laura Latimer Graham went to Syracuse for Alpha's banquet in June, and in August took a trip to Canada.

Ruth Elva Russum spent a part of her vacation on Lake Champlain.

Helen Newbold visited Atlantic City in July.

Edna Stitt spent the summer at her summer home near Stamford, Conn.

The three 1913 Iota girls who are to teach are located as follows: Alice Brown in Perth Amboy, N. Y.; Louise Comes in Hackensack, N. J.; Jean Shaw in Congers, N. Y.

Olive Dutcher, I, an instructor in Biblical history at Mount Holyoke, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in June.

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By Colonial Express we went to Baltimore,  
Then decided to travel along the eastern shore.

#### ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Another summer is now over and soon we will return to our winter's work. But before we go let me tell you of the festivities at Goucher last June.

Commencement this year was the 25th anniversary of the founding of the college, and a joyous one it was because we then knew that our college would remain and grow in Baltimore. The whole year had been such an uncertain one and it was not until three-quarters of an hour before the close of the million dollar campaign on April 4th that the last dollars were raised. Then we knew that, although Goucher would need more money as time went by and as she grew, yet she would never be in the same grave danger as she has been in the last two years, or would the money be raised with such difficulty. So we rejoiced at commencement although it was hard to part with our seniors, the largest class that has yet graduated and among them four splendid Gamma Phis.

Our commencement customs are, I suppose, much the same as those of other colleges but perhaps you would like to hear of some of them anyway. The seniors always sing on the steps of Goucher Hall every evening for about ten days before commencement. They sing "hits" to popular melodies, their class songs and the college songs. On the last night of "step-singing," the sophomore class in two long lines, dressed in caps and gowns and carrying two long ropes of daisies escort the seniors to the steps. They form a pathway through which the seniors march after they have finished their farewell song and the juniors take their place on the steps.

Class day, too, was interesting this year. It was held out of doors at a lovely spot in Wallbrook, one of the suburbs of Baltimore, as we have no campus on which to give our entertainments.



Here the seniors led the audience from place to place and gave selections from the "dramatics" of their four years. The scheme of the whole entertainment was "Pippa Passes." "Pippa's Morn," the freshman year, was a little dance of children carrying Japanese lanterns. Scenes from "The Foresters," the play given their sophomore year, was "Pippa's Noon." Then followed a medley of scenes from a pantomime adapted from the little German story, "Immensee," which was given their junior year, "Pippa's Evening." And last, "Pippa's Night," they gave the first act of their senior play, Percy Mackaye's "Jeanne D'Arc."

The morning before commencement after the class of 1913 had planted the ivy, they presented to the college a very fine portrait of Dr. John B. Van Meter for many years dean of the college and for the last two years acting president.

The annual banquet of the Zeta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority is another of the commencement affairs that may interest you. At the Hotel Rennert at 7 o'clock on the evening of May 31st, about thirty Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, sat down to a table tastefully decorated in pale pink carnations and green ferns. We were glad to have with us Nellie Powell, one of the founders of the chapter, who told us of the early days of the chapter, Mary Thatcher Gibson of Alpha and Mary Ickles Watson of Epsilon. After the last toast, "To the Seniors," had been given, a sophomore pinned on each senior a little gold Zeta stick pin which is our custom to give each year to the outgoing seniors. Besides the stick pins we send flowers to each senior at commencement.

Then last of all, after all the commencement activities were over, came our house party, a week of pure delight indeed. About twelve of us, active and alumnae, took the boat the day after commencement for Claiborne, Maryland. After three and a half hours ride we arrived there hungry and tired and were quickly transported to McDaniel, about a mile away. At the first glimpse of the place we fell in love with it. A long rambling Maryland house with white pillars, surrounded by superb linden trees, and beyond those trees, on three sides—water. There it was that we spent one week, went in swimming in water which was salty but calm as a lake, rowed in and out among the lovely coves of the Miles river, cut through the salt waves of the Chesapeake in a motor and many other such sports on the water besides long tramps in the country, strawrides to quaint little country towns near by and many hours spent in idle talk. We who had the pleasure of being on that house party will always have a very soft spot in our hearts for that beautiful place with its hospitable folk.

Now Zeta wishes all her sisters a successful year and she hopes by the time the next CRESCENT comes out to be able to introduce some new Gamma Phis for pledge day, the first one since we adopted sophomore pledging, comes the first Saturday after college opens.

## PERSONALS

Lillias House, '13, will spend the year in Germany taking a course at the University of Leipzig.

Marie Ohle, '13, and Margaretta Williamson, '13, are studying at the School of Philanthropy in Chicago.

Charlotte Romberger, '13, will spend the year at her home in Middletown, Pa.

## BIRTHS

Mabel Haskins (Mrs. Carl W. Maynard), ex-'12, has a son, Carl Wesley Maynard, Jr., born June 18, 1913.

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In the Pilgrim land found we our Delta dear,  
We will ne'er forget her, have no fear.

## DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters: What a round of things have happened since our last letter! Examinations were over the twenty-ninth of May. Then came Senior Week, full to the brim with Senior Prom, Faculty's Banquet to the seniors at the Copley Plaza, the senior play, "Commencement Days," given at Jordan Hall, Class Day and finally Commencement Exercises at Tremont Temple. You people in the West have such wonderful commencements that I fear ours would hardly interest you. We dwell in the heart of a city, you see, and the joys of a campus with its beautiful buildings are not for us. Commencement is the one time of the year when all the branches of our university, located in different sections of the city, unite, some to receive degrees and some to applaud the recipients.

A glow of pride warmed our hearts over our three Phi Beta Kappa seniors. Three out of five is pretty fine, don't you think so?

Just a wee bit about our spring luncheon. It was at Hampton Court again this year. There were about forty of us, including several of the alumnae. Rachel Hardwick read us a most delightful history. Several of the girls who went to see Rachel Rice off for Europe told us about the hearty send-off they gave her. Then, we presented to our seniors the dear, little Delta scarf pins, which we undergraduates all secretly hope it will be customary to give when we "grow up."



It was but two days after the luncheon on Monday, June second, that we started off for Rockport on a two week's house party. For the first few days, our group was small, but by Friday, we numbered twenty-two and made our two cottages quite lively. Then there were glorious walks and wonderful afternoons on the rocks where we watched the most beautiful of sunsets. Sunday was Alumnae Day and we enjoyed the company of our elder sisters, many of whom we do not see very frequently. The chief attraction that day was the "dinner," a perfect triumph, real Gamma Phi. Monday was Wedding Day. Perhaps you have not heard of our charming couple Polly Wrigley (née Helen Farwell) and Tommy Wrigley (Marion Merrill). Their engagement was announced at the spring luncheon and the wedding took place at Rockport, on the rocks near one of the cottages. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Ray Hardwick. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Wrigley, Esquire (Helen Clark). She was becomingly gowned in white brocade and chantilly. The marriage was eugenic and it gives every promise of being a success. The day following this grand affair was Mothers' Day. We had a true Gamma Phi picnic with a splendid chowder and "all the fixin's" out on the rocks. The surf was wonderful and we sang and had a glorious good time. After Tuesday, our numbers began to diminish once more. Nothing tremendously exciting happened, but we just continued to enjoy our dear old Rockport with its surf and wonderful out-of-doors until Friday. And we were not a bit anxious to leave then.

The last week in July we had a house party reunion at Anna Raymond's. Some of the girls stayed a whole week and others spent the week end. It was just like having another house party and we all had a jolly, good time.

By the time you read this letter, we shall have had our Gamma Phi picnic at Marblehead Neck. We are going to make it a bacon roast and we are planning a regular Gamma Phi good time.

You see, our summer has been a pretty jolly one, on the whole. Now we are looking forward to a bright and busy college year. Several sisters enter college this fall. They are just the dear kind of girls that make life interesting, too.

#### PERSONALS

Three of our seniors, Ruth Paul, Ruth Bartlett and Elizabeth MacClelland are to teach this year.

Ruth Hatch returns to Bryant and Stratton's Business College this fall to finish her course there. She will then be prepared for a secretarial position.

Ruth Norton is to be at home during the winter.

Rachel Hardwick, much to our sorrow, leaves us this fall to enter Wellesley College for a course in physical training.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Eda B. Tarbox, '12, to Mr. Frederick M. Boyce, Brown '09, was announced at the spring luncheon.

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In this self same Hub, our President we found,  
Soon, ah too soon, we had to complete our round!

BOSTON

(No letter)

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Then travelled we by day and by night,  
For we wished to see Alpha's new home on the Height.

#### ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Commencement seems a long way off now, but perhaps you would like to hear about it, just the same. We were very proud of our seniors, though this feeling was mingled with the sorrow of losing them.

The baccalaureate sermon was really the beginning of commencement week. Then on Monday the musical soirée was given in the chapel of John Crouse College. Tuesday afternoon was Class Day. These exercises were also held in Crouse College. Marion Draper took part, being the Salutatorian of the class. Immediately after Class Day, a Greek dance was given on the Castle grounds, in which several of our underclassmen participated. In the evening two plays were given, one by the English and the other by the Greek club. Several of our girls took part, among them Mary Gardner and Grace Beaver, two of our seniors. Wednesday was Commencement Day. The exercises were held in the gymnasium, toward which the seniors marched in pairs. It was indeed a sight worth seeing and many a proud mother and father was there to watch this closing event of their son's or daughter's college career. At this time, our Chancellor again came forth and saved the day by giving the oration, without any preparation, the speaker of the day, Rev. George Peck Eckman, being delayed by a wreck on the train. Needless to say, the address was splendid and will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to hear it. In the evening the festivities closed with the Chancellor's reception.

The seniors gift this year was a Greek statue to be placed on a pedestal at the entrance to the Stadium.



The following Gamma Phis were awarded honors: Marion Draper, *summa cum laude*, semetics; Marion Edwards, history and *cum laude*; Emily Price, romance languages and *cum laude*; Augusta Briggs, graduate scholarship in painting; Marguerite Cook, Marian Edwards, Mary Gardner, Emily Price, *cum laude*.

Our banquet this year was a great success, about fifty alumnae being present, besides nearly all the active girls. It was held in the chapter house on June sixth. The toast list was in the form of a track meet, with Mrs. Kate Gardner Cooke, '86, for starter.

1. 75 yd. hurdle—Letitia Price, '16.
2. 2 mile run—Katharine Dawley, '15.
3. 220 yd. dash—Isabel Brown, '14.
4. Running high jump—Hazel Peck, '13.
5. Cross country run—Louise Klock French, '95.

At this time a goodly sum, over one hundred dollars was raised for the house fund through the efforts of some of our faithful alumnae.

It has been the custom for some years to make the seniors gifts at banquet. This year we gave them silver picture frames with  $\Gamma \Phi B$  engraved on them.

I cannot refrain from mentioning the great victory at Poughkeepsie. It seemed almost too good to be true and all the men students and many alumnae held a big bonfire to celebrate, accompanied by yells and songs.

The rushing season is near at hand. Alpha hopes you will all be very successful and sends love and best wishes for the coming year.

#### PERSONALS

Hazel Peck is to teach in Olean, N. Y.

Mary Gardner is going to teach in Angelica, N. Y.

Marian Draper has returned to China to take missionary work.

Clara Corbett is to teach in Westfield, N. Y.

Ethel Snyder is to teach in Rome, N. Y.

Ruthe Holdredge is touring through the West and expects to live in California for two years.

Marian Edwards is to teach in Scottsville, N. Y.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Isabelle Brown's engagement to Glendon Lewis,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , is announced.

#### MARRIAGES

Ruth M. King, '12, of Ilion and Howell D. Crim, '10, Zeta Psi,

of Utica, were married August 20, at the Methodist church, Ilion, N. Y.

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Bided we a short time in the city of salt,  
For we had many miles to travel e'er we could halt.

#### SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: So many weeks have gone by since we last met that it becomes necessary to put on our thinking cap and try to remember what events of special interest took place during commencement time. Our last meeting which always takes the form of a luncheon at Skaneateles, a beautiful village on a lake of the same name, was held the first Saturday in June, the day after our banquet. The weather in past years has been ideal, which adds greatly to the pleasure of the trip, as out of door rambles and explorations take up most of the time after luncheon. This year proved the exception, for we started in a pouring rain, with our second best gowns on, and rain coats over them. No one thought of staying home, however, and our courage was rewarded by the sun coming out as soon as we arrived, and staying the rest of the day.

There were several of our out of town alumnae back for commencement, and, as some had not been back in years, it was very enjoyable to renew old friendships.

Anna Sherman Shults, with Harriet Luther Davis of Olean, and Katherine Parkhurst Kohn of Hornell, motored from Hornell and reported a most enjoyable drive.

Corinne Lewis Robinson of Terra Ceia, Florida, Jane Lewis Guy of South Africa, Ida Saxton Wilcox of Rochester, Laura Latimer Graham of Brooklyn, and Mary Perrin of West Pittston, Pa., also joined with the Syracuse Alumnae at the banquet, making nearly seventy. The active girls have given the toast list, but one incident was interesting and deserves mention. Louise Klock French was ending her Alumnae Toast and said that she would make a special contribution to the chapter house fund if Mrs. Wilcox would make one of her old time clever speeches. After Mrs. Wilcox and a few of the other alumnae had said a few words, Mrs. Edgecomb remarked that she would double Mrs. French's contribution, and wished to know how much that speech was really worth. She was followed by a number of alumnae and a few active girls, and in five minutes there was one hundred dollars raised. Now, how many of our speeches at banquet were ever worth that much?

The chapter house is a source of pride to us as it is good to look



at, is being run on a thoroughly business-like basis under the guidance of Mrs. Seth Baker, and has the added quality of being a real Gamma Phi house.

Mary Whitford distributed the new directories which contain much valuable information and represent a vast amount of work.

Our plans for the coming year are not very definite as yet, but we hope to have many new members and a great deal of interest in our meetings.

#### PERSONALS

Laura Page Flick, '98, has returned with her family from Europe where they have spent the last year in study and travel.

Hilda Grossman, '12, who won the Hiram Gee Fellowship and spent a year in study abroad, has returned and is to present two paintings, done while there, to the university.

Christine Reed Townsend, '09, has moved to Buffalo, where her new address is 92 Inwood Place.

Genevieve Joy, '12, is studying vocal music abroad and will remain for some time.

Alice and Gertrude Gaggin of Erie, Pa., spent a week in August in Syracuse visiting their brothers.

Mrs. Marion Scott Brace, '09, spent the summer travelling in Alaska and the far West. She is to make her home in Tarrytown, N. Y.

Jessie Decker, '80, spent her vacation in Europe.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Dorr (Amelia Morgan, '00), a daughter, Barbara Louise, on June 16th.

#### DEATHS

Judge McLennan, father of Christine McLennan, '09, died very suddenly in May while attending court in Rochester.

Alice and Gertrude Gaggin mourn the loss of their mother who died during the summer.

#### MARRIAGES

Mabelle Luther, '02, was married to Mr. Charles Tyrrell of Syracuse at her home in Olean, on June 9, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell are living on Harrison Street.

Elizabeth A. Brooks, '10, was married in June to Mr. Frederick McCord.

Edna West, ex-'11, was married to Mr. Wallace J. Ross in the West Genesee Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Syracuse, the 7th of June. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are residing in Oneida.

Birgitta, Moran, '06, was married to Dr. Thomas Farmer in Lyons, N. Y., on the third of September.

## ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Helen B. Holdredge A, ex-'09, to Mr. Charles F. Specht,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Washington and Lee University, of Steubenville, Ohio, has been announced.

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We visited Beta in her very new home  
Then 'round Ann Arbor, a few hours did roam.

## BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters: Again it is our pleasure to be writing a letter to our far-away sisters. This little task—if such it may be



BETA CHAPTER HOUSE

called—brings us to a realization of the fact that college with its work and play is a thing of the near future. It is a little hard to think of settling down to work again, but we are eager to see what the year will bring to us as individuals and as Gamma Phis.

It seems only yesterday that we packed our trunks and said good-bye to our dear sisters. Only a few of our girls remained in Ann Arbor for commencement, but the house was filled with graduating seniors and their doting friends and relatives. The festivities of commencement at the University of Michigan are, I suppose, like those of any other university. This year, however, there was one distinctive feature, and that was the dedication of the new Arthur Hill Auditorium. This is a fine building given to the university in memory of Arthur Hill, and forms a valuable addition to our group of campus buildings. It fills a much-felt



want, for the graduating classes have outgrown University Hall. Last year the exercises were given in a large tent. In the first class to receive diplomas in the new auditorium, Gamma Phi had six girls, Erna George, Ruth Burdsal, Lillian Brown, Margery Walker, Osee Jewell and Ruth Weeks who received a Master's Degree in Rhetoric.

Beta girls have played to their hearts' content this summer. We did not have any house parties, but some of us visited one another. The Detroit girls and two Detroit pledges, Alpha Middle-ditch and Elizabeth Ling, had a picnic on the island boat. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon "gossiping," and the CRESCENT correspondent profited especially. It was on that occasion that she learned many of the succeeding "personals."

Vacations are demoralizing, if we may speak from experience. Instead of thirty girls (our number last year) we shall have only eighteen this year. Nor will our troubles be lessened by our new rushing rules and sophomore initiation. Fall rushing lasts two weeks after classes commence. The entire amount of money spent must not exceed fifty dollars. A rushee can only be entertained by one sorority four times, and cannot be rushed at the home of any alumna. No entertaining can be done with men. Formal, printed bids are sent to a disinterested person who shall mail all the bids on the same day. One can readily see both advantages and disadvantages in such a plan. But we must try it before we can know how successfully it will work out in the actual use.

In the meantime we hope that our sister chapters will be successful in their rushing and that Beta will prove worthy of her trust.

#### PERSONALS

Osee Jewell, '13, is to teach Latin and German in Linden, Mich.

Ruth Weeks, Vassar '08, B '12, is to be the head of the English department in a private school in Brooklyn.

Bess Smurthwaite, ex-'15, has a position as private secretary in Kansas City.

Pauline Kleinstück, ex-'14, will not be able to come to school this fall. She is to make a trip to Panama, and hopes that she can return to college second semester.

Mary Grosvenor, '14, is returning to Wellesley for her senior year.

Marie Brooks, ex-'15, expects to obtain a permanent position in the Detroit Public Library.

Irma Lynn, ex-'15, is prevented from coming back to college this fall by illness, but she promises to make us many visits.

Mary Marvin, ex-'15, has a teaching position in Duluth.

Florence Bennie, ex-'16, is to teach in a small town in Arizona. This will be a great loss to the class of '16 of which Florence was a most promising member.

Last year's freshmen are also unfortunate in the loss of Vivienne Kerr who expects to remain at home this year.

Mrs. Scott (Isadore Thompson) B, and her daughter, Marian, B '15, made a trip to Yellowstone Park this summer.

Lillian Brown, '13, and Fanny Hogan, '15, are visiting Vivienne Kerr in Duluth.

#### MARRIAGES

Ruth Burdsal, '13, was married to Ray Bassett on August the fourteenth. Erna George, '12, was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett will live in Ann Arbor where Mr. Bassett is city forester.

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw (Marian Dickinson), a son, August, 1913.

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Our newest Alumnae we welcome most gladly,  
But when we have no letter we feel very badly.

#### DETROIT

(No letter)

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We passed on mile by mile and day by day,  
Till we found Epsilon and her commencement gay.

#### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: Many things have happened since last we chatted through the CRESCENT and though a long summer has elapsed since then, not one thing is or possibly could be forgotten. Anything connected with Gamma Phi makes too deep an impression to be forgotten in months or even years. Don't you agree with me? Emphatically, *Yes*.

I really don't know just where to begin, but as the annual banquet is always an important feature, I may as well begin there. Ours was held, this year, June 6, at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. We were served on the balcony and partook of a banquet which is well worthy of mention. But the best part of the evening's enjoyment came later—the toasts. Mrs. John Vance (Laura McCarty, E '07) acted as toastmistress, and a very charming one she made, too. As her plan was very unique, I shall take time and space to tell you something of it. The toasts as a whole were



to make up a newspaper, "The  $\Gamma \Phi$  Daily Star," of which Mrs. Vance was the editor-in-chief and each toast-maker the editor of some department. The news department, represented by Mary Richardson, '13, "Assistant Editor," was very "newsy" covering everything that had happened during the year, thus giving the alumnae and visiting sisters a good idea of what our chapter had been doing. This, together with timely "Beauty" suggestions from Ethel Anderson, '15; an immensely humorous Society column by Jessie Vawter, '14; a "snappy" Sporting Page by Florence Hildebrand, '14, an enthusiastic report by the business manager, Caroline McCarty, E '12, and "A Drama of Every Day  $\Gamma \Phi$  Life" by Helen Lewis, '14, constituted a very commendable issue of the " $\Gamma \Phi$  Daily Star." Each toast was heartily applauded and answered by a ringing "Here's to Gamma Phi," and Gamma Phi songs from time to time gave variety to the program. When count was taken we numbered forty-seven, including active and alumnae members of Epsilon and visiting members from other chapters, even from our infant chapter, Omicron. All in all, our banquet was highly successful.

On the same night, the sophomore class of the university, initiated the "custom-to-be" of giving a "Post-Exam Hop," a summer party for the entire university but under the auspices of the sophomore class. This is somewhat of an innovation as the sophomore year is usually rather stagnant.

Three of Epsilon's seniors were graduated in June: Dorothy Winchell and Mary Richardson, from Liberal Arts, and L. Louise Wheeler, from Music School. They all expect to remain at home for the coming year, so we shall see them often. It is Epsilon's custom to give a party for the seniors, which usually takes the form of a beach party. This year, however, on account of inclement weather, our "beach party" was held in the parlor at Helen Paddock's home, which was a very satisfactory substitute in all respects except that of being able to roast our "wienies" and marshmallows over a fire. Soon after supper we all went over to the campus to view or take part in the annual torch-light parade.

The next week was given over mostly to commencement functions—Baccalaureate, Class Day, the Dramatic Club play—"The Medicine Case," Alumni Day and Commencement. The class of 1913 left to the university, a bronze tablet in memoriam of the late Dr. Daniel Bonbright, Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts, Northwestern University. With Dean Bonbright's memory will ever be associated all that is highest, purest and best and it will always abide as an animating summons to duty.

As a suitable finish to our college year (when I say "our" I mean

Gamma Phi's) we gave a very informal farewell party on commencement night, June 11, at the Kenilworth Country Club. Then we all departed for our various homes.

From all reports Epsilon girls passed an enjoyable summer. Enthusiastic letters came from Lake Maxinkukee, Culver, Ind.,



D. Dorothy



Mary

where Dorothy Winchell and Mary Richardson spent some time with Klea Cozzens. Just look at their faces here, and there is "enough said," about how well they enjoyed themselves.

L. Louise Wheeler, '13, writes: "I had a *wonderful* time at Nim's (Mildred Ross, '12) house party in Toledo, the first two weeks in July—Zita (Murphy, '12), Mabel (Sell, '12), Ardis (Ade, '12), Lucille Butler and I. It was one whirl of gayety and then *real fun too*." It "sounds good," doesn't it?

As this number goes to print we are unable to state the results of our first year of sophomore pledging, but will leave that for a later number.

Epsilon extends to all a hearty greeting and wishes best success in the fall rushing.



## PERSONALS

Margaret Bentley, who finished her course in music last June, takes up this year a splendid position in Moorhead, Minn., teaching public school music and violin.

L. Louise Wheeler, who expected to teach vocal music for the coming year, will be unable to do so because of ill health.

## ENGAGEMENTS

The first two weeks in July, Mildred Ross, '12, gave a house party at her home in Toledo, Ohio, which she made the occasion of announcing her engagement to Alexander Harker Crow, a Sigma Nu at Northwestern.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncy Colton (Sidney Hall) rejoice in the birth of a little son.

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In Chicago, the city right by the lake,  
We tarried a day for Gamma Phi's sake.

## CHICAGO

Chicago alumnae send double greetings this time since a miscarriage of the mail prevented our representation in the June CRESCENT.

Our spring meetings were not so well attended as those held earlier in the year, and during the summer no attempt to get together has been made because so many of our members leave the city for the vacation period. Where we will meet next year has not been considered yet, but the plan last year of meeting the first Saturday of each month for a twelve-thirty luncheon in the College Club rooms seemed very satisfactory and will probably be continued. Gamma Phis passing through Chicago or spending a few weeks there, as well as new residents, are always welcomed to our meetings, and the retiring secretary, Mrs. Burbank (Midway 7614) 5309 Woodlawn Avenue, will be glad to furnish all the information in her possession to all applicants until her successor is elected and made known through the CRESCENT.

The season of 1913-14 opens with many important matters before the Chicago Alumnae. The Pan-Hellenic Conference meets in Chicago in October and Gamma Phi has charge of the luncheon given on the eighteenth in the Patten Gymnasium in Evanston. All Greeks, both active and alumnae, in and around Chicago are expected to attend this luncheon. Each sorority prides herself on a large representation, and a total of four hundred guests sat down to partake of the "spread" last year.

Our Gamma Phi convention in Madison will engage our attention in November, and we hope to send a large number of delegates and visitors. Several matters of deep interest to our chapter will come up for discussion, concerning which we have sent communications to all the chapters.

Chicago Alumnae welcomed the institution of a chapter at the University of Illinois, and Honta Smalley Bredin and Olive Foster Corbett went down to the initiation. They returned more enthusiastic than ever, delighted both with the girls and the university. Our chapter looks for many recruits from Omicron.

As a chapter we do not try to work for any one university, as our membership consists largely of graduates of three near-by institutions, and each is loyal to her own alma mater. We hope to be of service to our sorority by keeping alive the interest of alumnae and by using the wider view our longer experience gives us for the help and guidance of the active chapters from which we come.

#### PERSONALS

Myrtie V. Whitney, Epsilon, while touring the Yellowstone Park in June met Caroline Clifford Burbank, who had assisted in her initiation into Gamma Phi Beta in the nineties. Miss Whitney is teaching in Washington and proving up a claim in the Yakima Valley at the same time.

Mrs. Elias Bredin (Honta Smalley) with her family and Lillian Thompson with her mother and sisters spent the summer in Glenmere, Mich.

Beulah L. Houston, Epsilon and Gamma, is the author of a series of articles on voice training in *McCalls Magazine* for the current year, which have excited much favorable comment.

Mr. and Mrs. James LeCron (née Helen Cowles) and their daughter have removed from Cheyenne, Wyo., and are now residents of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Charlotte Lyford Boyd, charter member of Epsilon, is sending her daughter, Alice, to Evanston this fall to enter Northwestern University.

Mrs. Ella Butters Anderson, Epsilon, with her family spent the summer in Ludington, Mich. Her daughter Ethel is also a Gamma Phi connected with both Gamma and Epsilon.

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With loving thoughts and exceeding great pride  
We visited Omicron at her own fireside.



## OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: The seniors in Illinois, as do loyal students in other universities, leave as a token of their regard for the school they have learned to love, a class memorial. Doting the campus here and there are the fountains, benches and the sun-dial which the seniors of preceding classes have given. This year the class of '13 erected at one of the entrances to the campus an attractive gateway of concrete and wrought-iron. But probably those commencement or senior customs which are peculiar to the senior girls will be of more interest than the general customs. During Interscholastic week, as a part of the Maypole exercises which begin the three days' activities, the senior girls, clad in cap and gown, lead the procession of all the girls in the university to Illinois Field where the May-pole dance takes place. On their way they pass the president's house where they stop to serenade the president's wife. Passing on to Illinois Field, with slow and measured tread, they circle round the Grand May-pole singing the state song, "By Thy Rivers Gently Flowing"; then present to a delegation of junior girls a wand as a symbol that they give over to the next class their rights and responsibilities; and last, followed by the juniors, they file from the field to a reserved position of the bleachers while the freshmen and sophomore girls who remain on the field wave their handkerchiefs in a farewell salute.

The Military Band Concert and Prom, given the Saturday evening before the commencement exercises proper begin, is always anticipated, as well as is the crowning social event of the senior year—the Senior Ball, where for the first time the seniors forget the responsibilities which must later confront them. A favorite custom among the girls is to announce their engagements by wearing their finances' pins at this time.

Omicron also has customs for her own seniors. Each spring we give them a banquet at which a girl representing each class toasts the seniors, another the retiring president, and she in turn replies. Last year this function was a breakfast on May the eleventh, at which Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Schmidt as well as the seniors were our guests. We give each graduate a silver spoon marked with our letters and they in turn leave a present for the house; our bookcase, reading lamp in the den, and the new letters on our door having been left by the seniors of the last three years.

Our four graduates in June were Gertrude Elliott, Katherine Theilen, Lillian King and Josephine Conley. Katherine will be back next year on a scholarship to do graduate work in history, but there will still be a big gap in our family circle without the other girls. The past year has been the happiest and most successful

that we could have wished for in every way, and we are full of hope for our future in Gamma Phi Beta.

We want to thank you all for the hearty welcome we have received into the sorority. The initiation ceremony, the messages of welcome and congratulations, and the Omicron number of the CRESCENT were an inspiration to all of us, and we will surely endeavor to do our very best, from now on more than ever before, so that Gamma Phi may always be proud of us.

#### PERSONALS

Lenore and Irma Latzer entertained at a house party July 3-11 at their beautiful country home near Highland. A continuous series of picnic parties, rides, and general merry-making made it a party which will be long remembered by those who were there. The guests were Lillian Savage, Mary Franklin Savage, Miriam Gerlach, Alma Gerlach, Nelle Hartsock, Gertrude Elliott, Helen Bliss and Helen Coe.

Nelle Hartsock entertained with a week-end house party, June 6-9, at her home near Clinton, Ruth Canfield, Irma Latzer, Grace Geyer, Josephine Conley and Helen Coe. Since Weldon Springs Chautauqua grounds are near and the girls had just finished a strenuous week of examinations, the outing was very delightful.

Bertha M. Schneider, '09, who has been for the past year head of the Periodicals department in the Ohio State University Library, Columbus, Ohio, has been advanced to the position of head cataloguer in the same university. She spent the latter part of July in making a tour of Yellowstone Park with Frances Abbott, '10, Ella Brown, '11, and Bessie Baxter, ex-'13.

Ellen Powell, '11, is spending her vacation in Europe.

Helen Bliss of Shreveport, La., who came for installation in May, visited friends and relatives in Illinois until the latter part of July.

Josephine Conley spent five weeks in Michigan early this summer.

Mrs. Hunt, who went east with Doctor and Mrs. Burrill in June returned in July and spent the remainder of the summer visiting her son in Minneapolis.

Lenore and Irma Latzer spent two weeks in August at Bay View, Mich.

Helen Coe visited Niagara Falls and other eastern points of interest the last week in August.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Dickinson, '14, has announced her engagement to Charles B. McGrew, T B '13.

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In the midst of Commencement so entrancing  
Thoughts of Convention would come prancing!



## GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It is almost time to return to another year of the delightful mixture of work and play which makes up life at the University of Wisconsin; and Gamma chapter is looking forward especially to the year that is coming because we hope to welcome many of you at convention, and to become better acquainted with our sisters all over the country. We wish that you might all come and we are hoping for as many as possible.

Of course we shall miss our beloved seniors, who have done so much for Gamma in the past four years. Nell Bundy, Lina Duffy, Florence Gosselin, Marie Leavens, Elizabeth Newell, Kathryn Ryan and Florence Schofield will be a heavy loss to the chapter. Agnes Boeing, '14, Elizabeth Kreis, '15, Mildred Harrington, '15, and Dorothy Steele, '15, are not coming back either and we are very sorry to lose them. All seniors expect to teach this fall except Nell Bundy who is planning to go abroad in January.

Most of the Gamma girls stayed for commencement. We have a few customs which are peculiar to Wisconsin, which might be interesting to you. One is the ceremonial of the pipe of peace, which is observed on the night before commencement proper. The men of the junior and senior classes assemble on the lower campus a little before midnight, dressed as Indian braves. They dance about the *huge council* fire, and the pipe of peace is presented by a senior orator and accepted by a junior one for their respective tribes and passed around the circle. This year the girls dressed as Indian maidens, gave a very pretty dance.

Each departing senior class also plants some ivy around Main Hall, and as a result that and most of our other buildings are beautified thereby. On the morning of commencement day a procession forms at the top of the Hill, which comprises our upper campus, and the seniors of all the colleges, dignified in their caps and gowns, walk in slow procession down the hill for the last time under the arching elm trees, and over to the men's gymnasium where the exercises are held, while the underclassmen and relatives watch them smilingly, but with a suspicious tightening in their throats.

The seniors tried a new plan this year in their gift to the university. Each member of the class took out an insurance policy for a small amount in favor of the university and promised to pay yearly interest on it for ten years, at the end of which time the university will receive a large sum of money. This plan has been successfully tried in other colleges.

Our alumnae banquet last June was held at the Gamma Phi Beta Lodge as usual. We had expected a smaller number than ordi-

narily, because so many would prefer to come to the convention in the fall instead, but there were about eighty guests. We were especially fortunate in having with us several of the founders of Gamma chapter, and some of the members who were initiated the first year. Mrs. Brittingham entertained them at a house party at her beautiful home, and they enjoyed being together as much as we enjoyed having them with us. The programs, toasts and even decorations of our alumnae banquet are in a way traditional and are very little changed from year to year.

The late spring rushing system for freshmen at Wisconsin tried out for the first time last May, resulted very satisfactorily for us, for we have six splendid pledges: Dorothy Bannon, Ethel Germer, Winifred Holmes, Hazel Caldwell, Myrtle Milner and Helen Orlin. These make a total of seventeen new girls for Gamma Phi this year from Gamma chapter. We expect to initiate the pledges early this fall.

Gamma chapter extends the heartiest wishes for a successful year to all the sisters.

#### MARRIAGES

Alice Ringling, '12, and Mr. Roland F. Coerper were married on May 31st at Baraboo. The couple will reside in Milwaukee.

The marriage of Elizabeth Kreis, ex-'15, to Mr. Arnold Spencer Wahl, '13, Sigma Nu, took place on Monday, September first, at Wheaton, Ill. Frances Lauder, '14, of Wahpeton, N. D., and Jessie Summer, '14, of Madison acted as bridesmaids.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Schofield, '13, will teach domestic science the coming year at Montgomery, Ala.

Agnes Boeing has a position as teacher of domestic science in an agricultural college in North Dakota.

Mildred Harrington has also joined the ranks of instructing the young idea how to be domestic in a scientific manner, which duty she will perform in the Beacon school, Detroit.

Cora Bennett, head of the physics department in the East Cleveland High School, studied this summer in the New York School of Philanthropy.

Mrs. T. E. Brittingham and daughter Margaret of Madison, travelled through Wyoming and Glacier Park this summer.

Margaret Woodrow Wilson, Z, spent commencement week in Madison, the guest of Mrs. J. E. Davies.

Mrs. Julia Richardson McLenegan, F, was elected President of the Milwaukee branch of the A. C. A. in May.

Mrs. Violet Jayne Schmidt, B, of Urbana, Ill., is District Vice-



president of the A. C. A. for four or more states in the Middle West.

Mrs. Mary Clark Brittingham of Madison, a charter member of Gamma chapter, entertained seven Gamma Phis at her annual commencement house party in June. Of this number two were also charter members, Mrs. Leora Chase Sherman of Minneapolis and Miss Carrie E. Morgan of Appleton. Two were the first initiates, Miss Flora Waldo of Manitowoc and Mrs. Nell Smith Case of Havana, Cuba. The other guests were Mrs. Allen Dawson (Nell Perkins) of New York City, Mrs. Gertrude Barron Harrison, whose daughter Helen was the first Gamma daughter, and Miss Harriet Smith of Chicago.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman of Minneapolis has the honor of being the first woman to be appointed by the mayor on the Civic Morals Committee.

Mrs. Frank Case after spending two months in the States returned to her home in Havana the last of June.

Mrs. Jessie Bell Woodard, '89, and daughter Betty of Texas spent a portion of the summer visiting relatives and friends in Wisconsin.

#### DEATHS

The sympathy of all Gamma Phi goes out to our former President, Gertrude Ross, in the loss of her sister, Josephine Ross Fisher.

The sympathy of Gamma chapter is extended to Josephine Allen Week of San Benito, Texas, in the loss of her infant daughter, and to Elsie Minn Fisher of Stevens Point, Wis., in the loss of her infant son.

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Another city, and again no guide!

Why, oh, why, when we have travelled so wide?

#### MILWAUKEE

(No letter)

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In Minneapolis we saw the new ground,  
The Kappa girls have for their house just found.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Gamma Phis: Have any of you ever thought what a tremendously convenient thing it would be if chapter correspondents, instead of trying to abide by Rhetoric Rules, were to disregard all those regarding attractive beginnings and endings, and plunge

right into a catalogued edition of the chapter events and happenings? In the slothful mood induced by over-vacation, this humble pusher of a pen, is going to commence her chronicle without any due ceremony.

To begin with, for a long time we have been dissatisfied with rented homes, so this spring we clutched our courage firmly by its coat-collar and decided to build. Impetus was given to our plans at our Spring Banquet, where all the toasts related to the one central idea—"The New Home." Mary Heritage, '09, was toast-mistress, and if you had heard the clever verses introducing each toast, from that of Jean Borden, who voiced the freshman sentiments up to Constance Davis, spokesman for the seniors, you would know why we of Kappa chapter are so proud that Mary belongs to us. There were about 80 members at the banquet, and from this number, we secured sufficient pledges to insure our buying a lot. Shortly after college closed, we incorporated and splendid enthusiasm for the project was evidenced at a big midsummer meeting at Margaret Menzel's. You Gamma Phis who already rejoice in your own homes, know what thrills of pride we all had every time we thought of having a little brown homing place. A board of nine directors of which Katherine Whitney was made president was elected at this meeting.

Our lot has been selected and is all paid for. It is about two blocks from college, and in a location, which with Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta as permanent residents, bids fair to become sorority row. We are working hard on plans and hope to tell you more definite news about them in our next letter.

At our last meeting of the year we originated a little plan which we hope will become a custom in our chapter. We had a birthday party for our seven seniors. A big cake blazing with candles and decorated with class numerals had the place of honor at their table. Those of us who were mere underclassmen, dined gaily from nearby convenient chairs and window seats, waiting interestedly for the crumbs of wisdom—and cake that fell from the senior table.

The results of spring elections were more than satisfactory. Gertrude Moore was elected president of the Woman's Athletic Association, a position which is yearly assuming greater prominence here at Minnesota.

Lucile Babcock was made president of Theta Epsilon Literary Society, vice-president of the French Club and senior representative of the All-University Council.

Dorothy Jones and Helen Chalmers were elected to Acanthus Literary Society, Jean Brawley to Thalian and Jean McGilvra to Theta Epsilon.



Gertrude Hagy was appointed to the 1915 *Gopher* Board.

At the annual French Club play, which this year was "La Poudre aux Yeux," Lucile Babcock had the leading role. The quaint eighteenth century costumes were a delight to the eye, and for those of us to whom French is even as Greek, the ease with which the members of the cast frolicked through their lines, was a perfect marvel.

And now our little budget of news is nearly told, except for a little burst of enthusiasm about convention. The whole chapter is saving its pennies and hoping to go. Among other things that we hope will be accomplished there, are the appointment of a visiting delegate, which we believe is needed to bind the chapter closer together and to visit new places which we may be considering as homing places for Gamma Phi, and secondly, we hope for a big enthusiasm for expansion. Let us make this convention a Red-Letter one in the history of Gamma Phi, for the number of things we really accomplish at it. We'll talk it all over at convention *n'est ce pas?*

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In Minnesota, we tarried just a day  
Then we were obliged to be again on our way.

#### MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The summer news has a way of looking rather frosty and bedraggled and out-of-season when the October CRESCENT appears. And yet with the vacation spirit still in our blood, it is hard to imagine our steady, sensible selves back at work again. The last of August finds most of us Minnesota people still very much scattered, and the account of our goings and comings seems to fit into the personal column a great deal better than into the chapter letter. There is, however, one piece of real Gamma Phi news and although you have already read it in the active chapter's letter, we alumnae will have to repeat it, for we are just as pleased as the active girls over the purchase of the lot. Ever since we were a tiny chapter we have liked to look forward to the time when we would have a home of our own, and now we have at least the beginning of one, for a lot is decidedly essential. Our two midsummer meetings, one in July at Margaret Menzel's and one in August at Ethel Robinson's were both most enthusiastic gatherings, for everyone was interested and excited about buying the lot. Aside from our interest in this event there has been very little to record. As we said before, most of us have been going and coming all summer long. Minnesota has so many lovely lakes

that it is not at all difficult to find beautiful spots for a summer vacation. Lake Minnetonka, just out of Minneapolis, is a favorite resort, and this year Helen Riheldaffer Austin, Katharine Whitney, Katharine Crocker and Marguerite Lees were there for the summer. White Bear Lake just out of St. Paul is another attractive lake, and here the Moreland girls and Katharine Sullivan have summer homes. Farther away from the Twin Cities about one hundred miles north of Minneapolis is Lake Mille Lacs, the third largest lake in the state and one of the most beautiful spots imaginable. For the past three years it has been a rendezvous for Gamma Phis who have gone up for house parties with the McGilvra girls, and in the future will probably become even more of a Gamma Phi colony for besides the McGilvra girls, Margaret Nachtrieb, Margaret Menzel and Ruth Eaton will have summer homes there.

We hope that this summer season has brought rest and recuperation to you all and we send to each sister chapter the best of good wishes for a splendid year.

#### PERSONALS

Marie Allen, Kappa ex-'14, who has been spending the summer in Nebraska, has returned to Minneapolis where she will attend Miss Wood's Kindergarten Training School.

Luella Ames, Kappa ex-'12, will have charge of the art work in the Mankato schools this winter.

Rachel Beard, Kappa ex-'08, has returned from California and will spend the winter with her mother in Minneapolis.

Gene Oliver, Alpha, has gone to Pasadena where she will teach drawing and music.

Sara Preston Finley, Kappa '07, and her baby daughter have returned to their home in Centralia, Wash., after a summer's visit in Minneapolis and Southern Minnesota.

Eunice Gray and Helen Dorset, Wisconsin Gamma Phis, visited Ella Smith, another Gamma girl who lives in Minneapolis.

Louise Sumner, Kappa '12, who took her Master's degree at Minnesota last June, received the Bryn Mawr History Fellowship for 1913-14 and will go East about October first.

Cora Taney, Kappa ex-'07, attended Chicago University during the summer quarter. Clara Taney, Kappa ex-'08, spent the summer with her family in St. Paul and will return to Seattle about September first where she will continue her kindergarten work.

Unity House, one of the well known Minneapolis settlements, has its summer camp at Annandale and Katherine Crocker spent several weeks there as one of the directors of the camp.



Mary and Helena Fitzsimmons spent the summer in Minneapolis at Lake Calhoun.

Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa '04, will return to Oshkosh, Wis., where she teaches English in the Normal School.

Mary Norton Sudduth, Kappa '04, and children went East during August.

Frances Works, Kappa ex-'14, returns to Wells College in September.

Maude Hyser Wallace, Kappa '04, who visited her parents in Minneapolis during the spring and early summer returned to her home in Spokane about the last of July.

Mrs. Henry F. Nachtrieb visited in Buffalo, N. Y., during July and August.

The Gamma Phi colony at Mille Lacs this year included: Eunice, Louise and Jean McGilvra, Margaret Nachtrieb, Marion Brown, Ethel Cosgrove, Cora Ennis, Ella Morse, Lucile Babcock, Margaret Menzel, Ruth and Eleanor Eaton.

Dean and Mrs. John F. Downey spent the month of August traveling in the East.

Prof. and Mrs. Carl Schlenker who have been in Germany for the last year and a half will return to Minnesota this fall.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Hazel Strong, Kappa ex-'12, to Howard Winthrop Bishop of Mason City, Iowa, has been announced. The wedding will take place in October.

The engagement of Hazel Louise Lovell, Kappa ex-'08, to Carlton W. Miles of Minneapolis has been announced. The wedding will take place on the evening of August 30th at the bride's home, 2504 Humboldt Ave. South, Minneapolis.

#### DEATHS

All the Minnesota Gamma Phis deeply sympathize with Eva Wilkinson in the death of her father which occurred Friday, August 8th.

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As I full oft have told thee here before  
We needed no guide, so many the crescent wore.

#### DENVER

Our summer meeting have been so few and far between that in the absence of the regular Denver correspondent, her unfortunate substitute wonders if she can glean from the scanty annals enough that will be of interest to CRESCENT readers. We have been so

scattered, the weather—for Denver—has been so warm, and everybody has seemed so languid and so lacking in energy that the coming of the first cool days will be hailed with delight even if it means the beginning of school routine and the resuming of regular duties.

We alumnae, along with the active chapter, went out in a blaze of glory, so to speak, at the "house warming" which practically closed the festivities of the college year. Our pretty new lodge was gay with flowers and music, was decked in the beautiful gifts bestowed by friends and here we welcomed five hundred guests who were loud in their praise of our new possession. The active girls looked their prettiest and smiled their sweetest; the alumnae, with entire disregard of convention, proudly remarked: "It's paid for"; and the dream of years was a glorious reality.

Early in July, Sigma Kappa held its national convention in our city and it was our pleasure and good fortune to meet many fine women from other sections of the country. The convention was wonderfully effective and business-like. It was the privilege of the writer to see the "inner workings" of the convention machine and she still remembers with awe and respect the official room with its four busy typewriters; the clever daily paper with its columns of good things; and the perfected details of the meeting. The especial feature of the convention was an open meeting where addresses were made by members of a few sororities and by those prominent in different phases of public and educational work. Gamma Phi Beta was honored by two representatives—Mamie Gallup, who gave a musical selection, and Lindsey Barbee who spoke upon "Fraternity Journalism." On the last day of the convention, active and alumnae Gamma Phis united in a beautiful garden party for the delegates and the entertaining chapter at the home of the Herbert girls. The spacious lawn was gay with Navajo rugs, hammocks, swings, rustic benches and stands of flowers, and refreshments were served under the trees.

Later in July came Kathryn Allen's attractive "Gamma Phi Beta Tea" where past, present and future (in the guise of a few rushees) met for a gay chat and a peep at the hostess' dainty trousseau. For our wee Kathryn is to be a September bride and the nicest thing about it all—next to her own happiness—is the fact that she is to remain in Denver.

The great conclave of the Knights Templar in August brought back some out-of-town Gamma Phis and there were informal little gatherings in their honor. Denver, be it said, was at its best during this wonderful gathering—for the perfect weather, the marvelous lights and the lavish decorations all united in producing a never-to-be-forgotten picture.



Pan-Hellenic affairs have taken a queer turn this year; there is to be no protracted rushing season at college, for the freshman may be bidden upon her matriculation. This is an experiment and it remains to be seen how successful and effective it proves; certain it is that it has meant for the active chapter a summer's long, drawn-out rushing with attendant parties. We alumnae have been graciously bidden to these affairs—and now that the end is almost in sight, it pleases us to praise the foresight, good sense and wisdom of the college girls. "Simplicity, the Keynote" we have always preached, and it has been a great satisfaction to note the sane and informal entertainments that Gamma Phi has given in contrast to some elaborate and unsuitable affairs of rival organizations. We are justly proud of our Theta girls; they have every characteristic to make a strong and helpful chapter—if we do say it as shouldn't—and so we pat them upon their collective shoulder and say, "Bless you, my children."

And so September days are almost upon us and with them will come our first regular meeting where we shall greet each other after the summer's separation and plan the work of the coming year. May the ever-beneficent crescent shine with redoubled brilliancy upon each active and each alumnae chapter!

#### PERSONALS

Eunice Gray, Gamma, paid Denver a flying visit on her way to California but took time to visit the Lodge and to meet a few of the girls.

Helen Hersey, ex-'10, is with us again after several winters in New York.

Edna Myers Allen, '02, of Salida was in Denver during the Knight Templar Conclave.

Edith Reese Veatch, '04, after an exciting stay in Mexico, is now residing in Telluride, Colo., and renewed old acquaintances in Denver for a short time during August.

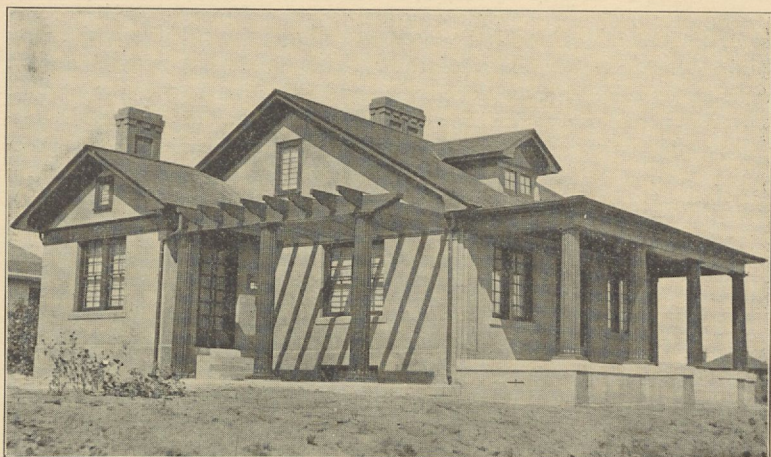
Eva Davis and Margaret Carman, '08, report a delightful European trip and will return about October first.

Elizabeth Church Grant, '06, is recovering after a painful operation, the result of injuries received in a railroad wreck.

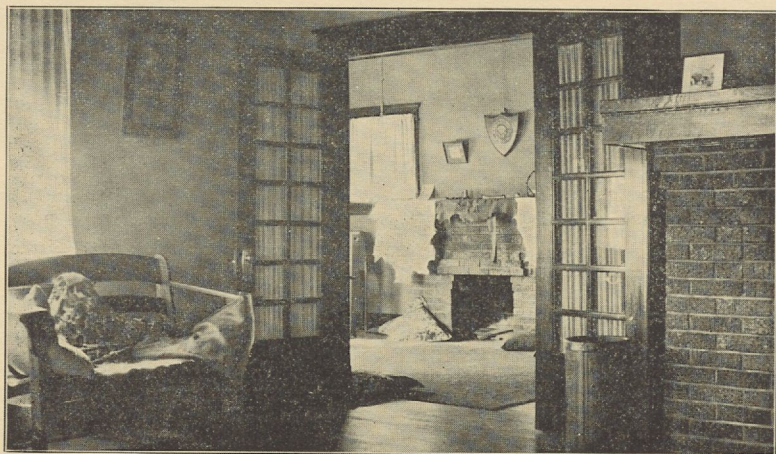
Lucy Moore Lennox, '08, is in Denver for the winter, much to the delight of her Gamma Phi sisters.

It is with great regret that we part with Janet Newkirk Birkins, '07, who will move to the southern part of the state early in September.

Mabelle Short Hinsdell, who has resided in Grand Rapids, Mich., since her marriage in June, 1912, has been enjoying a delightful



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VIEW FROM SOUTH SIDE OF LIVING ROOM



summer with her mother and friends in Denver. She will soon join Mr. Hinsdell in Chicago, their future home.

Clare Sperry, '07, will teach in Porto Rico the coming year.

Irene Poole is in California for an extended stay.

Harriet Brown will return to the University of Wisconsin for her senior work.

Genevieve Knight, '12, spent the summer in California.

Mildred Hansen, '08, will teach in Del Norte during the coming year.

#### MARRIAGES

On June 11, 1913, Mary Allen Green, ex-'11, was married to Mr. Walter Pyke Johnson, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They are residing in Denver.

On August 9, 1913, Charline Austin, a pledge to Theta, was married to Mr. Albert Towar, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Detroit, Mich.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, Kathryn Allen, Theta '09, was married to Mr. Ned Knight Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward will reside in Denver.

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jackson (Lois Miles, Epsilon), a son, Daniel Miles, on May 19, 1913.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William O. Miller (Grace Twombly, Theta '05), a daughter, Marion Grace, on May 21, 1913, in Philadelphia.

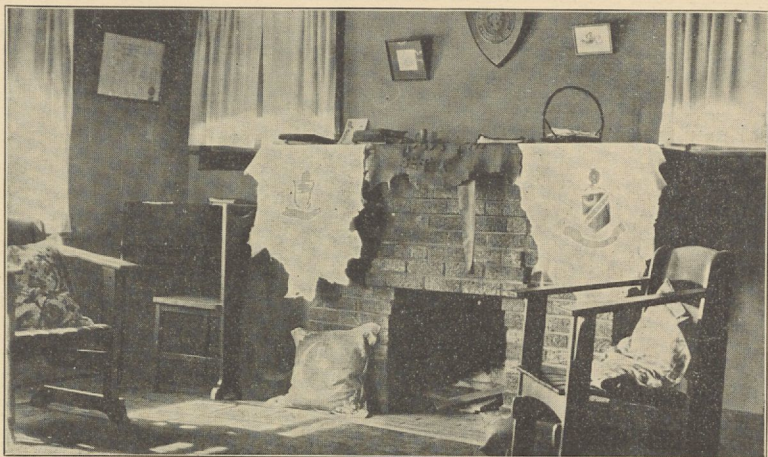
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Tarried we long in the city on high,  
The new Lodge with envy made us sigh.

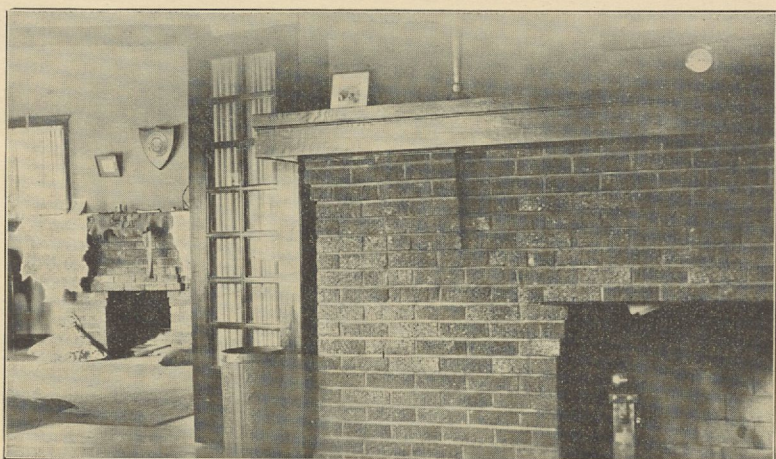
#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Theta has had a busy summer. If any of us had rosy dreams of a long restful vacation the annual local Pan-Hellenic Conference in May quickly banished them. We learned then open pledging was to be the fall program and that meant rushing all summer up to registration day. It was a very few of us who glimpsed the mountains while the rest stayed in town and worked, "rush" and "work" being synonymous in sorority circles—but pleasant work of course.

Every ten days or so we have given a stunt, aiming to have no two alike. "Something original" was the slogan and we did our best to live up to it. The summer rushing began with an informal tea at the lodge. We aspire to have our teas on the pergola become famous. The pergola is really a wonderful addition to the lodge for it gives it what is called an "air." We live in hope that in the next few years a grape vine will cover it and thereby add to its



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attractiveness and our comfort. The tea was followed by a box party at Elitch's Gardens, a matinee dance and a garden party with a vaudeville stunt. Next week we are to have a "jitney party" which we hope to make a big success. The husband of a Gamma Phi alumna is the owner of a moving picture house and he is placing it at the disposal of the Gamma Phis for an afternoon's entertainment. Individual luncheons and box parties have also been very successful. The rushing program will wind up with an evening reception to the parents of the rushees, a formal musicale and a picnic dance at a Gamma Phi's country home.

When Sigma Kappa met here in convention the second week in July the active and alumnae chapters joined in giving them an informal reception. The attractive garden of Kathryn and Lucia Herbert's home was an ideal place for the affair, for Denver's sun more than did his duty during convention days.

The house warming which was the official opening of the lodge seems so long ago it is no more than a very happy memory. On the evening of the twenty-third of May we welcomed some five hundred guests and all seemed to enjoy themselves and to forget they were attending one of those dreaded affairs—a formal reception. Many of our friends remembered us and the new lodge has some handsome additions. A piano, the gift of Lucy Gallup, supplies a long felt need, Gamma Phi "sings" being the best tonic in the world. The beautiful brass andirons which adorn the living room fireplace bear the seal of Beta Theta Pi. The handsome brass clock on the mantel keeps the very best time because it is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon clock. The living room can't help having a luxurious air for the Arts and Crafts lamp which sheds such a soft glow over the room was the gift of Pi Beta Phi. What would the girls do in rainy weather without the Sigma Kappa umbrella stand? They need it just as the walls of the lodge need the three new decorations they are to have, the Alpha Zeta picture and the white leather seals of the Kappa Sigma and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities.

This year the girls have the added responsibilities of a new lodge but we expect affairs to move as smoothly and harmoniously as they have in the past. We have missed some of the spirit that is enjoyed where the girls live together in a house but we feel we will get a small taste of it this year.

Theta is very optimistic over 1913 prospects, and that all her sister chapters feel the same optimism is her sincere wish.

#### PERSONALS

Elizabeth Hessler, '13, has charge of the English department in the Florence, Colo., High School.

Muriel Steele, '13, has left for a year's study in France and Italy.

Amy Speers, ex-'13, will return to Denver University after a year's study in Chicago.

Dorothy Steele, Gamma ex-'16, will be affiliated with Theta this year.

#### MARRIAGES

The marriage of Jean Mentzer, '13, and Mr. Rex Curtis took place in June.

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From Moscow we were obliged to retreat,  
But *not* like Napoleon, all in defeat.

XI

(No letter)

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Then hastened we over the country so new,  
And found our days with Lambda all too few.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters: Vacation is almost over, and we Lambda girls are looking forward eagerly to the day when we shall all be together again in our dear brown house on the Boulevard. We have had a busy summer, and, what with week-end visits, meetings for the Seattle girls, and rushing, most of us have been fortunate in seeing a good deal of each other. Almost all last year's girls are coming back to college except of course our three seniors, Gertrude Young, Lovina Willson and Bernice Sully. It will be hard to become accustomed to the house without them, for they were prominent in school affairs as well as in the sorority, Bernice being senior class secretary and Lovina Women's League president and a member of the girls' basketball team during her senior year.

I suppose commencement at Washington is very much like that at any other college. It is preceded by Moving-Up Day. At the Assembly held on that occasion we have quite a ceremony. The senior president presents the cap and gown to the president of the junior class, who gives the junior derby to the sophomore class president. He hands down his sophomore cap to the head of the freshman class, who, in turn, gives the little green jockey cap, insignia of the freshman, to a youngster of 10 or 12, representative of the next year's entering class. After this the seniors move up in front, the juniors fill their old places, the sophomores take the



places vacated by the juniors, and last the freshmen, very regretfully, come down from the balcony which has belonged to them exclusively during the year, and fill up the back seats on the main floor of the big auditorium.

After Moving-Up Day, there is all the excitement of Senior Week. Among the many affairs given in honor of the seniors is their class banquet, followed by a gambol on the green which the whole university attends and which has several features, among them a parade of all the seniors. Last year there was also a little bridge burning ceremony. The engineers constructed a bridge for the occasion, and this was set ablaze, to represent the seniors "burning their bridges." After this, the crowd adjourned to the gymnasium to wind up the evening with an informal dance.

There were also many other affairs given in honor of the graduating class.

The Baccalaureate sermon is always preached in the college auditorium the Sunday before commencement. We Gamma Phi's enjoyed Baccalaureate especially last spring because we gave a breakfast in honor of our seniors that morning.

The following Wednesday, after the commencement services, we girls hurried back to the house, changed into picnic clothes and started out for Erna Meerscheidt's, across Lake Washington, for our annual  $\Gamma \Phi$  picnic. We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly that day, and had a jolly good time all together before we parted for the summer.

Later on we had another very enjoyable picnic, for all Gamma Phis this time, both active and alumnae, at the home of Mrs. Dickson, also across the lake. It was a gray, rainy day, so few girls came but those who did enjoyed themselves immensely.

We have given several rushing parties during the summer and as there is fine material coming to college this fall we hope to announce a very fine list of pledges in the next issue of the CRESCENT.

We Washingtonians are all very proud of the showing our crew made at Poughkeepsie. We hope they will be able to go East again next year and that they will come home with still greater honors.

The best of success to you in your rushing!

#### PERSONALS

We are very glad to announce that Mrs. Buell, mother of Norah Buell, Wisconsin, and Persis Buell, California, will be with us as house-mother again during the coming year and that Persis will also be with us and will take up her next year's work at the University of Washington.

Lovina Willson, '13, will teach in the high school at Juneau, Alaska, during the coming year.

Gertrude Young, '13, will spend the winter at Winlock, Washington, teaching.

Bernice Sully, '13, will also teach this winter at Oak Harbor, Wash.

Myrtle Rude, '16, will spend the winter with relatives at Juneau, Alaska.

Esther White, ex-'14, made her debut in society this summer after a year at Oaksmere.

Josephine Eisenbeis, '15, will not return to college this fall, but will spend the winter at her home, Ft. Flagler.

Martina Henehan, ex-'08, has sailed for a trip to the Orient. She accompanied our graduate manager of student affairs and his wife, who are going to Japan with the U. of W. baseball team. While in Tokio Miss Henehan will be the guest of Zoe Kincaid, '01.

Wilhelmina Schuhmacher, '14, is society editor on one of our leading newspapers for the summer, a position seldom entrusted to an undergraduate.

#### MARRIAGES

Katherine Kerr, '08, was married to Mr. Herbert Crowder in June.

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To see the next chapter we could not fail  
So straightway took we the Oregon Trail.

#### NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Because this letter must be sent some time before "Old Oregon" opens her doors to us again, the middle of September, I am not able to tell you any of the happenings of the first week. Of course we have many plans for that very important time but as plans do not always materialize I shall wait until the next letter when I will be able to relate the actual events.

We are all looking forward expectantly to the coming year, but not without regret that our seniors will no longer be with us as active members of our chapter. This thought makes us a bit sad but we are cheered when we realize that they still are and always will be our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta regardless of the distance between us.

In thinking of last year's seniors instinctively we remember the last days we spent with them, June 15, 16, 17 and 18. All but two of the girls stayed for the exercises so with the relatives and friends of the seniors and the alumnae who came back we had a fine jolly house full.



The exercises opened at 10 o'clock on Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Boyd of Portland delivering the baccalaureate sermon.

The next afternoon the class in Dramatic Interpretation presented the play, "Peer Gynt." It was well acted, showing careful preparation, while selections from the opera of the same name, by the commencement orchestra, added to the enjoyment of the entertainment.

Tuesday afternoon the President's Reception was held while the evening was given up to the Flower and Fern procession followed by the Failing-Beakman, Oratorical Contest. All the women of the university, both active and alumnae, are requested to take part in this Flower and Fern Procession. All carried flowers of their class colors and were dressed in simple white, with the exception of the graduates who wore their caps and gowns. Headed by representatives from the oldest class, and so on down the years until the freshmen were reached at the very end, the procession passed about the campus under the old trees. Finally they halted; the alumnae formed two long lines between which the seniors passed. Again they moved forward this time forming the letters U and O, and as they stood thus, making the symbols of the university, their voices were raised with the songs of "Oregon."

On Wednesday, the 18th, we watched with pride each one of our graduates as she received her degree, and it was with redoubled pride that we learned Ada Kendall had graduated with honors. Bishop Hughes of San Francisco delivered the address.

Immediately after the exercises the senior fountain was unveiled. It is a beautiful thing, the gift of the 1913 class to the university, and stands on a smooth green spot surrounded by tall trees between two of the buildings. Following the unveiling the Alumnae banquet was served. The evening of the same day the senior ball was held, making a fitting ending to the commencement exercises of the 1913 class.

Each year our chapter gives some gift to every one of our graduates. This year we decided on silver tea spoons engraved with the letters Gamma Phi Beta. They were very attractive and the seniors seemed very much pleased.

With best wishes for the new semester from Nu chapter.

#### PERSONALS

Ann McMicken, '13, will teach this winter.

Pauline Porter, '13, will be in Boston this winter studying for library work.

Florence Cleveland, '13, Mildred Whittlesey, '13, Lenora Hansen, '13, Ada Kendall, '13, will be in Portland during the coming year.

Ruth Duniway, '10, will teach at Echo, Ore., this year.

Helen Cake, '15, will be at Goucher this year.

Jeanie Gray, '06, sailed for Japan the early part of the summer.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

The announcement of the engagement of Rubie Hammarstrom, '12, to Abe Blackman, '13, has been made.

Ada Kendall, '13, has announced her engagement to Earl Cobb, Kappa Sigma.

#### MARRIAGES

Ruth Hansen, '10, and Thomas Ward, Jr., Phi Gamma Delta, were married on July 2nd in Portland, Ore.

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Next wended we our way early and late,  
Until we reached the city of the "Golden Gate."

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters: The San Francisco alumnae chapter greets you on its return to town and reports very pleasant outings in various directions. Some of us go to quiet country spots and others to the sea side in search of rest. The more strenuous ones take to the mountains, for mountain-climbing as a sport finds many enthusiasts in our state. Perhaps the most fortunate of all are the "trippers" whose summer companions are suit-cases and time-tables and whose ideas of geography are greatly enlarged during their absence from town. I have met several representatives of each group and have enjoyed their accounts of soft quiet nooks or of more energetic surroundings. Often times they have met or have heard of other Gamma Phis. It is different now that we have several chapters on the coast. When we visit Portland or Seattle or Los Angeles we meet girls from other chapters besides Eta. In early days there were only a few Eta girls scattered along the coast with a rare eastern visitor now and again.

Around San Francisco Bay where it is always cool in summer our schools and colleges open long before those in the east. You see, college opened this year on August fifteenth and eastern college people who are home for the summer do not leave before the middle of September. So we fold up our memories and pack them away for future use while many people are still reading light fiction or strolling through fields and woods in an irresponsible vacation fashion. But they, too, will soon be startled to find that it is all over and that they are again taking up their former duties with a freshened interest.



We do not hear very much in the West against college fraternities and sororities. On the contrary, they are rather looked upon as a factor for the good of an institution since it is through them that the student body is most easily reached on any question of reform. The fraternity people are called upon by the president or by the deans to act as models for the college as a whole. But there is a wide and strong sentiment against high school secret societies. In fact, a California state law has been passed against such organizations. In one of our largest cities, last June, in the three high schools, thirty-four boys were expelled or suspended from school. Some of them were in the graduating classes, but it was proved that they had broken the law and were secretly members of fraternities. The penalty was rigidly enforced.

At the beginning of each fall term Rachel Vrooman Colby always opens her large home in Berkeley with a reception to the Eta chapter and to their freshman friends and mothers. This year the reception was on the last Saturday in August. We always enjoy ourselves at Mrs. Colby's house, this year more than ever. There were many flowers—masses of color heaped up inside while the fragrance of heliotrope and roses came in through the open windows. Add to that the pretty ladies in their dainty frocks and the delicious refreshments and you have some idea of the enjoyment of the afternoon. We hope that we were able to keep down that do-or-die expression, due to so important an event, and that the guests were duly convinced of our worthiness.

The last meeting we had before vacation was recorded in the last CRESCENT. It was at the home of Lida Baldwin Thompson in Alameda, a new home, surrounded by oak trees, through which glittered bits of the not very distant Bay. I shall never forget what a perfect day it was and how pretty were the shadows on the lawn. But a hush has descended upon this lovely home and a permanent shadow is on its roof. Lida is with us no more. She was not very well that afternoon nor did her vital forces re-establish themselves sufficiently to withstand an operation for appendicitis early in July. We have been so fortunate in losing so few of our girls that I fear it is even harder to realize that Mrs. Thompson will meet with us no more. She was one of the charter members of Eta.

Moreover we must record the death of Mr. Charles Kellogg, the father of Louise Kellogg. To her we extend our tender sympathies in which I know we are joined by other Gamma Phis.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Stone visited Oakland before returning to her home

in Hollywood. She had been spending some time in the Canadian Rockies.

Eleanor French has just returned from a year of travel in Europe.

Della West Bassick is passing the month of August at Craig View, Castella.

Cecil Harrold Dana is to build a new home in Rockridge Terrace, Oakland.

Marguerite Campbell attended the summer session of the University of California.

Edith Furrey Van Dusen and Grita Augustine Variel of Los Angeles have both been visiting about the bay.

Edna Gearhart, who has been with the University Travel Club in Europe, is to return home in September.

Elizabeth Rothermel after two years of graduate study at Columbia University is again in San Francisco. She will leave in a few days to accept a position in household chemistry at the University of Washington.

Alice Southworth Moody of Sanger is visiting Elizabeth Austin and other friends about the Bay.

Mabel Pierce is again in San Francisco after a year of travel and study in Europe.

Lorraine Andrews has departed for Juneau, Alaska, where she will teach in the high school.

Elizabeth Sanderson Fryer is again living in Santa Barbara.

Agnes Helm Thomas is spending the summer months in San Francisco.

Grace Foulds Ambruster has moved to San Rafael on account of the health of Mr. Ambruster.

#### MARRIAGES

Florence Hinks was married about commencement time to Professor Thos. Sanford of the English Department of the University of California.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Ione Garrett to Mr. Samuel Raney. They are making their home at Lamoore, Fresno County, on a ranch.

May Morgan was recently married to Mr. Everett Somerville Brown of Los Angeles.

Julia Dixon, since her marriage to Mr. Charles Roy Heise, is to live in Santa Barbara.

In June, Evelyn Glenn Johnson was married to Dr. Joseph Johnson. They will make their home in Missouri where Doctor Johnson practices medicine.



## BIRTHS

Esto Dunbar Linscott has a son, John Sylvanus, born July 19.  
Hazel Pierce Hinks has a new son, named for his paternal grandfather.

Vida Redington Volkhardt has a daughter, Vida, born May 21.

## DEATHS

Lida Baldwin Thompson, in San Francisco, July 7th, 1913.

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We went to Berkeley and you must be told,  
How we listened with pleasure to "The Blue and Gold."

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since our last meeting in the CRESCENT, we have all scattered in different directions, to recuperate from the strenuous breaking up of college, of which final examinations are the clouds which threaten to shadow all else. Perhaps this does not apply to the seniors who are exalted by the all important approach of graduation. Here in Berkeley, Senior Week commences directly after the last of the examinations.

Senior Week has perhaps in some respects, at least, a distinct individuality, and differs, in one or two ways from commencement in other colleges. First of all came the Senior Extravaganza, which is always written by a member of the class, and which is produced by most of the members of the class, in the Greek Theatre, one of the characteristic spots on our campus. It holds, as perhaps you know, about eight thousand persons and needless to say its capacity was strained to the utmost the night on which "The Mischief Makers," the title of his extravaganza, was given. On the next day came the class reunion, which was followed by the senior banquet, one for the men and one for the women. On Sunday, the Baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the class in the Greek Theatre by Bishop Hughes. On the next day came the Senior Pilgrimage, one of the most individual of all of the senior week events. On this day, crowds of friends and relatives flocked to see the seniors, as they made their last journey across the campus. The women are always dressed in white and carry white parasols, which are bedecked with ribbons of the class color—which this year was green—and the senior men wear "white ducks," blue coats and straw hats. Two by two the pilgrims started, the women preceding the men. They visited, in turn, each one of the familiar buildings, where they stopped long enough to hear a few words from one of the professors or a member of the class. The procession ended at North Hall, one of our oldest landmarks, where our university

hymn, "All Hail! Blue and Gold," was sung. You can well imagine what a beautiful and impressive picture a class of seven hundred and fifty young people made as they walked together for the last time, beneath the campus oaks. That evening came the senior ball and on Tuesday the Phi Beta Kappa address was given in California Hall. On Wednesday came the commencement exercises proper, in the Greek Theatre, where each graduate was awarded his "sheep skin." Last of all came the alumnae luncheon, the following day, where the new graduates were received into the alumnae body.

But now commencement has long passed by and all the girls have returned from their vacation brimful of stories of their holiday times. This summer we had no house party as the girls are really pretty well scattered for any thing of the sort, and, with the exception of a group whose homes are in and about Berkeley, and another group down in Los Angeles, we do not have much opportunity for meeting during the vacation.

The last two weeks have been taken up almost entirely with rushing, but now college really seems to have started as all the classes are in full swing and regular work has been assigned. Amidst it all, however, lunches, teas and dinners have crowded upon each others heels with almost horrifying rapidity, each occasion bringing several guests. We have been most successful this season we feel and right here I must give you the names of our pledges. They are: Verda Larson, of Porterville; Frances Sweezey, Imra Wann, Cora Keeler, Florence Macauley, of Berkeley; Elizabeth Ruggles, Leslie Underhill, Carlotta Sawyer, of San Francisco. They are all splendid girls, varied in type and each with a positive individuality.

On Friday, the 22nd, we gave a formal dance. It was planned as a "rush stunt," but it turned out to be almost a satisfaction party, as by that time so many of our rushees had become pledges. However, there were a few rushees there, too, and we all had a splendid time.

The next day Mrs. Colby, one of our much-loved alumnae, gave a tea for us at her charming home in Berkeley. Everyone seemed to be there, both active and alumnae, and we spent a most delightful time, talking busily, looking at Rachel's lovely pictures and feasting on delectables.

That same afternoon saw also the freshman-sophomore pushball contest on the football field. This year it was very exciting and highly amusing. The freshmen won both the pushball game and the following tug-of-war which did not delight the sophomores as you may imagine, while the freshmen were simply beside themselves with joy. It was such a ridiculous sight to see that seething mass



of men in clothes of all sorts and descriptions, most of it torn off their backs showing great evidences of the result of bathing suits and summer sports, crowding madly around the huge inflated ball which sometimes seemed to be completely lost in the crowd and at other times bobbed absurdly on a hundred struggling hands. It was the first athletic event of the year and, O, how good it seemed to be back on the bleachers with a crowd of enthusiastic college people and a good sized rooting section! With the first "Oski" of the year one never fails to "get a thrill" for the "Oski" is California's favorite yell and nothing ever seems to take its place. It fires ones enthusiasm and always makes you feel glad that you are back at college again.

And now we all hope that you, too, are glad to be back to the rounds of work and fun and Eta sends her heartiest wishes for your success in this new semester.

#### PERSONALS

Gertrude Comfort, '13, who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Prytanean, returned to college and is taking some graduate work.

Katherine Philleo, '13, has a splendid position as teacher in the gymnasium in Pasadena high school.

Margaret Hodgen, '13, will soon be on her way for a European trip.

Louella Jackson, '13, is back again with us taking some graduate work.

Katherine Morse, who was one of our Easter transfers last year, has returned to her home near Boston.

Gertrude Elliot of the 1913 Christmas class, we regret to say, is unable to return to us this semester on account of illness.

Persis Buell, '16, is staying at the Gamma Phi Beta chapter house in Washington this semester and is attending college there.

Eleanor French, '12, who has recently been in Europe is with us again and has taken up some work in the university.

Dorothy Daniels, '15, who has been absent on account of illness, has returned this semester.

Penelope Murdock, '12, and her mother from Los Angeles, have been recent visitors in Berkeley.

Margaret and Justine Griffith, '09, of Sacramento have been visiting Eta since the opening of college.

Ora Muir Thelan, '12, who was married in May, is now living in Berkeley.

Madge Fulton of Oregon has affiliated with Eta.

Ruth Huntting has come to Eta from Northwestern University.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Winifred Bridge, '14, has announced her engagement to Harry Allen of Belvedere.

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Went we to Stanford with very good will,  
For we wanted to visit the "House on the Hill."

## MU—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY

The end of the college year at Stanford is marked by a series of annual festivities designated by the name of Senior Week, in honor of the graduating class. The situation of our campus is ideal for all manner of out of door entertainment, and the yearly carnival proved to be a great success. Open house is held the length of Fraternity Row and the classes vie with each other in producing various stunts. This year, in accordance with the spirit of the times, the freshman class presented a cabaret show, which, however, was considered by many to be slightly too advanced even for these present very liberal days.

The senior farce was "Seven Sisters", a rollicking comedy trans-presented is one of great activity with improvised barkers for the different stunts, music proceeding from the various houses where dancing is offered, and jolly college crowds thronging the sidewalks bent on making their last few college days merry ones.

The senior farce was Seven Sisters, a rollicking comedy translated from the Hungarian. The alumnae reception also included an impromptu dance which was much enjoyed. Our graduation exercises are held in the morning, and indeed May 19th could not be entirely happy when we realized that some of our sisters were that day to go past the threshold of Stanford and our dear Gamma Phi house, away from us, to take their future places in the world. Our graduating seniors this year were Edith Ireland, Cordelia Smith and Grace Helmick.

The culmination of Senior Week was the ball, held at the Hotel Vendôme in San José. It outrivaled every dance of the college year in beauty and magnitude and was a fitting send-off to the departing graduates.

Mu chapter held their house party this year the first week in August at Avalon, Catalina Island, in Southern California. Ten of the girls were able to be present: Edith Engelhard, '12, Ruth Hutchinson, '12, Edith Ireland, '13, Cordelia Smith, '13, Lois McCoy, '15, Florence Ireland, '15, Helen Batcheller, '14, Edith Hutchinson, '13, Ruth Lorraine, '16, and Jane Smith, '17. Every minute of the time was filled with pleasure; we all enjoyed the swimming, boating,



dancing and the concert held every evening, which is a distinctive Catalina institution.

Our college term opens September 3rd and perhaps the other chapters would be interested in hearing something of our Pan-Hellenic regulations this year. There will be no rushing the first week at all, which is designated for the benefit both of the sorority girls and the incoming freshmen. Then the regular season starts and will extend from the 12th until the middle of October.

We will be extremely glad to welcome and to introduce to you in turn two sisters who will enter the university this fall, Ruth Squire from Palo Alto and Jane Smith from Venice, Cal.

Mu chapter sends greetings to all the other chapters of Gamma Phi Beta and wishes the very best success in every way for the forth-coming college year.

#### MARRIAGES

The marriage of Elizabeth Gladys Allen, ex-'15, to Mr. Milton Levier, ex-'14, took place at Los Gatos, Cal., August 6. Miss Allen while in college was a member of the Women's Economics Club, secretary of the Women's Civic League and a member of the Loan Fund Committee. Mr. Levier was a member of Encius Club. They will make their home at Eureka, Cal.

#### PERSONALS

Ruth Gilbert, '08, is visiting at her home in Palo Alto, Cal. In September she will return to San Diego to resume teaching in the San Diego High School.

Edith Engelhard, '12, will start in October on a three months' tour of the Eastern States.

Ruth Hutchinson, '12, will pursue graduate work in the Los Angeles Normal School this winter.

Hazel Gilbert, '12, has been visiting Mrs. Almon Roth (Mildred Hayes, '12), at her San Francisco residence during the month of August.

Florence Forbes, '09, has been spending the summer at Napa, Cal.

Luella Behrens, '15, sailed from New York in July for a three months' tour of the Continent. She will visit England, Holland, Germany, France and Italy.

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Therefore, dear sisters, we leave thee now,  
On our homeward way we must make our bow.  
Cry mercy of those, who, in their prejudice,  
Would make thee of naught, and seem purposeless!  
Draw together, and work o'er the earth  
For thy safety; make them know thy worth,  
Then truth shall thee deliver; so have no dread!

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## DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house,  
117 Euclid Avenue.
- BETA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house,  
1520 S. University, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 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 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 Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house,  
1018 University Ave., S. E.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, 4524  
17th St., N. E.
- MU meets Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1316 Alder  
Street.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house.
- 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 Col-  
lege Club Rooms—Fine Arts Building, Luncheon at 12:30.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of the  
members.
- DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of mem-  
bers.
- NEW YORK meets October 18, December 6, January 10, February  
12, March 28, for luncheon at 1:00 at the homes of members.  
Banquet in April.
- MINNESOTA meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of mem-  
bers. Banquet in May.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the last Saturday of December and first  
Saturday of March, June and September. Social meetings the  
other months at members' homes.
- MILWAUKEE

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR MAY: *The Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Triangle* of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

FOR JUNE: *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi; *Cross Keys* of Kappa Kappa Kappa; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Beta Sigma Omicron*.

FOR JULY: *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha, *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

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

### RECENT EXPANSION

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Kansas State College.

Delta Gamma—University of Iowa.

Phi Mu—Hanover, Maine, Knox, Ohio State.

Pi Beta Phi—Stetson, Randolph-Macon.

Sigma Kappa—University of Kansas, Jackson College.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Northwestern University, Brenau.

Alpha Omicron Pi—University of Minnesota.

Alpha Chi Omega—Jas. Millikin University.

Kappa Delta—Woman's College of Alabama, University of Cinn.

Delta Zeta—Iowa State University.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—University of Oregon.

Delta Delta Delta—Wesleyan, Stetson, Judson.