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## IMPRESSIONS OF CONVENTION

The splendid response to my appeal for delegates with open minds and with power is certainly appreciated. With our fine representation, had there been more time, I think we could have perfected all our plans for improvement. As it was, our second biennial Convention both socially and from a business point of view was most successful. Every chapter was represented and well represented and each delegate gave and received inspiration and help and went back to her chapter realizing more than ever before that her chapter is a link in the national sorority and that the unity and strength of the whole depends on the unity and strength of each chapter. I am not asked to write about the Convention from the social side but I do want to express here my appreciation of the courtesy of the University in allowing us the use of the beautiful Women's Building for our business meetings and social functions and to the friends of Gamma chapter who in so many ways showed their kind feelings toward Gamma and her guests, and I wish to congratulate Gamma, both active and alumnae, who entertained us so royally.

I can give here only a brief outline of the business.

First—the appointment of a visiting delegate.

Second—the appointment of Mary Whitford, Alpha, as historian.

Miss Whitford is our official authority on all matters pertaining to the history of the sorority and we are fortunate in having one so well qualified.

Third—the appointment of an official custodian of the pin. This appointment was given to Alpha chapter, which appointed Esther Potter. She will attend to pin certificates and all business with jewelers.

Fourth—the appointment of Ruth Guppy, Dean of Women at the University of Oregon to take charge of fraternity examinations. Miss Guppy is a most loyal Gamma Phi and her personal interest in each chapter cannot fail to be helpful.

Fifth—the appointment of a scholarship committee and the raising of the scholarship requirement for initiation.

Sixth—the adoption of the N. P. C. recommendation in regard to High School sororities.

Seventh—Life subscriptions to the CRESCENT were authorized making a fund from which loans to chapters may be had.

Last—Important amendments to the constitution were adopted.

Enthusiasm and good Gamma Phi spirit were everywhere manifest and can but point to a successful new year which we all wish for Gamma Phi Beta.

MARY ENDICOTT SHEPHERD.

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The deepest impression which each Alpha delegate brought back from convention was this: We realized more than ever before how fortunate we were to be Gamma Phis, and what a privilege it was. We have wished over and over again that every member of every chapter might attend convention, because surely the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta which is shown at such a gathering never can be forgotten. Meeting so many splendid people has left an impression on us that may not easily be erased.

The girls of one chapter feel perhaps that they know what Gamma Phi means, but they can never appreciate it fully until they know what it means to every other chapter. At convention, this year, each chapter must have learned something—Alpha surely did. So much is happening in the fraternity world at large, and so little reaches the individual colleges. We received accurate



information from other chapters about the fraternity situation in the different states, facts which before were rather hazy in our minds. The eastern colleges have such different conditions to meet, that until they are brought face to face with them, they can hardly appreciate western difficulties.

The word "National" appeals to us with a new meaning. Before convention the fact that we belonged to the National Sorority of Gamma Phi Beta meant that there were fourteen other chapters that were going about their ways while we went about ours. A visitor from another chapter was a person to be questioned much as to traditions and customs, and the answers of such persons were little understood. Now it means that we are fifteen groups of girls, all working towards the same goal, and the differences brought about by local conditions are forgotten. We realize that there always will be these local differences, but the great fact remains "we're Gamma Phis forever."

As for the activity of our alumnae in the interest of Gamma Phi, all we can say is that we shall strive harder when we think of what these splendid women have done, and how much they have made possible for our various chapters.

We have nothing but the utmost praise for Gamma chapter in the way the convention was managed. We have not yet forgotten our admiration for the system with which everything was arranged.

But we cannot express our impressions in such a short space. Enough to say that we were impressed, and deeply so. Let us tell you of the splendid chance we Alpha delegates had for talking over convention, and really assimilating all we had received. Miss Shepherd, our Grand President, and Miss Sherman, delegate from Boston Alumnae, and we three girls were caught in that devastating storm that raged all over Ohio. We should have arrived in Syracuse Monday morning, November 10, at 7:40. Instead we awoke to find ourselves in the thriving town of Elyria, Ohio; and we also found that we had travelled just ten miles all night! We were fortunate enough to have heat in the car, but there was no diner on the train. Miss Shepherd and Miss Sherman had breakfast in Elyria, because they refused to be scared out by the conductor who came into the restaurant crying out that the

train was to start immediately. It did start—three hours later. The snow was almost up to the car windows, and the telegraph poles all along the way were broken off—splintered in the middle. We took several pictures, showing the train, the snow and most important of all—the people. We had a most interesting experience, and we weren't sorry a bit about being delayed. We felt ourselves lucky to become acquainted with such prominent alumnae, for we certainly had a splendid chance! We reached Syracuse, eighteen hours late, and as it was in the middle of the night, we sleepily and sorrowfully bade goodbye to the last of our convention experiences as the train pulled in.

MAY WILSON LOVELAND (Alpha).

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The delegates and visitors will have told you all about what happened at convention, what busy days those were, what wonderful spirit was shown in meetings, and how many important, new, business measures were adopted, but I want to say just a word for Gamma about our impression of convention.

Those four days, from November 5, to November 9, were the busiest we have ever spent and among the most pleasurable. We like to think of convention as a great, jolly house party of sisters and we are only sorry that it couldn't have lasted longer so that we might have become better acquainted with every girl that was here. We Gamma girls are more than proud that we could act as hostesses during this memorable convention and we want to assure you that however much we looked forward to your coming, we enjoyed your stay more, and we thank you for all that you gave us of increased breadth of outlook, unity and appreciation of Gamma Phi Beta.

HAZEL CALDWELL (Gamma).

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The most remarkable thing about convention was the people one met there. I am sure every delegate must have felt as I did, almost burstingly proud of the sorority, the active girls, and the alumnae—proud to belong to a sorority which could boast such women as Carrie Morgan, Lindsey Barbee, and Lillian Thompson,



and proud that they considered Gamma Phi important enough to warrant leaving their work, and incidentally their salaries, on its behalf.

The next most remarkable thing about convention was its spirit, there was no need for a T. R., everyone was a progressive. And the business accomplished! Think of putting through in three days, with comparatively little discussion, and no ill will, such radical changes as the reorganization of the executive board, a scholarship requirement for membership, National Pan-Hellenic suggestions, life subscriptions for the CRESCENT, and a visiting delegate! If the spirit of this convention is any sign, Gamma Phi is about to take its proper place in the very front of Hellenic organizations, now, watch us expand!

I should like to make a list of "The twenty most remarkable things about convention." Gamma's scheme of entertaining would surely be there, and so would Mrs. Brittingham. It would be a remarkable list!

RACHEL RICE (Delta).

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I can think of no place where so much true enthusiasm and loyalty for Gamma Phi Beta is felt as at convention. That was the first thing which impressed me when I met so many Gamma Phis on the train at Chicago. Every place I went while at Madison, that one thing stood out above everything else. How wonderful it was to have so many older women with us and to see their devotion to our sorority!

That which is preëminent in my memory of the business sessions is the faithfulness of the national officers. Never had I realized how much work must be done by those women whose names had long been so familiar. I realized for the first time what their devotion and loyalty means to the sorority.

Then the congeniality of many girls, coming from colleges in very different parts of the country could not but make a deep impression. The Gamma Phis at convention all seemed to be of the same womanly type, all striving with the same ideals for the same noble ends. The real purposes and aims of Gamma Phi Beta were more real to me than they had ever been before. While we

are in college, our time is so very much in demand that we are in danger of unconsciously losing sight of our true ideals, and especially is this so in regard to the sorority.

The real "good time" we had at Madison convention can never be forgotten.

ALEDA HIER (Zeta).

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Impressions of Convention! If only every Gamma Phi could have been there to have experienced it, to have lived it! It is hard to analyse the total feeling and to pick out just what was uppermost during the week—it is all so overwhelming—all so like a dream.

A little girl started out to her first party in a strange city, a little fearful, she knew not why. She wondered just what it would all be like and what would happen. But when the party really assembled everyone seemed to know everyone else and nothing seemed the least bit strange. Then everybody started in to have good times, and such good times!

Then came business and the little girl woke up and realized that all these people with whom she had been playing were wonderful, capable women, alive to their responsibilities and trying to fulfill what was required of them. The order, the efficiency, the strong, sound judgment which prevailed throughout, struck one forcefully; seeing women—women of the highest ideal—stand there actively interested in Gamma Phi, made one feel with renewed and increased vigor that Gamma Phi surely stands for something very lasting. I came away with a bigger, deeper, more profound love for the sisterhood. It added something which stirred the Gamma Phi elements in the soul, for a while burning up everything else, and it can never be lost. It brought out clearly that Gamma Phi Beta bonds and ideals are not something transient to live up to for a few years—they are a trust for life.

GENEVIEVE ATKINSON (Eta).

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My impressions of convention were so numerous that they seem like one great round of rejoicing. I realize now, the bigness and



far reaching extent of our organization, of which, before convention I had no conception.

One thing that impressed me most, was meeting the Gamma Phi girls from the four corners of this great country of ours, and after knowing them I began to realize that wherever we travel in this land, and meet a new sister, our bond of good fellowship reveals itself.

Another great thing was having the privilege of seeing the business of convention in full swing, under the guidance of our great national officers. We owe these noble women a debt, and we can pay this debt, by each chapter giving her heartiest coöperation.

The good received from such a gathering is more than I can express, and I will always look back upon it as one of the greatest experiences of my life.

FRANCES HOOP (Theta).

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Before going to Madison, we girls used to sit together before the fire-place at the house and wonder about convention. We were all so excited at the thought of it and so anxious to see many Gamma Phis together, especially since we had never before attended a convention and knew only our own active and alumnæ chapters. In our prettiest dreams, however, I do not believe that we ever came up to the full glory of it all. When we saw so many lovely girls and women together at business sessions, and at the various social functions and felt that we were all striving for the betterment of our sorority, it was a mighty big fact in the lives of us Kappa girls. One thing that impressed us more than anything else, perhaps, was the sight of the older Gamma Phis, who had experienced the joys of the sorority for so long, and who were still so happy in the bond of sisterhood. There was a superb spirit of good fellowship and love at convention that sent us home full of ideas for binding our own chapter into even a closer unit than it has been.

We hope that Kappa may hold convention in its fine, new house before many crescent moons, and most of all we hope that when our time comes, we may conduct it as wonderfully as did the



First row, left to right—Rachel Rice, Delta; Mildred Fish, Ruth Gregory and Mary Loveland, Alpha.  
 Second row—Mary Endicott Shepherd; Marguerite Allen, Xi; Dorette Jones, Mu.  
 Bottom row—Margaret Menzel; Enid Wilcox and Gertrude Hagy, Kappa.



Gamma girls. Kappa wishes to tell everyone of you how glad she is that she is a chapter of Gamma Phi, and how hard she intends to strive for improvement. From henceforth our motto shall be labor and love more than it was before.

*Kappa Delegates.*

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Impressions of convention! Where shall I begin or end such an article? Of course I might start with a string of college girls' appropriate adjectives, to be followed by the word "convention", conclude by saying that I can now scarcely realize that it was not a dream—and hope that you would all know the Stanford delegate's impressions from such an article. Far be it from me to attempt such. Rather, may I make mine in the singular, and call it merely an impression of convention.

As long as memory will permit, shall I cherish the picture of the older women, who attended our sorority convention. The interest, eagerness, and zeal with which they set out to accomplish the very best results for the organization, was an inspiration to every younger Gamma Phi there. Would that the person who said a college fraternity was *nil* after its members left college, might have had the chance to peep into one of those business sessions in Lathrop Hall. To think that these busy women were willing to leave their professions, families, or business and travel hundreds of miles to be present at a convention! Whatever problem came up, whatever situation needed management, the older women were always to the front with a guiding hand and a bit of heedful advice. The whole responsibility of the management of our organization is shouldered by them, they are the ones who continually strive to find out what others are doing in an effort to better Gamma Phi's position. If I were to be permitted to bring only one impression back to my chapter from convention, it would be of the example which the older women set us. Yes, Syracuse Alumnae, "Grandmothers!" and we want them all at the next convention in 1915, with Mu chapter on the Stanford farm.

DORETTE JONES (Mu).

One word characterizes our impression of the recent convention at Madison—Success! Success from both a business and social viewpoint. Vital matters were discussed and settled; new friends were made; our national officers and other members of whom we had heard became realities to us. From the banquet alone we gained inspirations worth while both for ourselves and for our



Ruth Beach and Florence Kendall, Nu

chapter. We will always remember the convention at Madison, in 1913 as an important landmark of our college years, and we only hope that every loyal Gamma Phi Beta will some time during her life have the opportunity of attending a convention.

RUTH BEACH AND FLORENCE KENDALL (Nu).

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The thirty-seventh convention of Gamma Phi Beta is now an event of the past. But what a very vivid memory it is to everyone so fortunate as to have been there. Realization surpassed expectation in every detail. The Gamma girls proved perfect hostesses and



nothing was omitted which could have added in any way to the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

And what splendid new ideals we all carried away with us. Each girl could not but realize more than ever what a wonderful influence our sorority is. If we had never known before the spirit of Gamma Phi, we would have learned it at convention, where every hour gave fresh proof of the sweetness and strength of our sisterhood.

Here were assembled the delegates from all parts of the country, each more or less typical of the group of girls who had chosen her for the representative, and each representing the spirit and character of the chapter from which she came. But there was something which drew us all unconsciously together—the bond of Gamma Phi Beta.

It was just this bond which caused everyone, in a true-hearted way, to lay aside petty, personal prejudices and ideas, and to work for the good of the whole organization, in order that Gamma Phi might maintain her honored place and live up to the high ideals for which she stands. It was this ever-increasing spirit of generosity which pervaded the convention and drew the chapters into a closer union.

Unity was the key-note of the convention. Each individual member and the organization, as a whole, showed a loyal but progressive spirit which could not fail to strengthen the sorority and to instill in its members the conviction that Gamma Phi Beta must realize the best in the lives of each and every member.

May the spirit of convention always linger with us and the ever-deepening thankfulness that we have the privilege of belonging to Gamma Phi Beta.

MARGUERITE ALLEN (Xi).

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When the Northwestern train started from the Chicago station, on November 5, I received my first impression of convention. A hasty glance over the coach revealed a host of happy, excited girls, all chattering busily and laughing gaily. And it was not long until the Omicron girls were rooted out of their corner and

warmly welcomed by their big sisters. From that time, life was one continual bustle and hurry. In fact, we hardly had time to lay aside the staid and thoughtful air of business discussions, before we must assume our gala attire for reception or dance.

But in the light of reflection there are many outstanding impressions of convention which can never pass away. The dignity of the business sessions, the strong emphasis put on high ideals and standards, the inspiration from mingling with great personalities are some of the rare gifts of convention. But it was the closing feature of convention that made the deepest impression. No one can fail to have caught the beautiful spirit of sisterhood, so conspicuous at the banquet. It was indeed a time of enrichment, when songs and toasts drew us all closer together while each pledged anew her loyalty to the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta.

LILLIAN W. SAVAGE (Omicron).

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As to impressions—I hardly know what to say for my memories are all so pleasant. Socially, it was a beautiful affair—and so well managed and all seemed to have such an enjoyable time. The Gamma girls deserve a great deal of credit for the smooth way in which everything passed off.

As for the business part of convention, we think, considering so many minds—so many different views—so many to please, that it went through very satisfactorily. We are progressive, all are trying to do what is best for our dear Gamma Phi—and we did not let any personal feeling enter into it at all.

FLORENCE M. BAKER (Syracuse).

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I think the thing that impressed me most strongly was the spirit of coöperation that prevailed everywhere, at all times, and especially at the business meetings, when each one seemed anxious to put aside all selfish ideas and to unite with the others for the best good of Gamma Phi Beta.

I wish that many from each chapter might attend every convention, and catch the spirit of unity; come to feel that each in-



dividual is an important part of the whole and not merely a member of one isolated section.

It is certainly a great inspiration to meet with Gamma Phis from all parts of the country and come to know the splendid women who are our sorority sisters.

FLORENCE L. SHERMAN (Boston).

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There was in this convention, a sense of breathless interest, of crises met and faced, of tension pulled to snapping point; of a mighty clash of the new spirit of progress with the old spirit of tradition; of a grim determination to force now to an issue, the questions so long hanging fire, and settle them once for all. Yet never in all that week did I hear an unkind, unsisterly, uncharitable word said on the floor of convention.

To me, that is the most hopeful sign for the future, that I have seen. That the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta is so real and true a thing, the sweetness of it so deeply rooted in the sisterhood, that a battle may be fought, a revolution accomplished, a cherished tradition offered up on the Altar of Common Good, and yet nothing done or said, but in love and sisterly feeling and unselfish effort for the sorority—that is truly an achievement. Gamma Phi Beta may be slow in growth, a little old-fashioned in the way she has faced the new problems of the day, a little lacking in flexibility and facility—even much lacking in all of these things. Yet one thing she has, a true sisterhood, and that one thing is the most vital possession of all. With a firm belief in the sincerity and good faith of one another, a true love for Gamma Phi Beta, we can pull together in one mighty tug and get our beloved sorority moving along the high road with the best of them.

GERTRUDE HULSE BEAKES (New York).

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To me, the banquet was the best thing about the convention. The very sight of the 168 Gamma Phis gathered at the long tables was so beautiful and inspiring that I just kept wishing every girl, active or alumna, could have seen it. And when I realized the large number which the girls present represented, and how we were all bound together by common aims in one great organi-

zation, it certainly made me proud of my sorority. There was an idea of "oneness," of "coöperation," that everyone carried away with her. It seemed to be the key-note of the convention. The very air seemed charged with enthusiasm and energy and I know that even I—an alumna, four years standing—with a perfectly good husband and baby, came home so filled with the spirit of the convention that I have had a hard time working it off on my innocent family.

The four days in Madison were simply fine, and I feel that we cannot give too much credit or praise to the girls who entertained us so hospitably. It seemed to me the convention was epoch-making and I am looking for great results from all the new measures and ideas introduced.

One of my greatest pleasures was meeting all the Gamma Phi "celebrities" of whom I have heard so much. I have had a great curiosity concerning the CRESCENT editor and fell completely under the sway of her charming personality as is seen by my meekly writing these "impressions." I had met Miss Morgan before and had been so impressed by her that I eagerly championed the cause of life subscriptions for the CRESCENT, as the delegates will doubtless remember. Miss Morgan, however, seemed to be very pleased with the fine beginning we made. Then it was such a treat to meet Eleanor Sheldon—to hear Miss Thompson tell of Pan-Hellenic—to visit with Miss Beulah Houston and become acquainted with Miss Stone's gracious personality. The ovation Miss Shepherd received on her re-election to office must have assured her of her place in our affections.

All the delegates were splendid girls and entered into affairs with that air of good comradeship which to me, is one of the biggest proofs of the right sorority spirit. We all had such a fine time at the house and more than enjoyed the intimate little after-sessions piled ten deep on the beds, talking things over. I enjoyed my room-mate, Katharine Silversen of the Minneapolis Alumnae, very much and left the convention feeling sure of the fact that I had made many new friends, all of them, girls worth knowing and calling friends.

ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER (Milwaukee).



Seven is the perfect number, we're told; shall I endeavor to tabulate my seven "big" impressions of convention?" The result might read as follows:

- (1) The emancipation from ultra-conservatism.
- (2) The realization of the duties of the present.
- (3) The definite plan for future activity and future progress.
- (4) The wonderful spirit of nationalism.
- (5) The perfect accord in thought and deed.
- (6) The splendid women who wear the crescent pin.
- (7) Gamma chapter!

LINDSEY BARBEE (Denver).

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That we were all Gamma Phis together standing for the same ideals and working for the same ends was the impetus which moved us forward and inspired us to make this, our thirty-seventh convention or our second biennial convention, one of lasting importance.

The first evening spent in Gamma's attractive chapter house made us friends in more than name. An added feeling of loyalty, a sort of glow sped over us—much of love, much of friendship and much of pride, to think that each and every one of this splendid group formed a part of our great bond of sisterhood.

We were all there for one purpose; every delegate entered into the spirit of convention, willing to concede and anxious to do all that was best for our national growth. An epoch-making convention it was. Never again can we hear it rumored, "Conventions are merely social."

Our admiration for the members of Gamma chapter has now reached such a point that we can only sit and wonder at their ability. The management of convention was a continued source of amazement. Two hundred Gamma Phi Betas were as easily entertained as though a chapter of that size was a regular thing. The wonderful fairy godmother, who in Gamma's privilege, is also one whom we learned to know and to admire.

KATHERINE TANEY SILVERSON (Minneapolis).

"Thou shall see greater things than these."

*John 1:50.*

The abiding impression of our epoch-making convention is, "Greater Things Ahead for Gamma Phi." There was the witnessing of a tremendous impulse toward greater democracy. There was a spiritual awakening when it was so often demonstrated that an individual chapter was eager to forego its own selfish interest in order to best serve the common interest. I believe in the human capacity for response to an ideal, and it is conclusively shown, that the ideal of Gamma Phi is service.

MABELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS (Detroit).

## CONVENTION ROLL

### DELEGATES

*Alpha*—May Loveland, Mildred Fish, Ruth Gregory.

*Beta*—Marjorie Walker, Wanda Seemann, Helen Tuthill.

*Gamma*—Beula Heddles, Hildegard Hagerman, Hazel Caldwell.

*Delta*—Rachel Rice.

*Epsilon*—Klea Cozzens, Joyce Farr, Jessie Vawter.

*Zeta*—Aleda Hier.

*Eta*—Genevieve Atkinson.

*Theta*—Frances Hoop, Amy Speers.

*Iota*—Alice Malleson, Aurill Bishop.

*Kappa*—Gertrude Hagy, Enid Wilcox, Katherine Sullivan.

*Lambda*—Leah Miller.

*Mu*—Dorette Jones.

*Nu*—Florence Kendall, Ruth Beach.

*Xi*—Marguerite Allen.

*Omicron*—Lillian Savage.

*Syracuse*—Florence Palmer Baker (Mrs. S. D.), Harriet Budd Wadleigh (Mrs. L. O.), Mabel E. Stone.

*Boston*—Florence L. Sherman.

*New York*—Gertrude Hulse Beakes (Mrs. C. J.).

*Milwaukee*—Lucy Churchill Baldwin (Mrs. F. S.), Allison More Kieckhefer (Mrs. A. J.).



*San Francisco*—Marie Derge.

*Denver*—Lindsey Barbee.

*Minneapolis*—Katherine Taney Silversen (Mrs. C.), Margaret Menzel, Ellen Brooks.

*Chicago*—Beulah Houston, Honta Smalley Bredin (Mrs. E. A.), Lillian Thompson.

*Detroit*—Isadore Thompson Scott (Mrs. F. N.), Winifred Morse Kinne (Mrs. E. D.), Mabelle Leonard Douglas (Mrs. H. W.).

#### GUESTS

*Beta*—Vivienne Kerr, Pauline Kleinstück, Marion Scott, Fanny Hogan.

*Epsilon*—Ruth Eastman, Ella LaMont Dodge (Mrs. L. W.), Ellen Pollock, Mary Richardson, Harriet Sluss, Helen Green, Katherine Lewis, Helen Clark, Ethel Anderson, Ruby Walton, Margaret Solomon, Florence Hildebrand, Margaret Robinson, Camilla Crane, Louisa Wheeler.

*Theta*—Blanche Champlin.

*Kappa*—Mary Fitzsimmons, Louise McGilvra, Eleanor Sheldon.

*Xi*—Helen Coe.

*Minneapolis*—Eunice McGilvra, Katherine Whitney, Cora Taney, Eva Wilkinson, Marion Jones, Helen Little, Louise Jones Crooker (Mrs. E. H.), Blanche Hitchcock, Helen Hitchcock.

*Chicago*—Alice Hosmer Preble (Mrs. R. B.), Alice Smalley McKinney (Mrs. Hayes).

*Detroit*—Frieda Haller, Melinda Kinyon.

*Gamma Alumnae*—Lilian Johnson Thorson (Mrs. I. A.), Hattie Johnson, Hilda Johnson, Ella K. Smith, Ruth Allen, Mary Allen, Ethel Dow Anderson (Mrs. E. S.), Helen Baker Cady (Mrs. S. H.), Gertrude Barron Harrison (Mrs. H. H.), Edith Brooke, Nell Bundy, Laura Case Sherry (Mrs. E. P.), Elsa Castendyck, Marie Chamberlain, Annie Chapman, Ruth Cotton, Marion Deming, Lina Duffy, Nellie Etter Royce (Mrs. A. M.), Belle Fleck, Florence Gosselin, Ada Grandy, Helen Harrison Kerr (Mrs. H. H.), Abby Higgins, Lenore Honan Williams (Mrs. M. L.), Hazel Hauser, Bernice Hunter Hoffman (Mrs. E. W.), Florence Kaestner Wheeler (Mrs. J. H.), Clara Kemler Smith (Mrs. W. N.), Eurette Kim-

ball Davis (Mrs. R. E.), Mary Knox Kreutzer (Mrs. A. L.), Zerlena Knox Winton (Mrs. W. C.), Mary Laffin Jones (Mrs. E. D.), Marie Leavens, Harriet Ludlow, Anne D. Martin, Kathryn Mathewson Moss (Mrs. M. C.), Agnes McDonnell, Grace McDonnell Ground (Mrs. H. T.), Bess McNancy Peterson (Mrs. F. B.), Portia Miars, Nelle Miller, Carrie E. Morgan, Bess Newell, Lorine Pollock, Julia Richardson McLenegan (Mrs. H. R.), Alice Ringling Coeper (Mrs. R.), Mattie Ringling, Gertrude Ross, Kathryn Ryan, Margaret Ryan, Helen Schofield, Jeanette Scott Reedal (Mrs. G. B.), Florence Sayle, Marion Spencer, Cora Thompson, Dorothy Vorse, Mabel Walker Tallman (Mrs. S.), Irene Wilson, Mary Clark Brittingham (Mrs. T. E.), Ethel Houser Jackman (Mrs. R. W.), Ella Davis Goodyear (Mrs. Chas.), Ada Sumner Moseley (Mrs. H. S.), Ina Judge Hanks (Mrs. S. C.), Effie White Walt (Mrs. H. A.), Jennie Davis Lucas (Mrs. F.), Dorothy Barnes, Beatrice Barnes, Lela Dow, Anne Kellogg, Mary Ives, Hazel Driver, Amelia Pyre, Florence Stott Sullivan (Mrs. A. G.).

*Active Gamma Chapter*—Dorothy Bannon, Fayne Barnes, Marie Bird, Mary Boorse, Harriette Brown, Isabelle Brownell, Grace Burgard, Edna Cantril, Hazel Caldwell, Winifred Douglas, Edyth Fletcher, Ethel Garbutt, Hildegard Hagerman, Hermina Haller, Helen Harrison, Beula Heddles, Harriette Hunt, Temple Irwin, Anne Jones, Frances Lauder, Cornelia Matthews, Myrtle Milner, Grace Mitchell, Kathryn Mount, Helen Aurland, Adelaide Rawson, Ernestine Spencer, Jessie Sumner, Genevieve Stump.



## THE SOCIAL SIDE OF CONVENTION

## THE STUNT PARTY

"Dear me!" said the Alumna as she laid her weary head upon the pillow, "I shall see moving pictures all night, be visited by the terrifying whale and wake in a perfect frenzy for fear that my left ear shows!"

Which—being interpreted, means that the stunts at the chapter house had a most tremendous effect and that we sought our downy couches fully convinced that all Gamma Phis are the cleverest mortals in the universe. Did we sigh for dramatic climaxes? We received them in maximum degree. Did we crave musical inspiration? Lo—Paderewski himself was with us. Did we long for the movies? We got them—even to the accompaniment of appropriate music. While as a prelude to all this hilarity came a delightful buffet supper where—*à la cafeteria*—we were armed with plates, cups, knives, forks and spoons and went blithely from one fair Gamma maid to another, receiving in addition to their pleasant words of greeting, substantial and material gifts of salad, coffee and the like. Scattered throughout the spacious rooms we renewed old friendships, made new acquaintances and imbibed such quantities of Gamma Phi spirit that, long before Daisy Stott Sullivan—manager of the vaudeville performance—called us to order, we were hopelessly intoxicated with the joy of it all. The stunts were given at one end of the large living room where a conventional door into a back hall offered an effective stage entrance.

*Gamma*

Gamma "led off" with a skit written by one of the *alumnæ*, which offered every opportunity for the display of histrionic ability. The work of the leading lady—a typical modern shop-girl—was a classic in its line and we punctuated her slang with howls of appreciation, especially when she paused in her oratory to remark to her imaginary companion, in a half-bored, half-apologetic tone, "Mame, your left ear shows." The cunning boy with the adorable, big eyes, the blasé English dude, the ranting suffragettes were received with clamorous applause and the cast made its final bow amid scenes of wildest enthusiasm.

*Alpha*

Alpha promised a song—a very decorous, quite-as-it-should-be song, it sounded, though we wondered why the delegation insisted on hiding itself behind a screen. Soon we discovered—for the melody was a swing song—and up from behind bobbed the heads of the three maidens as they, seemingly, rose through the air. A moment more and the most impressive of feet clad in audible hose and marvelous shoes took the place of the aforesaid heads. First one—then the other—and as a dramatic finish Cinderella recklessly cast her shoe into the audience as she took her last flight through the air. Whether the Prince found it or not is another story.

*Beta*

Beta chapter indulges in a mystic rite peculiar to its own circle—that of the initiation of a Gamma Phi brother. Whether the Ann Arborites yielded to the persuasions of their less fortunate sisters who begged for a direct revelation of the ceremony or whether they desired to offset the charge of secrecy so often made in these turbulent times by complete disclosure is a matter of conjecture. The candidate for initiation wearing a huge  $\Delta K E$  pin (and why he wore this particular combination of Greek letters is also another story) humbly took his vows of a stern, presiding officer and then greeted the sisters with the regulation grip which—to be quite frank—was a trifle more than brotherly.

*Delta*

Delta contributed a clever little parody of "The Raven" and gave us another opportunity to boast of Boston brains!

*Epsilon*

The Pail Moon heralded the approach of Epsilon's demonstration which took the guise of a "movie" with the most fascinating and alliterative placards to announce the events and which was managed by a blue-coated, soldier-capped laddie (?). The heroine in a striped and effective blazer, successfully repelled the advances of the villain, tenaciously attached herself to the hero and was borne triumphantly from the scene just as the villain sank helplessly into the lake which happened to be "Gamma's polished floor." With



imagination strained to the bursting point, we heard him splash—and the orchestra played a weird, wild dirge!

### *Eta and San Francisco*

Eta and San Francisco Alumnæ united in an elocutionary duet, the remembrance of which delights us even now. Breathlessly we followed the adventures of that whale and enjoyed every movement, every motion that accompanied the rollicking words. Attention—each chapter! If you wish to make a hit in rushing season, send for this particular “stunt”—although, if you haven’t seen the fascinating gestures, you’ve missed more than can be intimated.

### *Theta*

One of the Theta girls did all the talking—the other looked sweet and smiling as a well-behaved rushee should. (Even if the “stunters” had not been announced as belonging to the Denver chapter, their identity would have been discovered, for was not there continual reference to the Lodge? And Theta will talk about the Lodge, you know, even at the risk of boring her listeners!) The rushee smilingly accepted the tea, graciously beamed upon the adorers and when her vivacious companion paused for breath, threw open her coat and displayed—the pledge-pin of another sorority! With one accord we dubbed this—Tragedy!

### *Kappa*

Kappa also gave us a play without words and portrayed the struggle of an “innocent freshman” on the campus with eager sororities to the right, to the left, and in front of her. The artistic way in which the Gamma Phi automobile rolled in at the crucial moment and bore away the Desired One will long be remembered—and the automobile itself was a work of art.

### *Lambda*

Was it Paderewski himself with the fuzzy, football hair, the far-away smile and the evident temperament that was before us? Nay—only Lambda who gave us the cleverest kind of an impersonation. Only one fault could be found—Paderewski didn’t play and what’s more didn’t sing; and had we known *then* just what kind of a voice Paderewski possessed, we should have insisted.

*Nu*

Nu, in bewitching nighties and caps recited in unison a little poem about growing up. Nu *is* young—but we found out in convention that she is wise, for the ideas that she advanced were truly worth while.

*Omicron*

Omicron was hero, villain and maiden fair, all rolled into one, and the deft way in which she adorned her head with the proper hat was fascinating. The plaintive voice of the maid, the gruff bravado of the villain and the calm insouciance of the gentleman who wore the other hat was delicious; and we rolled in merriment at the climax of "mint spy," savoring as it did of Thanksgiving.

*Syracuse*

Most of the alumnæ, it seemed, had no parlor tricks—they preferred to sit back and listen. However, Syracuse proved up to date and answered roll call with a stirring yell which would have done duty on a football field and which ended with a stentorian "Grandmothers!"

*Chicago*

Chicago alumnæ furnished a vocal solo and did it so well that an encore followed.

*Denver*

And Denver alumnæ, represented by the ever-pestering editor,  
 "Dipt into the future far as human eye could see

Read a CRESCENT, overflowing with the wonders that would be."

And thus the stunt party came to an end! With merry jests and gay goodnights we parted—happy in the thought that we would meet again on the morrow and that there were three more days of comradeship!

## THE LUNCHEON

Beautiful and spacious rooms, many windows that looked out upon the lights and shadows of Lake Mendota, flowers in rich and glowing tints, the daintiest of luncheons, the most gracious and thoughtful of hostesses—what more did we need to make this first day of convention a memorable one? Eighty-four guests enjoyed



Mrs. Brittingham's hospitality and were seated at small tables in the music room and the living room and at one large table in the dining room.

#### THE RECEPTION

Lathrop Hall is for the college women. 'Tis said that the legislature made the appropriation under the delusion that the proposed building would be a place in which the aforesaid college women could be housed and fed; when the present magnificent structure was evolved there was the traditional weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. Between business sessions we peeped at the mammoth swimming pool, the complete domestic science apparatus, the splendid gymnasium—and it was in the reception room of this marvelous place that we made our bow to Madison society. Townspeople, faculty, sorority and fraternity members to the number of five hundred were bidden to meet us—and most of us had the pleasant experience of finding somebody who knew somebody we knew and the pleasanter experience of making new and delightful acquaintances. Masses of American beauties and of chrysanthemums adorned the room; an orchestra gave us beautiful music throughout the evening and in the receiving line were Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, Mrs. Lois K. Mathews, Dean of Women, Miss Beula Heddles of the active chapter, Mrs. Mayers, the house chaperone, and Miss Shepherd, the national president.

#### THE DINNER

Have you ever been in the Gamma Phi chapter house? Then you remember the long living room with its large fireplace, its soft cushioned window seats and its pretty draperies, the little reception room all in rose color and the splendid big dining-room with its mission furnishings. You may imagine, too, how attractive it all was with its long tables and its small tables—all with soft, shaded lights and masses of pink and white roses. But, prettier than the roses were the girls—for their eyes were shining with excitement. They wore their daintiest frocks and they were radiating with that intangible something that we call Gamma Phi spirit! Between courses of the beautifully served dinner, all kinds of Gamma Phi songs echoed and re-echoed and at the end of all the fun a very

happy crowd of Gamma Phis rolled away to the gayeties of the dance that was to follow.

### THE DANCE

Daisy Stott Sullivan is a little lady that reminds one of a Dresden figure, so dainty and sweet is she—and to her marvelous executive ability is due the success of the dance which was held in the gymnasium and the adjoining concert room of Lathrop Hall. Imagine anyone attempting to provide each delegate with a partner for each and every dance; yet it was done and when the guest opened the attractive little cardcase of soft leather in Gamma Phi colors, she found the enclosed program already filled. Eleven boxes, divided by green and white satin ribbons, named for various combinations of chapters, were presided over by Gamma members who introduced the delegates to their partners; alumnae of Gamma chapter had their own box and the gallery was reserved for spectators. The rooms were decorated with palms, chrysanthemums and roses; refreshments were served in the cafeteria room of the building and the following acted as chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jackman, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Sullivan and Mrs. Mayers.

### THE BANQUET.

The banquet is now only a memory of bright lights, fragrant flowers and many faces but the inspiration of that night will ever be with us. Perhaps, here, more than at any other event, we realized the *nationalism* of the order, and felt the invisible, yet invincible tie that unites us from the blue Atlantic to the broad Pacific. There was not one of us who did not wish that every Gamma Phi in the country might see that happy group of the best and most representative of American womanhood, might feel the enthusiasm of it all, might share the spirit of love and loyalty. It was a wonderful sight—a wonderful time—and a fitting end to the four days of pleasant comradeship in which we had strengthened old ties and assumed new responsibilities! during which we had been bound together by this strange intangible thing which we called the bond of Gamma Phi.



Killarney roses marked each place and adorned the many long tables; cards with Gamma Phi Beta in dainty gold letters from top to bottom of the left hand corner bore our names—and the beautiful toast programs, all in double brown and bearing our flowers and our monogram in most artistic form, called forth instant admiration. The menu was delicious, we sang to our hearts' content, we delighted in calling upon the different delegations to rise, and we thoroughly enjoyed the after-dinner speeches that followed. Mary Laffin Jones of Milwaukee Alumnæ, made the wittiest of toastmistresses and her clever stories kept the audience in much merriment. The following program of toasts was given:

*Toastmistress*—Mary Laffin Jones, Milwaukee Alumnæ.

*Song*—Full Rounds of Praise

THE GIRL OF 1874 ..... The Founding of Gamma Phi Beta

Florence Palmer Baker, Alpha

*"And thus a noble scheme*

*Grew up from seed we four long years had sown."*

*Song*—Fidelity

THE GIRL OF 1884 ..... Early College Days

Rachel Caroline Rice, Delta

*"Knowledge is now no more a fountain sealed."*

*Song*—Old Gamma Phi

THE GIRL OF 1894 ..... The Intellectual Phase

Marjorie L. Walker, Beta

*"The waking eye, the prying mind,*

*A hawk's keen sight you cannot blind."*

*Song*—Our Goal

THE GIRL OF 1904 ..... Awakening Interest in Civic Activity

Genevieve Atkinson, Eta

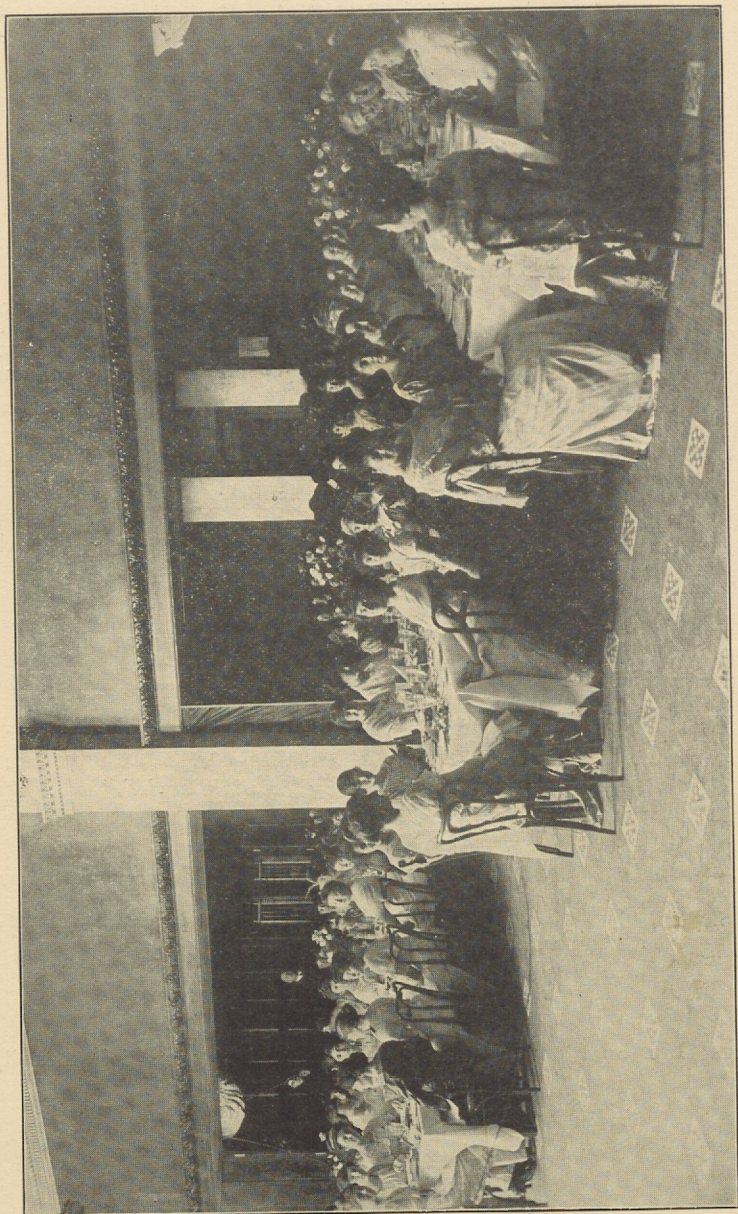
*"Alas," I cried, "It was not long ago*

*You swore this very social rose smelt ill."*

*Song*—Singing Tonight

THE GIRL OF TODAY .. Participation in Social Betterment Interests

Lillian W. Savage, Omicron



AT THE BANQUET



*"Human, vital, functuous rose  
Whose calyx holds the multitude of leaves,  
Loves filial, loves fraternal, neighbor loves  
And civic—all fair, all good scents, petals  
All reddened, sweetened from one central heart."*

Song—Gamma Phi Beta

THE GIRL OF THE FUTURE .....The Ideal Gamma Phi

Lindsey Barbee, Denver Alumnæ

Editor of the CRESCENT.

*"A perfect woman, nobly planned  
Born to comfort and command."*

Song—Gamma Phi Pin

Song—Devotion

The following menu was served:

*Blue Points*

Radishes

Olives

*Consommé Royal*

Celery

Hard Rolls

*Filet of Flounder Hollandaise*

Brown Bread

Julienne Potatoes

Cucumbers

*Filet Mignon Bordelaise*

Grilled Sweet Potatoes

Stuffed Peppers

Head Lettuce

*Thousand Isle Dressing*

Cheese Wafers

Gamma Phi Beta Ice Cream

Cake

Cream Cheese and Crackers

*Demi Tasse*

## ECHOES OF CONVENTION

HEARD ON THE TRAIN FROM CHICAGO TO MADISON.

"You haven't changed a bit!"

"I'm *so* glad to meet you—I've heard so much about you!"

"Heavens—where's my trunk check?"

"Isn't this glorious? A car with nobody but Gamma Phis!"

"Let's have another song!"

"*You* have a toast—I know by your expression."

"This stunt business worries me!"

"Aren't we the best looking bunch?"

"Doesn't it all seem like a dream?"

"I know those Madison girls are on the *qui vive*!"

"How does your chapter feel about *this*?"

"Will you write your name and chapter here?"

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It has been predicted that the University of Wisconsin will become the greatest educational institution in our country, and this statement seems more than possible when one looks at the wonderful buildings and the crowded campus, and experiences the progressive and democratic spirit of the place. We wish that we had space, time and—incidentally—money to reproduce the campus as we saw it during convention week, and to give you a peep at the beautiful exteriors and interiors of the imposing structures; but words—feeble as they are—must be the only pictures, and we add in self-defense, "It must be seen to be appreciated."

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Mary Clark Brittingham is the fairy godmother of Gamma chapter, the loyal friend of every Gamma Phi, and—without doubt, the most delightful of hostesses. For many years her beautiful home has been the center of Gamma Phi activities and ever since her marriage, she has delighted in the custom of holding Gamma Phi reunions for those who were with her in college. The fortunate members of her convention "house party" enjoyed to the fullest, the charming, informal atmosphere of this hospitable household and carried away with them a lasting memory of good times



and happy comradeship. Mrs. Brittingham's guests were Mrs. H. H. Harrison, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; Mrs. F. S. Baldwin, of West Allis, Wisconsin; Mrs. W. C. Winton, of Duluth, Minnesota; Mrs. C. J. Beakes, of White Plains, New York; Miss Lillian Thompson, of Chicago; Miss Carrie E. Morgan, of Appleton, Wisconsin; Miss Mary Shepherd, of Lynn, Massachusetts; Miss Florence Sherman, of Stoneham, Massachusetts; and Miss Lindsey Barbee, of Denver, Colorado.

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"Well, this is some teachers' union!" was the remark of a depot official as the occupants of the special car from Chicago swarmed out on the platform!

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These were the souvenirs of convention—

A little badge of double brown, bearing the wearer's name and chapter and serving to introduce her.

Place cards with Gamma Phi Beta in gold, extending the short way of the card in the left hand corner.

Dance programs inside a dainty card-case of tan leather, lined with dark brown silk, and bordered with a stripe of dark brown, having the Greek letters in the center, outlined and stamped in gold.

A toast program in soft browns, the front page bearing the carnation, the emblem of the pin and the words "Convention Banquet" and back page having "November Eighth, Nineteen-Thirteen, Madison, Wisconsin"; while within, in addition to the menu and the list of toasts, the songs named upon the program were printed.

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The untiring patience and sweetness of our presiding officer, Harriet Hunt, as well as her ability in parliamentary lines, and the efficient work of the convention secretary, Grace Burgard, are pleasant memories of the business sessions.

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Convention had a real engagement over which to wax enthusiastic. That of Harriet Ludlow (Gamma '06), to Mr. Harold Lozier, Beta Theta Pi, of Chicago. Of course it wasn't exactly a sur-

prise, for the Beta pin prepared us for the announcement; nevertheless it was a convention engagement and as such, holds its own place in our program of events. Mr. Lozier is a prominent member of his fraternity, and Miss Ludlow—the most loyal and enthusiastic of Gamma Phis—is not only greatly beloved in her own chapter, but has a very great hold upon the hearts of the Denver Gamma Phis, who were fortunate enough to have her with them last winter. The congratulations and best wishes of the sorority are extended.

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We heard wonderful reports of Lillian Thompson's success at the N. P. C.—her ability as a presiding officer and her effective, business-like methods—and convention gave us an opportunity to congratulate her upon her parts in this splendid and far-reaching work.

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At the banquet, when there came the call for "Mothers and daughters", Gertrude Barron Harrison (Gamma '90), and her daughter, Helen (Gamma '14), responded; also Isadore Thompson Scott (Beta '84), and her daughter, Marion, (Beta '15).

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During one of the happy "talk sessions" of the Brittingham house party, the hostess recited a song, composed by her father, James A. Clark (Dartmouth, class of 1862, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon). He was a loyal supporter of Gamma Phi and always kept in touch with sorority matters; he was much amused at the chapter custom of drinking toasts in ginger ale and composed the song in 1887 for the Madison chapter.

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The Denver delegates certainly felt at home when Harriette Brown twirled the piano stool, sat down at her beloved instrument and sang "Way Back in the College Days!" just as she did for us, back in Theta!

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We regretted the absence of Mrs. Harsen of the Executive Board; also that of Mrs. Graham of the magazine staff. It was also a dis-



appointment not to have Esther Rich Reilly with us—she whose quiet force and personality have done so much for Gamma Phi Beta. The two Executive Board-ers who did answer roll call were greatly appreciated. Miss Shepherd proved a most capable president, and Mrs. Baldwin an ideal treasurer—also an ideal alumna; her enthusiasm, ability and charm won her many new friends.

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Several of the delegates on their way home visited Epsilon and enjoyed the weekly meeting and spread; Gertrude Hulse Beakes was a guest at the Syracuse banquet; Mabelle Leonard Douglas and Lindsey Barbee visited together in Chicago for a few days and lunched with Esther Rich Reilly and Jessie Horton Koessler—both of Beta. Marguerite Allen (Xi) and Dorette Jones (Mu) stopped for one day in Denver and were the guests of Theta at the Lodge. Mary Shepherd, Florence Sherman and the two Alpha girls were delayed in Ohio for eighteen hours—but they report a good time in spite of the snow storm.



GAMMA ALUMNÆ  
(In front of chapter house)



## CONVENTION VIGNETTES

BY GERTRUDE HULSE BEAKES, *New York*

Mary Endicott Shepherd—an impression of modest capability, never obtruding, yet ever ready for sincere service.

Lucy Churchill Baldwin—a personality of interest; the possessor of a certain nonchalant girlishness which she will carry well into old age.

Eleanor Sheldon—crisp and neat in habit of mind and speech; firmly sweet and wholesome, yet somewhat ruthless when ruthlessness seems called for; capable of cutting cleanly into the midst of a problem and holding up its dissected limbs for inspection and a pointed lesson.

Lillian W. Thompson—a flame of a woman, erect, vivid, consumed with interest in that on which her attention is concentrated and covering it as a flame does—devouringly and completely.

Mary Lindsey Barbee—a wistful face with eyes in which dreams lurk; a face sweet and sensitive and poignant in its appeal to the affection and to the imagination. A red-brown lily on a slender, swaying stem.

Carrie E. Morgan—careful, painstaking, efficient, thorough, whether it be in superintending schools or in managing CRESCENTS.

Gertrude C. Ross—quiet, forceful, whole and generous hearted; just now much engrossed in her work for working girls' homes, but always the most loyal of Gamma Phi Betas.

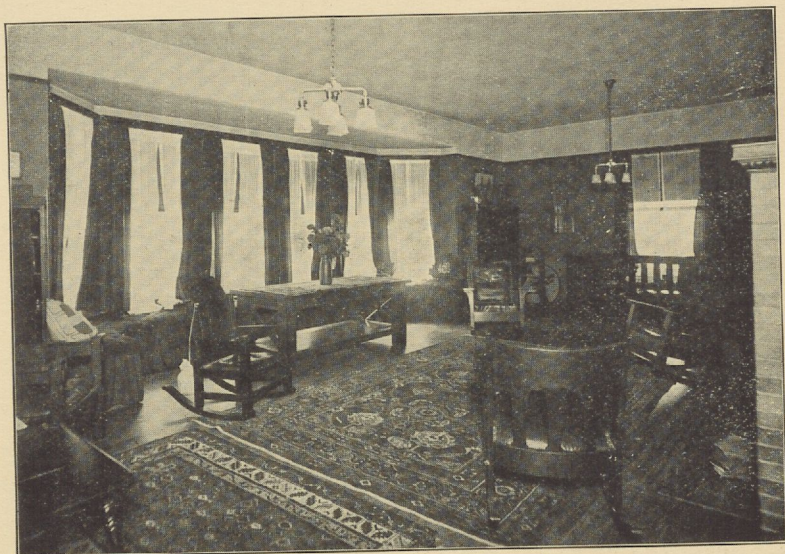
Mabel E. Stone—firm, true to herself and to the right; a very rock of dependability; and to the fortunate ones who know the great warm heart of her, a marvel of generous toleration and loving kindness.

Mary Clark Brittingham—fine, true, humorous, capable, loyal and all of these in superlative. A rare woman cast in a generous mold.

E. Marie Derge—modest, dutiful, endearing in her appeal; faith-inspiring in the soul which looks out of tender, true eyes. A loving sister to all Gamma Phi Betas and one who will gather much love to herself in return.



GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE, MADISON, WIS.



LIVING ROOM OF GAMMA CHAPTER, WISCONSIN



## FROM THE MADISON PAPERS

IMPORTANT MATTERS TAKEN UP BY WOMEN OF GAMMA PHI BETA—

PAID VISITING DELEGATE WILL HEREAFTER BE MAINTAINED BY  
COLLEGE SORORITY—OUTLINE OF DEVELOPMENT.

The Gamma Phi Beta sorority which is now holding its national convention at Lathrop Hall, under the auspices of the Gamma chapter has beside the routine business of electing new officers the consideration of a number of petitions from several college local societies. On these they have not yet acted though the general sentiment of the society favors a rational policy of expansion.

The conventions of this society were, for a time, held annually but are now held biennially. The place for the next convention has not yet been definitely settled though most of the delegates decidedly favor California, as that would bring the delegates, at the same time, to the Panama exposition.

One of the important developments of this convention has been the creation of a paid visiting delegate. This office has not before existed in Gamma Phi Beta. The conventions are the absolute executive power of the society, the work of administration between conventions resting in an elective executive board.

The society publishes a quarterly magazine known as the *CRESCENT* and has published song books.

The delegates from others chapters have expressed pronounced enthusiasm for the University of Wisconsin.

The local alumnae and chapter tendered the visiting delegates a reception at Lathrop Hall last evening and tomorrow night the convention will conclude with a banquet at the Park Hotel.

The Gamma Phi Beta sorority is the fifth oldest of the national college sororities of which there are all told twenty-two. It was founded at Syracuse University on the eleventh of November, in 1874. Its founders being Frances E. Haven, Adeline Curtis, Helen M. Dodge and Mary A. Bingham. These college women were actively interested in literary studies and had formed themselves into a circle for the study of literature and especially for the study of the poetic writings of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning. And as a literary club they had chosen for their colors, light and dark brown.

Two years earlier Miss Martha Foote, now prominently known in literary circles as Mrs. Martha Foote Crowe, had organized a small society of Syracuse college women into a little band of fellowship which, following the example of the then well established men's Greek letter societies, took to itself a Greek letter name,

calling itself the Alpha Phi. It was doubtless the existence of this society which prompted this small band of four college women who were interested in the poetic works of the Brownings to plan a more permanent organization and give themselves a Greek letter name. They did this by calling themselves the Gamma Phi Beta society.

Though among the oldest of the women's societies, Gamma Phi Beta, like Alpha Phi, is young nationally. Kappa Alpha Theta, which is the oldest of the sororities, had granted fourteen charters, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, which is next to the oldest, had granted twenty charters and Delta Gamma had granted nine charters before either Alpha Phi or Gamma Phi Beta had established in a second college.

Singularly, these two sororities, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta, both originating and existing at Syracuse, as purely local societies for several years before branching out, have pursued an almost parallel career as the most conservative of the women's national sororities. Alpha Phi has granted but seventeen charters while Gamma Phi Beta, the most conservative of all of the national societies has granted but fourteen charters. Both of these societies have pursued a cautious policy of expansion as is shown by the fact that neither has on its chapter roll a single dead chapter.

Among the other principal sororities, it may be noted that Kappa Alpha Theta has granted all told forty-four charters, eleven of which are dead; Kappa Kappa Gamma has granted forty-five charters, ten of which are dead; Delta Gamma has granted thirty-five charters, twelve of which are dead; and Pi Beta Phi has granted fifty charters, seven of which are dead. This last named society claims to be the oldest college sorority, but this claim is not justified, owing to the fact that it was not a college society at all for many years, but a literary society in which both college women and non-college women were made members. Some ten years after they were founded they changed their name from I-C Sorosis to Pi Beta Phi and confined their membership to regularly enrolled college women.

In the 80's and following in the 90's a number of newer college women's Greek letter societies came into existence, many of which have grown strong and prominent.

**GAMMA PHI BETAS DANCE AT LATHROP—ELABORATE DECORATIONS  
FOR DELEGATES FRIDAY EVENING; TWO HUNDRED FOR BANQUET.**

Green and white satin ribbons will mark the boundaries of the eleven boxes which will be arranged for the guests at the dance



to be given in Lathrop Hall on Friday evening, following the formal dinner at the chapter house, for the delegates and visitors to the national Gamma Phi Beta convention which opened here on Thursday morning.

The gymnasium and concert room of Lathrop Hall will be used for the dance and will be decorated with palms, white chrysanthemums and pink roses. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria room on the first floor.

Members of the Wisconsin chapter will be in charge of the boxes which will be named for the various chapters. The boxes and those who will preside over them are: Alpha, the Misses Garbutt and Caldwell; Beta, the Misses Haller, Mitchell and Rawson; Delta, Boston alumnæ, Iota and New York alumnæ, the Misses Stump, Douglass and Aurland; Epsilon, the Misses Mount, Spencer, Bird, Jones, Crain and Germer; Zeta, Eta, Mu, and San Francisco alumnæ, the Misses Burgard, Harrison and Boorse; Kappa, the Misses Lauder, Sumner and Fletcher; Minneapolis alumnæ, the Misses Heddles, Irwin, Hunt and Brownell; Denver alumnæ, Theta, and Omicron, the Misses Brown, Cantril and Bannen; Lambda, Nu and Xi, the Misses Hagerman, Milner, Matthews and Barnes.

The Gamma alumnæ will have their own box and there will be a box for the spectators.

The guests will be directed to their boxes by the following ushers: The Misses Spencer, Milner, Mitchell, Aurland and Boorse.

The chaperones for the dance will be Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jackman, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan and Mrs. Mayers.

A large number of visitors arrived in this city Thursday and Friday to attend the sessions of the convention. A banquet will be held in the Park Hotel on Saturday evening, at which 200 guests are expected.

#### LARGE SORORITY DINNER

Among the social functions incident to the Gamma Phi Beta convention now in session here, was the dinner last evening in the chapter house in Sterling Court. One hundred and twenty-five were present. Dancing at Lathrop Hall followed, with 300 guests in attendance. The latter affair was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Brittingham, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Jackman, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Sullivan and Mrs. Mayers, chaperone of the local chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

FORMAL OPENING OF ANNEX NOVEMBER 19—NEW PARK HOTEL  
ADDITION IS OPENED TEMPORARILY FOR GAMMA PHI CONVEN-  
TION.

The annex of the New Park Hotel will be temporarily opened Saturday night for the first time. The annex is to be used for the Gamma Phi Beta banquet. Manager Rigby has announced that the new part of the hotel will be formally opened November 19, when the charity ball will be given at the New Park.



## TOASTS

## THE GIRL OF '74—FOUNDING OF GAMMA PHI BETA.

BY FLORENCE PALMER BAKER (Syracuse)

In City Park, in Portland, Oregon, stands the bronze figure of a woman, heroic in size, her bronze baby strapped to her back, her bronze finger pointing steadfastly to the great western sea.

It is a tribute to Sacagawea, the Indian woman, who with her papoose swinging from her shoulders, her worthless French husband lagging in the rear, with unerring Indian instinct and magnificent Indian courage, led the Lewis-Clark expedition straight from the Mississippi River, through the Rocky Mountains, to that mysterious boundary line, the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

"She stands there in bronze victorious,  
She gave of her womanhood's best—  
Shoshone, Sacagawea,  
Who *led the way* to the west."

I like to think that it was a woman who led this march to the west; I like to think that it was the spirit of four women that led another victorious march along the same highway, until today our Crescent gleams along the western boundary line of our great and glorious country.

Come with me, back into the pages of Gamma Phi history.

On the morning of November 12, 1874—thirty-nine years ago—Frances E. Haven, Minnie A. Bingham, Helen M. Dodge, and E. Addie Curtis walked through the doors of Syracuse University, each wearing, conspicuous for its newness, a Gamma Phi Beta pin.

To Addie Curtis belongs the initiative suggestion, "Let's start a society of our own" and so, on a cold, snowy night, in Helen Dodge's room were assembled—Helen, the quiet, reliable conserver, Minnie, the executive, good dresser, Frances, the all-around adviser—and Addie, the splendid singer.

Add together these characteristics—multiply them by good scholarship and executive ability, subtract from them anything lower than the best, and you will have the woman of '74, the mother of whom Gamma Phi Beta was born. Helen Dodge drafted the con-

stitution. The pin was designed by Mr. Cobb and Mr. Moss, and Mr. Cobb retains the original drawing as his recompense. Mr. Moss went a step farther and claimed Frances Haven as his remuneration. Our colors were chosen in honor of Doctor Brown, of the university—long since passed on, whom we loved and revered and whose wife, a sweet, white haired woman of ninety-four, is visited once a year by our Alpha girls, bearing a fragrant burden of flowers. Our name, Gamma Phi Beta, was given to us by Chancellor Haven, whose death took from us a constant friend and wise adviser.

Down with the other annals has come the account of the first initiation—Clara Worden was the initiate, and one solemnly imposing ceremonial was when they blindfolded her and led her 'round and 'round the square, thus impressing upon her that the goat was stabled in a distant suburb. At the first banquet table, covers were laid for *five*, Mrs. Curtis, Addie's mother, offering her dining room. Three years later came my own first banquet, and there were eleven present. Conservatism may have been the note then as well as now. Our toasts were not only impromptu but obligatory; we were called upon a moment's notice, and our muses simply had to jump up and get to work. Our menu comprised chicken salad, coffee, sandwiches, charlotte russe and two kinds of cake, and each girl took her contribution with her.

I remember Addie Curtis's grand write-up of this banquet, closing with the impressive sentence, "The carriages rolled away at a late hour." We had, each of us, walked home. At my own initiation, I remember, with the others, dressing in deep mourning, wearing black veils, and being provided with black-bordered handkerchiefs with which to wipe away expected tears.

The one aim of the girl of '74 was conservatism in taking in new members, seeking quality rather than quantity, and requiring good scholarship and good social standing. Mrs. Curtis said to me just before coming to Madison, "I am almost awed by the growth of Gamma Phi and can conscientiously say that we have kept to our high standards and high ideals. Thirty-nine years in Syracuse means a great deal and today our members are from the



best families, socially and intellectually." Once a year the Syracuse alumnae go to Mrs. Curtis's for a picnic supper.

Then come my sisters true  
And crack your peanuts—do—  
For Gamma Phi Beta  
From Alpha to Eta—  
Eat peanuts and olives too.

Our resident founder is always a guest at our banquets, and a granddaughter, Eunice Adelaide Curtis, two years old, is in training for a good Gamma Phi.

Our delegate to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, yesterday sounded a warning note against appearing upon the streets of sorority-dom in the skirts of 1893 instead of 1913. Perhaps the girls of '74 did wear sleeves of caution and high cut gowns of haste, made slowly. But let one who wears a pin tonight, thirty-six years old, propose to you this toast—"Let us drink the wine of honor and gratitude in golden goblets of love to this girl of '74, whose wise skirts of wisdom and substantial petticoats of firmness, with no slits where vagaries might creep through, made possible this splendid sisterhood that stretches today from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate."

#### THE GIRL OF 1884—EARLY COLLEGE DAYS.

"Knowledge is now no more a fountain sealed."

BY RACHEL CAROLINE RICE (Delta)

To her dressmaker, the girl of '84 was the modishly frizzled, corsaged and bustled maiden of the fashion plate, her hair banded, or coiled in long loops from her neck to her forehead. She put stiffening in her skirt, added flounce after flounce, and flower after flower, trying to make herself more elegant than her neighbors, till the dressmakers cried out in rapture that the feminine toilette had attained such a degree of elegance that it could go no further. A fashionable dressmaker of the day describes a full dress dinner toilette of moss green satin. Around the middle of the skirt were large puffs of moss green crêpe, and between these puffs were rows of huge pink, green, yellow, red, and blue beads.

Above and below these ornaments were two wide flounces of white lace. The corsage and train were of moss green silk brocaded with huge Pompadour flowers. "It is simply impossible to imagine anything more harmoniously elegant than this toilette."

Her horrified sister, the "conservative" woman, pictured the college girl as one undomestic in her habits and unfeminine in her tastes, who always takes the initiative in conversation, is perpetually agitating some "Reform," is ill-dressed, frumpy, and untidy, who condemns the desire to be attractive as "frivolous," who wears spectacles, always carries an umbrella, and has a large family of neglected children, and a miserably uncomfortable husband at home—the college woman was to her what the Boston woman is to many of you.

Her father, too, often regarded with an amused disgust, this daughter of his, who wished to substitute Latin and Greek for the embroideries and flirtations of her kind. Sometimes he forbade such nonsense, and sometimes he allowed her to go to Oberlin, Vassar or Smith, with a little secret fear that Calculus might unfit her forever for marriage, and that Greek might utterly ruin her success as a hostess.

And her impersonal critics were still more unkind. Let me quote from a certain worthy correspondent of "The Living Age."

"To justify the cost of her education, a woman ought to devote herself to its use, she ought to make herself celibate by philosophy, and for the utilization of her material as nuns are celibate by religion, and for the saving of their souls. As things are, it is running with the hare of self-support and hunting with the hounds of matrimony—a kind of trusting to chance, and waiting on the chapter of accidents which deprives higher education of anything like noble stability in its results, making it a mere cast of the die which may draw a prize or throw a blank. There is always that chance of marriage which knocks the whole thing to pieces. In dealing with the woman question we can never forget the prominent characteristics of the sex—their moral vanity, coupled with their love of domination. Men want intelligent companions in their wives, but do they want the specialized companionship of a like education? Does not human nature rather desire a



change?—and do specialists want to be always talking to their wives of literature, art, science, medicine, law? Not going the length of the Turkish idea, it is undeniably better that they should be unnoted as individuals and perfect as mothers, rather than famous in their own person and mothers of abortive and unsatisfactory children.”

Indeed, her critics were so numerous, and attempts to endow her universities met with so little success, that the slogan was started, “What is the precise degree of ignorance required for a proper female character?” And a Georgian gentleman of large means and liberal views as to the education of his sons, answered it in this fashion, “All that a woman needs to know is how to read the New Testament and make clothes for her family.”

But in spite of her orthodox sisters, her skeptical papa, and her harsh critics, to college went the girl of '84, and to college went her friends. In the forty odd years since a woman was first allowed to take collegiate work, one hundred and seventy-five colleges and universities in this country had been opened to her. Switzerland, Holland, France, Italy, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden allowed her to study in their universities, and granted her degrees. In Spain, where so little was to be expected in the way of progress, ten girls were studying in the universities, although their work was not recognized. Even in Russia the universities were open to women, and through a special plea from the Minister of War, who was sorely in need of doctors and surgeons, they were allowed to study and to practise certain branches of medicine. To our universities, women came in ever increasing numbers. They worked hard, graduated, and went out into the world “Led on by courage and immortal hope, and with the morning in their hearts,” determined to show the world that a college education does not spoil a woman. In truth, knowledge was now no more a fountain sealed.

#### THE GIRL OF 1904—AWAKENING INTEREST OF CIVIC ACTIVITY.

BY GENEVIEVE ATKINSON (Eta)

Gamma Phi is not like the renowned Topsy who “just grewed.”

Gamma Phi is conscious, is very conscious of being born. As woman has passed through the stages of being a beast of burden in the cave-man age, through the Toy and Chattel age of Greece and Rome; through the days when she was merely an artisan in the home, on to the days in the early sixties when she realized her educational value, which led to her invading the college, the office, and now politics, so Gamma Phi has passed through the swaddling clothes age, the school girl age and has now awakened to the fact that she is a responsible being.

Let us see what she has realized in the years around 1904. If you will pardon a little local history, I will consider Eta. In 1904 we were completely satisfied with *self*, we were like the butterfly yet in the worm state. We had no sense of duty to our university. We thought it undignified to enter into college activities. We had no sense of duty to our chapter. Scholarship was kept up, but the feeling was more personal than for the chapter. We had not thought of owning a chapter house—we were contented with a six-room rented house. We had no sense of duty to our *alumnæ*. The bonds were very weak which held the *alumnæ* and active girls together.

As woman awakened to her responsibilities, so Gamma Phi awakened to hers. We recognize our responsibility to our university; we go in for every field of activity. The feeling for a high scholarship standard has extended beyond the self, to the chapter and even to the university. Our responsibility to our chapter shows itself in one way in the building of a chapter house. We have awakened to our responsibility to our *alumnæ*. The bonds which bind us together are of the strongest and every effort is bent toward living up to and bettering the standards we have inherited, which, fortunately have fallen upon us so easily that we sometimes fail to realize the effort which has been necessary for this attainment—fortunately, for only in this way is growth possible.

Growth is the law of life. As long as there is life there is growth, and I feel today that we are very much alive. We are today but a brief forty years young and Eta feels sure that could she see the Gamma Phi of forty years hence she would find



she has as far outstripped her sisters of 1914 as they have outstripped the initiate of 1874.

## THE GIRL OF TODAY—PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL BETTERMENT INTERESTS.

BY LILLIAN W. SAVAGE (Omicron)

You will all agree with me, I am sure, that it is a great injustice to call forth the Omicron baby to make a toast, when she has not, as yet, uttered a cry in the Gamma Phi world. She fully expected to come to convention, appropriately dressed in swaddling clothes, and prepared to sit tucked away in some remote corner, drinking in the advice of her staid and sober elders. She, however, must cast aside her rattle and ring, garb herself in purple and fine linen, assume a rôle of great dignity and experience, and make a speech on "Social Betterment Interests."

If we were to hear the voice of the Great Master in his message to the girl of the present, I believe his words would be these, "Behold I give to you five talents." Not one talent, nor three talents but five talents. We have learned this evening that the college girl has a vast heritage of intellectual opportunity and of civic power. From her sorority life she has learned to respect and obey the advice of older members, to guide and discipline younger members; she has gained social grace and charm; she has learned to sacrifice for the rights and feelings of others; she has learned the joy and richness of friendships that are true, intimate and abiding. With such training in the present, and with such an endowment from the past, she is indeed a woman, blest with "Reason firm, with temperate will, endurance, foresight, strength, and skill."

But I hear the voice of the Master as he speaks again, "Behold, I give you five talents; go forth and earn five other talents."

In the same world with the girl of the present is a mass of humanity struggling for existence; little children, physically and mentally dwarfed; girls of industry, toiling on monotonously, day after day; aged men and women, feeble and homeless. It is in this field that our girl may invest her talents. As a citizen,

she has power to legislate, not sentimentally, but sanely and practically, for measures that will prevent crime and sickness and poverty. As a teacher, she has the power to train up a more perfect generation than that which now exists. As a mother she reigns queen of the home, inspiring other lives to nobler living in this social world. And the talents thus invested, multiply ten-fold in "loves filial, loves fraternal, neighbor loves, all reddened, sweetened from one central heart."

### THE GIRL OF THE FUTURE—THIS IDEAL GAMMA PHI.

BY LINDSEY BARBEE (Denver)

Long ago in the Country of Time—far away in the Garden of Years, there wandered the maiden, Gamma Phi. In her eyes was the shadow of prayer and trust; on her lips was the smile of faith and courage; in her soul there burned the fire of endless endeavor. Day by day, she toiled in her own little corner—for in the Garden of Years, each one is given a space in which to labor from morn to eve; day by day, she saw the tiny flowers unfold; day by day, she watched the miracle of growth. She planted the rosemary of remembrance, the forget-me-nots of happy days; she guarded with gentle care the pansies of tender thoughts, the roses of eternal love. And, straight and tall in the midst of the garden, there rose a fair and stately lily. No rough touch marred its whiteness; no alien weeds choked its growth; divine fragrance was in its breath—a fragrance that was balm to others. And she called this perfect flower the spirit of sisterhood!

Spring danced by her—sunny and capricious—with a wreath of blossoms upon her golden hair and a joyous song upon her lips; and the maiden Gamma Phi smiled, for the melody gave a promise of what was to be. Summer, in regal robes, marched slowly through the garden; heralds of golden butterflies proclaimed her coming; hosts of fairy artists touched tree and sky and earth with magic brushes; throngs of singers sped from field to field on shining wing. Under her magic sceptre the wheat lands turned from green to gold, the bud became a blossom—and the maiden Gamma Phi rejoiced, for she knew that the touch of the sceptre meant growth—power—maturity. From the silvery throat of the



meadow lark came the coronation hymn of Autumn. Amid the glory of the nodding golden-rod and the purple aster, the beauty of the fields, the radiance of the world, the dying fragrant breath of hay and clover—she stood with arms full of ripened grain. Daylight mellowed into sunset, sunset darkened into twilight, and then the harvest moon came up, its slow light changing from red to gold. And the heart of the maiden Gamma Phi was satisfied—for she knew that every bud and blossom of spring and summer had attained the purpose of its life in fruit. Close upon the trail of Autumn, there came another maiden—Winter—and her robe was a-glitter with sparkling crystal and her hair was twined with cold and glittering diamonds; the mantle that hung from her shoulders was of shimmering silver—and under her touch, each stalk and shrub became a marvel of snowy whiteness; each tree was panoplied with star-like frost. And the maiden Gamma Phi shivered—for into her heart came the thought—“Will my flowers die?” And even as she trembled, the sun sank to rest behind the leafless trees. Rose, purple and azure faded into violet, opal and gray, shedding its glow over a stretch of whiteness—and as it faded, there rose into the dome of heaven the golden crescent of the moon. And the message that came to the maiden was this—“Love cannot die; beneath the snow there lies the promise of things eternal.” And so she lingered—long ago in the Country of Time—far away in the Garden of Years.

Thus to us—the heritage of the Past is—growth, fulfillment. It becomes the strength of the present, the hope of the future—with such a gift, all things are possible. The spirit of those who have built our structure of Gamma Phi Beta is still our inspiration for the tasks that are near at hand, is still our incentive in the solution of the problems that await us and the difficulties that are yet to be overcome.

And in time, the maiden wandered from the garden and she made her way to the Land of Dreams, which is beyond the night and far past the day—through which there runs the River of Rest with its deep, still waters and its poppy-lined shore. Shadowy wings swept over her as she sank to rest—and a myriad of dreams—fragile, ethereal shapes—crowded round her. One showed her the

rainbow-hued bubble of fame and whispered how she might gain many followers, might extend the bounds of her domain. One waved the key to the realm of knowledge and sang of the treasures therein. Still another held out the golden sceptre of influence and told her of power, of conquest. And the cheek of the maiden Gamma Phi was flushed—her heart was troubled—and she said—“I will go to Life, the Master and he will tell me what is best.”

Is not the Present a Land of Dreams—dreams that must become realities through our own agency? Never before have there been so many wonderful things to accomplish; never before has there been such need of united action; never before has there come so insistent a demand for the proof of our right to exist. The Gamma Phi of the Present has dreams—many of them. Her duty is to make them realities.

So the maiden Gamma Phi toiled slowly up the hillside, until she came to the place where sat Life, the Master. And the Master's face was furrowed deeply with care and his eyes held an infinite sadness. “Dear Master”—said the maiden as she knelt before him—“I have only to stretch forth my hand to grasp Fame—Knowledge—Power—and I know not what to do. Help thou me to make my choice.” The Master bent kindly above her. “Fame—Knowledge—Power”—he repeated softly—“Was there no other dream my daughter?” The maiden shook her head, “Only a little one that shrank behind the others—I could scarcely see her.” “And did she bring no message?” questioned Life. “Her hands were empty—she whispered but a word as she passed me.” “And that word”—the Master's voice was very quiet. “Was only—give,” said Gamma Phi. “And thou wouldst *receive*?” quoth the Master—“Listen. Only by giving canst thou gain true happiness—only by helping others canst thou know the highest good. Only by service, canst thou answer the call of the future. What wilt thou do, my daughter?” The maiden Gamma Phi was silent—for fame was sweet, knowledge was precious—and power was greatly to be desired. But at last she raised her eyes to those of the Master and she whispered—for her faith was great—“Oh Master, I will answer the call of the future.” Then Life, the Master, smiled—and lo, the lines of care were smoothed away, the sad-



ness disappeared and from his eyes there shown the light of ineffable peace and joy.

To us, today, is borne this demand of the future—service—not only to every Gamma Phi but to every woman be she college bred or not. The years have yielded their richest treasures to woman; every door of opportunity has opened at her touch; she has had only to stretch forth her hand to grasp all that she can hold of the beauty of knowledge and the inspiration of life. And now, the world stops for a moment in its endless march and asks, "What will woman do for me?" To Gamma Phi comes the message—for those in the outside world are doubting the ethical and cultural value of our organization, are wondering if the sorority stands for the mutual development which we claim—are asking if it fulfills no other purpose than the perpetuation of itself. How shall we answer the criticism? By deeds—not words; by practice, not theory; by service to others as well as to each other.

Gamma Phi is composed of many members, each of whom has her own task, her own duty, her own place in the scheme of harmony. The Gamma Phi of the past met far different conditions than those of today; the Gamma Phi of the present must solve many problems; the Gamma Phi of the future must reflect in her own personality the worth of the sorority whose insignia she wears. May the good fairies of Love, Loyalty and Labor gather around her cradle; may Love touch her eyes with magic so that she may see beyond the surface of things, that she may read the hearts of people, that she may have great sympathy and great understanding. May Loyalty bless her lips with words of helpfulness, of tact, of wisdom—so that those outside her order may know the beauty of its teachings; so that those in the college world may feel that the sorority does not restrict the interest to its own circle, but instructs for a freer life and fosters a deeper and more lasting loyalty to the Alma Mater. May Labor inspire her hands to do good deeds, to share with humanity the benefits that result from the fuller knowledge, the closer friendships and the keener insight of her environment. May the three good fairies throw around her the mantle of charity—charity that will make her broad in sympathy, generous in thought, eager for the cause of Pan-Hel-

lenism; may she stand forth in the pure, white light of truest womanhood—a womanhood that is more fitted to cope with confronting difficulties, on account of a trained mind, a quickened activity and a broadened horizon.

And so the maiden, Gamma Phi, goes bravely into the future; she bears the crescent shield before her, she twines about her each thread of the glorious tissue of her double brown and in her heart there is this song—

“I will be true—for there are those who trust me,  
I will be pure—for there are those who care,  
I will be strong—for there is much to suffer,  
I will be brave—for there is much to dare,  
I will be friend of all—the foe, the friendless,  
I will be giving—and forget the gift,  
I will be humble—for I know my weakness,  
I will look up, and love and laugh and lift!”

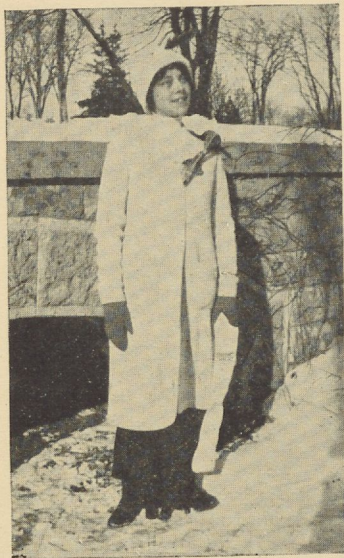


## NEW OFFICERS

[The staff of THE CRESCENT owes its readers an apology for the delay of the publication of the magazine; but this delay has been unavoidable. Since convention, the resignation of several officers appointed at that time and the uncertainty in regard to the Executive Board have made it imperative to wait for further developments; and now, matters have become so complicated that it is deemed best to send the magazine to press, without announcement of the Executive Board and of the Visiting Delegate—which information will be given in the March issue. Also—may it be added—the representation of chapters, both by article and photograph—is incomplete, although each delegation was fully informed of the plan and asked to respond. Editor]

## ELEANOR SHELDON

*(Chairman of Expansion Committee)*



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The name of Eleanor Sheldon has been synonymous with efficiency ever since her initiation into Kappa chapter. She was always an ambitious student and not content with the scholastic honors which were heaped upon her before and after graduation, she went to Bryn Mawr and added another handle to her name. At present, she is at the head of the English department of the Oshkosh Normal School. So much for her cleverness in technical lines we'll say; now for her cleverness in Gamma Phi—which also amounts to a great deal, especially since there is unbounded enthusiasm and loyalty behind it.

This enthusiasm made her the most capable of delegates when her chapter sent her to the Denver—and then it became known that she had great plans for the future of Gamma Phi. She has never lost sight of this goal, and

many good things for Gamma Phi have come to pass as a result of her tireless energy. She served wisely on the Executive Board and for four years has held the position of Chairman of the Committee upon Expansion, laboring constantly in behalf of the sorority. Her detailed and comprehensive report, read in convention, proved her inestimable value in this particular work, and it is with greatest satisfaction that we again entrust to her this very important phase of our organization.

### MABELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS

*(Chairman of the National Scholarship Committee)*

Mabelle Leonard, in High School days, was distinguished by a happy smile, a ready tongue and a propensity to cripple herself. She graduated from said high school on crutches—the result of an injury to the right knee; in her freshman year at college, in the midst of a spirited basket ball game, she disabled the other knee; when a sophomore, while tampering with the mysteries of chemistry, something exploded that shouldn't have done so and she retired from public life until the abused eyes recovered. Junior year was marked by a spirited bout with neuritis which had seized the right arm—and at the crucial moment, Henry Woolsey Douglas happened along and saved her from shooting herself—which was



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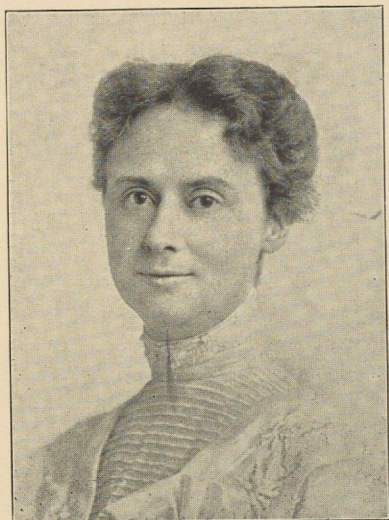
about the only stunt left her! In spite of this list of tragedies, she has been maddeningly capable—so capable and so clever that her life-long friend, an impractical creature, deserves more credit than can be crowded into these pages, for regarding her even



with a degree of affection! For has not this same life-long friend had the competent Mabelle held up to her these many years as a model of efficiency? Has she not wildly gnashed her teeth in a vain attempt to find something that Mabelle couldn't do? However—The bond of Gamma Phi is strong!

With this informal prelude we come to the statement that Mabelle Leonard Douglas has always been a very vital part of the Beta chapter; that her hospitable home is ever an annex to the chapter house; that she has done much toward the building of the new Beta house; that she has been active in the formation of the Detroit Alumnae chapter; and that now—as a result of her convention career—she is Chairman of the National Scholarship Committee. Those of us who heard her talk in convention session, who listened to her business-like presentation of matters, who witnessed her rescue of us as we wandered about the paths of useless argument by holding us down to the question at issue, will understand the wis-

dom of our choice. For if anyone can successfully manage this scholastic work, she is the one!



LILLIAN THOMPSON

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*(Chairman of National Pan-Hellenic Congress)*

What can be said of Lillian Thompson that hasn't been said before—unless it be that her dominant personality at convention helped us to reach definite decisions more speedily and more readily. As a member of the Executive Board, as President, as representative in Pan-Hellenic matters,

she has done much for Gamma Phi Beta, but her greatest achievement has been the particular part she played at the convention of

1913. May we be fortunate enough to retain her indefinitely as the Gamma Phi representative in Pan-Hellenic affairs.

### M. RUTH GUPPY

*(Chairman of Committee upon Uniform Examinations)*

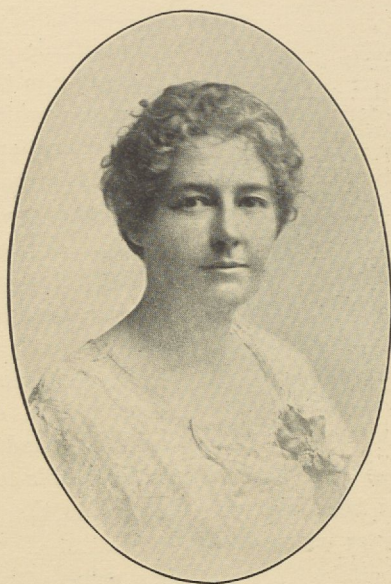
M. Ruth Guppy—originally of Beta—but much endeared to Lambda and Nu to whom she has proved a help and inspiration, is now Dean of Women, University of Oregon. When Convention appointed Miss Guppy, Chairman of the Committee upon Uniform Examinations, those who knew her felt that the choice was a wise and a fortunate one; for there is no one in our number who has a more definite knowledge of the necessary information and of the vital and important points that should be impressed upon the college girl. It is rumored that Miss Guppy has one hundred practical questions—prepared long before her appointment—and though this may seem a trifle appalling to the



M. RUTH GUPPY

chapter members who are to profit by her sure grasp of things Gamma Phi and things Pan-Hellenic, it is gratifying to know that hereafter, the Gamma Phi senior will leave college, not only informed upon matters of her own sorority but well versed in definite knowledge of other Greek letter organizations.

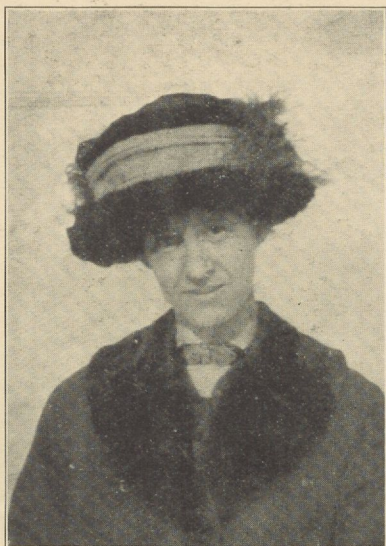




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## CRESCENT STAFF

## LINDSEY BARBEE



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To most of our Gamma Phi sisters Lindsey Barbree is already known through her identification with our sorority magazine. We owe her a debt of gratitude for bringing our CRESCENT to the high plane in literature which it now occupies. Her literary talent shines forth in its pages, and her artistic and poetic temperament stamps all her writings.

A charter member of Theta chapter, she has always been a most energetic and loyal member of the sorority. Possessing rare executive ability and a mind teeming with splendid suggestions, she has not only been able to advise the college girls but has been also very helpful to the Denver Alumnæ chapter in its greater undertakings.

Gamma Phis doubtless associate her name with Theta's annual plays. And it is eminently proper that you should do so: for Theta without these plays would not hold the enviable position she now holds in the University life, and Theta's plays are the popular product of Lindsey's genius. We were proud to send her as our delegate to Convention, and glad that many of our sisters have had the opportunity of meeting her, for she represents a vital part of our alumnæ chapter.

## LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM

Wading through the intricacies of chapter letters, struggling with the difficulties thereof, often copying manuscripts which have



been written on both sides of the paper, converting oneself into an animated English grammar and dispatching frenzied letters for desired information ought to secure for one, an extra bright star in the crown of immortality. Certainly Laura Latimer Graham will be sure of this halo of light, for she is the faithful alumnae editor of the CRESCENT, and as such has her own experiences to relate—and might also have her own success to chronicle. For she has faithfully and capably managed this department of the magazine, and her interest and enthusiasm means much to the cause. Mrs. Graham graduated at Syracuse in 1900 and is now a loyal member of New York Alumnae chapter.



LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM

## CARRIE E. MORGAN

*(Business Manager of the Crescent)*

“Dropping, dropping, dropping—  
Hear the pennies fall.”

Sings Carrie Morgan these days, as she blissfully counts life subscriptions, merrily adds names to her mailing list and—be it hoped—writes receipts for back subscriptions! All of which sounds as if it were a mathematical problem, difficult of solution. However, mathematical problems do not intimidate Gamma Phi—for the business manager of the magazine revels in figures, brings order out of any chaotic arrangement of them and conducts the financial end of THE CRESCENT in a masterly way, as is proved by her report. In odd moments Miss Morgan superintends educational matters in



CARRIE E. MORGAN

Appleton, serves on innumerable, important committees—and shines generally. But for her efficient and painstaking management of THE CRESCENT we are particularly grateful and are correspondingly sanguine as to the future of the magazine.



## GLIMPSES OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

BY LILLIAN W. THOMPSON (Chairman of N. P. C.)

For the last two years the National Pan-Hellenic Congress has met at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, and has been assigned the same room for its meetings. It is a large, low ceiled apartment. Two big windows look out over Michigan Avenue and Grant Park to Lake Michigan beyond. On this particular sixteen'th of November, dull gray clouds hung low over the leaden lake and a fine mist polished the wide boulevard to a shining black.

Into this room began to drop by twos and threes the eighteen National Pan-Hellenic delegates and a few favored fraternity dignitaries. You could easily distinguish the delegates by their armfuls of documents. As each appeared she was eagerly greeted by those already in the room, for only four of the eighteen were new. Everybody wanted to say something to everybody else, so for a while the room presented the usual spectacle of a chapter, before chapter meeting. But when the chairman took her seat at one side of the long, white-covered table, which occupied the center of the room, the delegates promptly took their places; the secretary called the roll, credentials and other documents began to pile up around her, and the twelfth National Pan-Hellenic Congress was fairly under way.

The first session was devoted to hearing the reports of the Executive Board and several committees. We discovered from the committees on Eligibility and Extension that about all the fraternities eligible to join the National Pan-Hellenic Congress are now members, so our number is likely to remain eighteen for a while. We adopted a uniform scholarship card, and listened with interest to a careful study of the successes and failures of sophomore pledge in different colleges. In the midst of our deliberations, the editors of most of the fraternity magazines filed in and filled the rows of chairs around the edges of the room. They had spent the day discussing their own pet plans and difficulties, and in starting a permanent organization among themselves.

By this time it was nearly six o'clock and we decided to adjourn

for dinner. Small groups got together and began planning where they would take dinner, and to what theatre they would go afterwards. The editors were particularly chummy; wherever you saw one there was pretty sure to be another not far off, indeed one party of six had two editors and a business manager in it, to say nothing of a charming president of a southern fraternity. This particular party decided to go out together—if they could find each other; for one of the exciting things about the Congress Hotel is finding your way around. Because an elevator goes up is no sign it goes up to the particular shelf upon which you left your suitcase. It probably does not, and you are forced to wonder down long halls and inquire of numerous functionaries before you locate number 1461. Meanwhile your party waits for you, or sends out scouts to discover where you have been stranded.

When we, at last, collected and started out, it was raining—a fine determined drizzle such as Chicago and November frequently concoct. We drew back and decided to seek our pleasures, both gastronomic and intellectual, under cover. If you are staying at the Congress Hotel—and know how—this is a very easy thing to do. First we hunted for a white marble staircase that led downward. An alluring card at one side announced that it was “this way to the barber shop.” Ignoring the hint, we kept straight on into a softly lighted white marble tunnel, and arrived at last at an ascending stairway. Here another sign attempted to turn us aside “to the shoe shining parlor!” but again, we resisted and came up in triumph into the Auditorium Hotel. Before us lay the broad expanse of the main dining room. A colored waiter of great dignity and presence seated us; the southern president proposed planked steak, and we settled down to a good visit. Only two of us belonged to the same fraternity, but we found this most difficult to believe. Did we not all belong to the same big sisterhood—the National Pan-Hellenic Congress? The eighteen fraternities seemed like chapters of the great whole, as indeed they are! We fell to discussing plans for the future, accomplishments in the past, ways of managing things from finances and chapter houses, and jokes on ourselves and each other. The editors were full of fun and clever remarks; they certainly are a charming set.



After a long, long time, that huge planked steak arrived. With the utmost impressiveness the waiter presented it for our inspection. When the wonderful border of every kind of vegetable fluted had been duly admired, he bore it away to a side table where he served it *secundum artem* and then set a heaping plateful before each of us. We had wondered whether one planked steak would be enough; we wondered no longer.

When the meal was over we set out for the theatre. Unfortunately part of the group has seen one play in which we were interested and part another equally attractive. We decided at last to separate. The bolder spirits (the two editors) set off for a distant theatre. The rest of us climbed a long stair way, crossed a big room, pushed open a door, and found ourselves in the Fine Arts Building, ready to get tickets for "The Yellow Jacket." Next morning our editors gave us a delightful account of how they chased one sprightly editorial hat down the street; it rolled gaily on its run for nearly a block, and was finally caught and returned by a fleet stranger. The street, they added, was muddy.

On Friday, Congress settled down to two long and busy sessions. One committee set our minds at rest about the copies of our magazines which we have been sending to college libraries. These are being used and sometimes bound. Examination questions on National Pan-Hellenic matters ought to make them still more popular. The point system was explained, and its advantages in forcing the distribution of college offices were made clear. For the first time we got one of our editors to act as stenographer and take down the substance of our discussions; when we talked too much, or wandered from the point, she mildly set us straight. Miss Bennett gave us a delightful talk on the opportunities opening for college women outside teaching, and how the Bureau of Collegiate Occupations, 934 Fine Arts Building, Chicago, helps girls to find the opening best suited to them. In fact we became so enthusiastic over her work that we voted, then and there, to give her two hundred dollars toward carrying it on this next year. One committee reported adversely on interfraternity and interclass organizations; another gave us a fine set of model house rules, and still another discussed the possibility of getting graduate scholarships for alum-





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næ who would act as chaperones. All day long chairs around the room were filled with eager listeners—editors, when they were not in session themselves, ex-delegates, and members of two Grand Councils which were meeting in Chicago so as to attend the National Pan-Hellenic Congress as well.

One would have supposed that these varied labors would have worn out any delegate; but when these seasoned fraternity lights adjourned at six o'clock they merely hurried off to don their prettiest dresses and soon began to assemble in the pleasant dining room of the College Club for a dinner "all to ourselves." Our table was filled by those who had chapters at Barnard, and long and sober was the discussion over that situation. Other tables were devoted to other groups who had some common interest, or some puzzling tangle to attend to. Soon the room was filled with the sound of many voices. All this, however, did not prevent us from using our eyes and admiring the exceedingly pretty hats and dresses which made the room so gay. Everyone tried to do her duty by business and still get in a chat with some old or new chum. The time was not half long enough for all the things there were to say.

Next day business was finished, committees appointed, a few last statistics gathered, and the twelfth National Pan-Hellenic Congress adjourned with dispatch—and we hope with dignity—for we had only a few moments to get our taxis, and catch a train for Evanston. To our delight, the sky was an unclouded blue, rubbers and umbrellas were left behind, and we rejoiced to see that Chicago had some share in sunshine and color after all.

In the big gymnasium of Northwestern University, tables were set for almost five hundred guests. At one end of the huge room a long table ran crosswise, here the notables were seated. Running lengthwise from this table, and decorated with pink roses and pink candles were a number of other long, long tables. Each fraternity was assigned a place and after due time rose and counted its members. Between courses this group and that, sang favorite songs, and sang them exceedingly well. Then came the welcome by Dean Potter, talks on some of the subjects discussed at the Congress, and the introduction of the new Executive Board and

distinguished visitors. When the luncheon was over, delegates hurried about to say one last word to each other; but gradually the big room was emptied, the delegates disappeared to take trains for many a distant city, and only the long empty tables there bore witness to the fact that some four hundred and sixty fraternity women had lately eaten together, taken counsel and gained new enthusiasm for the future.

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## \*THE SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

By R. LOUISE FITCH, *Editor of the Trident*

There is only one fault to find with the N. P. C. this year—it could not be held simultaneously in every city where dwells a fraternity woman. Could that have been possible, there would be no more “disaffected” alumnae, and no more even with a lukewarm interest. Fourteen of the eighteen delegates had been present the year before, so no time was lost explaining preceding affairs. The opinion was general that this year, really for the first time, non-essentials were eliminated and the time was almost entirely devoted to problems of consequence. When eighteen women, some with from four to sixteen years experience in college and fraternity affairs, spend three days together discussing such things as scholarship, fraternity house rules, social conditions, elimination of high school fraternities, deans of women, vocational activities, etc., something is bound to be accomplished. I am not to tell you in detail of deeds performed but to try to give you the spirit of the Congress. This is my seventh Congress and without any reservation it was by far the best. In times past, there has sometimes cropped out a little air of superiority, a tiny uplift of the nose over some proposition advanced, a slight tendency to believe the wrong done was by “your chapter, never by mine.” This year we were all equals—very frankly admitting our own faults, and working *together* for the advancement of *Fraternity*, not each her own. We agreed to adopt uniform scholarship card, uniform house rules, to request coöperation of college authorities, to

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secure a high type of woman for house chaperone, agreeing to give home and board to advance scholarship students where they would make suitable heads for our chapter houses. We heard reports from the Committee on Scholarship and were not, as a whole, ashamed of our chapter records. We listened to reports on sophomore pledging, on the point system, on interfraternity organizations. We discussed them from all angles. We discussed deans and faculties, and said institutions might be interested in our conclusions—and possibly edified as well, for we decided that not all the troubles of college life can truthfully be laid onto the fraternity doorstep. We interrupted ourselves one afternoon to listen with the greatest interest to Miss Helen Bennett, who told us of the new Chicago Bureau of Occupations for College Women, a Bureau which some of us are conducting in our own fraternities for our own members. We felt it to be a legitimate object of our assistance and gave the Bureau \$200 to help in the work next year. Then we tackled the problem of high school fraternities which have been sapping our reputation for years, by emphasizing our weakest features which we outgrew years ago,—or never had! The matter has been discussed at various times, but this year action was taken. Ten fraternities had already voted to admit no more members of high school fraternities, when the others would agree to do the same. The other eight were sure they could secure this decision from their respective organizations, and the motion was unanimously passed. No student is to be admitted to a college fraternity after September 1915, who accepts or retains membership in any secret or Greek-letter organization in any high school or secondary school of similar standing.

This very briefly mentions some of the work of the N. P. C. The real spirit was manifested not only in the business sessions, but even more in the between whiles. The editors held a separate session and agreed to coöperate in many ways such as printing uniform accounts of certain affairs, exchange of cuts and material, etc. They formed a permanent organization with the chairman as sort of general clearing house for editorial information, to be distributed through a series of round robin letters. Everything from life subscription to chapter letters was discussed. At luncheons, before and after meetings, there were numerous conferences. The Barnard fraternities

talked over that situation, those whose chapters have had local Pan-Hellenic difficulties in various places lunched together, and talked troubles as an aid to digestion! and some with no troubles whatever, or who occupied the enviable position of merely a "visitor", slipped away to a huge plank steak in a neighboring hotel. They pooled resources for theatre parties and taxis, they bantered and jollied each other on their respective weaknesses—personal or fraternity. The A  $\Phi$  and  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  editors ran a relay race after the A  $\Phi$  editorial hat as the wind spun it down the street enroute from the theatre, and celebrated the event by bunking together that night. They routed out the four Theta officers, having given the Theta whistle outside the wrong room first, and made them assume great cordiality long after midnight. The Kappas called on the Thetas,  $\Phi$  M,  $\Gamma \Phi$  B, Z T A and  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  having tried in vain to corral the A X  $\Omega$  editor, K  $\Delta$ , A  $\Delta$  II, X  $\Omega$ , II  $\Phi$ , all exchanged bits of news and views and went to the theatre together. In fact, personal worth and friendship entered so largely into the N. P. C. that such expressions as these were common the last day—"I hate to say good-by." "Can't we meet some time this year?" "Do let me know when you are in my vicinity and come on over and visit *me*." Then after the last grand rush at the Congress Hotel to pay bills, hunt strayed friends, hustle taxis, we went up to Evanston for the big Pan-Hellenic luncheon. The adjective fits it for there were 470 of us. Roll call found Alpha Phi headed the list with 55 present, with Pi Phi close on her heels with 51, and Tri Delta next with 47. Miss Thompson,  $\Gamma \Phi$  B, as toastmistress requested the various national presidents, editors, visiting delegates and other council members to rise in turn and be viewed by the multitude! Fraternity songs livened the time between courses and then came a cordial welcome from Dean Mary Ross Potter, of Northwestern. Six toasts followed, and were these:

"Vocational Possibilities for College Women," Miss Lena Baldwin, A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ .

"Sophomore Pledge Day," Louese Monning,  $\Phi$  M.

"Some Impressions of the Blackstone Meeting," Polly Fenton, A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ .



"Hostility to Fraternities—cause and cure," Amy O. Parmelee,  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ .

"The possibilities of City Pan-Hellenics," Ruth Haynes Carpenter, K A  $\Theta$ .

"The Outlook in Pan-Hellenism," Florence Armstrong, A X  $\Omega$ .

You who perchance may think fraternity means a pleasant pastime for college days, and that then its usefulness entirely ceases, should have heard those toasts, if you could not have been present at N. P. C. The sentiment was that the possibilities for fraternities are limitless. College days are but preparatory days for what can be done for college and college girls. Could you have attended both, you would understand why serious minded, thoughtful women are willing to devote their lives to the cause of fraternity. It brings opportunities no other organization in the world can offer, and will eventually become the greatest force for good in a college community. That they may have a part in making this rule is the united effort of fraternity leaders. Such was the spirit of the twelfth N. P. C.

Those present were as follows, the first name being the delegate:

$\Pi B \Phi$ —Mrs. Lardner, Vice-president; Sarah Pomeroy, Editor; Mrs. Helmick, Historian; Miss Miller.

K A  $\Theta$ —Eva Hall; L. Pearle Green, Editor; Ruth H. Carpenter, President; Louise Wagner.

K K  $\Gamma$ —Eva Powell, President; Mrs. Jackson, Editor; Mary Rodes, Secretary; Mrs. Kolbe, Treasurer, Lalah Randle; Grace Broadhurst.

$\Gamma \Phi B$ —Lillian Thompson; Carrie Morgan, Business Manager.

A  $\Phi$ —Cora A. McElroy, President; Frances Perkins, Editor; Mrs. Wheelihan; Alida Vail, Visiting Delegate.

$\Delta \Gamma$ —Pauline Hagaman; Ada Brown, President; Ethel Tukey, Editor.

$\Delta \Delta \Delta$ —Amy O. Parmelee, President; R. Louise Fitch, Editor; Pearl Bonisteel.

A X  $\Omega$ —Mrs. Crann; Florence Armstrong, Editor; Nell Harris.

A  $\Xi \Delta$ —Lena Baldwin, President; Polly Fenton, Editor; Mary Rayne.

X Ω—Mary L. Collins, President; Martha Land, Editor; Hilda Threlkeld, Business Manager.

Σ K—Mary G. Blunt.

Λ O II—Carrie G. Campbell; Lulu K. Bigelow.

A Γ Δ—Elizabeth Corbett; Ethel Lawler; Edith Sage.

A Δ II—Jewell D. Scarborough, President; Abigail Davis, Visiting Delegate.

Z T A—Gladys Ayland, Visiting Delegate.

Δ Z—Mrs. Hayes; Grace Alexander, Editor.

Φ M—Louese Monning, Grand President; Erna Fergusson, Secretary; Mrs. Kellar.

K Δ—Jenn Coltrane, President; Elizabeth Corbett, Editor; Mrs. Paddock; Miss Knox.

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## REPORT OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

CONGRESS HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL., October 16-17-18, 1913.

The twelfth National Pan-Hellenic Congress was called to order by the chairman, Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta, in the Congress Hotel, Oct. 16, at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. James H. Crann, Alpha Chi Omega, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

*Pi Beta Phi*—Mrs. J. L. Lardner, 810 Milburn St., Evanston, Ill.

*Kappa Alpha Theta*—Miss Eva R. Hall, 327 Sycamore St., Sycamore, Ill.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma*—Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.

*Alpha Phi*—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, 5759 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

*Delta Gamma*—Miss Pauline Hagaman, 929 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.

*Gamma Phi Beta*—Miss Lillian Thompson, 224 W. 61st Place, Chicago, Ill.

*Alpha Chi Omega*—Mrs. James H. Crann, 610 Colorado St., Davenport, Ia.

*Delta Delta Delta*—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 7318 N. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill.



*Alpha Xi Delta*—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, 670 Euclid Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

*Chi Omega*—Mrs. H. M. Collins, 210 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo.

*Sigma Kappa*—Mrs. Harry Blunt, 1955 Ruckle St., Indianapolis, Ind.

*Alpha Omicron Pi*—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, 207 Allen Blvd., Kalamazoo, Mich.

*Zeta Tau Alpha*—Miss Mary Galbraith, Galbraith Springs, Tenn.

*Apha Gamma Delta*—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, National Home, Wis.

*Alpha Delta Pi*—Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Box 446, Abilene, Texas.

*Delta Zeta*—Mrs. O. H. Hayes, 33d and Jersey St., Indianapolis, Ind.

*Phi Mu*—Miss Louese Monning, 1001 Polk St., Amarillo, Texas.

*Kappa Delta*—Miss Jenn W. Coltrane, 84 N. Union St., Concord, N. C.

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The reading of the minutes of the Twelfth Congress was dispensed with. The report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee given informally, was heard and accepted. The report of the Secretary was heard and accepted.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

##### *To The National Pan-Hellenic Congress:*

Your secretary reports the publication and distribution of the annual Report, and three *Bulletins*, making a total of 3340 pamphlets actually sent out, in addition to extras of every number held for future demand.

Of the second *Bulletin*, being a resumé of the acts of the Congress, three thousand copies were printed since the committee felt that the value of this *Bulletin* would greatly increase the demand for it.

In addition to the twenty *Bulletins* furnished each fraternity by the Congress, extras have been supplied at the rate of \$3.00 the hundred. Approximately 2,000 extras were supplied. This fact is significant; the increased demand indicating that Pan-Hellenic literature is now reaching practically every active fraternity woman.

The secretary invites criticism or suggestion from the Congress bearing on the present plan for supplying extra literature.

Approximately seventy-five letters have been written. A secretary's file has been purchased and equipped.

The work has been harmonious; increased interest and a growing tendency on the part of local Pan-Hellenic to seek the Executive Board as an advisory body, rather than for the inflicting of penalties, is commended.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS SMITH CRANN, *Secretary*.

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The report of the treasurer was heard, and an auditing committee appointed. Moved that the Congress secure a stenographer to assist the secretary in reporting discussions. Moved that Miss Alexander, Delta Zeta, be asked to report Congress discussions.

Moved that a Press Committee be appointed by the chair. *Committee*—Mrs. Jackson, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Fitch, Delta Delta Delta.

The reports of the delegates were heard and accepted.

The report of the Eligibility Committee was heard and accepted.

The Report of the Committee on Uniform Scholarship Blank heard and accepted. Moved that the blank recommended by the committee be made the official scholarship blank of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress but that its use be optional with Congress fraternities. Moved that Mr. Banta be asked to print scholarship blanks for the whole Congress.

Moved that the scholarship blank be a single sheet, printed on both sides.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was heard in preliminary reading. Action on the report was deferred to the following day.

The report of the Committee on Sophomore Pledge Day was heard and accepted.

Moved that the question of printing the report of sophomore pledge day be tabled.

Adjournment.

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## SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order by the chairman Friday morning, October 17, 1913, at 9:30 o'clock.

Moved that eighteen copies of the report of the Committee on



Sophomore Pledging be made and supplied to the presidents of Congress fraternities.

Moved that Congress be resolved into a committee of the whole for the discussion of sophomore pledge day.

From the discussion which followed a resolution was formulated: Same to be appended to the copies of the report sent to the presidents.

Moved that congress return to the proper form for the transaction of business.

Moved that an abridged report of the stenographer's notes of discussions appear in *Bulletin* 1, a full report to be sent to the presidents of Congress fraternities.

Moved that recommendations to the Congress be considered, point by point.

Moved that the recommendation for the establishment of Pan-Hellenic headquarters at San Francisco in 1915 be referred to the Executive Committee.

Moved that it be recommended to the 1914 Congress that the 1915 Congress convene in Berkeley, about the second week of the sessions of the university.

Moved that the recommendation for a definite outline of Pan-Hellenic study be referred to a committee to report at the next Congress. *Committee* Mrs. Crann, ———, ———.

Moved that a Committee on Recommendations be appointed—such committee to furnish copies of all proposed recommendations to delegates, at least two weeks before the date of the next Congress. *Committee*—Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma.

Moved that every chapter assume its position in local Pan-Hellenic in the order of its becoming National.

Moved (A) that no fraternity represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall bid a girl who has been a member of a so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature existing in a high school, or other school of equivalent standing, whether such society exists openly or secretly.

(1) This rule shall apply to any person who shall either accept or retain membership in such society after September 1915.

(B) That all prominent high schools and schools of equivalent standing affected by this action, be notified of this resolution of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, the notice to include a list of Congress fraternities which have already made the regulation and the statement that delegates of the other Congress fraternities will urge its adoption at their next conventions.

Adjournment.

## THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order by the chairman Friday afternoon, October 17, 1913, at two o'clock.

The report of the Committee on the Work of former Congresses, was heard and accepted.

The report of the Committee on the Use made of Fraternity Journals by College Libraries was heard, accepted, and ordered printed for editors only.

The report of the Committee on the Point System was heard, accepted, and ordered printed for the presidents only.

Moved that the supplementary report be dispensed with; type-written copies of the discussions of the Congress to be substituted.

The report of the Committee on Interfraternity organizations was heard and accepted.

Moved that the report of the Social Customs Committee, presenting Model House Rules be accepted, with the following changes in the rules:

(1) Omit rule 6, page 7, of the *Bulletin* of June 1913.

(2) Freshmen may have no wid-week social engagements, and upperclassmen but one. It was the will of the committee and of the Congress that these house rules be sent to communities needing them, with letters from national officers of fraternities there represented, urging their adoption.

Business was here suspended briefly to hear Miss Bennett, manager of the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations for Women.

Moved that fraternity chaperonage be listed with the Bureau of Occupations.

Moved that the report of the Committee on local Pan-Hellenics be accepted and the committee instructed to confer with local Pan-Hellenics, making suggestions for work which could be carried on by them.

Moved that the clause setting forth the purpose of local Pan-Hellenics in the "Model Constitution" be changed to read

(1) To work together for the good of the college and all its women students.

(2) By coöperation to benefit the fraternities of the college and to unify the interests of the fraternity and non-fraternity women.

Moved that the report of the Committee on Summer Schools be accepted.

Moved that a committee be appointed to confer with college presidents, recommending fellowships, and limiting student activities, offices and social life. This committee is empowered to carry



their work through the ensuing year, and to report to the 1914 Congress. *Committee*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Safford, Alpha Omicron Pi; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Kellar, Pi Beta Phi.

Moved that the National Pan-Hellenic Congress meet in New York City, at the National Board Building of the Y. W. C. A., 601 Lexington Ave., the time of the meeting to be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

Moved that the National Pan-Hellenic Congress make a gift of two hundred dollars to the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations, the amount to be covered by a pro rata assessment among the Congress fraternities.

Moved that there be no high school rushing.

Adjournment.

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#### FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session was called to order by the chairman, Saturday morning, October 18, at 9:30 o'clock.

The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Moved that the Congress shall establish a permanent Press Committee who shall attend to the work of dispensing literature to high schools. *Committee*—Mrs. Blunt, Sigma Kappa; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Campbell, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Moved that a committee investigate B class fraternities, with a view to their relationship to this Congress.

Amended that this work be referred to the Extension Committee.

Moved that the National Pan-Hellenic Congress coöperate to create new fraternities and chapters.

Mr. Austin, of the Fraternity Publicity Bureau reviewed briefly for the Congress, the work of the Bureau to date, introducing the secretary of the Bureau, who explained the filing and cataloguing system in use.

Committees were announced as follows:

#### I. NEW COMMITTEES—TEMPORARY

*Auditing Committee*—Miss Baldwin, Alpha Xi Delta.

*Press Committee*—Mrs. Jackson, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Fitch, Delta Delta Delta.

#### NEW COMMITTEES—PERMANENT

*Committee on City Pan-Hellenics*—Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Hayes, Delta Zeta.

*Committee to Formulate an Outline of Pan-Hellenic Study*—Mrs. Crann, Alpha Chi Omega.

*Committee on Recommendations*—Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma.

*Committee on Conference with College Presidents*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Safford, Alpha Omicron Pi; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Kellar, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

*Committee on Eligibility*—Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Ayland, Zeta Tau Alpha.

*Committee on Extension*—Miss Coltrane, Kappa Delta; Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Blunt, Sigma Kappa.

*Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics*—Mrs. Scarborough, Alpha Delta Pi; Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta; Miss Monning, Phi Mu.

*Committee on Social Customs*—Mrs. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi; Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta.

*Committee on the Press*—Mrs. Blunt, Sigma Kappa; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Campbell, Alpha Omicron Pi.

*Executive Committee, 1913-14*—Chairman Mrs. J. H. Crann, Alpha Chi Omega; Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Treasurer, Miss Lena Baldwin, Alpha Xi Delta.

The Twelfth Pan-Hellenic Congress was characterized by the alert attitude of the delegates toward our common problems, by the frank discussions, and by harmonious coöperation and unity of effort.

LOIS SMITH CRANN, *Alpha Chi Omega.*

#### OPEN PAN-HELLENIC LUNCHEON

A luncheon, open to members of the fraternities of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress was held in the Patten gymnasium, Evanston, Ill., Saturday October 18, 1913, at one o'clock.

Those present numbered four hundred and sixty-nine, an increase of seventy over the attendance of last year.

Miss Thompson, chairman, presided as toastmistress and the following toasts were responded to most pleasingly:

*Vocational Possibilities for College Women*.....  
 .....Miss Lena G. Baldwin, A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ .  
*Sophomore Pledge Day* .....Miss Louese Monning,  $\Phi$  M.  
*Some Impressions of the Blackstone Meetings* .....  
 .....Miss Polly Fenton, A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ .



<i>Hostility to Fraternities—Its Cause and Cure</i> .....	Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Δ Δ Δ.
<i>The Possibilities of City Pan-Hellenics</i> .....	Mrs. L. F. Carpenter, K A Θ.
<i>The Outlook in Pan-Hellenism</i> ..	Mrs. Edward R. Loud, A X Ω.
(Given by Miss Florence Armstrong, A X Ω)	

The absence of Mr. Banta, on account of illness, was noted with regret. President Harris, another guest of honor was also unable to be present. The Congress was happy in having as its guest, Miss Potter, Dean of Women of Northwestern University, who spoke in an interesting manner of the relation of college women and fraternities.

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#### EDITORS' AND BUSINESS MANAGERS' CONFERENCE

Thirteen editors and three business managers assembled for an informal conference, Thursday morning, October 16, 1913, at ten o'clock. Those fraternities whose editors were unable to be present, were represented at this conference by the council officers. The whole field of fraternity journalism—purpose and methods—was open for discussion and much profitable interchange of ideas resulted. It is thought that the Editors' Conference will become a permanent feature, alternating with the Presidents' Conference organized last year.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urgent communications to the Executive Board, should be addressed during the months of November, December, January, and February, to the chairman's deputy, Mrs. Louis Firth Nafis, 912 Elmwood Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Delegates are requested to instruct their National Treasurers to remit the annual dues (ten dollars) to Miss Lena G. Baldwin, 670 Euclid Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

The rate for extra *Bulletins* will continue the same as last year, three dollars to the hundred.

## “TIMES HAVE CHANGED”

At the conference of Fraternity Editors held at Chicago in October, there was much discussion regarding present conditions in the Fraternity and College world and those of fifteen to thirty years ago. A number of instances were given where the older fraternity alumnæ—those who had not been in touch with fraternities and their present day efforts—had been the cause of Pan-Hellenic eruptions and where their unacquaintance with the present times had caused many serious complications. The opinion among the editors was that these same alumnæ would be sincerely grieved if they realized that they were really impeding the progress of their own fraternity and all others as well, because of their lack of knowledge of present conditions, and methods. A committee was appointed to write an article to try and state clearly the change in times hoping that the alumnæ especially will make a great effort to see fraternity and college conditions now as they are *now*, not as they were when they were in school. If so, their zeal and intelligent interest will be of greatest benefit to the best interests of Fraternity life. The article mentioned is to be printed in all Journals.

The Committee appointed are: R. Louise Fitch,  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ , Editor of the *Trident*; chairman, Frances Perkins, Editor *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; L. Pearle Green, Editor *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; and Mrs. R. T. Jackson, K K T, Editor of the *Key*.

### THE VISITING DELEGATE FINDS TIMES HAVE CHANGED

My one experience of a Visiting Delegate was when I was head of my chapter. I had to conduct the meeting—dreadful indeed was that ordeal and fearful the nervous headache that followed it. Of course it would have been the last thing that dear visitor would have wished—to frighten a girl into a sick headache. It wasn't her fault. She had only two days to make that visit, she had but just arrived before the meeting, and a Visiting Delegate had been heralded in the chapter as an awesome individual—I was frightened within an inch of my life and that impression has always remained, because in that brief time it was impossible to form another which would replace the first and strongest.

Perhaps I gave the girls a headache when I arrived *as* a Visiting Delegate, dust-laden, tired and travel-stained. I should think I might, but I hope I remained long enough to dispel the notion



that I was an official come to inspect and find fault. Indeed, I think our task in this respect is easier than it used to be. I think the girls look for the friend instead of the inspector. They trust her and confide in her as they didn't use to do. It used to be the thing to hide trouble or dissension from the Delegate, to draw a sigh of relief only after she was safely out of the house without discovering that one of the freshmen was low in her studies, that the popular junior cut the reception and that the town girls would not come to meetings. Now these problems are discussed freely and solutions are often worked out with the help of the Delegate.

Now is this cordial relationship restricted to the visitor's own chapter? Some of the pleasantest recollections of my trip are these visits with other fraternity girls and their chaperones, for at almost every college where I stopped, courtesies of various kinds were shown me by chapters of other fraternities. I believe these cordial relations are encouraged by the Pan-Hellenic Associations. The approaching visits of inspectors are announced, they are invited to talk to the girls in these meetings, suggestions are cordially received and discussion is free and good natured. Many excellent lines of work are promoted in most of these associations, an encouraging sign, for there are a few still which exist only to make rushing rules.

What a splendid help the Deans of women are! How ready to advise about the chapter, give any information desired or provide the scholarship standings—We didn't use to bother about these standings much *except as individual chapters*, now one of the first duties of every national fraternity is to encourage scholarship in every possible way. Faculty too, show this same cordial desire to assist the visitor, and even the Presidents of the Colleges do not think it beneath their dignity to encourage her in her work.

It was an eye-opener to me to see the way in which chapters encouraged the girls to take part in college activities. Freshmen are brought up with the idea that they are expected to get out and work for the college, else they are not good fraternity girls. It made me consider seriously my own delinquencies in this line

for I flatly refused to be interested in class politics and spent much valuable time scheming to get out of gym work. Perhaps if we had had rhythmic dancing instead of dumb bells and a swimming tank instead of Indian clubs I might have been more eager. Moreover, it was a surprise to see the pride that many chapters take in seeing that house rules are rigidly kept. I don't know now how I escaped a reprimand for keeping a caller after hours. Probably those girls knew that I had been out of college long enough to forget all about such rules and were lenient with me. There are such things as study hours too, despite the dubious prognostications of our friend—the enemy.

Whatever the chapters learned from me, I learned much from them. Never can I listen again with any patience to the croakings of the people who decry our present college life and say with doleful shakes of the head "Times have surely changed since our day"—Yes, times *have* surely changed, for the better in almost every particular. The progress is startling and inspiring; the growth in the number of colleges, in their size, equipment and courses of study is amazing; the improvement in methods of students administration is marked. Even the social life, so immensely more complex with the increase of the student body, was never so carefully supervised, the girl was never before so closely guarded in our co-educational colleges. What criticism there is along the lines of expenditure and luxury is a criticism which must be borne not only by our colleges, but by our towns, our cities and our whole country. This visitor can only feebly raise her voice in protest against picture shows, autos, the Boston and that lovely college store right across from the campus, where those delicious sundaes tempt the thirsty student from her books. Perhaps these things were not problems fifteen years ago, but college authorities and student bodies have coped with much weightier ones in the past and I, for one, am quite willing to believe that these questions will soon be settled and our colleges and chapters saved from the "demnition bow-wows" whither some of their decriers think they are hastening.

FRANCES G. PERKINS,  
Editor *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.



## THE FRATERNITY AND THE CHAPTER

Fifteen or twenty years ago, it was the fashion to point out the "star chapters" of one's fraternity, to the comparative detriment of those that were not grouped in constellations. The members of one "star chapter" whispered to members of another "star chapter"—all very confidentially, of course—that Alpha or Beta or Gamma chapter took in "the most impossible girls." There was a very general feeling, shared by all except the victims of the prejudice, that "something really ought to be done about our weak chapters"; and in some cases, chapters in old and small institutions were blithely voted out of existence by the very chapters that owed them charter grants. One of the best signs of the times in fraternity as an expression of real fraternalism, is found in the changed attitude of the general fraternity toward so-called "weak chapters." The qualities that used to make up a "star chapter"—good social placement, a large share in the gaieties of college life, leadership in entertaining and dress, and popularity with the local smart set—are yielding more and more to the ideals of scholarship, influence for the best in the college circle, and true womanly character—ideals that find place quite as much in the small and unfashionable college as in the big well-advertised university.

The Spartans helped to keep up their high standard of physique by killing off the weak and deformed among their offspring, but the twentieth century method is to develop the weaklings by "better babies contests"; and the modern Greek is following the same good example and strengthening the weaklings among fraternity chapters. A policy of refusing charters to petitioners in unpromising institutions is the part of wisdom; but a policy of withdrawing charters from blameless chapters in such institutions is now stamped as unchristian and unfraternal, and is rapidly dying out.

I remember a delegate from one of these "weak chapters" who journeyed to my first convention. There was the usual convention crowd—a rapidly growing snowball of delegates and visitors. We alumnae had had so bad a training in the "weak chapter" viewpoint, that we all pricked up our critical ears when we heard that

the delegate from a certain small college was on the train. "What is she like?" we asked of the sophisticated graduate who had discovered her, and the answer was, "Oh, just what you'd expect—terribly provincial—no manner. I wonder how much longer it will be before we'll lift that chapter." And another blasé alumna added, "It ought to have been done long ago. Probably it will be, at this convention. Poor child! It's hard on her, isn't it! Perhaps the kindest thing would be to ignore her."

But such was not the view of the undergraduate girls of the party. They greeted the "weak" delegate with the effusiveness only possible to the very young on the way to a fraternity convention.

Yet so thoroughly was I imbued with college recollections of "the impossible girls that that chapter takes in"—("Why, one of them came over for a dance we gave, and positively it was the most ghastly thing!" et cetera) that in a few minutes' quiet talk with the little delegate *en route*, I opened the subject of her college's small and declining numbers, and fatuously and tactlessly asked, "Have you girls ever thought it might be advisable to surrender your charter?"

"Why should it be advisable?" she asked calmly.

"Well, you know," I blundered on, "the college is small, and there isn't much. . . .er. . . .desirable material, and of course the fraternity mustn't let its chapters run down, and if you are loyal, you would wish whatever is for the best good of the fraternity, and. . . ." somehow it was hard for me to find words for what had previously seemed perfectly obvious, but I tried to sum up: "Of course you know that your chapter is more or less on trial."

"I don't know that at all," she replied, quite firmly, quite impersonally. "It seems to me that it is the general fraternity that is on trial. My chapter stands for the ideals of our founders. There isn't a girl in the chapter who doesn't succeed in expressing those ideals, and the chapter is a real help for good in our college. If the fraternity has so far lost sight of its ideals, that it no longer recognizes them in us, why, then——" she paused—"why, then it is the fraternity that should lose its existence,—not my chapter."



Somewhat dazed I found myself realizing that she was right. Something in her look carried me back to the night of initiation, with its sense of exaltation and high intentions. Since that day how far I had drifted from the true concept of fraternity! The question came,—what does the fraternity stand for now? Does it base its estimate of a chapter on outward things, as I do—or does it recognize realities? Shall I find at convention the soul of fraternity or only the outer shell? To me, it was a matter of interest. To the delegate from our “weak chapter,” it was vital. And she was not disappointed. Though there was hostility at first from certain alumnæ, who, like me, had persisted in retaining the “star chapter” tradition; though there was of course criticism from the class of mind that bases the success of a rushing season on externals—yet the general spirit of convention was the real spirit of fraternity; and officers and delegates united in supporting the “weak chapters”—weak, perhaps, in material evidence, but strong in true fraternity ideals.

ELIZABETH RHODES JACKSON, K K F,  
Editor of the *Key*.

#### THE FRATERNITY AND THE COLLEGE TODAY

On my desk is a letter, received yesterday from the University of Minnesota, enclosing a report on the scholarship of fraternity chapters in that college during 1912-13. The average for every fraternity chapter at Minnesota is given, and the individual grades of the members of my own chapters are there. This letter reiterates the desire of these college authorities for our co-operation in their work for satisfactory scholarship. This is the third year of such co-operative effort at the University of Minnesota, and the fact that this year the lowest average of any woman's fraternity is 50 per cent above the passing grade shows progressively good results.

The Universities of Missouri and DePauw co-operate with us in a similar way, while several other places the faculty formally report grades and averages to the individual chapters at the University.

This fall, a Dean of women at a college where the social rules of the women's self-government association were very inadequate,

called into conference a number of alumnæ to discuss what she desired to establish as social standards for the college. Several of these alumnæ chanced to be fraternity women, each of whom a few days later voluntarily, and without the knowledge of the Dean, called together her college chapter and discussed the whole social situation with it and asked its aid in setting a better standard. When the Dean proposed her new plan to the self-government association these chapters gave it their sincere support and, as a result, wise rules that few thought this independent self-government association would even consider, became part of its code of conduct.

Another Dean within the past month told me that she had found that an appeal to the fraternity chapters was always given courteous consideration and never rejected unless for reasons that she herself had to acknowledge as convincing. Also, that once the fraternity chapters were pledged to a cause, the rest of the student body, two-thirds of which is non-fraternity, would fall into line too; while measures first presented direct to a mass meeting of students often failed of endorsement.

A president of a great university, with many hundreds of women students, recently dined at a chapter house where I was a guest. To me he said, "It is such a relief to know that even twenty of our women students are comfortably housed under wholesome supervision such as this house gives. Without adequate dormitories, which we never can provide if the student body continues to grow as it has the past few years, it is a grave problem to give our women students proper housing conditions. The fraternities have done much to help us solve the problem, not only through their own homes, but, also, because they have encouraged and helped other groups of girls to club together and at least engage all of some fair boarding house, thus making it more or less of a home."

Another college opened its first women's dormitory recently and for its conduct adopted *in toto* the house rules its chapter house fraternities had themselves made and kept for some years.

These actual incidents illustrate the relation of college and fraternity today better than could any of the general statements of policy and action I could so readily set forth; so I leave them to tell their own story, adding but two facts—they are not isolated



experiences, neither do they come anywhere near exhausting my knowledge of "actual incidents" of such relations.

Scholarship, high social standards, home living conditions, are some of the things fraternities work for; that their work along these lines is cumulatively successful and of value to the entire college world, can not be gainsaid. They stand ready to work for the college in every possible way and once the college evinces its readiness to accept the co-operation of the fraternities, the university world will witness undreamed of benefits through the combined effort of fraternity and college.

L. PEARLE GREEN,

Editor *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*.

#### "TIMES HAVE CHANGED"

In studying fraternities for fourteen years and in visiting sixty-five colleges my ideas of the "change" are condensed as follows:

In the "good old days" a fraternity was a loosely bound collection of individual chapters, each doing very much as it pleased, and really responsible to no one. The very first fraternity purpose was to secure some sort of recognition of the existence of women at educational institutions. Social recognition being least assured and most desired, emphasis was placed upon that. No fraternity had any real supervision over its chapters save to request payment of dues, chapter letters for the magazines, etc. National officers were names only who had purely business relations with chapters. Individual chapters worked out their own salvation, and some of the methods were most peculiar in the light of the present day ideas. It was "each fellow for himself". There was no co-operation among fraternities at any college and little among chapters of one fraternity. Rushing, pledging, etc., was haphazard and generally a question of "grab," methods being immaterial. To "run down a rival" literally and figuratively, was entirely legitimate and daily employed. Each fraternity considered itself the best and there were no superiors! This attitude, of course, eventually reached its climax, and women of mature ideas began to consider the matter sensibly and with calm judgment. The weak points, the inane points of the methods employed were discussed.

the possibilities of accomplishing something worth while with these groups of students gradually appeared and slowly but surely a change took place. National visitors, interchapter visits, etc., brought chapters into closer touch with one another and with their councils. The isolated groups became a unified whole. Woman's position in the educational world was no longer a novelty but an ever increasing common occurrence. There was no lack of social standing and social life. What then should be done with the organization which was gradually becoming stronger and more powerful? Through the exchange of interfraternity courtesies, chapters learned much of good of their rivals, and learned a most important fact—that their own beloved organizations really had not been able to secure quite all the finest women in the country! The worth of other organizations has been clearly recognized of late years, and many valuable experiences and ideas are given and received between one time most "hated rivals". Some college girls have been surprised to find that members of rival organizations know as much (or more) about their own fraternities as they do themselves, aside from the "secrets" which Barnard claims to find so terrible. Some of us who recall days when to have a chum in another fraternity was unheard of, to work together for any college betterment was unthought of, perhaps find difficulty in realizing the present conditions. Do these sound familiar? A common pledge day, no pledges below full freshman class, uniform chapter house rules, receptions for the officers of a *rival* fraternity, scholarship requirement for initiation, teas for college girls—fraternity and non-fraternity (not rushing parties, but get-acquainted parties), co-operation to secure sensible closing hours for college parties, and for better housing facilities for all college women, upperclass sponsor system in fraternity, and in some instances in college, through Pan-Hellenic efforts, faculty dinners, talks by the Dean of Women, no freshman mid-week dates, united efforts to secure competent refined house chaperones, co-operation in college activities, attempts to regulate the college activities of individual members—to curb the over-ambitious, so that her health may not be impaired, to encourage the timid and under-ambitious to cultivate her abilities, curtailing of rushing expenses and general college social expenses, co-operation



with faculty to secure better scholarship, addresses, through Pan-Hellenics, by prominent "Vocational" leaders, etc., etc. The list of things done and being done is almost too long to enumerate. This of course mentions no individual philanthropies, scholarship awards, etc. Most important, to my mind, of all the changes which have occurred is that of the change in the fraternity leaders and their spirit toward their *sister* organizations. (The italicized word is gradually replacing "rival"). Perhaps it can best be illustrated by the family life. Some parents are utterly unable to recognize the faults and failings in their own children. To *them*, their children are perfect, though to an unprejudiced outsider they may be regular "pests". They are patted on the back, encouraged to believe the neighbor's child is always the instigator of a fight, has bad manners, and is naughty to throw things at "mother's pet", etc. Such parents can't understand how their children later commit misdemeanors or worse, when they have had "everything done for them". Such *has* been the attitude of fraternity leaders in the past. The ideal parents recognize their children's faults and weaknesses, and try to teach them to cultivate self-control, and to curb their disagreeable tendencies. They are ready with advice and counsel, with all the help in their power to teach their children to patch up the weak places, to learn to discriminate themselves between good and evil, to see the good in others, etc. Such is the *general* spirit of fraternity leaders of today. They are earnest, sensible women, who realize the possibilities they have of influencing through their various organizations, the lives of thousands of young college girls to live better,—mentally, morally and physically, because of the fraternity influence in their lives. Our alumnae, old and young, who are, with practically no exception, sensible, high minded women, can aid immeasurably in these efforts by giving their intelligent support to present day methods of a powerful organization—the college fraternity.

R. LOUISE FITCH, Δ Δ Δ.

Editor *Trident*.

## THE SUSPENSION OF FRATERNITIES AT BARNARD

It is with the deepest regret that we record the suspension of fraternities at Barnard, for thereby we shall lose within a few years a much loved chapter. The action taken by the faculty of Barnard did not result from any misconduct on the part of fraternity members, nor does it appear to have represented the best judgment of those thoroughly acquainted with the fraternity situation at Barnard.

"The investigation of the fraternity system at Barnard [I quote from the official statement of Barnard.] originated last fall in an active discussion among the students of the advantages and disadvantages of this form of social organization. The question was taken up by Student Council, which was unable, however, to reach any decisive vote. In order to hear testimony and collect all possible evidence on the subject, an investigating committee was organized, consisting of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations, four *alumnæ*,—of whom two were fraternity members and two not,—and four undergraduates,—of whom two were fraternity members, and two were not. This general committee held fifteen meetings. It invited testimony from the members of Student Council, from representatives of the fraternity chapters, and from the officers of the college. It also gave a hearing to all undergraduates and *alumnæ* who expressed a desire to appear before it."

The committee took up each charge brought by those who disapprove of fraternities, and each advantage urged by those who have experienced the value of fraternities, and reported the conclusion on each. This part of the committee's report is interesting reading from several points of view. The charges reveal nothing wrong in fraternity, nor in the conduct of fraternity members, nor in the relation of fraternity members to the college. They do reveal a non-fraternity feeling of being "left-out," and a condition of affairs that would be remedied by the introduction of more fraternities until every student should find fraternity affiliation somewhere. (The idea is not new, having been advo-



cated by some fraternity leaders and college presidents for several years.) The advantages urged, on the other hand, are intrinsic and valuable. They cannot, most of them, be found to the same extent, if at all, in other college organizations. They must be lost if the fraternities are lost to the College. And they are not mere arguments for arguments' sake, but living facts, proved in the lives of fraternity girls.

Following are the findings of the Committee:

*Charge No. 1.* Fraternities cause snobbishness by over-emphasizing lines of social cleavage, especially race lines.

Conclusion: There is considerable truth in this and it is important.

*Charge No. 2.* They break up some friendships.

Conclusion: This is unimportant.

*Charge No. 3.* They erect artificial barriers against natural intercourse.

Conclusion: There is considerable truth in this, especially as the fraternity regulations at Barnard have, at times, prevented natural intercourse between upper and lower classmen.

*Charge No. 4.* They cause pain to some people who are left out.

Conclusion: This is true and serious.

*Charge No. 5.* They sometimes exert a bad influence on college politics.

Conclusion: From the evidence it seems that the Barnard chapters have not, for a number of years at least, exerted any direct influence on politics by electioneering or "deals." Indirectly, however, they exert some influence, for fraternity membership sometimes prevents the best candidate from being elected, either because of a wave of anti-fraternity feeling or because fellow members of her fraternity already hold several college offices.

*Charge No. 6.* They distract energy and money from other valuable forms of social life.

Conclusion: Probably true in part.

*Charge No. 7.* Their secrecy inspires suspicion in outsiders.

Conclusion: True and extremely important.

*Charge No. 8.* Their secrecy gives them a morbid importance in the eyes of students.

Conclusion: True and extremely important.

*Charge No. 9.* Rushing and pledge day cause confusion, distractions and bad manners.

Conclusion: True to a considerable extent.

*Charge No. 10.* Fraternities sometimes cause division and bad feeling among the *alumnæ*.

Conclusion: On this point the evidence was contradictory and inconclusive.

*Charge No. 11.* The national organizations distract loyalty and support from Barnard.

Conclusion: Not proven.

During the course of the investigation evidence was presented, moreover, which, though incomplete, tended to show that the scholarship of members of fraternity chapters during the past year has been somewhat inferior to that of the non-fraternity students.

But on the other hand, the committee concluded that the fraternities attain some rather important social ends.

(1.) Fraternities aid their members to form congenial, intimate friendships with other Barnard students.

True and important.

(2.) They supply to their members, undergraduates and *alumnæ*, regular opportunities for wholesome social enjoyment centering in Barnard.

True and important.

(3.) They exert a good influence on the character and scholarship of their members.

Not conclusively proved, one way or the other.

(4.) They cut across the lines dividing the college classes.

True and somewhat important.

(5.) They keep the *alumnæ* and the undergraduates in touch with each other and enable the older women to advise and help the younger ones.

Often true and sometimes valuable.

(6.) They form a unit which the college authorities can influence through the medium of one or more fraternity members.



Sometimes true and useful.

(7.) They produce alumnæ more enthusiastic and interested in the college than is the average non-fraternity graduate.

Probably true in many cases, and, when true, very important.

(8.) They give to their members a broadening knowledge of other women's colleges, gained through other chapters in the national organization.

Often true and of some slight value.

(9.) They enable any of their members who travel to form pleasant associations in most of the large cities and universities of the country.

Often true and of some value.

At its last meeting on May fourteenth, eleven members being present, besides the chairman, who did not vote, the committee finally adopted by a vote of 7 to 4 a set of recommendations. It suggested that all student organizations in Barnard should be chartered by Student Council and the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations for limited terms. Considerable freedom should be allowed in the organization of new clubs, and rigor should be used in suppressing any which seem harmful or useless. Under this system, the Investigating Committee recommended that the fraternity chapters now in Barnard, provided they should make public their purposes, their organizations, and the obligations assumed on joining, should be chartered for limited terms, under the rules applying to all other clubs, and should be permitted to retain their affiliation with their national organizations, if this should be possible under their national constitutions. Having adopted this report the Committee then voted that it be referred to the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations for their action and for transmission to the Faculty.

But at the same meeting, the Provost gave notice that he would prepare a minority report. This report was sent to all the members of the committee with the request that if they assented to its provisions they should sign and return it. Seven members signed it.

The Faculty Committee on Student Organizations, sitting alone, considered the majority report and the minority report of the

Investigation Committee, and finally adopted the latter for recommendation to the faculty. At the faculty meeting on May twenty-sixth, the faculty considered the report of its committee on Student Organizations,—which was technically a minority report of the Investigating Committee,—and adopted a set of resolutions which practically legislated the fraternities out of existence. An explanation of this procedure may perhaps be found in the statement current at Barnard that the faculty meeting was an unusually small one, that a number of faculty members who were in sympathy with fraternity were absent from the meeting and learned with surprise of its action after it was all over, and that considerable lobbying was done among the faculty by those responsible for the aforementioned minority report.

These are the resolutions finally adopted by the faculty:

Resolved, That for a term of three years, commencing October 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.

Resolved, That, subject to the fore-going recommendation, students be encouraged to experiment with new forms of social organization under the supervision of the Faculty of Barnard College, directly or through Student Council.

Resolved, That all student organizations of whatever description be chartered for a limited term by Student Council, subject to the supervision of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations.

Resolved, That a joint meeting of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations and of Student Council be held early in the fall to consider the operation of the second and third sections above.

Thus it will be seen that the fraternities still live at Barnard, but they are forbidden to take in new members until a date when practically all of their present undergraduate members will have been graduated.

Since the fraternities at Barnard have been condemned as undesirable, it will be interesting to see the successful inauguration



of more desirable forms of social organization. The report of the Dean of Barnard to the President of Columbia University, included in the President's Report, makes the following statement of the social needs of the college:—

“Any system of student organizations should be constructed so as to give to as many individuals as possible opportunities in certain important lines. Nearly all students should have experience in managing organizations and conducting meetings. They should have a chance to practice some beneficial activity, such as athletics, acting or debating. They should be enabled to make as numerous and varied a set of acquaintances as possible,—an end which we at Barnard, with our extraordinarily varied and cosmopolitan community, can achieve most happily and successfully—and this is very important for their future personal happiness and also for the development of their affection and loyalty to their college—they should have a chance to form some congenial, intimate, and lasting friendships.”

That our national Greek-letter societies meet these needs for their members is undeniable. That no other one kind of college organization has proved itself able to meet them all to the same extent as fraternity, or to any appreciable extent, is equally true. That the Barnard faculty chose to repress the most widely useful form of social organization known in college experience, instead of enlarging its scope to include all members of the college in congenial fraternities, appears to be a most regrettable misuse of opportunity, and one that must work to the detriment of college life. The faculty has not only deprived more than one-third of its students of their actual membership in fraternities; it has deprived its non-fraternity students and its students yet to matriculate of potential membership in an organized system of proved good, that has passed the experimental stage. Upon the faculty that has taken this responsibility lies the difficult task of giving its students a substitute of equal value.

ELIZABETH R. JACKSON,

*Editor of The Key.*

## ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNÆ

### FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

*November 1913.*

#### EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae offers a fellowship of five hundred dollars for the year 1914-1915, available for study in Europe.

The fellowship is open to any woman holding a degree in Arts, Science, or Literature; in general, preference is given to those candidates who have completed one or two years of graduate work. The award will be based on evidence of the character and ability of the candidate and promise of success in her chosen line of work.

It is understood that the fellow will devote herself unreservedly to study and research and that she will send reports of her work from time to time to the chairman of the committee.

Applications must be made by personal letter from the candidate to the chairman of the committee, accompanied by:

1. A certificate from the registrar of the college or university which awarded the degree or degrees previously received.
2. Evidence of sound health.
3. An account of previous educational training and a definite statement of plans for future work and of the reasons for applying for the fellowship.
4. Testimonials as to ability and character from qualified judges.
5. Evidence of scientific or literary work in the form of theses or papers or accounts of scientific research.

Applications for this fellowship for the year 1914-15 must be in the hands of the committee on or before February 1, 1914, and should be addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Fellowships.

PROFESSOR ABBY LEACH,  
*Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.*

#### ALICE FREEMAN PALMER MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship of five hundred dollars is available for study in Europe or America.

Candidates for this fellowship must hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or must present work which would entitle them to the Ph.D. degree.



Applications for this fellowship for the year 1914-1915 must be in the hands of the committee on or before February 1, 1914 and should be addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Fellowships.

PROFESSOR ABBY LEACH,  
*Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.*

#### WOMAN'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Woman's Education Association of Boston offers a fellowship of five hundred dollars for the year 1914-1915, available for study in Europe. The conditions are the same as those prescribed for the A. C. A. European Fellowship.

Applications for this fellowship for the year 1914-1915 must be in the hands of the committee on or before February 1, 1914, and should be addressed to the chairman of the Committee.

MRS. NORWOOD P. HALLOWELL, *Chairman,*  
*West Medford, Mass.*

#### BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION OF WOMEN

The Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women offers a fellowship of five hundred dollars for the year 1914-1915 available for study at an American or European University. The conditions are the same as those prescribed for the A. C. A. European Fellowship. The fellowship is, however, available for study at an American or European University. In the award preference will be given to women from Maryland and the South.

Applications for this fellowship for the year 1914-1915 must be in the hands of the committee on or before February 1, 1914 and should be addressed to the Committee on Award.

DR. MARY SHERWOOD, *Chairman,*  
*The Arundel, Baltimore, Md.*

#### BOSTON ALUMNÆ FELLOWSHIP

The Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, aided by the Radcliffe Alumnae Association, the Boston Alumnae Club of Smith College, and by Alumnae of Bryn Mawr College, Vassar College, Wellesley College, and Boston University, offers a graduate fellowship of five hundred dollars, payable in the summer of 1914, for the purpose of stimulating scholarship among women.

The holder of the fellowship must be a woman who is a graduate of an approved college, is of good health and excellent char-

acter, and has proved her ability and initiative. The fellowship may, however, at the discretion of the Committee of Award, be given to an applicant who presents reports of a small amount only of investigation; provided, this be of exceptionally high quality and promise. The award will be postponed unless the conditions are fully met. The fellowship must be used, in Europe or in America, for one year of constructive work, and not for purposes of general culture.

Applications for the fellowship should be made to the chairman of the Committee on Fellowships of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, Professor ABBY LEACH, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., not later than February 1, 1914. They should be accompanied by:

1. Testimonials of scholarship, of health, and of character.
2. Theses, papers, and reports of investigation, published or unpublished.
3. A statement in full of the plan for the pursuit of study and of the object in view.

Inquiries may be addressed either to Professor LEACH or to the chairman of the Boston Branch Committee, Professor MARY WHITON CALKINS, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.





DREAMS sometimes become realities—the proof of this statement is shown by the achievements of the Convention of 1913—the most momentous in the history of our sorority. This gathering was significant in many ways; more than anything else it stood for Progression, and as a result of November 5-8, it comes to pass that Gamma Phi Beta, free and untrammelled, roused into definite action, quickened with the fire of enthusiasm, enters into a wider field of usefulness and looks out upon a broader, clearer horizon.

WE have often heard of the charm of Gamma girls; we have always understood that the chapter itself is synonymous with social tact—and now, those of us who were so fortunate as to share the joys of convention, indeed feel that the half has not yet been told. Thoughtfulness marked every detail, courtesy in word and act was characteristic of each and every member and individual cordiality made the stay of each visitor long to be remembered. The convention itself accomplished much that is wise and commendable—but for the delightful social functions, the happy comradeship of these four days and the gracious hospitality, we say to Gamma, from our very hearts, “We thank you!”

IN the CRESCENT of January, 1913—just a year ago—we find the following editorial:

Quite in the manner of a persistent school teacher, we write upon the unsullied page of the new year the various problems that are offered you for solution. For emphasis, we read them again—

Expansion, Visiting Delegate, National Scholarship Committee, Students' Aid Fund, Historian, Reserve Fund. After how many shall we write Q. E. D.?

And now in the CRESCENT of January, 1914, we make the following statements.

The question of expansion is no longer an idle one; the obstacles in the way have been removed.

We not only decided to have a visiting delegate but chose her during convention and sent her on her way!

Denver's suggestion in regard to a National Scholarship Committee was speedily acted upon and now we have just such a committee with the most efficient of chairmen.

The compilation of the history of Gamma Phi is assured—and the sorority historian—Mary Whitford of Alpha and Syracuse Alumnae—has been chosen. Miss Whitford, be it said, knows more about the sorority than any other person and she enjoys a rare distinction—that of attending every meeting of her chapter for thirty years!

The nucleus of a reserve fund is established.

In addition to all this, a financial backing was given to the CRESCENT which puts it firmly on its feet, definite action was taken in regard to high school fraternities, a reorganization of government was effected, a suggestion in regard to uniform examinations was accepted and a national scholarship requirement decided upon. Truly, we may write our Q. E. D. in great and flaming capitals.

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JUST another quotation from this same 1913 issue of the CRESCENT which we called "New Year's Number" and which contained a list of the things we "ought to have done."

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

2. To acquire a better understanding of our national bond.

3. To obtain a speedy and satisfactory solution of each chapter problem and perplexity.

4. To regulate chapter customs, expense, etc.

5. To acquaint the national officers with local conditions and local needs.



6. To strengthen the loyalty of the chapters to the sorority and to each other.

7. To inspire each chapter with a desire for better scholarship, for more earnest service, for better, truer womanhood.

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

And now, we shall acquire "these better conditions"—for we have a visiting delegate—a delegate who is winning in personality, thoroughly equipped for the work and who will be gladly welcomed by every chapter.

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THE stirring convention speech of Lillian Thompson, Chairman of N. P. C., sent a wave of enthusiasm over her listeners—and in her review of Pan-Hellenic conditions, she stated that the opposition to fraternities, now so threatening, must be met by the Greek letter societies in several ways. First—college authorities must be impressed by our worthy activities to the extent that they recognize our value not only to the college circle but to the outside world. Second—college societies must take some definite stand in regard to high school fraternities. Third—scholarship must be raised. In answer to her appeal, Gamma Phi decided to respond to the first demand not only by acquainting college authorities with existing conditions but by sending, when possible, appropriate material to the magazines, thus offsetting the harmful and erroneous literature, frequently published of late. The second suggestion was met by the unanimous acceptance of a resolution that, after 1915, a girl who belongs to a high school fraternity or who does not sever her connection with it, is not eligible for membership. And as to scholarship—the appointment of a national committee will serve to combat successfully whatever truth there may be in the declaration that the grades of sorority members are below those of the non-sorority girls.

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WE have laughed many times over our well-worn joke of making both ends of the CRESCENT meet and now it looks as if that very thing were about to happen. Thirty life subscriptions—unquestioned enthusiasm in the cause—every desire to put our maga-

zine on a firm foundation—surely these are conditions greatly desired and greatly appreciated; and it is the earnest desire of the editorial staff that, during this coming year, a larger, better and more satisfactory magazine may come your way.

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THERE is but one regret attendant upon convention—the fact that all of you were not there. In the hope that details will be interesting to you, that full accounts of our doings will help you to get the spirit, we have tried to relate everything that made the few days in Madison, momentous ones. Perhaps it will help you to join in the slogan—“To California in 1915, everyone of us.”

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ON the very night of convention banquet—Saturday, November 8—sorrow came into the home of one of our founders, Minnie A. Bingham Willoughby, and the sorority, individually and as a whole, deeply sympathizes with her in the death of her husband, Edward H. Willoughby. Mr. Willoughby was for many years a successful business man of Utica, N. Y., and the daily papers have given many tributes to his efficiency and to his splendid character. From a lengthy and appreciative article in the *Utica Daily Press* we quote the following paragraphs:

As the head of Willoughby company he had made the firm name a synonym for excellence in the construction of carriages, sleighs and of later years, automobile bodies, the product of his factory being widely distributed. Mr. Willoughby was a man of pleasing address and fine character, one whom his friends were proud to know and whose memory will be cherished by them. For he was a good citizen in every sense of the term, whose death is a loss to Utica. . . .

Mr. Willoughby acquired a very enviable reputation for the excellence of design in the output of his factory. Although not himself a designer, he had the faculty of being able to originate a design and giving the idea such shape that a draughtsman could complete the technical details. This ability, together with his accurate judgment of the worth of materials used in his business, combined to make the Willoughby name a mark of excellence on any vehicle.

Mr. Willoughby married Mary A. Bingham of Rome, January 17, 1883. They have a daughter and a son, Ernestine B. and Fran-



cis Daniel Willoughby. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Rome, and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Utica. He belonged to the Royal Arcanum and the Fort Schuyler Club. In politics he was a Republican, and though often asked, he was never a candidate for any political office. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Irwin and Mrs. Irving Adams of Poland.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next issue of the magazine will be *Alumnæ* Number. Will each alumna, not belonging to an *alumnæ* chapter, send to the editor before Feb. 15, 1914, a brief communication, giving news of herself and her line of work—all of which will prove of interest to those who were in college with her. So many Gamma Phis, isolated from a chapter or a group have asked for news of the girls in the chapter with them that the editor makes this request and asks that each one comply. It means only a few moments to you; it does mean a great deal to your friends and it will help the editor to make this number a success as well as the source of information. Let us not lose track of one another.

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The Photoart View Company of Madison took three pictures during convention week; one is the convention group on the library steps, another is of the banquet and the third is of Gamma members. These three photographs beautifully finished in sepia, artistically mounted and joined, will be sent to anyone on the payment of one dollar. The company generously furnished black and white prints for the magazine and assures us that any request on the part of Gamma Phi will be speedily and carefully attended to. The address is 212 State Street.

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Kappa chapter has issued a most attractive year book which contains the names of the officers of the *alumnæ* chapter, the program of meetings and a list of all active and *alumnæ* members. The booklet has an attractive cover of brown with darker lettering, and the publication of such a book is an enterprise that all of us might follow with profit.

Notice, chapters! The editor has nothing to do with Mrs. Graham's department. All personals, letters and notices are sent to her.

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Remember the oft-quoted advice of the editorial staff—give the CRESCENT as a Christmas present.

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Life subscriptions and all kinds of encouraging prospects are helping the cause of the magazine. However, if your subscription is not paid, gladden us with an immediate check.

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Unless plans are changed, groups of all chapters from Alpha to Omicron will appear in the June CRESCENT. Be prepared to furnish your chapter photograph.

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After the greater part of the magazine had been sent to the publisher, word came that on account of unexpected conditions, the name of the visiting delegate must be withheld until the next issue.

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The new directories may be purchased from Mrs. F. S. Baldwin, West Allis, Wisconsin, for thirty-five cents.

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All chapter dues *must* be paid in January!

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*Life subscriptions to the CRESCENT* will be issued at the rate of twenty-five dollars, payable in five years. Help to swell the CRESCENT fund by adding your name to the list.





MRS. WM. J. GRAHAM, Alumnae Editor, 388 8th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham. Next  
 letters *must* be in her hands by February 15.

#### ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It seems rather late to be talking about fall rushing, but we had such a successful season that I am sure you will be as glad to hear about it as we always are to hear of the other freshmen. Here in Syracuse we do not pledge until the day college opens, and so matriculation day is one full of anticipation and interest as are a few days preceding, and the following week. On Sunday night before college opened we had a few girls up to the house for lunch, then on Monday we had a more formal party there. Tuesday morning college opened, and we had a few girls in for breakfast, and then we all went over to chapel. After chapel, most of the day was spent in helping the freshmen arrange their schedules. Wednesday was spent in much the same way, then on Thursday we gave a luncheon at Schrafft's, and on Friday one of the city girls entertained us most delightfully at an informal tea. That was really the end of the rushing season, and we pledged sixteen girls: Helen Buckman, '15, Wyoming, Pa.; Catherine Branch, '16, Syracuse; Fannie Helner, '16, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Flora Judd, '16, White Plains; Aurelia Mansfield, '16, Coudersport, Pa.; Jean Walsh, '16, Cortland; Doris Newing, '17, Long Branch; Edith Thompson, '17, and Dorothy Buck, '17, Mount Vernon; Marjorie McLennan, '17, Fayetteville; Harriet Curry, '17, Philadelphia, Pa.; Doris Leake, '17, Lockport; Beatrice Harvey, '17, Utica; Dorothea Smith, '17, Herkimer; Dorothea Keeney, '17, and Mildred Faulkner, '17, Syracuse.

We have adopted sophomore initiation and so we took in only six girls, the others to be initiated after they have passed their first semester examinations.

Banquet took place on November 14 at the chapter house and was well attended, there being about seventy-five Gamma Phis

present. Mrs. Laura Page Flick was the toastmistress and the following responded to toasts:

The Plain .....	Aurelia Mansfield, '17
The Mountain .....	Marian Whitford, '16
The Forest .....	Mary Stevens, '15
The Ocean .....	Mildred Fish, '14
The Aeroplane .....	Florence Trowbridge

At the banquet, sixty dollars was pledged toward the house fund.

The house is practically run by the *alumnæ*. Our chaperon gives the orders to one of the *alumnæ*, who attends to all the ordering. The *alumnæ* make a few of the house rules and the girls make the others. These are enforced by Esther Potter, the house president for the year.

Our girls are very active "on the hill." May Loveland, '14, is president of Y. W. C. A. Marian Weaver, '14, is a member of Boar's Head, the dramatic society. Ruth Gregory, Jean Walsh and Fannie Helner are members of the glee club, the latter being secretary and treasurer of the club. Dorothy Potter and Mary Stevens are on the *Onondagan* board. Pansy Stone, '16, is president of the sophomore organization for women, and it is due to her efforts that this splendid organization was started. Letitia Price, '16, is chairman of the social committee of this organization. Mildred Fish and Ruth Abel are chairmen on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. Helen Codling, '16, is a reporter for the *Daily Orange*, the college paper. May Loveland and Ruth Abel belong to the honorary pedagogical society, Kappa Pi Sigma. May Loveland and Mildred Fish belong to Eta Pi Upsilon, the senior society. Esther Potter is on the Women's League board.

It has been the custom for years for the freshmen to entertain the sorority at a dance, and this year, as usual, it was a great success, about fifty couples enjoying the occasion. Only freshmen men are invited to this dance, though all four classes in the sorority are invited.

#### PERSONALS

Emily H. Price, '13, who is teaching at Chateaugay, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her parents in Syracuse.

Augusta Briggs, '13, of Homer attended the banquet and spent several days with friends in town.

Marian Bretz, ex-'15, of Dobbs Ferry was here for banquet, the guest of Laura Beecher, ex-'15, of Syracuse.

Mrs. W. Harvey, '84, of Utica was here for the fall banquet, the guest of her daughter, Beatrice, '17.



Mrs. Beakes, '97, of New York attended the banquet, being a guest at the chapter house.

Mrs. Howell Crim, '12, of Utica, and Lucile Peirson, '14, of Newark, attended the Colgate game.

Rachel Bulley and Hilda Grossman have a studio together. The latter's picture, which was painted for the Hiram Gee fellowship in Paris, is on exhibition in Crouse College.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Katherine Dawley, ex-'15, has announced her engagement to Mr. Henry W. Brown, the wedding to take place in the spring.

MILDRED BIGELOW.

#### BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The first gift which I bring forth for you out of the grab bag of my memory is the account of Beta's fall rushing, almost unrecognizable this year, on account of the strict new rules. Our engagements with each rushee were so limited that we resorted to calling upon the girls, as well as indulging somewhat freely in "campus rushing." Our two biggest parties made very great impressions. One was a picnic supper up the river; the other, an *alumnæ* luncheon, followed by a *matinée* party at "Little Women." That by the way, was the final test of whether or not we wanted the girls for sisters. If they didn't weep at the play, we decided they were not "Gamma Phi type." For what true-hearted girl could fail to have a lump in her throat, seeing those dear friends of hers; Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, living their lives right before her eyes? The most notable feature of our rushing was the wonderful success of our earnest efforts. With great fears tugging at our hearts, we awaited the answers to our bids. Exuberant beyond expression were our feelings when eleven splendid girls accepted us. Sarah Hincks, Andover, Mass., graduate of Vassar College, with a fellowship in Rhetoric here, Stella Knapp, Bellevue, a junior from Randolph-Macon, Agnes Gorman, Chelsea, Michigan, sophomore from Notre Dame, Anita Kelly, Niagara Falls, Ethel Bolen, Battle Creek, Martha Moffatt, Flint, Ruth and Adele Crandall, Ann Arbor, Clara Stimpson, Louise Avery, Hester Cooper, Detroit. These eleven with our five pledges of last year make our freshman class lack but one of making half of our chapter. We are very proud of ourselves, but feel as if it were a beautiful dream. It has been rumored that a girl belonging to another sorority, upon being told about our eleven pledges, said that it was no wonder that the rest

of them couldn't get any freshmen. Anyway, we ourselves feel that our contribution to Gamma Phi is a worthy one.

After our very exciting two weeks, it was hard to get down to such prosaic things as house-management and formulation of house rules. All our household affairs are managed by a house-steward, elected from the active girls. She attends to everything in the domestic realm, and her duties are numerous and varied. Among other things, she collects the room rent, which she hands over to the alumnae who pay all the bills. Our board is cared for by a board steward, also one of the active chapter, who employs the help and attends to the planning and ordering of meals. You can imagine what a thankless task hers is to feed twenty-four girls with healthy appetites and fastidious tastes. This board steward receives her board as a slight reward for her troubles, and the house steward has her room rent free. Our staff of domestic help consists of a cook, a second maid, two student waiters, and a student dish washer. The waiters and dish-washer have their board in return for their services.

The first year we revised our house rules to make them more strict, with the idea that an investigating committee could find no fault with them. Study hours must be observed, and callers must leave at ten o'clock. The freshmen are allowed to have only one evening engagement during the school week, but other girls are not restricted in this way. All rules which are broken are paid for by the offending girl by a fine. One girl has charge of collecting these fines, and the task is not a pleasurable one. You all know how the collector who is ever pursuing you comes to be a person hated and avoided. Although the girls possess no desire to collect fines, they are very willing to charge their sisters for breaking study hours, and leaving lights on. There is friendly rivalry among them to see who can post the most fines against their careless sisters, for the cause is a worthy one. With the fines which accrue we intend to buy countless, much needed furnishings for our new house.

There are only two girls' literary societies in the University of Michigan, Omega Phi and Stylus. Stylus admits only those girls who are doing advanced work in Rhetoric. We are proud to have a senior, Margery Walker, a member of this exclusive society. Sophomores who do good work along lines of sociology and rhetoric, are elected to Omega Phi. In this society we are represented by Pauline Kleinstück, Frances Rhoades, Fanny Hogan, Marian Davis, and Bernice Stewart.

The college activities of Gamma Phi are very limited. Up to



recent years it has been against the policy of Beta to sally into publicity. But we have all come to the conclusion that such a policy is out of date, and that modern times demand more interest in college affairs. So our first step has been to make all freshmen and sophomores go out for some work in Women's League. Of course they feel very much abused at being compelled to be "big women on the campus" while the upperclassmen stay at home and offer encouragement and advice. All of us make an effort to go to the weekly Women's League parties, given for all college women. Sometimes we are tempted to shirk our duty, when along comes a recruiting squad, and Gamma Phi turns out in full force. And how virtuous we all feel! We enjoy them after we get there, but it is a "bother" to get ourselves started.

Is Gamma Phi justifying her existence at the University of Michigan? She is doing her best by providing a pleasant home for her girls and encouraging them in their college work and activities. The girls who came home from convention were so fired with enthusiasm, and so convinced that the sorority question is a serious one that they have further aroused us. We, with our new house to look after, are in no position to do any philanthropic work. We should like to establish a scholarship similiar to one which Gamma has, but, as that is impossible, we are going to do the next best thing. Our local Pan-Hellenic delegate is going to suggest to Pan-Hellenic that she establish a sorority scholarship fund. If that suggestion is adopted, we shall feel as if we had a slight share in doing some good. This little beginning will lead to bigger things, we hope.

I wish that you could look in on us some Monday evening, as after meeting we spend a social hour together. This is a new custom established this year, and we expect to derive great benefits from it. The girls have felt that we ought to devote a few hours a week to Gamma Phi, and to becoming better acquainted than we can in our busy everyday life. So every Monday anyone peeping in our window can see a very cozy group. Marian Davis, our favorite musician, sits at the piano, surrounded by some of the musical girls singing Gamma Phi songs. In another corner of the room there is a small group of industrious girls sewing, some for their green trunks, others making Christmas presents. This sewing bee is quite a revelation, for among the little group we see several unlooked-for faces. Who could ever imagine Helen Ely, "our only New Yorker, who sure is a corker," embroidering a night-gown? When the freshmen bring in the refreshments, we all sit upon the floor in front of the grate-fire and eat our

"peanuts and olives too" while the girls take turns reading aloud. Next week we hope that Isabel Hicks, a newly discovered genius, can be coaxed to read our palms, and reveal our futures to us. Perhaps, these evenings will produce still greater results in the way of talent hitherto hidden. We wish that you could all come and spend an evening in our midst.

Our girls say that convention was a great inspiration. They hold their breath, and look very happy when they try to tell us how grand it was. Beta has been inclined to think that she was sufficient unto herself, and has failed to grasp the importance and advantages of a national organization. But now she sees beyond her narrow sphere, and puts herself down as a small unit in the big whole. It was a rare opportunity to meet so many fine girls and women from all over the United States, and we all had such a good time together. Our hostesses were charming, and our visit was delightful in every way.

After getting a clearer vision of national Gamma Phi and her undertakings and achievements, our local affairs seem very insignificant. It seems almost sacrilegious to mention our annual dance for the freshmen. But it was such fun that I must tell you about it. It was a Hallowe'en party, and the house looked very gay with its decorations of autumn leaves. The Jack-o'-lantern in the fireplace gave the guests considerable uneasiness concerning the presence of "spooks." When the music started, everything but the joy of dancing was forgotten. We did dance other things than the two-step and waltz, but, if our Madison sisters had looked in upon us, they surely would have thought us very conservative in our mode of tripping the light fantastic. Sharply at the stroke of twelve the music ceased. Pillows and chairs were placed before the cheery log-fire, and there the sophomores served our refreshments. We ended our party with a joyous singing of Gamma Phi songs.

Now we must say good-bye for a while. We feel as if we knew you all better because we have seen so many of you at convention. So most heartily we send our love to our sisters.

#### PERSONALS

Erna George, '13, Peggy Melvin, '13, and Marie Brooks, ex-'15, spent a few days with us during rushing season.

Osee Jewell, '13, was here for three days this fall.

Marjorie Walker, Wanda Seeman, Pauline Kleinstück, Fanny Hogan, Marian Scott, Vivienne Kerr, ex-'16, Pauline Adams, and Helen Tuthill went to convention.

Miss Shepherd stopped here on her way to convention, and the



girls were fortunate in having her company on their way to Madison.

Erma Lynn, ex-'15, made us a short visit this month.

HELEN TUTHILL.

#### GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters: As the thoughts of all Gamma girls are still occupied with convention, although, alas, it is but a memory now, it is perhaps fitting for us as hostesses to thank our visitors most heartily for the charming way in which they made themselves at home and entered into the informal spirit of things, thus proving themselves truly successful guests.

Out of the confusion of details, which was convention to the entertaining chapter, at the time, the memorable things are rising now and becoming distinct; but it is impossible to say which memory, whether of stunts, ball, banquet, or what not, gives the most pleasure.

But while we Gamma Phis are revelling in the thought of how progressive, how fine and attractive our sisters are from east to west, the regular activities of the college life go on just the same, and it behooves us to take our part in them.

Just now we are all interested in the Y. W. C. A. bazaar, which is to be held shortly before Christmas. Gamma Phi is to help with the doll booth, and our weekly tea hour is given up to the manufacture of doll clothes, a fascinating occupation. As many of the girls belong to intersorority clubs, or literary societies, who are to take part in the fair, we are all very busy.

Gamma Phi has more representatives in athletics and dramatics than in the literary societies for women, Castalia, Round Table, and Pythia, although we are represented there also. These societies hold weekly meetings, with a program consisting of music and discussions or debates on topics of current or perpetual interest. They are not honorary, and any girl who has interest and ability along literary lines may be proposed for membership.

Gamma Phi cannot be said to specialize in any branch of college activity, but she is interested in them all; and as each girl is required to belong to some organization outside the sorority, such as the Consumers' League, Y. W. C. A., and so on, we keep in touch with university life in many ways.

The sororities at Wisconsin have no traditional special activities into which they enter every year.

The financial affairs of the house are managed by the treasurer and the Gamma Phi Beta House Association, composed of alumnae

who own shares in the house. The treasurer has an assistant, whose duty it is to collect board and keep track of guests. There are first, second, and third floor committees who have charge of the condition of the respective stories. One of the girls acts as stewardness and coöperates with the chaperone in planning the meals. We keep our system of house management simple and business-like.

Gamma extends the heartiest of holiday greetings to all the sisters, active and alumnæ, with whom she feels in closer touch than ever before.

#### PERSONALS

Bess Newell, Gamma '13, of Chicago, visited the active chapter for a few days after convention.

Nell Bundy, Gamma '13, of Eau Claire, Wis., remained in Madison for the week following convention.

Grace Burgard, '14, Temple Irwin, and Ernestine Spencer, '15, of the active chapter, went to Chicago for the Chicago-Wisconsin football game, November 22.

#### MARRIAGE

The marriage of Winifred Coon, Gamma, to Edward Rankin took place Tuesday, December 2, at Edgerton, Wis.

HILDEGARDE HAGERMAN.

#### DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: Like the rest of you, we have been rushing. Our first party was at the home of Constance Flanders in Brookline. Including freshmen and alumnæ, we numbered about forty. A most delightful afternoon and evening was spent, playing charades, dancing and singing. The second party came on the twelfth of November. We entertained at Margaret Osgood's in Lynn. It was a perfect evening and we enjoyed a "sing" about a blazing fire on the beach. The following Monday was the all-important day, when seven new hearts were pledged to Gamma Phi. We are indeed proud to introduce them to you, five freshmen, Ruth Garland, Madeleine Hamlin, Eleanor Simmons, Isabelle Turnbull and Martha Wentworth, Lois Beil, a special student, graduate of Emerson College of Oratory and Molly Collins, a senior of our own university. If you could all see these people, you would be just as happy over them as we are.

We have been so very busy rushing that other doings have been of secondary importance, but some of us have found time for a few things besides freshmen. Thursday, November 6, came Uni-



versity Night, the first function of its kind which the college has held. On the following evening was a Gamma Delta party. For three days of the next week a bazaar was held at the Copley Plaza Hotel for the benefit of the medical branch of the university. Gamma Phi shared with the other sororities in dressing dolls for this, so, you see, we have been very busy this fall.

There is just one more college interest which we would mention, and that is our new literary society, the English Club of Boston University. This was organized last year but was not established in full running order until this fall. It is, we think, especially valuable to those who are interested in writing. The members submit at least three papers a year for criticism, with a view to later publication. The criticism has been extremely interesting and helpful to the members.

A most hearty joy to you all over new pledglings.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Rachel Caroline Rice, '14, to Mr. Burton Howard Camp, professor of mathematics at Wesleyan University.

ADA TAYLOR.

#### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls: With even more sisterly feeling than before, Epsilon sends her greetings to all, from Alpha in the east to Eta in the west. I say *more sisterly*, because I think that since November 5, we all really feel the true bond of sisterhood, that in spite of wide intervening distances, exists between all the chapters, just as strongly as between the individual girls in our own chapter.

Well, I must get down to business, for there are many things to write and as usual, time and space are not over-plentiful. Time—we hardly know the meaning of that word; we never have any and yet we do not know where it goes; for everything in college activities is really launched and in buzzing, working order: class politics over and class activities well under way; subscriptions for college publications all in, and the staff's deep into filling the demands; Y. W. C. A. workers busy in their various lines of work, and the Woman's Athletic Association drilling for their minstrel show and selling their Wednesday morning sandwiches. Thus, I might go on from one thing to another and each would be found in the same degree of diligence.

The subject most harped upon just now is the Syllabus, the junior year book; each chapel hour brings repeated appeals for material and more subscriptions and the juniors are daily urged to have

their pictures taken NOW. Gamma Phi is represented on the board by Jean K. Wheeler, '15, as associate editor in music school, and by Joyce E. Farr, '15, as associate editor in Liberal Arts.

The Young Women's Christian Association is doing its usual wide-spread good work. One of its most able and interesting helpers along missionary lines is Miss Sui Wang from China, who is taking postgraduate work here. Her work lies in lecturing on the uplift of China and in carrying on a mission study class.

As for Gamma Phi's part in Y. W. C. A. work, nearly all of us are members of the association; Ann Potter, '15, is a member of the cabinet, being chairman of the finance committee; and Jean K. Wheeler, '15, and Marguerite Robinson, '14, give up each Thursday afternoon to teaching music at the Northwestern settlement.

Literary societies hold an important place on the campus, as instructive organizations and as excellent "Mixers". There are four such organizations for women at Northwestern, Annonian, Eulexia, Alethenai, and Calethia; Annonian embraces three Gamma Phis as members, Helen Paddock, '14, Frances Phelps, '16, and Joyce Farr, '15, Eulexia, two, Ethol Anderson, '15, and Ann Potter, '15, who is also treasurer of the society.

Friday, November 21, the Northwestern University Campus Players gave their first production of the year, "The Witching Hour," by Augustus Thomas. It was the initial performance by amateurs, and was handled in a most commendable and non-amateurish manner.

Though we (by *we*, I mean  $\Gamma \Phi$ 's) were not represented in this particular cast, we are in the club by Frances Phelps, '16, Ruth Clarke, '15, and Joyce Farr, '15, the latter being vice-president of the organization.

A rather unique and helpful society on our campus is the Helen Club to which only girls by the name of *Helen* are eligible. Our two Helens, Helen Paddock, '14, and Helen Lewis, '14, are members, the former holding the position of treasurer. The club is of a more serious and important nature than its name might imply, for its main object is settlement work; taking an active part in maintaining the Northwestern University settlement.

As for other activities, Ann Potter, '15, serves as secretary of Woman's League; Klea Cozzens, '14, secretary of the University Social Committee, and Joyce Farr, '15, chairman of the junior class social committee; Helen Lewis, '14, is a member of Eta Gamma, an intersorority oratory sorority; and Jessie Vawter, '14, and Florence Hildebrand, '14, belong to Sigma Sigma, an intersorority organization, Florence being its treasurer.



I think that I have at least touched upon all general matters which might be of interest, and will now come down to things that are a little more directly connected with Gamma Phi. First of all, the outcome of fall rushing. Though we are all so opposed to sophomore pledging, yet we surely cannot complain of the result of this fall's rushing for September 27 found five splendid girls flaunting ribbons of brown and mode: Margaret Fargo, Helen Bernhisel, and Ruth Clarke, of Evanston; Frances Phelps, formerly of Chicago, though now of De Kalb, and Elsie Clark of Sibley, Iowa. On that afternoon, we gave a tea in Marshal Field's tea room, in honor of our new pledges. October 10, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Barbour, Gamma Phi mysteries were revealed to the above five and they went forth as real Gamma Phis. A little later, we proudly put the ribbons on Margaret Solomon, of Chicago, whose initiation has not yet taken place.

But in spite of such a successful outcome, we cannot say we are at all in favor of sophomore pledging and though this year shows a marked improvement over last, we are hoping and working for the abandonment of the system after this year which is the last of the agreed two year trial.

As for convention, this letter does not afford space to tell just our sentiments, but at any rate, it is still a prominent subject of conversation, and we all feel that we are better, stronger Gamma Phis, because of it. Gamma chapter and alumnae may be most highly complimented for the splendid way in which everything, from start to finish, was managed.

Epsilon had quite an "echo" of convention in Evanston, on the following Monday, in that several of the western delegates were able to stop over in Evanston on their way home. We gladly welcomed to chapter meeting and spread, Doretta Jones, of Leland Stanford; Amy Spears, Blanche Champlin and Frances Hoop, of Denver, and Marguerite Allen of Idaho. May Loveland, of Alpha chapter, made us a pre-convention visit, but did not stop on her return trip.

We hated to see them all leaving for their distant homes, but we are all looking forward and planning to see everyone at Leland Stanford University in 1915.

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. John Vance (Laura McCarty, '06), spent several days with her sister, Frances, and chaperoned our dance, November 14.

Dorothy Winchell, E '13, who spent several weeks in the hospital and sanitarium with a serious and complicated illness, is now quite recovered and able to be with us occasionally.

During the third week of October, Gertrude Smith, Ardis Ade, '12, Mabel Sell, '12, and Nell Ade Rathbun, '11, were entertained by L. Louise Wheeler, '12, at her home in Onarga, Illinois.

Caroline McCarty, E '12, paid Epsilon a visit of a few days.

Mrs. Magdalena Carpenter Birch, E and I, visited Epsilon chapter meeting on November 24.

Grace Burgard, of Gamma chapter, spent the week-end, November 21-23, in Evanston.

Elsie Clark and Ruth Clarke enjoyed the hospitality of Jean K. Wheeler at her home in Onarga, Illinois, during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ann M. Potter, '15, spent the week-end of October 25 at her home in Morrison, Illinois, attending the wedding of her brother.

#### MARRIAGES

On October 25, Lillian Paulsen, '12, and Albert Potter,  $\Sigma$  N, were married in Morrison, Illinois, and are now residing in that same place.

Mildred Ross, '12, and Harker Crow,  $\Sigma$  N, were married November 22, at the bride's home in Toledo, Ohio. The wedding was a very beautiful one, the entire decoration scheme being carried out in yellow and white. Ardis Ade, '12, Mabel Sell, '12, Zeta Murphy, '12, and L. Louise Wheeler, '13, served as bridesmaids. After an extended trip, in a private car, through the east, stopping at Old Pt. Comfort and other places of interest, the "newly-weds" are at home at 1407 Arthur St., Chicago, Illinois.

JOYCE FARR.

#### ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Many pleasant things have happened to us since our last letter. Early in the autumn we pledged five splendid sophomores. Let me introduce them to you: Ruth Hier from Mount Vernon, Ohio, a Gamma Phi sister, Kathleen Jennison from Bay City, Michigan, Lillian Waring from Altoona, Pennsylvania, Penelope Westcott and Clara Wagner, both of Baltimore. On the morning of the eleventh of October we initiated them and celebrated in the evening with a delightful banquet, at the Hotel Rennert, at which we were so glad to have a number of our alumnæ and a few from other chapters.

If you could see our five sophomores I am sure that you would say that you thought sophomore pledging must have been a great success at Goucher. But we are not altogether satisfied with it. In fact we are very much dissatisfied. It means one continual



rushing season, for we had no sooner pledged our sophomores than we had to start rushing the freshmen. It is too much of a strain on the chapter and for our own sakes we would be glad to see freshman pledging again adopted. Then looking on the other side, we think that the *average* freshman gets her head turned by a whole year of rushing. The matter was brought up in Pan-Hellenic but as sophomore pledging had been adopted for a two years' trial, a number of the sororities did not feel as if they wished to change it until the two years were completed.

On Saturday, November 22, the alumnae of Zeta gave the active chapter such a delightful surprise birthday party, when they gave the chapter a new set of china. The greater part of our old set was broken a year and a half ago, when the dormitories were rented to one of the hotels, at the time of the Democratic Convention. So we feel very happy to have a full new set, different sizes of plates, cups and saucers, tea-pot, sugar bowl and tongs, lemon fork, punch bowl and sherbet glasses. Margaret Martsolf, '14, has ordered us a new china closet for them, so we feel very grateful to our elder sisters for their generosity.

This year a number of our girls hold important offices in the college organizations. Marjory Sawyer, '14, is president of the Young Women's Christian Association, Margaret Martsolf, '14, is editor-in-chief of *Kalends*, the college monthly, Aleda Hier is hall-president in Fensal Hall, and first vice-president of students organization. Marjorie Wingert, '15, was elected junior delegate to the Student Government Convention at Swarthmore College, Penelope Westcott, '16, is an associate editor of *Kalends*, Ruth Hier, '16, vice-president of 1916 and sophomore member of Executive Board, and Clara Wagner, '16, is corresponding secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. We pride ourselves on the fact that we have been active in college affairs and make it a point to be present at as many of the college functions as possible, for it has been said by some outsiders that the sorority girl lacks *college spirit*. As feeling is so strong against sororities here, especially among the faculty we try to show them that our sorority does not hurt our college loyalty.

We have very few active societies here which you might call literary or honor. There is, of course, a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to which seven of last year's class were elected, among them Marie Ohle, one of our girls. Agora or the Cosmopolitan Club, as it is now called, has started a new career this year. Formerly it devoted all of its time to current events, parliamentary law and debating, but this year it has been made broader by adding a

little music and dramatics to the rather dry debates of former years. So far it has been much more successful than it used to be.

Zeta sends best wishes to all her other sisters and wishes them the pleasantest of Christmas vacations and a bright and happy New Year.

ISABEL DRUMMOND.

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Once again the semester is drawing to a close; the rush of dances, dinners, teas, and "college doings" is over, and we all may be seen with papers and books under our arms, marching off to "slave" at the library, with serious looks on our faces, for we are reaching once more the dreaded time of final examinations. And yet there are times when we think back over the pleasure we have had and can almost imagine we are not so close to "midnight oil" and "Blue Books."

The latest occasion for excitement was the "Big Game"—the annual football game with our greatest rival, Stanford University. This year it was held on the Stanford field, and nearly every member of Eta chapter went down, visiting the Mu chapter at Stanford. The night before the game the Stanford Gamma Phis gave an informal dance, and ten of Eta's girls went down for it, enjoying so much of the opportunity of knowing the Stanford sisters better. The day of the game was a true gala day—both universities and all their friends and relatives nearly, being gathered on the campus the identity of each one shown by the yellow chrysanthemums and violets, for California, or the red carnations for Stanford. Thousands were gathered on the bleachers, each one keyed up to the highest pitch of excitement, which lasted to the final second. It was a splendid game, for the teams were well matched and fought hard. We lost, with a score of thirteen to eight, but we knew how to take defeat—someone had to win—and smiled and congratulated our hilarious victors, even while we were ready to weep with disappointment. But such a defeat only makes our team more resolute and determined to work and win next year, and if the confidence in them felt by each member of the university, can help, they will surely gain a great victory.

The final college function of the semester is but a few days away, namely the "junior prom" given by the junior class, the Friday night after Thanksgiving, and the junior farce and "curtain raiser," both written by members of the class, and given the afternoon before the dance. Eta is particularly interested in the farce and curtain raiser this year, for Thoda Cockcroft, one of our



juniors, wrote the "curtain raiser," winning the competition from many others. It is called "Pledging Pep" and is a very clever, witty, little production. Thoda also has the leading rôle in the farce, and Margaret Garthwaite the second lead, while Rita Morres has the character part, making us very proud of them. Through her prominence in such college affairs, Thoda Cockcroft has recently been made member of the English Club, the literary society of California.

Eta's greatest triumph this semester has been through our very gifted member, Lurita Stone, who played the leading rôle in Ibsen's



LURITA STONE AS "HIORDIS"

"The Vikings at Helgeland," which was produced by the English Club, at the Greek Theatre, a few weeks ago. To quote the San Francisco press: "Miss Stone possesses the artistry of a professional, and, as the villainess in the Ibsen drama, rose at time to heights which would do credit to one of many years before the foot-lights. In her portrayal of the cunning designing woman, her acting was finished and dramatic."

Thoda Cockcroft, Bernice Arnold and Luzina Denio, were also members of the cast; so altogether we feel that Eta has risen to great heights in college dramatics this year.

Eta, generally, is interested in many different college activities; besides our great interest in dramatics, we have girls who are interested in the Parliamentary Society, some in Y. W. C. A. work,

others working on social committee, while three girls, Dorothy Rankin, Imogene Mason and Dorothy Westrup, made the try-outs for the Ukulele Club, which has recently been organized on the campus.

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us when many of the girls will go home for a few days to rest and enjoy themselves before they come back to the last weeks of dreaded "exes"—then ahead of that, comes the Christmas vacation, when Eta will be scattered to all parts of the state. It isn't very far off, so Eta must extend to all her sisters the heartiest good wishes for the holidays and for a most successful New Year.

#### PERSONALS

Katherine Philleo, '13, came up from Los Angeles to spend the week-end of the "Big Game" with us.

Genevieve Atkinson, '14, was our delegate to National Convention.

Marie Derge, '11, our alumnæ delegate to convention, has been made our national visiting delegate.

Elizabeth Bridge, '12, has complete supervision of the domestic science department in Croswell high school in San Francisco.

DOROTHY WESTRUP.

#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Since the last chapter letter was written, Theta has been very busy in sorority, college and social affairs. Six splendid girls were initiated on the fourth of October, at the home of Ruth Whitford. The initiation was preceded by a banquet in the Italian Room of the Metropole Hotel. About fifty enjoyed this happy reunion. The names of the girls whom we so gladly added to our chapter roll are Ethel Young, Rosa Haffner, Helen Cornish and Kathleen Craig, all of Denver, Eleanora Frantz from Lafayette, Colorado, and Nina Churcher from Salida, Colorado.

Theta has two great sources of delight, her freshmen and her lodge, so in order to properly introduce both, she is entertaining at a series of informal "at homes" to the fraternities, one every month.

Frequently on Thursdays, our meeting day, we have entertained the different college organizations at luncheons or tea before meeting.

Theta has been taking an active part in the school activities. Four of our freshmen are members of the girls' glee club and one of them, Rosa Haffner, is the accompanist. In the fall class election, Lucy Gallup, '16, was elected secretary of her class. Marie Gar-



ri-son, '15, and Mildred Morgan, '15, are seeing that the 1914 annual is properly edited, and Ruth Coldren is assistant in English. We are very proud of our one senior, Carlotta Roose, who is assistant in chemistry and is a member of the Kedros Society, an honorary society which has been formed for the promotion of the welfare of the university. Only those are eligible who have been leaders in one or more of the school activities. The influence of the society has already been felt in the life of the college and it is quite an honor to be one of the first members.

If there is anything Theta likes better than enthusiasm, it's more enthusiasm and our delegates returned from convention so brim-full of glowing accounts and pride in being Gamma Phis, that every one of us has had to take great precaution against developing an exaggerated case of the "big head." We had the pleasure of meeting two of the western delegates returning from convention, Marguerite Allen, Xi, and Dorette Jones, Mu. We are very pleased with the stand Gamma Phi has taken in regard to not extending membership to girls who are members of high school sororities. There was an article in the Denver paper, praising this step and the Denver School Board greatly recommends our action in this matter. We are also *very* eagerly awaiting our visit from the traveling delegate, the first of December.

We take great pleasure in announcing our new pledge, Evelyn Heisen.

Theta ends the year 1913 with radiant memories and looks forward to 1914 with very best wishes for all the wearers of the crescent.

#### PERSONALS

Belle St. Clair is teaching at Silverton, Colorado.

Katharine Sheldon, '13, is teaching at Trinidad, Colorado.

Ruth Carson, ex-'16, is assistant in history at the Colorado Woman's College.

Isabel Tully, ex-'16, Marie Harris, ex-'16, and Mary Carman, ex-'15, are attending the State Agricultural College.

Artie Lee Gorsuch, ex-'16, is assisting in a studio of music this fall, but she will attend school next semester.

Kathryn Herbert, '15, owing to a serious illness in the summer, has not been in school this fall, but she will be back with us again next semester.

#### DEATHS

In November, 1913, at Los Angeles, California, there passed from the earthly circle, one of the charter members of Theta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta—Emma Stover Putnam, D. U. '99.

Her graduation from Denver University was followed by some years of teaching in Warren Academy, and then came a year of graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. From there to Telluride, Colorado, she went to teach in the high school, and it was while living in this little city, so many thousands of feet above the level of the sea, that she became aware of heart trouble. To gain a lower altitude, she went the next year to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and taught for a year in Iowa Wesleyan. By that time, her strength had failed to the extent that teaching must be given up, and she went to California, seeking the old time health. Followed in a few months by an eastern lover, they were married, and for seven years his interest and attention had been given largely to caring for his invalid wife. More and more her weakness increased, and at last death opened the gates by which she was to leave all suffering and pass into the very presence of the King.

Her going makes the fourth of Theta's members who have left this earthly house—Vassa Willard Bagley, Florence Freuler, and Jennie Sweet, being the others who had already gone to the more glorious home, where sickness can never be.

Who shall say but that it was great joy to them to welcome Emma Stover Putnam, as her spirit found its eternal refuge in the City of Light?

LUCIA HERBERT.

#### IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We're not going to begin where we left off in our last letter, simply because we are so full of convention! You may well imagine that our only delegate to come directly home, Alice Mallison did not have a moment's peace until every detail of the good times and of the business meetings had been retold several times, and we're still talking about it. Perhaps, as your respective delegates have probably told that we Iotas are still very much alive, you might like to know what our chances for existence are. We will simply state what the present conditions are and let you speculate as to the future. In the first place the undergraduate body has placed a ban on all social clubs for one year; i. e., no social club may be formed for a period of one year, although its aim, officers, expenses, names of members, mottoes, etc., were public. This you can easily see, hinders the sororities' immediate plans. So for a year the most we can do is to continue to make friends and occasionally entertain them. Nothing has been said against that. There is, of course, no formal rushing. In the second place, each sorority may apply for a charter for a



period of one, two or three years. Under the new charter system in force at Barnard, no club or organization whatever may exist in the college unless it has a charter granted by Student Council, stating its purpose, expenses, time of meetings, etc., in a word—complete information. The sororities, however, are treated as a special case and they may obtain charters no later than December 19, by only giving as much information as possible. Iota has applied for a charter for a period of three years and it will be considered by Student Council at their next meeting. Finally, the alumnae of the several sororities, as a body, have been discussing the question of an appeal for a reconsideration of the sorority question. If this is done, the result remains to be seen. Such are the present conditions. At any rate the future is not without hope!

In the meantime, as we've said before, please do not think we are dying—we are very much alive. We even refuse to think that our initiation of our spring pledges, Grace Banker, '15, and Anna Paddock, '15, on September 20, was our last. We'll always have a delightful memory if—but who says it's our "last?" Alice Mallison very graciously arranged so that we could hold the initiation at her home, where the large rooms were especially appreciated. During the usual jolly time after the services we had a good surprise in hearing of Alice's engagement to a certain Doctor Denniston. In order to escape the rush we all made for her, Alice had retreated behind some portieres, remaining there until it was fairly safe to venture out!

After initiation, our next festive occasion was a large Hallowe'en party, to which we invited a number of nice freshmen and sophomores. It's no use trying to tell about the fine time everyone had—yes, everyone, for our guests told us so and showed us so by the exclamations of delight over the spooky skeletons and wiggly bugs which were favors in a "spider web," as well as the gasps of admiration for our attractive orange and yellow table which groaned with good things to eat—and so on, and so on. Who does not know about Hallowe'en "stunts?"

And then on November 15, we gave a dance in the college theatre. As words could not do justice to the Hallowe'en party, they fail entirely to describe the dance, short as it was! When you think of blazing fires on the hearths, a fine floor, fine music and good dancers—"nuff sed."

Now we are looking forward to our Christmas party to be given on December 15—It's—but we'll tell you of that next time.

Meanwhile, please accept our cheeriest wishes for a jolly Christmas—or rather—we hope that you will have had a jolly Christmas vacation!

## PERSONALS

We are pleased in having Ethell Rankin, Theta '14, affiliated with us this year.

Aurill Bishop, '11, who is teaching in St. Katherine's School, in Davenport, Iowa, acted as one of our delegates to convention.

Iota was glad to be visited by Katherine Whitney, of Kappa, in November.

Anna Paddock, '15, has succeeded to the presidency of the French Society by the deeply regretted death of its former president, a member of K A Θ.

## ENGAGEMENT

Alice D. Mallison, '15, to Doctor Denniston of Point Pleasant, N. J.

## MARRIAGE

Mabel Barret, '11, to Philip Reel, D. V. S., of Columbus, Ohio.  
EDITH STILES.

## KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters: I can't be sure just what author penned the famous line, "We seen our duty and we done it," but the terse though ungrammatical statement certainly applies to our convention at Madison. Enthusiastic echoes of delegates and visitors, proclaim it as a convention at which there were epoch-making innovations. First and foremost, we rejoice in the appointment of visiting delegate and are anxiously awaiting her coming. Secondly we are glad that our somewhat cumbersome governing system has been revised and simplified; and thirdly we are hoping with all our hearts that final assent will not be lacking to make void the old rule of unanimous vote for the admission of chapters. More than anything else, it has seemed to us to hamper our progress in expansion, and we believe that greater faith should be placed in the judgment of our executive board and expansion committee.

It was decided at the last meeting of our local Pan-Hellenic to change the date of pledge day from the sophomore year, to May 16, of the freshman year. This arrangement is vastly satisfactory to all of us, because it obviates any danger of summer rushing, either in Minneapolis or out-of-town. Only sophomores were pledged this fall, and the number entering college was very small, but Gamma Phi secured two girls whom she is confident will prove valuable additions to her chapter—Verna Herman, '16, and Louise Hatch, '15, both of Minneapolis.

There was one question asked of the chapter correspondent, "Are you making your chapter a good force in college?" that was a bit



hard to answer at first, for it is difficult to review impartially one's own achievements—or shortcomings. But I have taken stock pretty carefully and here is my answer. In the first place, I am confident that we have as democratic a chapter of girls as could be found anywhere. I never heard of a Kappa Gamma Phi being accused of snobbishness. As regards scholarship—I am sorry that we are fourth instead of at the head. Delta Gamma held first place this year, Alpha Gamma Delta second, and Alpha Omicron Pi third, but we are hoping that if the fates are kind that this order of things will be reversed next year in our favor. Then as to the other things that count, athletics, membership in literary societies—all college activities, gentle prodding from the sisterhood endeavors to keep our interest keen and active—and if some few of us drop by the wayside, by reason of too great an interest in the social whirl, it is only because we fail to follow the example set by past and present Gamma Phis whom we know stand for the best in college.

During the past few months, there has been an effort by the woman's self-government association to establish for sororities, boarding houses and Sanford Hall, a uniform set of house-rules. There are representatives of the different bodies to a general council which is trying to enforce only three evening engagements a week, and everyone in by ten-thirty the other nights. Jean McGilvra, one of our sophomores, is representative of all the sororities. Practically every sorority at Minnesota has just such house-rules in force at the present time, but the great mass of non-resident students are on the whole, unfavorable to having their liberty curtailed in any way.

We have four literary societies for girls—Thalian, Theta Epsilon, Acanthus and Minerva. As far back as I can reckon, some Gamma Phi senior has been president of one of the four. In 1910 it was Mary Heritage and Thalian, 1911—Anne Hull and Theta Epsilon, 1912—Constance Davis and Acanthus, 1913—Lucile Babcock and Theta Epsilon, and our hopes are high for 1914. Verna Herman, one of our pledges has just been elected to membership in Thalian.

Much love and best wishes for a splendid New Year for all of you.

LUCILE BABCOCK.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Of course the most important news we have for you this time is about our new pledges—fifteen

of them, every one a fine girl and a loyal worker for Gamma Phi. They are Marguerite Motie, '17, Spokane, Washington, Fredricka Sully, '17, Marion King, '17, Margaret Fowler, '17, of Seattle, all Gamma Phi sisters; Zilla Crawford, '15, of Vancouver, Washington, Gudweig Thomle, '15, of Stanwood, Washington, Jeanette Morrison, '17, of Spokane, Washington, Helena Warren, '17, of Boston, Massachusetts, Helen Byles, '17, of Bellingham, Washington, Grace Listman, '17, of North Yakima, Washington, Lucretia Callison, '17, of Centralia, Washington, and Vivian Lieberg, '17, Marie Holcomb, '17, Amy Pike, '17, and Elizabeth Ingersoll, '17, of Seattle, Washington.

For several years now we have had two weeks rushing but this has been so strenuous and generally unsatisfactory from the college point of view, that the Dean of Women and the faculty demand a change. Pan-Hellenic has not yet decided whether this will take the form of matriculation or sophomore pledging.

Some of us were fortunate enough to go down to Portland, Oregon, for the Washington-Oregon football game this year. The game was very exciting for by winning it, Washington won the sixth consecutive championship of the northwest,—but seeing the game was only a very small part of our good time. The part that really counted was that we had the opportunity at last of becoming acquainted with the Oregon Gamma Phis. Several of the girls came up from Eugene for the game, and we were their guests at their homes. We had a perfectly wonderful time. We Lambda girls are so far separated from the other chapters, and so seldom have a chance to meet any but our own girls, that when we do, it goes down as a red-letter day in our history.

The Gamma Phis at Washington have always taken a rather active part in school activities. This year we are represented in athletics by Edna Johanson, '14, president of the girls' athletic association, and by Persis Buell, '16, secretary and treasurer of the women's rowing association. Edna Johanson, '14, Anna Baker, '16, Lucretia Callison, and Marguerite Motie, '17, made their class hockey teams. Basket ball is the sport next in line, and several of the girls are planning to turn out for it.

In the dramatic club we are represented by Leah Miller, '14, and Margaret Meany, '15.

Anna Baker, '16, is secretary of her class; Margaret Meany, '15, is a member of the 'varsity ball committee; and Harriet Smith, '16, Marguerite Motie and Amy Pike, '17, are members of their class social committees.

In journalism we have Willie Schumacher, associate editor of the U. of W. *Daily*.



Erna Meerscheidt, '16, is on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, and quite a number of the girls serve on Y. W. committees.

In debate we are represented by Lois McBride, who won her "W" last year, and is secretary of the University of Washington debating association. We have no literary societies here at Washington, but we have two women's debating clubs, Sacajawea and Athena. Several of our older girls belong to each of these. The freshmen elected this year were Lucretia Callison to Sacajawea and Marguerite Motie to Athena. We are also represented in the other branches of school activities.

In closing, the Lambda girls wish every sister in Gamma Phi Beta a successful and happy New Year.

GEZINA THOMAS.

#### MU—LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY

Mu at present is busy principally in thinking and talking continually about the recent convention. And now just as we write our letter, our delegate has returned, full of enthusiasm and as eager to tell us all about it, as we are to hear every detail. We each feel that through her we shall experience a small, but very enjoyable share of the pleasure of that splendid gathering. And we wish to tell you all, active and alumnae chapters, how very delighted we shall be to entertain you when you come out in 1915, and we can offer you the added attraction of our great exposition, for which we have been preparing for some time.

Since the last number of the CRESCENT, we have had our pledge day and initiation, and we are able to introduce to you, five new girls. Four of them, Ruth Neimeyer, Maud Lowell, Geneva Stewart and Dorothea Browning, were initiated November 27. Our fifth pledge, Jane Smith, was called home before initiation day, so hers has been postponed until the Christmas term begins, when she will return to us. We were pleased to have with us at initiation, four girls from Eta chapter and also one of our alumnae, Mrs. Dean Buchau (Emily Steele, '12).

If this were two weeks ago we would be sorely tempted to request that our letter should be printed in Stanford cardinal color, we were so enthusiastic over our victory in the Stanford-California Rugby game, which holds the position of interest for the Pacific coast, which the Harvard-Yale game holds in the east. The score was 13 to 8, which shows what the game was like, close fought and well-won. We feel doubly proud of victory because the University of California is able to choose her team from a number of students over three times as great as ours.

The night before the game we entertained at an informal dance for over one hundred people at the chapter house. A number of our alumnae were back for the game, and also sixteen girls from Eta chapter came down to visit us with their house mother. The next day we kept open house for Gamma Phi visitors and relatives. You can realize our brown house on the hill was a very busy place when we tell you we had over a hundred and fifty people at our buffet luncheon.

The thought of examinations is now slowly coming toward us, but we share our attention with some other very vital things. We are all interesting ourselves in preparation for taking active part in student activities during the second semester. They hold the center of the stage then, and we expect each and every girl, especially the freshmen whom we are to start on the bright path, to do her share towards upholding the good fame of Gamma Phi Beta.

#### PERSONALS

Bertha Masters, ex-'13, of Portland, Oregon, visited us over the week-end of the Stanford-California game, from November 6 to 11.

Mrs. Girard Nye Richardson (Jennie Heartt '11), of Piedmont, visited us at the same time.

Edith Ireland, '13, of Los Angeles, spent a few days at the chapter house.

Cordelia Smith, '13, of Venice, California, stayed with us two weeks at the beginning of November.

Coryl Shaffer, Gamma, ex-'13, spent several days with us, and it was great pleasure to have with us a girl from one of our eastern chapters.

Luella Behrens, '15, has returned from a trip to Europe and will enter the university again at the beginning of the January term.

Lyetta Hayes, ex-'14, also visited us the week-end of the game.

RUTH LORRAINE.

#### NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: I know you want to hear, first of all, about our freshmen. Our rushing here at Oregon lasts only one week and so during that time we are madly entertaining our rushees. Our "formal" was a luncheon, on the Wednesday of rush week.

The bids came out Saturday morning, September 20, and we pledged seven new girls. One of them, Betsy Wooten, from Astoria,



is a junior, and the others are all freshmen: Ruby Steiwer, of Jefferson; Helen Johns, of Pendleton; Emma Wooten of Astoria; Helen McCornack, of Spokane, Washington; Alice Hill and Helen Currey, of La Grandle. We are as proud of them as we can be and they are fulfilling their promise of excellent freshmen.

Emma Wooten has made the women's glee club and the dramatic club. Helen Johns is in the university orchestra. Emma Wooten and Helen Currey, both hold offices in "Triple A", a freshman society.

Gamma Phi has three members in the women's glee club this year: Catherine Carson, Eva Brock, and Emma Wooten. Catherine Carson is also assistant editor of the *Oregon Emerald*, member of the orchestra, and again the manager of the women's glee club. Flora Dunham is president of the women's press club. Ruth Beach, another senior, is president of Eutaxians, a literary society to which ten Gamma Phis belong, and president of Y. W. C. A. Two of our girls are reporting for the university paper this year, Beatrice Lilly and Beatrice Locke. Early this fall, Katherine Stanfield was elected vice-president of the sophomore class. So you see we are a busy household.

We are especially fortunate this year in having Mrs. Lucy Abrams as house mother.

Our house management this year is as it has been for several years. One of our upperclassmen acts as manager and for this receives half of her board. This sometimes is a great aid to the girl's expenses. Her assistant manager is a sophomore.

I wonder if you have heard of the attempt of the women of the University of Oregon to secure a woman's building. It will be called Dunniway Hall, in honor of Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunniway, an Oregon pioneer. Last year Nu of Gamma Phi Beta gave twenty-five dollars (\$25) toward starting a building fund. This same amount is pledged for every year till the completion of Dunniway Hall.

We are very enthusiastic this year over bringing up our house scholarship average. To give the underclassmen an added incentive, the chapter has offered a Gamma Phi Beta ring to the freshman having the highest average during the first semester. The Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae has made the same offer to the sophomores.

Florence Kendall and Ruth Beach have just returned from convention and we are rejoicing to hear that Gamma Phi Beta has now a visiting delegate. Nu has long felt her isolation from the National Sorority. She has felt that a visiting delegate would

bring her nearer to the other chapters and to Gamma Phi nationally. Nu is eagerly looking forward to the visit of our delegate.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year.

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. John Graham Mitchell (Helen Beach, '11), is living in Eugene. Mr. Mitchell is an instructor at the university.

Lenora Hansen, '13, is teaching at Yoncalla, Oregon.

Anne McMicken, '13, is teaching at Yamhill, Oregon.

Rubie Hammerstrom, '12, is teaching at St. Helens, Washington.

#### MARRIAGES

Javina Stanfield, '12, and Arthur Means, Beta Theta Pi, were married October 24, in Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Means will live in Umatilla.

Pearl McKenna, '12, and James Johns, '12, Beta Theta Pi, were married October 24, in Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Johns are living in Pendleton, Oregon.

#### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Wood (Clara Canfield, Nu), on November 6, a son, Wallace Canfield Wood.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Edith Woodcock, Nu '11, has announced her engagement to Frederick James Whittlesy, '10, a Kappa Sigma.

BEATRICE LOCKE.

#### XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: That dreadful "Xi, No Letter," of the October CRESCENT has hung over me like a pall. To have the honor of corresponding secretary thrust upon one and then to have to write a "2 in 1" letter the very first time is rather difficult. Will you be willing to have me tell it all over in this November letter?

Back to last June is a long stretch, but I must tell you about our spring banquet. It was held down town in the Junior Guild Hall, as usual, over fifty Gamma Phis being present. Much amusement was furnished by the stumbling of our sisters in their course around the table. Those who announced their engagements were Jess Coram, Iva Emmet, Irene Tosney, Ruth Motie and Alta Taylor.

Commencement was not quite as nice as customary, for we had no president. However, the annual Prexy's Reception was given and the concert by the musical faculty. We gave all four of our



seniors pieces of silver, which was quite appropriate as three fourths of them were to be married.

Summer was a long, restful vacation to most of us. Long, newsy and I fear gossipy letters flew back and forth between all the girls so we kept in quite close touch.

Some of the older girls returned early to get the house in readiness and Oh! what a joyful surprise it was to us. Brand new hardwood floors in den, living rooms, dining room and halls, new wall paper downstairs and in several of the bedrooms, new curtains, table linen, rubberized matting for the upstairs hall and stairway, and the bathrooms all papered and painted. What matter though the smell of new paint clung to it still. We appreciated the girls' work all the more, in as much as the summer school teachers who had lived here during the summer had left things in a frightful condition.

Inspired by this we entered into rushing week with a vim. Although there were only fourteen old girls back this year, with the aid of our two spring pledges and the old girls who returned for the week-end, we did good work. We missed our seniors so much and heartily wished, since they couldn't be with us, that they had left us their art of persuasion.

Very few new girls came to college this year and fewer still were "Gamma Phi type". Yet we consider ourselves fortunate for we now have Charlotte Lewis and Florence Richardson of Moscow, who were pledged last spring, Zona Edmundson (Mrs. H. Edmundson), of Moscow; Pearl Forteath, Rossland, B. C.; Marjorie Mathews (Mrs. Thomas), of Moscow; and Burd Wall, Twin Falls. We have also a new pledge, Mary Eaves, of Lewiston, who will not be with us until second semester. She has enough credits so that she may enjoy the delight of initiation week, with her fellow sufferers. All are pledges to be exceedingly proud over and although few in number it is quality not quantity that counts.

The week after rushing we gave an informal dance for our pledges. The decorations were appropriately carried out in green, and the dance programs were really unique. Instead of writing the name of the piece of music to be played after each dance, the nickname of one of the girls was given. This gave every girl her own special dance. The specials were given to our alumnae and chaperones.

A few weeks after school began we gave our bi-annual reception. Everything was so well managed and went off beautifully. The dormitory, sorority and town people came in the afternoon and

the faculty and fraternities in the evening. Our house matron, Mrs. Kenyon, two of our patronesses and the seniors were in the receiving line for the afternoon; the juniors entertained the people, then passed them on to the sophomores, who saw that they received refreshments from the freshmen, and then conducted them on a tour through the house.

In the evening the same program was carried out, except that the Dean of Women and our other patronesses were in the receiving line. The den and living rooms, which are in brown, were beautifully decorated in Japanese Varberry, mountain ash, and shasta daisies. The dining room, which has the soft gray tints, was exquisite with pink shaded candles, smilax and our lovely pink carnations. We served delicious sandwiches, coffee and candies. Everyone was so interested, even the weather man, who gave us such a delightful day that nearly everybody came. The town people seemed to enjoy it especially, and asked numerous pertinent, and amusing questions. We quite impressed the faculty with the spaciousness of our house, the beneficial effects of our sleeping porch and the absence of pennants, fish nets and "do-hinkies." "So unsanitary, don't you know."

Rushing over and our social obligations fulfilled, we settled down to school work in real earnest. The entire school seems imbued with a spirit of work and very little play. The various clubs and other college activities have sprung to life with a vengeance.

The English Club is staging some of the older morality and miracle plays. Gladys Collins, '15, helped in translating an old miracle play, "Abraham and Isaac," from the early English of Chaucer, which was presented at the College Auditorium. She also took the part of the leading angel in this play and another given at the same time, "The Second Shepherd's Tale." Elizabeth Soulen, '15, was chosen president of the English Club. She is also to play the title rôle in "Everyman."

We are very proud of the honors which have fallen to Gamma Phi this year. Edwina Yearian, '16, has been appointed society editor of the *Argonaut*. She is also a prominent member of the college orchestra.

Elizabeth Hays is president of the home economics club.

Kathryn Pitcairn, '15, is secretary of Pan-Hellenic.

Mrs. Mathews has the leading part in two cantatas, the "Messiah" and "The Daughter of Jarvius."

Gladys Collins has been appointed chairman of the year's program committee for the home economics club, also associate editor of the *Gem of the Mountains*.



Helen Pitcairn, '15, is vice-president of Y. W. C. A.

Gladys Lessinger is managing our house this year also, and doing so well that the Gamma Phis have become noted for their table. We have company dinners every Wednesday night, at which we try to have congenial groups from the faculty or girls whom we would like to know better.

We are anxious to get started on our yearly play, but we have found none as yet, which exactly suits us.

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Very few girls are going home this year, as so many nice things always happen in the way of dinner parties, dances, hay rides and house parties, that one hates to be away for such a short time.

Christmas seems almost nearer than Thanksgiving, only five weeks more. We have nearly three weeks vacation, so we shall certainly have a jolly time.

We are to have college Vespers every Sunday, beginning with the New Year. Our new auditorium seems so truly fitted for worship that they are sure to be successful.

Our assemblies this year are compulsory and the many fine talks which we have received make them a pleasure. One of our favorite lecturers is E. O. Sisson of Reed College, who is on our new educational Board. He handles educational topics in such an interesting way that we feel greatly benefited.

We fairly devour every line which we receive from Margurite Allen, our delegate to convention. She writes such newsy letters that they are nearly worn threadbare from reading and rereading.

I have saved one of the nicest things till the last. Above eight fraternal organizations and all non-fraternities we ranked first in scholarship. This is the second successive year.

Xi chapter wishes you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a jolly vacation.

#### PERSONALS

Jess Coram, '13, is spending the winter at her home in Grangeville. She was in Moscow for the Pullman game and athletic ball. While here, she attended to the selection of her trousseau in which all the girls enthusiastically assisted.

Kathryn Smith, '13, is teaching domestic science at the high school at Rathdrum.

Edna Dewey has charge of the domestic science department in the Moscow schools.

Mary Prather is teaching in the Hawthorne School at Spokane.

Margaret Stolle has a position in the Boise School.

Flo McConnel is now an instructor at Fairview.

Irene Tosney is teaching at Culdesac.

Ruth Motie has a position as musical director in the Fort Lapwai school.

Lorraine Rank did not return to school this year, but will attend the University of Washington, second semester.

Lucile Dermott is attending Lewiston Normal this winter.

Florence Zumhof is busily engaged with her duties as County Superintendent of Public Instruction. She had charge of an especially fine teachers' institute at Couer d' Alene City recently.

Louise Richardson, Lambda, is spending the winter at her home in Eburne, B. C.

Irene Tosney and Ruth Motie spent institute week with us.

#### BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Horton (Kathleen Magee) are rejoicing in the birth of a 9½ pound baby girl, Elizabeth Jane, November 14.

#### DEATH

The sincere sympathy of the chapter is extended to Pearl Wickstrom, '05, in the loss of her sister, Miss Helen Wickstrom.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Iva Emmett, '13, announced her engagement to Harold Childs.

Irene Tosney, '15, announced her engagement to William Clough Perkins, Kappa Sigma, '14.

Ruth Motie, '16, announced her engagement to Stephen Rigan, Kappa Sigma, '14.

Flo McConnel, '15, announced her engagement to Proctor Perkins, Kappa Sigma, '15.

The engagement of Gretchen Zumhof to William Hoover of Burk, has been announced. The marriage will taken place at an early date.

#### MARRIAGES

Ruth Annett, '13, and Ernest Ellis, Kappa Sigma, were married September 10, at Boise, Idaho. They are living at Anaconda, Montana, where Mr. Ellis has a position as ton man in one of the new plants.

Jess Coram, '13, and Lawrence Jordan, Beta, are to be married November 18, at Grangeville. They will make their home in Boise, Idaho.

Alta Taylor, '16, and W. Clifford Edmundson, Kappa Sigma, were married June 26, at Spokane. They are residing in Moscow.

ANNE WILMOT.



## OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Anyone visiting the baby chapter this fall will find one of the happiest, busiest groups of girls imaginable. We are more than happy over our success in rushing this year, as it was also less strenuous and more remunerative than it has been in other years. We attribute this largely to the Gamma Phis all over the country, who wrote us of girls they knew were coming, and supplied us with almost enough material at the beginning to keep us busy throughout the two weeks during which rushing is carried on at Illinois. Our pledges are: Georgia Brownfield, Urbana, Illinois; Mina Canfield, Holton, Kansas; Harriet Dadante, Hamilton, Illinois; Ruth Fox, Upper Mont Clair, New Jersey; Mary Franklin Savage, Belleville, Illinois; Ella Tillotson, Rosewell, New Mexico; Evelyn Van Horne, Rosewell, New Mexico; Elsie Baechtold, Alabama.

Elsie was initiated November 17, as she has her A.B. degree and is a junior in the library school. Four of the pledges are sisters of Omicron girls, and Elsie is a sister of a Theta Gamma Phi. They are all living in the house with the exception of Elsie and Georgia, so that we have had them under our influence from the first, even though they cannot be initiated until the second semester.

We are striving to gain more prominence in college activities this year than we have had before, and our freshmen are going to help greatly, we feel sure. We are especially proud of Frankie Holton, who is president of the Y. W. C. A. Lillian Savage is president of Jamesonian Literary Society and Mary Henry is vice-president of Gregorian Literary Society. These two societies include all the women of the university and were just organized last spring. Alice Carter is vice-president of the Junior Illini, an organization of all junior girls. Irma Latzer has sole charge of getting out the Y. W. C. A. calendar for 1914. Grace Geyer and Charlotte Barr are pledged to the athletic association, and Grace made Yo Ma, an intersorority social society. Several of the girls are members of Choral Society and Mary Franklin Savage is singing in the Methodist Church choir.

Illinois Home-Coming November 14 to 16, afforded us some jolly good times, as there were thirteen of the old girls back as well as many of our other friends. Thursday night we had a big spread and Saturday night we gave a dinner for the alumnae, who gave a very clever stunt for the active girls, in which they as the proverbial sewing circle, industriously hemming napkins for one of us, discussed our shocking behavior and general welfare. As our stunt, we gave, with Alice Carter as the proud teacher, a

school entertainment, at which we recited a series of limericks, in which we depicted some characteristic or interesting bit of information concerning each of the old girls.

A very important event of this year's home-coming season to us was the organization of the old girls into "The Association of Alumnae and Non-Active Girls of Omicron of Gamma Phi Beta," which is for the purpose of lending assistance to the active chapter whenever they shall need outside help. This was quite a surprise to the active girls and we were very glad for this manifestation of their deep interest in us.

Two of our active girls attended convention and three of the alumnae. Lillian Savage was our delegate, and Helen Coe, Mary Barry, Nina Gresham, and Frances Abbott were the visitors. We had not been in Madison a day before we realized that we had not fully appreciated as a chapter what a big thing the convention was to be or some of the other girls would have made greater efforts to attend. Those of us who did go gained a much clearer knowledge of the extent and scope of the organization, which we so lately joined, than we had had before and we tried to bring back to the chapter the inspiration and exhilaration of it all.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Jones and Edna Railsback have been initiated this fall. Leah Miller from Seattle spent a week-end with us in October. Ellen Powell has returned from Europe where she spent the summer.

Augusta Krieger was chairman of the Foreign Language department of the Illinois High School Teachers' Conference, November 20 to 22.

Vida Collins is an instructor in English in Ypsilanti State Normal College this year.

Gertrude Elliott is manager of the lunch room in the Manual Training High School at Indianapolis, Ind.

A week after pledge day, we gave a house dance for the pledges.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Keefer has announced her engagement to Professor John M. Mathews of the Political Science department.

#### MARRIAGES

Florence Baxter and Alden Snyder were married October 22, at Nauvoo, Illinois, and are living near Kankakee.

#### BIRTH

Frances Leonard-Raynor has a son, the first Omicron baby, who was born in August.

HELEN COE.



## CHICAGO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It would seem as though the Chicago Alumnae Chapter, through its situation in the midst of affairs would be so bubbling and effervescing that it would be no task to fill the magazine if necessary, whereas, the Chicago chapter jogs along uneventfully, and news seems hard to garner.

For some little time there was some uncertainty as to where we would meet this year, there being several different favorites among the members. We finally decided again in favor of the College Club, ninth floor of the Fine Arts building, as it seems to meet our needs, and we feel that having an established meeting place, all Gamma Phis passing through Chicago, may meet and have luncheon with us on the first Saturday of the month.

Our first meetings were occupied with the election of officers, and convention business. Quite a delegation went to Madison from Chicago: Honta Smalley Bredin, Alice Hosmer Preble, and Beulah Houston as delegates, and Lillian Thompson, Alice Smalley McKinney, Georgie Grandy, and Caroline Clifford Burbank, as guests.

Some of the older girls who had attended conventions in the days when three delegates would leave Chicago for convention, representing the entire western group of chapters—and after all that was not so long ago—were so overwhelmed with our special car full of girls with the overflow car behind, that all they were capable of doing clear from Chicago to Madison, was to murmur feebly—at intervals, “well I can hardly believe it”; and information that another car just like it, was bearing down from Minneapolis, nearly incapacitated them for business.

Many old friendships were renewed and new ones formed, on the trip to Madison. In fact it seemed almost like a convention function itself, and by no means the least enjoyable.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Chicago and Minneapolis trains arrived simultaneously, the reception committee had affairs so well in hand that we were whisked away to our temporary abiding places, in one of the twelve waiting automobiles, with absolutely no confusion. Throughout the entire convention, visitors and delegates were impressed with the masterly way in which the affair was managed by the Gamma chapter and her Madison alumnae, for from our arrival, Wednesday evening, to our departure, Sunday, everything moved with precision and smoothness.

The convention itself was remarkable, not only for the amount of business it transacted, but for the harmony that prevailed. All

who were present felt that they were favored to have seen and participated in such a gathering.

Quite a number of delegates took advantage of the opportunity, and remained in Chicago a few days for sightseeing. Mrs. Burbank entertained a few of the alumnæ at her home, in honor of Mrs. Florence Baker of the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter, on Monday, November 10.

We of Chicago feel especially gratified with the appointment of the visiting delegate, feeling that Gamma Phi Beta will find her work of great value. In fact everything about the convention and its work pleased us so much that we have begun to save our pennies for 1915, and Leland Stanford.

#### PERSONALS

Georgie Grandy, who is still teaching at Highland Park, Illinois, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Teachers, of which the other members are Professor Scott of Michigan University, Professor Hosie of Chicago University, and Professor Pettingil of Indiana University.

Henrietta Pyre is teaching at the University of Pittsburgh, in the school of pedagogy.

Marion Spencer of River Forest, is spending the winter with her grandparents in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdis Anderson (Kittie Butters) and family, are spending the winter in Chicago.

Mrs. Nell Brooker Mayhew of Los Angeles had an exhibition of her work in the Anderson Art Galleries, in Chicago, which was most favorably commented upon by Art Critics, especially Harriet Monroe, of the *Tribune*, who beside giving considerable space to her comments, featured a reproduction of one of Mrs. Mayhew's pictures.

#### MARRIAGE

Harriett Holderman was married to Mr. J. C. Sanders, June 7, 1913.

BEULAH HOUSTON.

#### SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Our fall meetings have begun with much enthusiasm and the promise of a larger membership than we have had for some time. This is very encouraging, as we start the season, for a larger membership means a greater interest in Gamma Phi and our meetings can't help but feel a new impetus. We all realize that most of our alumnæ have many varied claims, but it does seem as if we might give one afternoon a month



for the sake of Gamma Phi interest, and these monthly meetings do hold our interest in our sisterhood as nothing else can do.

Our first meeting this year was held October 4, with Florence Bailey-Crouse, '99, at her pretty summer home near Fayetteville, a short trolley ride from Syracuse. Mabel Van Winkle-Hoyt, '99, assisted in entertaining as we have adopted the plan of having more than one hostess at our meetings.

It was an unusually enjoyable meeting, as the first one of the year is apt to be, for most of us had seen each other, only on rare occasions, for months, and our tongues wagged busily during the afternoon. We were obliged to stop for a while, however, to transact some necessary business, one important feature of which was the election of our delegates for convention.

Mabel Stone, '96, Florence Palmer-Baker, '87, and Harriet Budd-Wadleigh, '91, were elected to represent us. A social hour followed with coffee and sandwiches to refresh the inner (wo) man and then we all said our adieus, everyone leaving on the same car for town. The tenth of October was our initiation day and six very fine girls went through the ordeal.

The alumnae had charge of the supper which followed the initiation, a very informal but substantial meal served to a hungry, tired crowd seated in every conceivable place around the chapter house.

The next meeting was held Saturday, November 7, at the home of Florence Palmer-Baker. Gertrude Andrews, '97, Florence Trowbridge, '94, and Louise Klock-French, '05, being the assisting hostesses. It was a very large meeting, several new members joining at this time.

On Friday, November 14, occurred our fall banquet, the event of the winter, especially to our initiates. There were seventy-two present, among them several out-of-town alumnae: Bessie Cowles-Gibson, '95, of Clyde, New York; Mary Beck-Harvey, '84, of Utica, New York, who has a daughter now in Gamma Phi; Ida Reese-Stebbins, '84, who has been spending some time in Syracuse with her sister; Gertrude Hulse-Beakes, '97, White Plains, N. Y., of the New York Alumnae, who stopped here on her way home from convention. Mildred Fish, '14, Alpha's delegate to convention, told us many interesting things about it and Gertrude Beakes also responded with some impressions of the sessions. Our toastmistress was Laura Page-Flick, '98. She made a capital one and the toasts were all very bright and clever. We had several telegrams of good wishes from absent sisters, one of them pledging money for the chapter house and setting the example to several others who

responded nobly. We do enjoy our chapter house so much and feel more than pleased that the girls who are away from Gamma Phi associations, feel interest enough to help in paying for it. It is such a delight to have our banquets there, to do as we please, and feel that it is ours, and that every year makes it more truly ours.

Our next meeting is to take the form of a luncheon and we are all looking forward to an extra good time. With best wishes for a successful year, Syracuse Alumnae sends greetings.

#### MARRIAGE

Florence Dale, '10, and Dr. Charles E. White were married November 10, and will make their future home in Erieville, New York.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Worster-Allen and family leave the first of December for Washington, D. C., to stay until June.

Jane Lewis-Guy, '02, who has been visiting in Syracuse since her return from Africa is to visit her sister, Corinne Lewis-Robinson, '98, in Florida, in December.

Grace Zimmerlin-Cumber, '06, of Boston, visited recently in Syracuse and Lyons.

MABEL JACOBY JOHNSON.

#### BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Boston Chapter has only the most abject apologies to offer for the non-appearance of her chapter letter in the last issue of the CRESCENT. It was a case of two perfectly good stools and blank space between—said blank space being a Figure of Speech for the understanding of the present scribe; who, clad in particularly scratchy sack-cloth and blinded by ashes which won't stay in her hair, is at present making no end of good resolutions for the future.

To be strictly accurate, this letter should describe the summer, during which a few faithful souls occasionally fore-gathered at the college club—and so on. But the summer seems very dim and far-away, so let me tell you of the new departure entered upon by the chapter. It is only, as yet, in the experimental stage, if the stern editor would give me grace until after the next meeting I could speak with much more authority; but it behooves me to be Small and 'Umble in that August Presence, as I believe I have intimated before.

There has been, in this chapter, a particularly deep gulf fixed between the school marms, who always have papers to correct in



the evening and the housekeepers, for whom Saturday morning is consecrated to who knows what culinary and purifying rites. We have tried evening meetings, and the school marms howled; we have had Saturday meetings—the housekeepers wailed. We have had meetings at the room, where we prepared the meal and washed the dishes—approval from all but the committee, who did the work. We have met for the last year at the college club, where the washing and cooking was done for us, but where we had little privacy and more expense.

Like Alice, the worried powers that be, had about come to the conclusion that “there’s no pleasing the creatures”, when one more idea was suggested. Suppose, instead of monthly, we try fortnightly meetings, keeping the first Saturday in the month for luncheon at the college club, and giving a supper-meeting at the room, from five to nine the second Friday. We have had a sort of dress-rehearsal of the supper-meeting at Katherine Whiting’s just before convention, when twenty enthusiastically discussed convention business, sat on the floor to eat, and seemed to be having a very good time—their hostess did!

All this lies now upon the knees of the gods, may they prove propitious! and may the year be full of the best kind of success to every chapter and to every dear, individual girl—*sic esperat* Boston chapter.

#### PERSONALS

Mildred Thorndike, '09, has just taken an appointment at the Washington Irving High School, New York City.

Mrs. Grace Blackwell Ayer, '95, has been appointed mother-in-charge at Dawn House, Lawrence Academy, Groton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Ayer also teaches in the Academy.

Miss Helen M. Dame, who for years rendered such invaluable and self-sacrificing service in the college office, is beginning her third year in the School of Theology, where she has become indispensable in the conduct of the work, bringing to the service of the school an educated skilfulness that is equalled only by her conscientious faithfulness.

#### MARRIAGES

Marion Squire, '08, to Mr. Batt Spain, on October 2, 1913, at Lynn.

Edith Leslie Riggs, '07, to Mr. Samuel Irwin, principal of East Greenwich Academy, East Greenwich, R. I.

Helen M. Balcom, '01, to Mr. Hawkshaw.

KATHERINE WHITING.

## NEW YORK

Good New Yorkers always look forward to the fall as the best time of the year in the city, the joy of being home again after the long vacations, the new plays and music, the new things in the stores, the first meetings of clubs, the opening of another winter of work and play in a big city, and the New York Alumnæ Chapter shares this feeling. Other alumnæ chapters may tell of their summer gatherings, their commencement luncheons, picnics and out-of-door affairs, but to the New York Alumnæ the fall is the happy meeting time, and our meetings and luncheons at the homes of our members in and near New York during the colder months are delightful affairs.

At our first meeting at Jean Bruce's cozy apartment, on October 18, there was a large attendance, a spirit of interest in Gamma Phi and an eagerness for her advancement which shows that though we are composed of members from many active chapters we are all loyal New Yorkers. Indeed, many of us feel as great an interest in our chapter now as we did in our active chapter when we were in college.

We had many things to discuss that day, expansion, convention business, and of course part of the meeting was devoted to the situation at Barnard, which is anything but encouraging, for our little sisters of Iota are very near our hearts.

Before this is printed we will have had our second meeting in Brooklyn, with Mrs. Richardson, where we are to hear the report of convention from our delegate, Mrs. Beakes.

The Iota girls invited us to their Hallowe'en party, at Alice Mallison's. We are afraid they will be too modest to tell you what a pretty affair it was, how much pains they had taken with the decorations, favors and "stunts", and it is certainly our privilege to tell what charming hostesses they are, and how welcome they always make the alumnæ feel at any of their gatherings. By the way, we notice that they never refer to us as "old girls", which is the usual mode of address in some of the chapters just as soon as we are alumnæ, whether or not we like it, and most of us do not, judging from the vigorous protests one recalls.

And still the articles against sororities continue to appear in the magazines. What well informed organizations we shall be in time, if those outside our circles keep telling us so many things about ourselves. How dreadful we are in some ways, and we never knew it! Some of us have even been foolish enough to feel more and more grateful to our chapters as the years have passed



since we left college and we have realized what they did for us, and what our sorority friendships mean to us.

Perhaps one of the greatest benefits a girl gets from her sorority is the chance to develop her personality and individual characteristics through friendly rivalry and competition, and the instinct for self-preservation, the natural desire to take her rightful place and not be lost in the crowd, all of which is valuable training and just as it should be, and yet on the other hand how quickly any tendency toward eccentricity or freakishness is re-proved and checked, to her lasting benefit. Girls find that they must get on with other girls, and the better balanced they become, the better is this accomplished.

Dear sisters, do not many of you from the various chapters, come to New York during the winter? When you come why not let us know, let us take you to one of our meetings, or arrange to have you meet some of our members, so that you can go back home feeling that you have some idea of our chapter. Our remaining meetings are to be on January 10, with Mrs. John L. Caughey, 22 Mt. Morris Pk. W. New York; February 21, with Helen Savitz, 617 Lawrence Avenue, Westfield, N. J.; March 28, with Mrs. G. W. Priest, 78 Beach Street, East Orange, N. J.

Please come to our luncheons and have a good, old-fashioned visit with us, for we like to talk as much as ever we did.

#### BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Max Albert Pishel (Emilie Treadway) announce the birth of a son, Max Albert, Jr., in September, 1913.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Heermans, Alpha, who is convalescing from an operation, will spend the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with her sister, Emma, also an Alpha girl, at her home in Bellona, New York, and will probably not return to her work until February 1.

Gertrude Hulse Beakes, attended the convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, as a delegate, on her way home from Gamma Phi convention, where she was also a delegate.

Olive Strayer Caughey, has been in Rochester, New York, for some weeks, and is now recovering her strength from an operation.

We have just learned that Doctor Caughey has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls, New York, which means that we will lose one of our most loyal and active members.

Elizabeth Wildman, Alpha '06, was a guest at Mrs. Richardson's on December 6.

Irma Shoepflin, Alpha '03, was a guest of Mrs. Graham, in Brooklyn, a week in October.

New members of the alumnae chapter are Elizabeth Wildman, A, Ethel Knox, Iota '06, Varian White, Iota '13, Clara Ely, Beta, '11, Mrs. Mabel Langford Priest, Delta '93, and Isabel Kline, Zeta, '12.

JESSIE G. RICHARDSON.

#### MILWAUKEE

The Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter sends greetings to the sisterhood.

We presume that every communication in this issue will harken back to those few days in November, when Gamma Phi Beta, in a spirit of thankfulness for her past, and unbounded hopefulness for her future, sat in convention assembled. It is truly difficult to conceal the spirit of elation which one feels over the success of this conference. From the opening of its first business session to the happy culmination of all in the banquet, Saturday night, the event was an achievement of which we may all feel proud. We are sure that every member, who was fortunate enough to attend, returned home bearing a truer realization of the national significance of our order, a happier sense of her high idealism and deeper consciousness of the charm in the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta. In this connection we do not wish to withhold our mead of praise from those fine, practical minds, whose foresight and kindly wisdom directed our step towards the consummation of some of our most cherished ideals. The presence of those women was an inspiration to all, and our humble but sincere tribute to them is, that we are proud to be Gamma Phis with them.

To return to earth and the Milwaukee chapter. We are glad to report that we are in a flourishing condition. Our luncheons, which take place every third Saturday in the month, have been very well attended and we are very happy in the fact that our ranks have recently been recruited by many and attractive members. There seems to be a growing sentiment among us to employ our time in furthering some worthy cause, for we believe that the performance of a common service would make our union even more complete. A great many of our members are prominently identified with movements which concern the social, civic, and educational progress of our community. This year Mrs. McLenegan was elected president of the local branch of A. C. A. and Mary Laffin Jones presided charmingly as toastmistress at the opening luncheon. Some of you have made inquiries about Gertrude Ross. We cannot pretend to enumerate the many activities which engage



her attention, but we know that she is taking an active part in the girls' club, which organization was started by the local A. C. A. and is now working wonders in helping to solve the problem of right living for girls, here in Milwaukee. Others of our members are conspicuous in intellectual, political and social pursuits too numerous to mention. We are starting out in a very promising manner and are hoping for a most pleasant and profitable year.

LENORE HORAN WILLIAMS.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: I wonder if there can be as much discussion in the west as in the east on the fraternity problem. There is a state law in California against fraternities in high schools, but in the universities I believe they are more welcome than unwelcome. One hears that the further west one goes the more cordial and hospitable are the people one meets. I wonder if that is true, and if it may tend to lessen the friction between the Greek letter and the Barbarian worlds. I happened to be driving in Berkeley the other evening just at the hour between daylight and darkness. One after another the lights were turned on in the houses and I had glimpses of the interiors before the curtains were drawn. I could not help contrasting the rooms of the boarding houses, with their four bare walls and glaring lights, with the fraternity houses which I was passing. In the latter there were inevitably shaded lights and a cluster of people about the piano, for it was, as I have said, the hour of the bats, when it is neither night nor day. What a different atmosphere and what a different influence where there are sympathetic people gathered together as one family in a house! I am sure every girl who goes to college finds a group of girls which is congenial to her, and with that group she identifies herself. It may be a smaller group of persons whose work calls them together, or it may be a sorority group who can help even more with their wider ideals. To be sure, the throes and anxieties of the rushing season—a necessary evil—may have their disappointments, but who ever did get just *what* she wanted and *when* she wanted it? Broad lessons are to be learned when people are bound and associated by similar ties such as a sorority offers. Then there are also the wider ties made by the national relations of chapters. These are some of the questions which were discussed at our last meeting. It was primarily a business meeting to discuss convention affairs, then came the social hour with tea and an exchange of opinions.

Besides this business meeting we have had a very successful card party at the chapter house. It had been arranged as a means of raising money to help satisfy some of the financial demands incident to building a house, and very gratifying were the results. Besides, everybody spent a very pleasant afternoon.

The alumnae are always delighted to go to the fall initiation. I am sure I was never so deeply impressed by the beauty of the ceremony as I was this year. I will leave it to the Eta correspondent to tell you of the extreme satisfaction with which we glance over our freshman recruits. It is pleasing to think of the everlasting bonds soldered by the initiation and that these delightful girls will always be Gamma Phis.

We have just celebrated the most important of intercollegiate events on this coast, the annual Stanford-California football match. While the game holds us all spell-bound during the brief interval of its progress, yet I think the crowds which gather in honor of the affair are even more exciting. Rates are reduced everywhere on all the boats and trains so that everybody may come back to wear his colors and to shout once again for his alma mater. This year the game was down at Stanford. All the fraternity and sorority houses bore a festive air and gala indeed were the companies of people lunching *al fresco* on the terraces and porches. It was a perfect California day. In the evening there were receptions and *soirées* of varying degrees of formality. The Eta chapter enjoyed very much indeed the hospitality of our Stanford sisters. They gave a dance on the eve of battle to our girls—with their house sweetly decorated in our colors.

By the time this goes to press Christmas and its festivities will have passed, leaving us to take up the work of the new year with renewed interest. The San Francisco Alumnae Chapter extends fondest greetings to all her sisters and hopes they will have had enough mistletoe, holly-berry and Christmas tree to pitch very high their enthusiasm for 1914.

#### BIRTH

Tallulah Le Conte Elston has a daughter, Elizabeth Le Conte Elston, born on October 4, in San Francisco.

#### PERSONAL

Word comes from convention that Marie Dirge has been appointed visiting delegate in compliance with the newly created office.

LENA MARTHA REDINGTON.



## DENVER

Dear Gamma Phi Beta Sisters: Convention is now past history, but if every delegate returned to her respective chapter as enthusiastic as our delegate has come back to us, then you are all living over with her the events of that memorable week. It is hard to imagine Lindsey Barbee more enthusiastic than usual, but such she is, and she pronounces her visit to Madison one of the most delightful experiences of her life. It really seems a shame that we cannot all attend our conventions and receive the benefit and inspiration which they impart. Perhaps some of us feel we are deeply interested in our sorority when we enter into the spirit of our own chapter life, but it requires the mingling with our distant sisters and the glimpses of our national bond of fellowship to make us feel the true thrill of enthusiasm.

It is gratifying to see that Gamma Phi Beta is at last breaking away from narrow conservatism—a good thing in its way, but a menace if carried too far—and is branching out into the broader and richer field of new ideas.

We are eagerly anticipating the first visit from our visiting delegate. Some of us who have already had the pleasure of meeting and knowing Miss Dirge feel sure of the success that will be hers.

Now for us as a sorority a new year is virtually beginning. We have new ideas and new suggestions, new plans to test. Let us all pull together to make the two years before our next convention show a definite step taken toward our goal of perfection.

We shall hope before the next letter comes due to have some chapter activities of real interest to relate. So far this year our meetings have been devoted to the discussion of convention business, with a few minutes seized in between spells to "gossip" about each other. We always become re-acquainted and our meetings are a success socially, but our desire is to have the fortnightly gatherings stand for something of real value to others as well as to ourselves. By next letter we may be able to tell you how our plans have materialized.

We alumnae once more joined our active sisters at supper at the Metropole Hotel, on the evening of October 24, and from there lent our presence, and some of us, our assistance, while six dear little new sisters were initiated. Aside from this there have been no joint gatherings since the summer season.

We hope this Christmas season may be the happiest yet, for every chapter and every sister, and that the new year may come laden with health and prosperity for all.

## PERSONALS

Margaret Carman and Eva Davis, Theta '08, returned early in November from a four months' trip in Europe. Denver alumnae are glad to have them back again.

Irene Poole has returned to Denver after spending the summer months in California, in company with her mother.

Mrs. Loring C. Lennox (Lucy Moore '08) has moved to Colorado Springs, where Mr. Lennox is engaged in business. We had hoped to have Lucy in Denver this winter, but were disappointed.

Among the Gamma Phis teaching in other Colorado towns who returned to Denver for the Thanksgiving recess were, Elizabeth Hessler, '13, Mildred Hansen, '08, Eunice Robinson, '12, and Mary Woy, '08.

Denver Gamma Phis deeply sympathize with Bertha C. Webb, '10, in the recent death of her uncle, Granville I. Chittenden, with whom she was making her home.

Angie M. Hayden, ex-Theta, of Durango, Colorado, has been spending a couple of weeks in Denver.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Hinsdell (Mabelle Short, Denver), announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Clinestarr, November 11, 1913.

Little Miss Marjorie Bess Stephenson is rather late appearing in the CRESCENT, but she is a fine dimpled baby girl, born May 21, 1913, and her proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stephenson (Daisy Dillon, Theta).

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Denious (Edith Boughton, Theta '04) are also proud of their new ten pound boy, Wilbur Franklin, Jr., born October 5, 1913.

## MARRIAGES

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, Eleanor Mary Culton, Theta, was married to Mr. William Walker Hines, in Brooklyn, New York. Miss Culton, better known by her stage name of Eleanor Verden, has been for the past year with Belasco's "Concert," and is gifted, not only as an actress, but as a musician.

RUTH WHEELER.

## MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: It seems commonplace to have to come down to writing, when such a little while ago our delegates were really talking to one another. But our ways lie in different parts of the country, so we must "send the good word along" by letter. Is not our bond a wonderful one, that holds us together



and makes us feel so "one-ified?" Just now we are all filled with the enthusiasm and good promise that our delegates have brought to us, for the next few years. Aren't you especially happy that we have our long-needed visiting delegate? And we, Kappa chapter, have met this particularly fine one, and know that her appointment marks an epoch in Gamma Phi's career.

Before I go on with our happenings for the quarter, there is one person I want to mention. She is Marguerite Samuels of Gamma chapter, who is in Minneapolis as private secretary and housekeeper for the Blake School for Boys. We are so glad she is here and hope she will feel just like one of us very soon.

On the first Tuesday of October, Gamma Phi Beta Association held its annual meeting at the chapter house. This is the incorporated body which made the purchase of our lot possible, and which gives us hope for our new house within the coming year. At this meeting the completed plans, drawn by Katherine Whitney's father, were presented for approval, and they were perfectly,—well maybe some day you will see a picture of it in the CRESCENT.

Once every year the active chapter entertains for the mothers, and this year we, the alumnae, were included in the invitation. It was a mighty pretty reception and we greatly appreciated their efforts. No doubt the active chapter will tell of this and of some other things I had planned to narrate; but really they do belong to them. It has been such a short time since this correspondent herself was active, that she sometimes forgets.

But I believe the Christmas fair is our rightful property. You remember we have had a fair for two years, and now it is an annual occurrence, given a short time before the holidays, and giving proof of much hard but willing labor of Gamma Phi hands. This year the date is set as December 6, and each member of Kappa chapter is expected to make five articles, or to give money equivalent, and the money we use to buy materials. Once every week there is an all-day meeting, when we arrive at some girl's home about eleven-thirty with a basket lunch, and not only accomplish a great deal, but thoroughly enjoy ourselves. We are hoping for the biggest success ever this year.

Our personals this month seem to need a good deal of space, so I mustn't take anymore. The happiest and most successful New Year ever, to you all!

#### PERSONALS

Dorothy Bell is taking a course in physical education at Columbia University this year, as an aid in fitting herself for a physical director.

Julia Bell is teaching in Porto Rico.

Helen Crane has been in the hospital undergoing an operation for appendicitis, but is now gaining rapidly.

Constance Davis is attending Simmons College, in Boston.

Maude Hart, our literary talent, will sail for Europe the first of the year, where she will spend six or eight months travelling and collecting material for her future stories.

Mary Jones is spending some of the winter months in California. During her stay she will visit the chapters at Berkeley and Leland Stanford.

Louise McGilvra one of our younger alumnae is living at the chapter house this year, while taking the art course at the Handicraft Guild.

Katherine Whitney has gone to New York to serve as bridesmaid to a former Smith College classmate. Before returning home she will spend a week or two at Johns Hopkins art school, taking work that will benefit her as artist for the medical department of our university, to which position she has lately been appointed.

Bernice Works is visiting her sister, Mrs. William D. Kerr, in East Orange, N. J.

Hilda and Harriet Johnson of Gamma chapter, with their mother, have gone to housekeeping in the city.

Mrs. Carl Austin (Helen Riheldaffer) has lately moved to 1786 Humboldt Avenue, S.

Eunice McGilvra of Milaca made us a short visit at the chapter house and later attended the Wisconsin-Minnesota game and convention.

Cora Taney spent a week-end with Mrs. Maurice Blandin, formerly Ellen Paine, in Carleton, Minn.

Mary Haupt has charge of the College Club Play in St. Paul.

Mrs. Charles Silverson (Katherine Taney) and her sister, Clara Taney, will sail January 4 for southern Italy. The latter will study the Montessorri method in Rome.

Marion Brown is tutoring in Utica, New York.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

The announcement of the engagement of Eva May Kaye, to Paul C. Rutherford, has been made. The wedding will take place in January.

Grace Wilcox has announced her engagement to Maurice Keating, Delta Upsilon. They will be married this coming fall.

#### MARRIAGES

On December 3, 1913, Kathleen Palmer Hart was married to Eugene Sharp Bibb, Delta Upsilon. They will live in Minneapolis.



The marriage of Ruth Angier Ames and Waldo Emerson Kelly took place Saturday, November 22, 1913, at the Leamington. They will make their home in Woonsocket, R. I.

On December 27, 1913, Lynnferd Lucy McMahon was married to Carl Kiplinger, Alpha Tau Omega. They will make their home in Freeport, Ill.

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy (Nina Miller, Gamma), a son, Phillip Murray Cassidy, Jr., on July 13, 1913.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Keyes (Helen Hendrix), a son, Gordon Hendrix Keyes, on August 31, 1913.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Beriah Wall (Anne Hull), in Porto Rico, a son, on November 7, 1913.

MARGARET MENZEL.

#### DETROIT

(No Letter)

## 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 Avenue.

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

DELTA meets every Thursday afternoon at 4:45 in the chapter rooms, 85 Newbury 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 College 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 members.

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.

MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. 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 meets the third Saturday of every month at the homes of members.



## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR SEPTEMBER: *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

FOR OCTOBER: *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Beta Theta Pi*.

FOR NOVEMBER: *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Quarterly* of Phi Chi; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Delta* of Sigma Nu.

### FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Delta Delta Delta—University of Arkansas, Drury College.

Delta Tau Delta—University of Oregon.

Kappa Delta—Normal College of New York.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Boston University.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Pennsylvania State College.

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Other fraternities besides Gamma Phi Beta have been assembled in convention and it is interesting to read of the business accomplished.

Kappa Alpha Theta met in June at Lake Minnewaska and we reprint bits of the convention activities:

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Alumnæ gather to talk of faults and advantages of their organizations, to tell how "the other fellow" gathers in its alumnæ, and to discuss.

Results: Alumnæ chapter installations; no dividing of forces into affiliated and unaffiliated alumnæ groups; formation of a Theta service board; declared work in each chapter.

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Extension question box, where one can learn—

Extension methods past and present; Relation of fraternity growth to college growth and its effects on the anti-fraternity movement; Relation between internal improvement and external growth; How late entry need not be a handicap; Attitude of the "conservative" fraternities toward extension; Assistance the national organization gives today (and gave yesterday) to new chapters; Opportunities for extension, east, west and where the winds blow;

Cost of extension; Psychological time to grant a charter (our one peep into the occult); Reasons for extension.

As a result of all this erudition a committee labors to evolve a more definite plan of action.

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A few by-products of most general interest; alumnae chapters to be called by their city's name, and to adapt their chapter year to the calendar one; a scholarship requirement for initiation; a publicity bureau; an adequate memorial service in the form of a report by the necrology committee; the burden of where next convention will meet thrust upon the Council though the committee recommended, first Psi's invitation, next that of Beta Beta district, and reported invitations from the Pacific coast chapters as a unit, and from Kappa and Rho jointly.

Credentials committee submits affidavits to show 306 Thetas in the tent.

Delta Gamma chose Niagara Falls as the place of meeting. One session was given over to the consideration of alumnae problems and many interesting points of view were discussed. A few are quoted:

"Our bodily organization in the fraternity, and our mutual fondness for one another are so strong that we cannot bear to relinquish that delightful fellowship when college days are over. And we seek to perpetuate it in the artificial group called the alumnae chapter. But it has been shown that *in general* the best of alumnae chapters maintain themselves with a good deal of difficulty, and it seems to me the most natural thing in the world that this should be the case. I would prescribe what I would prescribe for all nervous invalids—work. Not fancy-work to occupy the fingers but some worthy absorbing interest, something whereby we can be of service to our city, our country, to our own university specifically or to art or learning in the abstract. I would say as a fraternity of women who have received special benefits, let us seek to confer some special benefits; let us make our national scholarship fund one for everyone *but* Delta Gammas or for everyone, giving those who are not Delta Gammas the preference. Then let our alumnae chapters in each locality devote themselves to local specific interests. It may be the cause of woman suffrage, or the anti-child labor movement, or it may be endowing a hospital bed, or any one of a thousand worthy objects. But better leave the hospital endowment to high school clubs and Sunday School classes. These things are so tangible and so definite that the



will to serve is all that they require. There are innumerable tasks which require minds especially equipped, and because we have received more, our debt is greater. Let us interest ourselves in civic improvement and do so sanely, not sentimentally or let us undertake some research—assembling old ballads or folk songs which will be a real contribution. We can take as our example the interests and outside activities of German students. I believe a group of German university students get more of the pleasure of comradeship incidentally than we do, and yet what they discuss or pursue is generally something of value.

And lastly let this principle permeate the active chapters also. Not that they would have time aside from college work to attain any spectacular achievement; but that all the energy which is now spent in being enthusiastic over our own enthusiasm, extolling our own organization, etc., and eventually, much of the energy which goes into elaborate rushing beside all the effort spent painfully in coercing freshmen; that all this be devoted to good works outside ourselves—helping in college activities not merely to reflect glory upon our chapter but for the good of our Alma Mater; making a united stand for clean college politics, upholding as a body the best interests of the university, coöperating with faculty and loyally supporting the student association—all this not for our own glory, but upon the investigation of our fraternity with her lofty ideals and purposes, for the glory and good of the whole.”

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Our alumnae do not realize their influence in drawing girls into the fraternity. The thoughtful rushee judges a great deal from the interest existing between the alumnae and actives. She considers the place of the fraternity's alumnae beyond the college world. If there is any doubt in her mind between rival fraternities she rests her decision partly on their national standing, partly on the alumnae she has met. Strong alumnae organizations are just as essential to the fraternity as are strong active chapters. Our fraternity is what we as individuals, as chapters, as national and international organizations choose to make it. It is worth while only in so far as *we* are worth while.

“In our own chapter there exists among many of our members, more especially the older girls, a distaste for the tiresome routine business. All of us who have conducted meetings know how much time is wasted in details of little importance and many who come for good-fellowship and steal the time for a chat with friends resent the loss of that for which they come. So we have hit upon the scheme of leaving formal, routine business to the executive

board and making our general meeting almost purely social. This of course does not mean that the rest are excluded from executive sessions or that the chapter as a whole has no say; but it does mean that only the things that are really important are brought to general notice in a formal way."

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The following items from a report of convention business are interesting:

A very interesting report upon the progress of our Scholarship Fund was given by Blanch Garten, supplemented by the report of Mary Longbreak on the Delta Gamma Cook Book issued in the winter of 1912 and the amount it had netted for the fund. The same committee is to continue to manage the Scholarship Fund and you will hear from them soon.

Mary Raymond gave an interesting account of the congress of men's and women's fraternities held at Chicago, May 30 and 31, 1913. Delta Gamma wishes to be counted among those who give their support in the effort to stop unfavorable legislation against fraternities. The High School fraternity evil was thoroughly discussed and a step taken towards abolishing the system. We ruled that Delta Gamma shall take in no members of High School fraternities after a certain date to be set by National Pan-Hellenic Congress. This rule is only to go into force if adopted by the fraternities of National Pan-Hellenic.

One session was devoted to alumnae chapters, ways and means of arousing interest among the alumnae and their relation to the active chapters. Mrs. Lyall, Chi Upsilon, presided and ten-minute papers, which are given elsewhere in this magazine, were given by six alumnae chapters.

Mr. Banta addressed convention on Expansion urging us to spread our influence far and wide, thereby becoming a strong fraternity instead of an exclusive club.

A decided step toward putting the business side of Delta Gamma upon a more secure basis was made by the committee on Constitution and By-laws in presenting such amendments to the constitution as were necessary to combine the offices of *Anchora* Editor and Manager, Registrar and Secretary and giving her a sufficient salary to make it possible for her to devote all her time to the office. These amendments will come up to be voted upon at the next convention. As a step toward this end, a change in the by-laws was made at this convention, increasing the salary of the *Anchora* Editor.



Attention, Gamma chapter—Delta Gamma applauds you—

We read of one chapter of Gamma Phi Beta which maintains a scholarship of \$100 for some worthy student in the University of Wisconsin, the same to be awarded by a committee of faculty.

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Mr. Banta gave at this same convention, his opinion of expansion: Now either the fraternity system has a fault or it has not. It either has a purpose or it is without a purpose. Either it does good, either it fills a want in the human heart, or it does not. We believe in the affirmative of all those questions. The question is as to what that place is, and what is the value of the organizations. What is their purpose? What are the definite ideas that control this whole question of expansion and the whole question of what a fraternity is for? What is the idea that inspires expansion? Is it a missionary spirit? In the right sense, that is the word. The fundamental idea is that Phi Delta Theta has a place to fill. It was founded with that idea, a central idea vital to the young man in college. We feel that we have something to pass on to somebody else.

There are two contrasting ideas which dominate sorority and fraternity life. You either are something good with a duty to the world around you or merely a club. It must be answered by your deeds.

It is not my idea to foist the doctrine of expansion on this body but I simply believe that expansion is one of the functions of the organizations. If the club idea is merely the object of the fraternity, then non-expansion is the answer to the question.

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Complaint is made that the fraternity is exclusive. The fraternity is born and nourished out of the natural impulse of the human heart for exclusive preference, founded solely on the purpose and spirit of friendship. If you have a good thing, it is your duty to give it to those people who have not got it.

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Beta Theta Pi assembled at Nantasket Bay in September.

The convention banquet was a success. Not a howling success, because there was not much noise. For the most part we sat quiet, enveloped in the fraternity spirit that hung over the vast room, listened to Governor Bates, Sisson, Shepardson, and Baird, as they were in turn presented by the Toastmaster, Willis O. Robb. The Governor showed us a historical picture of the rise of the notion of human brotherhood; Brother Sisson told us how our smaller

fighting unit, our more concentrated brotherhood, fitted into the larger scheme, and what the individual Beta must do to make this unit most effective; Brother Shepardson, in a speech that was solemn in its earnestness and fervor, dwelt on the duty of service developing upon us on account of our calling and election; and then Brother Baird, the Homer of all the Greek tribes, opened up the book of beginnings, and told us, reminiscently ("for part of those things he was, and all of them he saw") of the men and the things and the developments belonging to the early days of the fraternity. And I think we all came from that place with high thoughts. I know I did.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

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The editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* gives us a few ideas in regard to convention:

Conventions should be largely in the nature of reunions, and it looks as if the Memphis fraters are going to provide plenty of the lighter incidentals calculated to engender good fellowship of the kind that is characteristic of Kappa Alphas, no matter where or how assembled.

If legislation is deemed advisable, it is to be hoped that nothing more than simple constructive matters will be considered. The editor merely repeats his ideas expressed in a former issue as to what subjects constitute the live ones in up-to-date fraternity administration affairs. These are: (1) Endowment Fund; (2) Traveling Supervisor, Organizer and General Secretary; (3) Chapter House Financing, Supervision and Operation; (4) Improvement of Scholarship; (5) Adjustment of Faculty and Legislative Relations; (6) Internal Organization; (7) Study of History and Ritualistic Teachings; (8) Life Subscription Arrangement for Official Magazine; (9) Convention Interest and Attendance; (10) Improved Chapter Accounting; (11) Modern Methods in Historical Work; (12) Further Degree Work for Alumni; (13) Burial Service; (14) Employment Bureau, etc.

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Phi Mu convened at Niagara, August 5-9. Life subscriptions at \$15 are now required of all members. New names were selected for the sorority's two secret publications, the Annual, first issued in 1907, being called *The Philomathean*, and the Quarterly, which appeared in 1912, being known as *To Sakos*.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

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*Banta's Greek Exchange* for September contains several articles from sorority women. Katherine T. Mullin, Exchange Editor of



the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma writes a few chapter letters from the "Waggle" of Row Row Row Sorority. Eleanor Banta, Delta Gamma gives a sketch "How his Fraternity Interfered." Ida Shaw Martin, Delta Delta Delta, author of *The Sorority Handbook*, discusses the class society; and Lindsey Barbee, editor of the CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta, has for the subject of her article "Words Merely Words."

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