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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Although your president's report is not due for another year we thought it well, in accordance with our plan for greater knowledge concerning Board affairs, to make a little statement of business accomplished.

The reports of the various committees will show the effort that has been made to follow out the wishes and plans of the last convention. While results are not all that could be wished, we have made a beginning, and the progress made this next year will depend on the efforts put forth by each chapter and the personal interest of each individual.

No one can fail to be pleased with the work of the Committee on Expansion and we know that Pi of the University of Nebraska is warmly welcomed by all, and that everyone will be glad to hear of the organization of the alumnae of Baltimore. In connection with this let me urge that each Gamma Phi feel it her duty to help this committee with suggestions and with her assistance in investigating any desirable group of girls in her neighborhood when so requested.

Mrs. Silversen, your visiting delegate, will start on her rounds after the meeting of National Pan-Hellenic Congress in New York in October. You will all receive a set of rules by which we hope you will be guided in your reception and entertainment of her. She

will come prepared to talk over the business of the next convention with you. There is much of importance to be discussed and the Board wishes everyone to be thoroughly familiar with its plans for the future.

Pending Mrs. Silverson's decision in regard to the office of visiting delegate, that function was performed on various occasions by Mrs. Colby, of San Francisco alumnae, Miss Bertha White, of Omaha, Miss Sheldon, Miss Thompson and Mrs. E. J. Palmer, of New York alumnae. This seems a fitting opportunity for expressing to them our appreciation of their services.

Miss Thompson's report covers Pan-Hellenic matters fully. Let me just remind you that we stand ready to help you in any Pan-Hellenic difficulties that may arise, and hope you will not hesitate to call on us for help and advice.

Now, in beginning this year's work, let us bear these few things in mind:

1. Pay dues promptly and in full.
2. Always and ever remember and help THE CRESCENT.
3. Answer all letters promptly and vote on constitutional amendments as soon as possible after they are received.
4. Send in all suggestions for convention business early and familiarize yourselves thoroughly with Mrs. Silverson's report on this subject.
5. Help expansion.
6. Help the examination and scholarship committees by your prompt and earnest coöperation.
7. Learn the names of your national officers and heads of important committees and, by so doing, save much unnecessary correspondence and postage.
8. Urge your chapter to undertake some social service work.

The Board feels that this latter item is so important that we wish to form a national committee to take up this work and call for volunteers and suggestions.

With all best wishes for the ensuing year.

Yours very cordially in Π K E,

UNA W. HARSEN, *President*.

THE 1915 CONVENTION

*Mu Chapter
cordially invites*

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

to attend the

Thirty-Ninth Convention

at Asilomar, California

August 25, 26, 27, 28, 1915.

38th

Thus a formal invitation would read and in just such a manner would it misrepresent the whole situation as well as the whole spirit of this coming convention. We'd like to say it this way and we are going to, too—(only you mustn't tell your K K Γ or your Π B Φ neighbors about it, for they wouldn't understand):—"Mu wants you all to come to her big house party at Asilomar next August and don't bother about new clothes for a bathing suit and a cap, a pair of tennis shoes, your traveling suit and one or two summer frocks will suffice. Come prepared to have a good, rollicking time but—come prepared to do Γ Φ B business, for this is to be the biggest, most successful convention in the history of Γ Φ B and it means that every one of you, from the babies to the grandmothers—will have to help make it so. Oh come, everybody! Come!" There! that expresses the invitation as we feel it. Now we shall proceed to tell you about Asilomar and what we propose to do there.

A house party with 500 Gamma Phis in attendance! Wouldn't that be great! Well, we've room for that many and more, too. You see, it's like this. There's a nook on Monterey Bay where the sand dunes are heaped up especially high, where the breakers from the old Pacific surge again and again along the shore and where the pine trees and the gnarled old Cypresses harbor the seagulls as they rest, weary from their long voyages. Near this place the seals sport playfully about in the water and there's many a cave, cut by the waves out of solid rock, to explore. There are tramps through the Redwoods and green forests. Carmel-by-the-Sea with its old mission built many years ago by the Spanish fathers is not far away. And there's the quaint little Spanish town of Monterey with its memories of Robert Louis Stevenson and Del Monte adjoining it and Pacific Grove where the fishing fleet anchors. And there are miles and miles of drives around the whole peninsula. Fortunately there's one little nook in all this beautiful country that is available for a house party convention and

that is Asilomar. It was built by the Y. W. C. A. for their conferences and we are sure it will be an ideal place for our convention. The auditorium building has a large assembly room with a huge stone fireplace and here it is that we shall hold our meetings. There are special committee rooms at one end of this building and an office for the $\Gamma \Phi B$ president at the other end. The dining room is very attractive and it, too, has stone fireplaces. We'll dance here for "they say that Gamma Phis are given to dancing". And think of sleeping in a tent house where you can see the blue expanse of the Pacific Ocean stretching out before you and hear the music of the wind in the pine trees. There are tennis courts and bathing in the surf. And we'll have plenty to eat for you'll all be hungry. (We know!) We promise you all a jolly good time at Asilomar.

But, there must be work first and play afterwards. There will be business meetings every morning from 9:30 to 11:30, and every afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00. There is much to be accomplished, and you must all begin to work on convention business now. You, chapters, begin to think about your delegates! You, "lost alumnae" find out what your sorority is doing and begin to prepare, not only your pocketbooks but also your Gamma Phi knowledge and interest so that you may be an intelligent member at this convention! You, steady, reliable alumnae chapters, make ready more of your efficient plans and get them in shape for work!

Although the capacity for entertaining is almost unlimited—provided we know how many to expect at the beginning of the summer—we sadly regret that the capacity of our bank account is limited and for that reason, we shall be able to care for the delegates only. However, you will find the rates extremely low and we are sure that you will feel more than repaid in the end. Bring your husbands and we'll put them in a "Husband's Building." And there'll be a nurse to take charge of the babies in the morning and she'll return them to you at night. Come, everybody! Mu wants you. The sorority needs you!

And the banquet—for, of course, there never was a convention without a banquet. Well, Eta and San Francisco Alumnae are planning that and perhaps they'll tell you about it later. We're sure though—that it will be in San Francisco and that there will be a $\Gamma \Phi B$ Day at the Exposition.

We hope to be able to tell you more of our plans in the next number of *THE CRESCENT* and also, to show you some pictures of Asilomar and the surrounding country. In the meantime, make your plans and don't forget the slogan—"To California in 1915, everyone of us".

SORORITY OF GAMMA PHI BETA

Report of Treasurer, March 10 to August 10, 1914

RECEIPTS
1914

March	10	To Mrs. Baldwin, former Treasurer \$1,346.25 Bal. Directories Mu chapter	3.60	
			\$1,349.85 — \$1.45 Col.	\$1,348.40
	18	To Miss Morgan, being one-half check sent her from Mu chapter for tax — \$.10 Col.		18.90
	20	To Miss Shepherd "for stamps from certificates" .....		.90
	20	To Omicron initiates' tax		33.00
	28	To Miss Morgan, being one-half check sent her for Eta tax, (\$35), and one-half check sent her from San Francisco Alumnae, two new members (\$2) — \$.10 Col.		36.90
	28	To Denver Alumnae tax		39.00
	30	To New York Alumnae tax		65.00
April	4	To Nu chapter tax — \$.15 Col.		94.85
		To Syracuse Alumnae. Three members		3.00
		To Milwaukee Alumnae. One member — \$.10 Col. ....		.90
		To Delta, tax on account		24.00
	20	To Miss Morgan, refund for Omicron freshmen who had already paid 5 year subscriptions — \$.10 Col.		9.90
	20	To Syracuse Alumnae. One member		1.00
	25	To Eta balance tax — \$.15 Col.		104.75
		To Beta. Five freshmen — \$.10 Col.		59.90
May	4	To Detroit Alumnae. Two new members		4.00
		To Alpha, tax on account		140.00
		To Gamma for Convention Minutes — \$.10 Col.		9.90
	9	To Delta, tax on account		12.00
	14	To Zeta tax		32.00
		To Xi tax		21.00
	19	To Boston Alumnae tax		37.00
	27	To Lambda tax		145.00
		To Iota, tax on account		13.00
June	5	To Mrs. Palmer, refund		4.00
		To Epsilon tax — \$.10 Col.		99.90
July	3	To Xi. One new member		3.00
	14	To Iota, on account		11.00
		To Omicron. Two new members		6.00
		To Chicago Alumnae. Four new members — \$.10 Col. ..		3.90
	27	To Iota, on account		15.00
		To Miss Inglis. Directories for Minn. Al. — \$.10 Col.		5.90
		To Delta, on account		1.00
Aug.	8	To Minnesota Alumnae, on account — \$.10 Col.		9.90
		To Alpha, balance	\$64	
		Two new charters	10	
				54.00
				\$2,467.90

DISBURSEMENTS

March	17	To Miss Morgan for CRESCENT, and circular letters concerning life subscriptions	\$190.50
		To Miss Baldwin, National Pan-Hellenic Congress dues and Bureau of Occupations	21.00
		To Mrs. Graham. Alumnae Editor of CRESCENT	15.00
		To <i>Sorority Handbook</i>	4.50
	19	To Z. and L. Rosenfield—typewriting	2.00
	20	To Mrs. Harsen—stamped envelopes, printing, etc.	10.00
	27	To Mrs. Harsen—balance for above	6.98
		To Mrs. E. J. Palmer, expenses to Baltimore	20.00
	30	To Miss Morgan, Denver and N. Y. Alumnae CRESCENTS ..	51.00
April	1	To J. F. Newman, 50 cards and envelopes for Miss Lowd ..	1.50
	6	To Miss Shepherd, expenses from Boston to New York ..	

DISBURSEMENTS—Continued

		for meeting of Executive Board	\$12.50
		To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Omicron initiates.....\$10	
		Nu chapter	19
	9	To Mrs. Harsen, telephone, carfare, etc.	29.00
		To Miss Guppy—examination questions	2.98
		To Miss Newbold, expressage on treasurer's books, and rubber stamp	1.85
		To Z. & L. Rosenfield—Convention Minutes	1.00
		To J. F. Newman—100 membership blanks and envelopes ..	11.50
	25	To Miss Sheldon—expenses	8.00
	27	To Miss Morgan for five year subscriptions for Beta's five freshmen	18.95
May	14	To Mrs. Baldwin for directory for Miss Lowd	25.00
		To Miss Colby, expenses to Palo Alto .....	.30
	18	To Mrs. Harsen, printing, expenses on Nebraska petition, etc.	1.85
	19	To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Boston Alumnae ..\$18.00	
		Alpha	36.00
		Delta	1.00
		Detroit Alumnae ..	7.00
		Xi Freshmen	7.00
			64.00
June	28	To Mrs. Harsen, stationery and telegrams	3.00
	5	To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Lambda	\$29.00
		Epsilon	20.00
		Epsilon	20.00
	5	To Z. & L. Rosenfield—typewriting	49.00
	13	To Miss Lowd, expenses as Secretary	7.75
July	6	To J. & F. Newman—cards and envelopes	24.73
		To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Xi	10.00
		Iota	\$1.00
		Omicron	2.00
	14	To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Omicron	\$2.00
		Iota	3.00
Aug.	3	To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Iota	5.00
	5	To Mrs. Harsen—expenses	3.00
	7	To Miss Morgan for June CRESCENTS	1.24
			180.00
		Balance	\$ 801.13
			\$1,666.77
			\$2,467.90

August 18, 1914.

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

In submitting the above report I am anxious to call the attention of the chapters to several things which have struck me quite forcibly since I began my work as treasurer. I wish the national tax might be paid promptly! The date set in our constitution is January 1, and if the chapters could plan their affairs so that the money would be forthcoming at that time, it would not only save the treasurer a great deal of unnecessary trouble, but also facilitate the workings of the sorority as a whole. Then, in sending in the tax, please state clearly the number of chapter members, how many of these are freshmen, and whether they have a five year subscription to THE CRESCENT. It is simply impossible to know how much money to pass on to Miss Morgan when a check comes in accompanied only by the statement "This is for our dues". If *drafts in New York or money orders* are used instead of ordinary checks it will save the numerous charges for collection which I have had to bestow on the bank. According to my books there are six chapters still in arrears. Three of these owe just a small balance but the other three have disregarded the financial amendment and have sent in, as formerly, \$2 for each member. They have been notified of their mistake but have failed to respond. According to the new amendment, you will remember, the delegates' ex-

penses to and from convention are to be met by the national treasury. This cannot be done unless the dues are paid in full. I have felt for some time that if the chapters had a clear understanding of the state of affairs, there would be no lack of coöperation, and I am so glad that the secret issue of THE CRESCENT has made this possible.

HELEN NEWBOLD,

Treasurer of Executive Board.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF THE CRESCENT

From the financial report appearing elsewhere in these pages, it will be seen that something must be done if we are to maintain a magazine of the size and quality that we are putting out at present, and still publish four numbers each year.

With our mailing list its present size we can just about pay for three issues each year, but no more. Our mailing list, without the exchange list, numbered 806 in January, over 300 names having been dropped during the year on account of failure to renew subscriptions, although an expiration notice accompanied every magazine, when the subscription had expired. Our June list numbered 823, owing to new members and some renewals.

It may not be known to subscribers that according to the United States postal laws, the business manager is obliged to drop the names of subscribers after the subscription has expired and notice has been sent. But right here the business manager encounters a difficulty. This can be done with *alumnæ* subscribers, but in the fall each chapter sends a list of active members to the business manager. At the end of the first semester some of these drop out, some never really join at all, the business manager is not notified, and the names are carried on.

If the chapters all paid their dues in January, the appointed time, the names could be checked up and there would be little loss, but several chapters have fallen into the habit of not paying until June, or even in the summer time, and when the business manager does the final checking, she finds that there are from fifteen to twenty names that were sent in, but not paid for and THE CRESCENT loses \$15 or \$20.

One thing I do urge and that most earnestly, that all chapters pay in January, and then if initiation is later, the money for the new members can be sent after initiation. THE CRESCENT cannot afford to carry all those names for which no money can be collected, and there is no possible way of counting up the amount that can be depended upon, when this thing happens each year.

To go back to the matter of expense, our four issues this year cost as follows: October, \$299.63, January, \$361.57, March, \$279.61 and June \$252.87, a total of \$1,193.68.

With only 823 subscribers, it can readily be seen that THE CRESCENT is not paying expenses, but in addition to the subscriptions, there is \$60 a year from advertisements and a small amount from interest on the life subscription fund. Then the business manager turns over to the publisher whatever is left of the \$50, allowed by the treasury for stationery and postage. The remaining debt has always been cared for by the treasury. It is not right that we should have to ask this of the treasury, and the business manager has thought of every possible plan to avoid this, but so far without success, unless we cut to three issues instead of four.

At the time of convention the plan of securing life subscriptions to THE CRESCENT at \$25 each was proposed and the plan carried out. Thirty

life subscriptions were pledged at convention, but on fifteen of these nothing has yet been collected.

The treasury very generously offered to pay for printing and mailing circular letters, announcing the plan to every member of Gamma Phi Beta, and urging that at least a year's subscription be given, if the life subscription was out of the question.

The business manager immediately began the Herculean task of addressing and mailing these letters to every member of Gamma Phi Beta, mentioned in the last directory. With innumerable other duties to perform the work has been slow, but it has finally been accomplished. A large number of these letters came back, owing to incorrect address in the directory, as will be seen by the published list elsewhere, only part of the list appearing in this issue.

Up to the time of writing *THE CRESCENT* has 37 life subscriptions, two of which are owned by chapters to pay for the chapter file of *CRESCENTS*, but a good many people responded with a year's subscription, where the life subscription was impossible.

It can be seen that the *alumnæ* are not supporting *THE CRESCENT* as they should, as there are only about 180 subscriptions outside of *alumnæ* chapters which count about 217 members. Three hundred more *alumnæ* subscriptions would put *THE CRESCENT* on its feet, and we would have had that number, had all who subscribed last year renewed their subscriptions this year.

If, however, the *alumnæ* do not respond any better in the fall than they have in the past, our hope will not lie in them.

In order to make the life subscriptions a success, we need at least 150. We could then loan the money at 6 per cent, and get some returns from our investment. At present there are three subscriptions fully paid, eighteen with one payment, and sixteen promised with no payment. We shall have to do better than that.

I would strongly recommend that each chapter take out a life subscription for its chapter file. This can be paid in five installments. I would also urge that each chapter pass a rule, requiring a five year subscription from each initiate. This would help each chapter as well as *THE CRESCENT*, for it would insure the interest of each girl for at least a year after leaving college, and in some cases for several years.

Our publisher, Mr. Banta, said to me when I assumed the management of *THE CRESCENT*, "If you can secure a subscription from each of your seniors when they leave college, you stand a pretty good chance of keeping these subscriptions." I believe this is true, but I think that the safest way is to secure the subscription when they are freshmen.

Our next hope is in more chapters, and plenty of them, active and *alumnæ*. Five more active and five more *alumnæ* chapters would be a splendid help to us. I sometimes wonder in which problem I am the more interested, *THE CRESCENT* or expansion, for I am deeply interested in expansion for the sorority's sake, so keenly do I feel the need of it, if we are to keep up with the rapidly moving procession. There is plenty of good Greek material in a number of colleges. Let us find it and appropriate it.

If none of the aforementioned things can be accomplished, there are only three courses open to *THE CRESCENT*, first, to issue only three numbers a year, second, to cut down our numbers in size and quality, or third, to continue to be a suppliant for charity at the door of the national treasury.

No one likes to be a beggar, and we all want our dollar's worth, so let us make a long pull and a strong pull together to secure more *alumnæ*

subscribers and to place more new chapters of Gamma Phi in the best possible places.

CARRIE E. MORGAN,
Business Manager of THE CRESCENT.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CRESCENT

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1914.

Balance on hand November 1, 1913	\$ 6.36
Received from active chapters	593.30
Received from alumnæ chapters	281.00
Received from alumnæ subscribers	150.65
Received from sale of <i>Baird's Manual</i> .....	.50
Received from advertising	42.50
Received from treasury:	
For CRESCENT expenses	\$150.00
For printing of circular letters	15.50
For postage on letters	45.00
For deficit on CRESCENT	180.00

	<u>\$390.50</u>	390.50
Received interest on life subscriptions .....		.98

Total amount received\$1,465.79

EXPENSES

Paid to Mr. Banta for printing CRESCENT and stationery	\$1,179.11
Paid for postage	28.00
Paid for letter file .....	.25
Paid to Miss Barbee	100.00
Refund to treasury for national dues received	138.00

\$1,445.36

Balance in treasury September 1, 1914, \$20.43.

BILLS PAYABLE

To Mr. Banta, balance due on CRESCENT.....	\$ 96.86
Postage on circular letters	20.00

\$116.86

Actual deficit	\$96.43
Present amount in life subscription fund	\$169.00
Interest received to date .....	.98

CARRIE E. MORGAN,
Business Manager of CRESCENT.

CONCERNING CHAPTER LETTERS

The most troublesome fault of CRESCENT correspondents is tardiness.

The publisher sets a date one month before publication, for the twenty-six letters to reach me, and expects me to look them over, and send them to him the next day, as he wishes to have all material one month in advance. How is that possible when I receive on an average of ten letters on the date set? I have had printed some instructions for the form of the letter, and it is discouraging to notice how they are not followed by more than one-third of the letter writers.

Too many of the chapters, on appointing a CRESCENT correspondent, select an underclassman, who has no Gamma Phi perspective, and forget that the letters give us our only idea of life in the different chapters. From some of the letters, we might think membership in some of the chapters not at all attractive, but we know from experience in visiting the colleges that is not a just conclusion, so where *is* the fault? Certainly, in the chapter, for no chapter that I know takes these letters as seriously as it should. So many times a letter is started with an apology for brevity, for the writer has had so many duties of an intellectual, social or spiritual nature, that she has really forgotten what the chapter has been doing. Why are not all events of interest to Gamma Phis noted, and a list given to the correspondent? I have often read of interesting happenings in other sorority magazines, and, on inquiry, have had the reply that our girls knew nothing of them. There are two conclusions, neither of which is pleasant: either the others have invented them for effect, or our girls are not keeping abreast of campus doings.

On the other hand, some of the correspondents have done everything I have asked them to do, and have realized the necessity of having letters that are worth while. I have come to have a vital interest in every chapter of Gamma Phi, and feel very desirous of having our magazine rank with the foremost of the sorority publications.

May we not coöperate then, and bend our energies in that direction, so that we may really accomplish something. LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC DELEGATE FOR 1913-14

I am sorry to begin my report with the word "hostility", and yet a great deal of the attention of National Pan-Hellenic delegates this year has been devoted to devising ways of lessening that hostility and correcting the faults that have in part produced it. The chapters at Barnard are still in great danger. No one knows what will come of the investigation at Goucher. Madison expects to have the attack on fraternities renewed in the near future. The University of Kansas has just ordered an investigation.

What are the complaints brought against fraternities? Usually they are these: poor scholarship, an undemocratic spirit, and extravagance. The enemies of fraternities conclude by asking, "Of what benefit are fraternities to a college?" In order to meet these complaints and answer this question the national officers of all the fraternities are making strenuous efforts to impress every active chapter with its responsibilities. You have had many bulletins from National Pan-Hellenic and many letters from our president urging you to raise your scholarship average, to be simple in

entertaining, and to cultivate a friendly spirit toward other fraternity and non-fraternity people. There may be no trouble in your own college now, but some year it may appear, and then your past record will be your best defense.

The responsibility for keeping track of conditions, for suggesting improvements, and for meeting difficulties, rests with the national officers. That is one reason (though not by any means the only one) why all the big, progressive fraternities are putting more and more power into the hands of the Grand Councils, just as our last convention concentrated most of the power over our fraternity in the hands of the Executive Board. This centralization of power adds tremendously to the national strength of a fraternity. When any danger arises, or any new plan comes up, our president now has the power to go ahead at once, with the advice of the Executive Board, and to spend what money is needed to carry out her plans.

As I study the other fraternities it seems to me that we now need to turn our attention chiefly to building up a national spirit in the active chapters. They have always been strong in local pride and activity, but it is difficult to make the individual chapter feel the same interest in the national plans of the fraternity. In many of the big fraternities that I see, a strong national feeling exists in the local chapters, and shows itself in the chapter's readiness to help in any general plan, and to consult about their own actions with the national officers. An instance that occurred this spring will show you why I think we are behindhand in this. Miss Lownd had just sent all active chapters copies of the model house rules passed by National Pan-Hellenic last fall, with a suggestion that they be adopted. I saw several of the letters she received in reply, and they all said, in some form or other, "We prefer our own local rules, and so will not adopt the National Pan-Hellenic rules you submitted to us". Now of course all such "model" rules need some adapting to local conditions, but not one letter which I read offered to adopt the National Pan-Hellenic rules with such changes as would fit them to that particular place, though each chapter knew that the president was trying to bring Gamma Phi into line with the other fraternities. When delegates report this fall at New York on the action taken by their fraternities with regard to the model house rules you see what I shall have to report; and I hope you also see what will be thought of our progressiveness by the other delegates. This is not a very important matter, perhaps, but it shows how much stronger are local feelings than the desire to join in the work of a great and growing whole. I feel sure, however, that the new powers of our president and the skill of our visiting delegate will soon bring our chapters closer together, and arouse their interest in the national growth and plans. I feel the more sure of this because all such local spirit was so entirely absent at convention. Every delegate threw herself into the improvement of the fraternity as a whole with the greatest enthusiasm, and was anxious to modify local conditions when this was necessary for national growth. All we need to become interested in national affairs is to know about them, and the lack of frequent and constant intercommunication has been to blame for the weakness of our national spirit. All this is now changed by our reorganization, and our visiting delegate.

Some very important matters, from a national viewpoint, will come before you this fall. First there is the improvement in scholarship. Our scholarship standing is being closely watched by other fraternities and compared with their own. We must stand near the top; it will be an immense advantage to us nationally, and every chapter should remember

that it is making a big part of Gamma Phi's national reputation when it gets a fine place in scholarship. Second, there are the fraternity examinations, concerning not only our own organization, but other fraternities and National Pan-Hellenic activities. All the important fraternities are making a great point of informing their chapters about what other fraternities are doing. The advantage in studying others is that you get so many hints for improving yourself. If you will make a habit of reading the fraternity magazines you will be astonished to see how many fine things others are doing, and you will be sure to see things Gamma Phi can do also—and must do if she is to keep up with the procession nationally. Third, some form of social service will very probably be brought before you. All the important fraternity women are trying hard to answer the question put to them as to the value of fraternities to a college. But the real answer lies in the work each active chapter does to help improve conditions in its college, and to make itself of value to the faculty in anything they undertake. Social service is occupying the attention of all progressive fraternity people. What can Gamma Phi do to make herself of value to the colleges, or the communities in which she has chapters? Are any of you giving scholarships to girls who would otherwise have to leave college? Are you doing anything for the freshmen? Are you helping to get a gymnasium, or a library, or a woman's building for your college? I know some of you are, but I'd like to be able to say that every active chapter was taking a prominent part in some work of that sort. Some fraternities are putting a lot of time and money into such things. Pi Beta Phi is supporting a school for people in the mountains of the South which costs her thousands of dollars a year.

Last, but not least, our treasury needs constant and careful attention. Without money we can't do any of the things a strong national fraternity is called upon to do. When there is trouble anywhere our president should have money enough to send someone to attend to it at once. When a chapter needs financial help it should be able to get it promptly from the national treasury. If a chapter wants to build there should be money ready for it. Alpha Phi has a special fund which can be used for the assistance of a new chapter or for the building up of an old one that is falling behind; and she is not by any means the only one who does this. In fraternities, as elsewhere, the reputation for having money enough to meet all emergencies is one of the elements of national strength.

The two most usual ways of filling the treasury are (1) requiring the initiates to pay a specified sum to the national treasury at the time of initiation and (2) making every initiate pledge a certain sum of money for five or ten years after she leaves college—this sum to be paid to the national treasury. In this way a special fund is provided aside from that needed for running expenses. It can be lent to the chapters at a fair rate of interest, or spent on any national undertaking.

In summing up this report, I would say that there is considerable hostility to fraternities; that it is to some extent justified by the past; that fraternities are making improvements which will remove these objections. These improvements consist (1) in greater national unity—and effectiveness, (2) in interfraternity unity and friendliness, (3) in social service work for the college and community. Gamma Phi's greatest need at present is (1) a strong national spirit in the active chapters, (2) co-operation in the plans of the Executive Board for national advancement, (3) a well filled treasury.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF EXPANSION COMMITTEE

The last report of the expansion committee was presented at the convention held in Madison in November, 1913. That document, a copy of which was sent to each chapter by its delegates, was as doleful as these reports have been for the last few years. However, the Cassandra-like tone of the past will now be somewhat relieved, for the cause of expansion has improved.

One of the chief reasons for cheer in our department is that a fine new active chapter, which is located in an excellent university where we should long ago have been represented, is now added to our roll. We now eat peanuts from Alpha to Pi. An alumnæ chapter in Baltimore, also, has been added unto us. Before many CRESCENTS have waxed and waned, we hope to add the name of Seattle to this list. Alumnæ in that city are agitating the question of organizing a chapter, and it is to be hoped that they will go on with the venture, for the far West has few alumnæ chapters.

The acquisition of two new chapters during the period from November, 1913, to June, 1914, is really an epoch-making record for $\Gamma \Phi B$. This splendid result is really the result of another cause. We are now prepared to grant charters, for our constitutional machinery is simplified as to make granting possible. The provisional constitution under which we are now operating has freed the sorority from the tyranny of a distant, ignorant, or prejudiced minority. In the good old days before the Madison convention, the majority of one chapter could dictate to the majority of all the other chapters in the land. In vain did committees report, in vain did investigators recommend. Now, we are free from minority dictation, and two new chapters in eight months acclaim our wisdom. It seems scarcely possible that a sane sorority can fail to ratify at the next convention in 1915 a provision that has already been productive of such excellent results.

The policy of the committee has been, as you know, to discourage any group from petitioning if the chances were against the success of their venture. As a consequence, no formal petitions have been rejected this year. Negotiations with a group of girls at the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames came to naught. An enterprising sub rosa local at the Illinois Wesleyan University was carefully investigated and advised to petition another sorority.

In accordance with the recommendation made in the last report and endorsed by the last convention, the committee got out mimeographed copies of a questionnaire which was planned to bring forth the information desired by the Executive Board without forcing the petitioners to spend time and money on an elaborate petition. The questionnaire was first used when the Phi Betas of Nebraska decided to petition, and the result was laughable. The document, planned to do away with expensive petitions, produced the most expensive, elaborate, and beautiful specimen we have yet received. However, the questionnaire was not a failure for it simplified correspondence and systematized the desired information.

Not only has the past year been highly satisfactory; the future seems extremely bright. Negotiations with desirable schools are pending and may result in petitions soon after school opens. Be prepared, therefore, to hear news from Iowa, Kansas, or the Colorado Agricultural College.

At last $\Gamma \Phi B$ has a visiting delegate, and Mrs. Silversen's work will benefit the cause of expansion as much as any other phase of sorority activity. The work of the past year has been facilitated by some little trips, which the Executive Board decided to pay for until a regular visiting

delegate could be put into the field. The committee was extremely anxious to continue to send special investigators in time of need, and is very happy to announce that for the next year, it will be able to do so. Mrs. Silverson has donated \$100 to be used during the ensuing year for the needs of the committee work. With this money the committee hopes to stimulate petitions from desirable schools. After a conference with Mrs. Silverson and Miss Carrie E. Morgan, who is, by the way, the most loyal and intelligent assistant in all committee work, a definite plan of campaign will be outlined. You may imagine us bending over the map of the United States like war generals, planning in which colleges we may best locate a strong link in the $\Gamma \Phi B$ chain.

One can see at a glance that the Far West with its great distances is not sufficiently well supplied with alumnæ chapters to furnish all the trained workers needed to guide the destinies of the sorority when the Executive Board is located in that section. We need to have the association at Seattle turned into a chapter. We need to have the other associations turned into regular chapters. The committee hopes, with the aid of the visiting delegate and of loyal alumnæ located near the schools, to be ready to enter the remaining state universities and the large Canadian institutions of the Far West as soon as they shall be ready to furnish the right kind of material for membership. Older institutions like the Universities of Texas and Missouri present greater difficulties, for our rivals have long been strongly entrenched in them. However, the fact that our rivals are there makes them seem all the more desirable to us, and our late, but apparently triumphal entry into the University of Nebraska, would seem to encourage us elsewhere. Washington University at St. Louis and the University of North Dakota are worth watching. In the East conditions are not so rapidly changing, but there seem to be desirable fields there also. The University of Cincinnati where we "almost had" a fine chapter is still a lodestar to our eyes. Toronto beckons across into Canada, and Randolph-Macon seems to possess the scholastic excellence and charming southern girls we have so long desired.

Even with a visiting delegate, a liberated constitution, and \$100 the expansion committee does not expect to locate a chapter in each of these schools within a twelvemonth. Although the affairs of the Republic of $\Gamma \Phi B$ are looking up, there is still reason to believe that we have not entirely ceased being hag-ridden by old-fashioned conservatism. Very often the committee receives a letter from some loyal sister who asserts "I always say, when somebody asks me about my sorority, that it is very conservative, very strong in the East. We don't care to lower our standard by entering so many new institutions". These members of the old guard are perfectly sincere in imagining that the adding of new chapters means a let down in ideals, but the ridiculousness of their position is apparent to anyone who knows the wealth of fine material waiting for sorority membership. $\Gamma \Phi B$, fain as its members are, is not a caste superior to all other human beings. To imagine that the members of the different chapters which $K \Delta \Theta$, $\Delta \Gamma$, $K K \Gamma$, and so forth, are adding to their chapter rolls steadily are inferior to us is amusing provincialism.

For the future, then, let us endeavor to root out all that remains of the conservatism that grows out of ignorance; let us rejoice over our constantly enlarging opportunities, and let each scattered member keep her eyes open for a chance to place a new chapter.

Yours for wise expansion,
ELEANOR SHELDON.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To Lillian Thompson, our National Pan-Hellenic delegate, and to the Denver Alumnae chapter, belong the credit of this move toward uniform scholarship reports.

In February, 1913, the Denver alumnae chapter sent a questionnaire to each chapter, the main object of which was to get an expression of opinion as to the varying phases of the two questions of a National Scholarship Committee and a Students' Aid Fund. At the convention in Madison, I was named chairman of this committee and the Denver correspondence with the other chapters was then sent on to me.

In the expressions of opinions, so many chapters disapprove of publishing individual grades in *THE CRESCENT*, the committee deems it unwise at this beginning point to do so, but to give only general chapter averages.

Having used the blank forms adopted by the Natinal Pan-Hellenic Congress, only three grades were called for. If you are not familiar with this blank, please read it very carefully, before arriving at any conclusions. The first grade, column 1, includes all work which has received the very highest mark given in each university. The second grade, column 2, *all* other work above the standard of passing, regardless of what that standard may be in the different colleges. The third grade, column 3, includes all failures or conditions. In determining the percentages for each chapter, I first added the "total hours registered", column 4, by *all* members of the chapter. I then took the "number of hours highest grade", column 1, and computed the percentage it bore to the whole. This I did also with the "number of hours above passing", column 3, and thus made a simple record of the entire blank form. This may not be the best way of reaching our conclusions, but it is our first attempt, so do please, be free with criticisms and suggestions.

I owe an apology to every chapter because the chapter of the University of Oregon has no report, and it is *wholly* my own fault. This was omitted when the blanks were sent to the chapters in April, and until Miss Guppy wrote to Mrs. Harsen in August to make inquiry, my attention was not called to my unpardonable carelessness, and it was then too late to be included in this report, as Miss Guppy writes that the university does not open until September 18. Let no one criticise her for my blunder!

There is no record of Zeta's grades obtainable, as Goucher College does not give anyone's grades until after the end of her four years. A very cordial letter, however, from Miss Lord, Dean of Women, speaks in commendatory terms of the scholarship of the Zeta girls, but, of course, could not be in any way specific.

On the reverse sides of these blanks are spaces for "Additional Data Requested When Possible". In many cases, these were not filled and neither reason nor explanation given. In some cases, the registrars have declined to give the information. In one case, the local Pan-Hellenic has offered its report in lieu of one from the registrar. In some cases, the universities have never kept any such record. In two cases, Barnard and Goucher, sororities are not officially recognized.

Now for a plea to the chapters, for *accuracy* and businesslike dealings with the committee.

Please date your letters.

If the address from which you write is not permanent, always add where you may be reached.

As was agreed at convention, those who were delegates were to be responsible for securing the information for these first reports, because we

felt that having heard the discussions and caught the spirit, and appreciating the wisdom and necessity for these reports, they would be more careful than any one else. In just five cases did these girls to whom I mailed the blanks assume the responsibility. In two cases illness prevented their doing it, but they had the courtesy to reply and explain, and tell me to whom the duty had been assigned. Several of the girls who had agreed to be responsible, for the second semester reports by July, have neither done so, nor explained why it was not possible. In one chapter, my correspondence has been with three different people, which, of course, causes much needless delay. I have held my report four days longer than I should, hoping to get the desired information. If there are reasons why you cannot send the reports when you have promised, do not hesitate to send those reasons at the appointed time.

Please be careful in your arithmetic.

I labored several hours over one report, and my percentages simply refused to total one hundred. I finally discovered the sums of column one, two, and three did not total the same as column four.

These may seem very unimportant as single items, but when you multiply them by our several chapters, they increase in magnitude amazingly.

The very difference in the filling out of these blanks shows to a very large degree, who have been merely perfunctory, and who care deeply for the aims of this new committee. Some of the letters, eager with suggestions and offers of coöperation, have made me feel that with such help I could go on, even if I do not seem to be getting anywhere during these few months. Other chapters never even replied to the queries sent at the same time as the report blanks, hence in my tabulated report following, I cannot put any data concerning various means to be employed as incentives to higher standards of scholarship.

I feel very strongly, that in nearly all compilation of fraternity or sorority statistics in the past, too much stress has been laid upon the "numbers of chapter houses owned", "ages and numbers of chapters", "wealth per chapter or in the national organization", etc. People opposed to us are quick to jump to conclusions, and many have decided that these figures of purely material gains, have been the standards in our minds. Must we not now make added efforts, to show that our real aim and work is toward very different ends? We must not only do our work as individuals and chapters, but must prove our sincerity by the manner of our doing it.

ADDITIONAL DATA REQUESTED WHEN POSSIBLE

1. Number of Women's Fraternities
2. Average rank of Women's Fraternities
3. Comparative rank of this Chapter
4. Average rank of Women's Clubs (other than fraternities)
5. Average rank of all organizations (fraternity and non-fraternity) ..
6. Average rank of Non-Fraternity Women
7. Suggestions to aid in the interpretation of this record and to assist the Grand Council in its effort to advance scholarship

Return this report to

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FIRST SEMESTER

Chapters	1 No. Hrs. highest grade	2 No. Hrs. above passing below 1	3 No. Hrs. below passing	No. of Wom- en's fraterni- ties	Com- parative rank	Remarks
Alpha	17%+	75%+	6%+	15	..	Pan-Hellenic to supply report showing Comparative standing.
Beta	14%+	82%+	3%+	11	7	.....
Gamma	15%+	75%+	5%+	..	..	Nothing on the reverse side.
Delta	13%+	85%+	1%+	..	..	University declines to give other grades.
Epsilon	No record of any grades owing to grades in the Music School not being a part of the Liberal Arts.					
Zeta	.....	.....	.....	..	..	College declines to give any data.
Eta	39%+	66%+	3%+	13	4	.....
Theta	67%*	32%+	.....	5	Tied for 2d place	.....
Iota	3%+	93%+	3%+	..	..	College declines to give further data.
Kappa	20%+	76%+	3%+	10	..	No other data given.
Lambda	52%+	45%+	1%+	..	..
Mu	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Nu	.....	.....	.....	..	..	Did not receive any blanks.
Xi	49%+	50%+	.....	3	1	.....
Omicron	29%+	69%+	1%+	11	2	.....

SECOND SEMESTER

Chapters	1 No. Hrs. highest grade	2 No. Hrs. above passing below 1	3 No. Hrs. below passing	No. of Wom- en's fraterni- ties	Com- parative rank	Remarks
Alpha	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Beta	11%+	88%+	.....	11	..	Grades not yet on Registrar's general chart.
Gamma	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Delta	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Epsilon	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Zeta	.....	.....	.....	..	..	College declines to give any data.
Eta	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Theta	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Iota	13%+	87%+	.....	..	..	College declines to give further data.
Kappa	24%+	74%+	1%+	..	..	No other data given.
Lambda	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Mu	.....	.....	.....	..	..	No report.
Nu	.....	.....	.....	..	..	Did not receive any blanks.
Omicron	.....	.....	1%+	..	..	No report.

*These reports show the need of our visiting delegate, particularly to standardize Epsilon.

+ These reports show the need for our visiting delegate in establishing habits of accuracy and regularity.

Mu chapter writes under date of August 29, that it is not possible to have their scholarship blanks in for this report. When the blanks reached the chapter the last of April, being the time of final examinations, the Registrar refused to be troubled with scholarship reports. Stanford does not open until August 31, and the month of September is devoted to the incoming students.

Letters written from April, 1914
to September 1, 1914.

	DISBURSEMENTS	
48	<i>April 20, 1914</i>	
	200 report blanks	\$1.80
	Banta Publishing Co. ....	.20
	Postage .....	.55
	Return envelopes .....	.55
	Postal cards .....	.12
	<i>August 26, 1914</i>	.55
	Return envelopes	1.00
	Stamps	
		<u>\$4.22</u>

Respectfully submitted,
MAYBELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS.

REPORT OF FRATERNITY EXAMINA- TIONS, SEPT. 11, 1914

Chapter	Report Received	Average	Remarks
1. Nu	May 3rd	95	Weakness shown in knowl- edge of changes in the Con- stitution, and in the history, meaning and <i>value</i> of Pan- Hellenic. There is no com- mon interest among the chapters in national social service work.
2. Omicron	May 5th	76	
3. Theta	May 7th	84	
4. Xi	May 31st	99	
5. Gamma	Jun 12th	88	
6. Beta	July 12th	94	
7. Epsilon	Aug. 8th	92	
8. Alpha	Aug. 9th	91	
9. Eta	Sept. 1st	85	
10. Delta			
11. Zeta			
12. Iota			
13. Mu			
14. Lambda			
15. Kappa			

All chapters have acknowledged receipt of questions.

Mu and Lambda asked for extension of time, which was granted in August.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Your committee appointed at convention last November to try to have published stories and articles subtly showing sorority life in its good, and, what we believe to be true light, wishes to present the following report:

The majority decided after investigating the situation that, since no antagonistic articles or stories have been published for some time and there seems to be a decided lull in such tactics, it would be very unwise for us to draw public attention to ourselves and risk bringing forth another volley of antagonistic articles by again opening the subject, no matter how subtly we worked toward our end. The majority of this

committee feels the wiser and more dignified stand for us is a little of that "watchful waiting" we hear so much of these days and later, if need be, act with alacrity and force. Having come to these conclusions after an investigation and a discussion of the situation with many experienced Gamma Phis, we could not honestly blindly carry out the plans for which we were appointed.

The minority, on the other hand, feels quite as strongly that now is the very time to try to throw favorable light on sorority life through the press and strongly advises an active campaign toward such ends.

If it is not out of order, your committee would like to be dismissed, recommending that if Gamma Phi Beta wishes still to pursue a publicity campaign, the executive board appoint another committee with Miss Beulah Houston, Chicago Alumnae, as chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE DERGE, *Chairman.*

BEULAH HOUSTON.

LINDSEY BARBEE.

REPORT OF CREST COMMITTEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Letters were written last spring to the different chapters asking for designs for a crest. Only one answer was received, that from Syracuse. The chapters to which the members of the committee belong, each present one crest. Two of our artists in California are preparing designs. This is a very limited number for the committee to base their selection upon. Therefore, they would like to make another appeal for designs, this time through THE CRESCENT. It seems that we should be able to get more than five designs from our large membership. We have many designers and artists in our ranks from whom we have not heard. Let us have more designs.

There are few rules. The design must be distinctly presented upon large white paper; an explanation of the characters used should accompany it; colors should be indicated in case the crest should be desired in colors.

The committee will be glad to hear from anyone interested in the design for the crest.

LEAH MILLER,

108 West Prospect,
Seattle, Wash.

GENEVIEVE ATKINSON,
Azusa, Cal.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE UPON PIN CERTIFICATES

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Because of the many duties devolving upon the president of the sorority, it was voted at last convention that hereafter a representative of Alpha should be chairman of the committee on pin certificates. This honor has been conferred upon me and for the past seven months I have been fulfilling the duties of this office.

Please note that Mrs. Harsen *no longer* issues the *certificates*. More than half of the requests for pin certificates have been sent her and then

she has had the trouble of forwarding them to me. These certificates cost the applicant *one cent* and it would be greatly appreciated if the amount in stamps is sent with the application.

Since my election I have issued about

125 certificates at 1c.....	\$1.25
Postage80

Total	\$2.05
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Sincerely yours in Gamma Phi Beta,

ESTHER POTTER,
614 University Ave.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

COLLEGE FIRST—GAMMA PHI SECOND

BY AN ALUMNA

"A university is not what its alumni *say* it is, but it is what the alumni *make* it!" What we do as college women reflects upon every other college woman, wherever she may be. We must first dedicate ourselves to our respective institutions and merely add Gamma Phi to that. If we turn the tables, and put our sorority in the place of first honor, we have by our action, dishonored both our Alma Mater and our beloved sorority.

What do you think of any group of college women whose minds and interests are so limited that their chief topics of conversation center about their sorority life! They are in reality not big enough women in spirit to be classed with college women at all.

All alumnae, worthy to be called such, welcome opportunities for demonstrating their loyalty. But someone must come forth with definite schemes and supply the initiative, before anything can be started or accomplished. That is something the active girls can do for the older girls. Many of our alumnae are well versed in the lore of Gamma Phi, and utterly ignorant about the progress and growth and new developments in the universities or colleges from which they come. That is nothing short of a disgrace, because it is a frank admission that they have regarded the small part as of more importance than the big whole, and the happy sorority bond has degenerated into a selfish means to some indefinite end—such as social prestige.

One alumna said recently, when in a large meeting of college women, she felt at times, almost ashamed of being a sorority woman. She is a most loyal Gamma Phi. Just think of it girls! And yet the pratings of just a few silly women, either in college or out in the world, make for such a feeling. This woman needs to be taught that things are now different.

If every active chapter would annually send to each alumna, a wee pamphlet, dedicated to the cause of the university, *first*: and Gamma Phi Beta, *second*, the causes of both would be better served. Many older alumnae cannot appreciate how a big spirit between different sororities and all unorganized women, is growing year by year, and they need to be told.

One freshman recently, in her misguided enthusiasm, made the statement quite publicly, that "like all Gamma Phis", her girls were very prominent in college activities. Let our beloved Gamma Phi come in for every honor due her, but let others, on the outside, be the judges of how "prominent we are". Such enthusiasm is a precious asset, but it must be directed or very soon "the first shall be the last".

Rather than a feeling of elation, every girl, whether pledged or initiated, whether active or alumna, should have more largely a comprehension of her big responsibility to her *college* and a grim determination to strive for higher results for *all* women. Self-complacency and achievement can never go together.

GAMMA PHI DEFICIENCIES

BY M. RUTH GUPPY

My experience as Dean of Women in the University of Oregon, has opened my eyes to many things concerning our sorority. Gamma Phi Beta has enthusiasm—but so often it seems dormant. And there is no denying the fact that on account of conservatism and lack of a strong up-to-date government, we have lost nationally. Other fraternities, such as Tri Delta and Chi Omega, started later than Gamma Phi Beta and are stronger than we are in organization, social service work and scholarship requirements.

In the present social unrest and in the unsettled condition of fraternity life, it behooves every national college fraternity to be wide-awake to its deficiencies and also to its strong points, because they may be needed in self-defense.

In Gamma Phi Beta we *must* have officials who can give a large share of their time to Gamma Phi Beta matters, and who can keep in close touch with fraternity developments as a whole. Each chapter must feel in a greater degree, a keen responsibility in maintaining standards in scholarship, social life, house government and social service work.

I am in a position to see the unusual interest being taken in different sororities by visiting delegates, visiting officials and in the requests for reports along scholarship, Pan-Hellenic and fraternity examination lines. These requests come not only to chapters, but to Registrars and to Deans of Women. In all this, and in more, Gamma Phi Beta is not represented. There have been no visiting delegates and no reports asked for officially. And I might add, from my experience, that information requested until recently has been tardily given—if given at all. Quite different was my correspondence with Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi.

Yes. We are to have a visiting delegate. We are to have scholarship cards and fraternity examinations, but need they be a whole year in getting started? (I do not refer to the delegate). It is a noticeable fact that the three sets of fraternity examination papers, which came first to me, in May and June, were from Mu, Omicron, and the Idaho chapter. While most of the answers in the different chapter papers since received were satisfactory—still there were some which showed a lack of knowledge of the constitution and by-laws. For example, "Chapters are founded according to the Greek Alphabet", "Conventions are held annually according to order of their founding". One letter stated that owing to the chaotic state of the constitution the questions asked in the examination could not be answered as they should be. This shows that each chapter should have a leader and fraternity classes.

May we not have more visiting among chapters? A closer union between all *alumnæ* and active members?

May we not have THE CRESCENT regularly and together with its present helpful editions—occasional articles written by prominent fraternity women—not Gamma Phis—on vital subjects, as "Vocational Training for Women", "Work in the Collegiate *Alumnæ* Circles"? etc. And if—as may be the case—a number cannot appear as scheduled—cannot the editor notify those contributors who are expecting notices to appear at a certain time? And so save much writing and annoyance?

Then what are our meetings? Something to be looked forward to for help, inspiration and true friendliness? Or are they merely business meetings with minor unpleasant details concerning house discipline?

We are not far behind. But we must awake from our lethargy. And with work, alertness, observation and *vision* Gamma Phi Beta can more than regain her former position.

SUGGESTIONS FROM CHAPTERS

"Not until 12:15 p. m. (or is it a. m.?) on this twenty-eighth night of August, did it occur to me that your postal of a month ago called for an article separate from the regular chapter letter. I have been trying to embody a few criticisms in my letter but they are cut out now, and they don't make any kind of a showing by themselves. However, just to show you that we have thought about it here, I will tell you a few of our ideas and plans.

"We seem to be flourishing collectively and I assure you we are busy individually, but something is wrong when only 60 or 70 appear at the annual banquet and when the business meetings dissolve into a Gossip Exchange. Oh, the spirit is there! It always is. You cannot get two Γ Φs together without rousing spirit enough for 50, and when 70 gather around one board, or 15 assemble at a meeting, you can guess what fills the rooms. But we need something more. Perhaps it is a better understanding of each other, perhaps more tolerance in our views, or perhaps greater respect for our own local organization together with a more thorough knowledge of the national organization. It may be a big cupful of all of these with a great common interest to *work* for, stirred in and mixed thoroughly. The first two suggestions are personal, something that no officer can force into being, but the next item requires the constant attention of all the officers. We respect and admire anything that works with precision and efficiency. If the business sessions could be held strictly to business and not spread between thick slices of the last wedding and somebody's new limousine, we would have a good start in the right direction. Our election of officers is usually a very tender-hearted affair. No one likes to run against anyone else; in fact we are all bashful about running at all. There ought to be a nominating committee to draw up a slate, just as in our active chapter.

"We have a practice, widespread among all sororities, I believe, of having one alumna present at every active meeting. In order to get into still closer touch with the girls, one alumna proposes an 'At Home' once a month to the active chapter. She insists it is selfish because she would so love to do it, but it is the most charmingly unselfish bit of selfishness I have known.

"The criticisms of greater harmony between active and alumnae, more unity, arouse stronger interest and get more girls out, I do not count as criticism. They are rather the goal, the Great Ideal whose guideposts we are seeking.

"I believe in a little circle that runs something like this: 'What we know about we are interested in, what we are interested in, we will work for, and what we work for, we must know about.' These three pointing hands: knowledge of our sorority, thus interest in it, and work for it, are the three guideposts that Minneapolis is going to follow this year."

MARGARET NACHTRIEB, *Minneapolis.*

Let each chapter remember the installation of a new chapter by a telegram or a letter. It is a lamentable fact that at the recent installation

of Pi, not every chapter sent congratulatory messages—another proof of our greatest need, *nationalism!*

DENVER.

Omicron has three criticisms to offer for this issue of *THE CRESCENT*—the first concerning expansion; the second, a uniform pledge and initiation service; and the third, a higher standard of scholarship.

The recent installation of the Nebraska chapter has been an effective means of bringing to mind the important question of expansion. Omicron favors most heartily this policy of growth, feeling that the more Gamma Phis there are, the more power Gamma Phi will have. The power we want is power to command respect and admiration in an ever-increasing number of people. We feel that this will be the only way to prove the worth of the sorority system. Therefore, the larger and stronger and better our organization, the more influence we shall have for abolishing the anti-fraternity agitation.

As a suggestion of one method of improving our sorority, we offer a plan for obtaining a uniform pledge and initiation service. A committee might be appointed by the national board to which each chapter would submit its particular service. In this way, the best and most effective one could be decided upon and submitted to each chapter for the next year's use. We feel that this uniformity, although of little importance in itself, would do its share in binding the national more closely together.

Our third point is that we must decidedly favor any action for securing a high standard of scholarship. Aside from our own feelings of self-respect and the wish to pay our debt to the college by doing our best work, we feel that here again Gamma Phi wants to lead in abolishing all grounds for sorority opposition. As a means of promoting this high standard, we think that the visiting delegate will be a good plan. The Alpha Chi Omega method might be a good one to adopt. In this case, the national officer sends a slip of each girl in the organization to the registrar of each college or university where there is a chapter. The average grades are recorded at the end of each semester. The plan offers a good opportunity to keep in touch with the scholarship of each individual girl of each chapter, and with that of the national organization.

RUTH FOX, *Omicron.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE VISIT OF THE VISITING DELEGATE

1. She is the guest of the chapter, and, as such, should be met at the train and entertained at the house, or in some place from which she can conveniently meet the chapter and other college people.

2. She wishes first to learn to know your chapter just as it lives every day—not on dress parade. She will be particularly interested in anything you are especially successful in, for she wants to take all the good ideas she can from chapter to chapter.

3. You should, therefore, have a chapter meeting for her, and be ready to explain any points she ought to know.

4. She also wants to meet the dean of your college and hear about you from outside.

5. She wants to meet the other faculty women and sorority girls in your college. They may invite her, but you should arrange either a Pan-Hellenic meeting for her to address, or an informal gathering of representative girls at your house or rooms.

6. Your entertaining should be inexpensive and informal. The delegate comes to get acquainted and to give you news of your sister chapters—not to be a burden to you.

7. She will be with you for several days, perhaps a week if there are special reasons.

8. When she leaves you should see her to her train and give her any assistance you can about baggage and tickets, for she will have a great deal of travelling to do.

9. It is the hope of the Executive Board that both the delegate and the chapter will have the best kind of a visit and that you will be able to help each other greatly.

Please read these suggestions in chapter meeting and plan carefully for the visit before the delegate reaches you. Then file this paper with your minutes for future reference.

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DURING the last college year, THE CRESCENT has had the following issues—Exchange Number, Convention Number, Alumnæ Number and Chapter Number. In the compilation of these issues, the staff has had the following aims:

1. To discuss fully every question relative to Gamma Phi Beta; to publish every matter of interest in connection with its growth and history.

2. To chronicle all Pan-Hellenic conditions.

3. To report all events in connection with other sororities.

4. To keep in touch with all college activities.

In regard to the policy of the future, the same points will be emphasized and in addition, there are some questions which the sorority is asked to consider.

1. Would the offer of a small prize (five dollars for example) for the best chapter letters improve this department of the magazine? (Alpha Phi follows this plan).

2. Would the penalty of a fine for failure to send a chapter letter help to impress upon the correspondent the necessity of each chapter being represented in the magazine?

3. Is it feasible to require from each chapter two contributions to the magazine during the year? (As does Sigma Kappa).

4. Would it be possible to engage in a vigorous campaign for subscriptions, the alumnæ taking an active part in the work and each chapter endeavoring to add the names of its non-subscribers to the mailing list? (Phi Gamma Delta, in its noteworthy campaign, secured 3,000 alumni subscriptions in two years—103 during one month).

THE great cry of the age is *efficiency*; at present, the great need of our sorority magazine, from an editorial standpoint, is *efficiency*—efficiency in those who are chosen to coöperate with the staff, who are supposed to possess such loyalty to their

respective chapters that chapter representation will be assured, who should have enough pride in a national undertaking, to use every energy toward making it a success. Frankly, Gamma Phi Beta, when weighed in the CRESCENT scales, has oftentimes been found wanting.

This article is not intended to be a repeated complaint of an editor who fails to obtain contributions in abundance—(you must grant that lately, the editorial columns have been quite guiltless of pleadings and rebukes)—'tis only a plain statement of one of your members who cannot understand why there is such lack of support in certain quarters, who is loath to acknowledge that other sorority editors succeed where she fails, who is forced, sometimes, to believe that the fault must lie in her own particular methods. However, this may be—certain facts remain which are disagreeably persistent. In her four years' editorial work, there have been few issues in which chapter representation has been complete; the number of voluntary contributions can be counted on the fingers of one hand; in the plans for a special feature there has never been response from every chapter; and many times, repeated requests for the desired information have been completely ignored.

Accordingly we ask—not from a sense of duty, but because we need your help and coöperation:

(1) A determination upon the part of the assistant correspondent to have her chapter represented in each issue of the magazine. For many years, Delta Delta Delta has not failed to publish a complete file of chapter letters; surely, Gamma Phi Beta, which is a much smaller sorority, can do the same.

(2) Voluntary contributions from active and alumnae members, upon any subject of sorority and college interest or profit. Individual requests from the editor are impossible—take the initiative and help your magazine.

(3) Courtesy in respect to editorial communications. If you do not approve of the proposed plan, *say so*; if you cannot furnish the desired article, *inform the editor at once*.

(4) Unlimited interest and enthusiasm—for without these characteristics, any sorority endeavor is fruitless.

IN the Exchange Number of THE CRESCENT was published an article upon the Barnard situation copied from *Banta's Greek Exchange* and written by Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin. As the name of our issue indicated, the ideas and opinions of other Greek-letter societies were compiled and in no sense were the clippings a personal view or a Gamma Phi view. The printing of this particular article

brought in return from a Barnard Gamma Phi, an indignant refutation of the author's statements, an avowal of personal humiliation because THE CRESCENT had published such a misleading account of the true condition of affairs and a suggestion that Gamma Phi apologize publicly for such a mistake. As we said before, the article was written by the author of the *Sorority Handbook*—whose opinions, naturally, are considered worth while, and was published in a magazine given over to the cause of fraternities—further discussion seems unnecessary. In connection with this matter the following letter from an alumna will be of interest: "A Gamma Phi here in Lynn suggests that I send to THE CRESCENT editor an experience which I had not long ago. While spending a week in New York City during April, I went out to Columbia one morning. At the close of an English class, I asked one of the girls if she could give me any idea where I would be most likely to find some of the Gamma Phi girls. She spoke with four or five others standing near by, then turned back with 'You know there are no more secret societies at Barnard,' not offering to direct me to any of our girls or show me about the buildings and grounds. When I asked what, in her opinion, would eventually take the place of sororities, she said, 'We hope to do something much better socially'. Of course, I knew that although there were no active sororities, there must be three years of our girls there. It seemed to me, from the looks and shrugs, especially of all five girls that the motive was not without jealousy. I could not help feeling that the girl to whom I spoke thought she had struck one more blow to sororities when she had seen a visiting sorority girl carefully to the door. Possibly, you may be able to use this effectually some way."

THIS secret issue of the magazine is not intended to be merely a current number; in suggesting it, the object of the Executive Board was to furnish a textbook for each chapter during the coming college year. If you read the suggestions offered in the pages and do not act upon them, the mission of the publication is unfulfilled; if you pass hurriedly over the reports offered for your consideration, you ignore the opportunity of becoming familiar with the government of the sorority. We must acknowledge—reluctantly—that our national spirit is weak, and it rests with each member of each chapter of the sorority to bring about a more perfect state of affairs. Interest in each other, mutual help and friendliness, individual effort in strengthening our position in the fraternity world—all this will mean the right and proper development of Gamma Phi Beta.

A LOVE of simplicity, a quiet influence for the best and noblest in life, a devotion to home and family, a tender interest in those less fortunate than she—these are the characteristics that have won for the first lady of our land, the lasting affection of the American people, that have made her memory very sweet and beautiful. As the President's wife, she had only to stretch forth her hand to grasp all that the world calls precious; she chose rather the better, truer part, and her life will ever be an example and an inspiration to us all. The thoughts and sympathy of Gamma Phi Beta go out to Margaret Woodrow Wilson (Zeta) and to Jessie Wilson Sayre (Zeta) in their time of sorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please notice that the address of the editor is changed from 1575 Lafayette to 1565 Lafayette, Denver, Colorado.

A full account of the installation of Pi chapter; also a formal notice of the new Baltimore chapter will appear in the next CRESCENT.

Chapter editors: Send letters to Mrs. Graham *not* to Miss Barbee. Much time is lost and much trouble caused by this mistake.

Requests for pin certificates go to Miss Potter, 614 University Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.—*not* to Mrs. Harsen. Cost of each certificate is one cent.

Help Miss Newbold by paying your national tax by *January first*. Also heed her request to state clearly the number of chapter members, to mention the freshmen and whether they have a five years' subscription to THE CRESCENT. Also use drafts or money orders instead of ordinary checks!

Mrs. Katherine Taney Silverson (Kappa '06) is the visiting delegate for Gamma Phi Beta. A fuller account of her appointment will appear in the next CRESCENT.



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Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham. Next
letters *must* be in her hands by December 1.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

September is here, and we will soon be all together again. All? No, not quite all, for we cannot help but be saddened by the loss of our six splendid seniors who, if perhaps they did not number quite as many as some previous delegations, certainly made up for that lack by their strength in the chapter. Surely these were representative Gamma Phis, prominent in almost every form of college activities, while the fact that their scholarships did not suffer is shown by the fact that honors were awarded to four of them:

cum Laude: Esther Potter, German
cum Laude: Mildred Fish, Science
cum Laude: Ruth Abell, History
cum Laude: May Loveland, Science

Alpha had every reason to be very proud of her seniors and their loss in the chapter will be keenly felt.

The pleasures of commencement week in the house (for which nearly all of the girls stayed over this year) were greatly enhanced by the presence of Genevieve Joy, '12, who has been studying for Grand Opera in Paris for the past two years. The privilege of hearing her remarkable voice is certainly a pleasure rarely to be enjoyed.

The spring banquet, held in the chapter house on June sixth, was a great success, for we were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Louella Palmer Ford of Chicago, as toastmistress. Many of the alumnae were back in addition to nearly the entire active chapter, and we all had the best time possible. The toast list, in the shape of our well loved chapter house, was appropriately named "The House of Brown Secrets". Helen D. Leete, '15, gave the chapter history and Genevieve Joy, '12, sang; then came the toasts, following the plan of the house:

Its FoundationMarion W. Beecher, '10
Its First Floor.....Dorothy Potter, '15
Its Second and Third Floors.....Ruth Gregory, '16
On the Roof.....May Loveland, '14
As it Looks Under the New Moon....Dorothea Smith, '17
Its Chimneys.....Harriet Budd Wadleigh, '91

This last toast represented truly "our victory in smoke"; for after it took

place the crowning event of the evening, the burning of our second mortgage for \$800. It is largely through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Wadleigh that this money has been raised, and Alpha is also indebted to her for the gift of \$500 from Mr. Van Winkle, conditional upon our paying the mortgage upon that date. We have reason to be very grateful to our alumnæ.

And now, looking back, I find that nothing has been said about our annual Donation Party, held in the chapter house May eleventh, and most certainly the sixteen sophomores who contributed the entertainment upon this occasion are deserving of some mention. The Donation Party this year took the form of an original musical comedy entitled *The Hotel Fleming*, or *A Co-ed Scandal*. The words, dances and nearly all of the music were original and the entire production was staged and enacted by the sophomores. The characters were mainly humorous take-offs upon the upperclassmen and their men friends, but as I am a member of sophomore delegation myself it would not do for me to say how funny it all really was. The house girls will not soon forget the many song hits, such as "Then they fight, fight, fight for the music room", "It's hell to be a Freshman", "It's really an up-to-date, first-class hotel", and "We never do that in Syracuse".

Our living room proved utterly inadequate for the crowd of alumnæ, friends and rushees who were present and a generous contribution to the house fund proved that our sophomore donation party was a huge success.

And that reminds me that since our last chapter meeting this delegation has been increased by the pledging of Ruth Caulkins, '16.

The spring rushing season was marked with numerous parties and rushing has been enthusiastically continued even during the summer by the city girls. Among the larger parties was one given by Mrs. Huntington Crouse at the Onondaga Golf and Country Club and another given by Mildred Bigelow and Catherine Branch at the Onondaga Country Club.

Already the plans for fall rushing are many and our prospects look exceedingly bright. It seems sure that the season will be crowned with its usual success for Gamma Phi.

We have been very much interested to hear from Kathleen Halsted, '16, who has been spending the summer in Europe with a party, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Hine, head of the Fine Arts German department. A recent letter from the southern interior of Germany, published in a Syracuse paper, tells of their many thrilling experiences, such as being chased by a mob of Germans, an exciting arrest and escape, several nights spent sleeping on floors and finally, the purchasing of steerage tickets home on the steamer St. Louis. We are anxious now to hear of her safe arrival and to learn more of these thrilling adventures.

On account of the fact that the standings had not all been reported when college closed, the Pan-Hellenic cup has not yet been awarded, but it is expected that the decision will take place early in the fall.

Gamma Phi was one of the first sororities in Syracuse to take a stand against the objectionable dances last fall, and the pledge has, I think, been loyally kept, both at the chapter house and at all college affairs during the year.

The religious meetings held in the spring by Bishop Henderson and Miss Burner were exceedingly helpful and full of interest. Many of our girls were present at every meeting, the house girls going in a body to several. We had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Burner one night for dinner, after which she gave an interesting little talk to the girls.

We wonder if it would not be possible to have the sorority examinations sent out a little earlier this year, in February if possible. A great deal of confusion was caused by their coming so late in the semester last year, and we have not been able to get all the papers in yet.

Alpha sends love and the best of wishes for success of every kind during the coming year.

JEANNETTE LEETE.

PERSONALS

Hazel Peck, '13, will teach at Potsdam Normal school this year.

May Loveland, '14, is to teach at Ovid, N. Y.

Mary Gardner, '13, will teach in Medina, N. Y.

Hazel Whitmarsh, '14, will teach at Corning, N. Y.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Farmer, (Brigetta Moran, '06) a daughter.

BETA —UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters one and all:

I feel like the little dog whose kind master was patting him and at the same time was stepping on his tail, that is, I feel both glad and sorry while writing this letter—glad, because it naturally brings Beta nearer the rest of the chapters; sorry, because Beta has not the capable and interesting correspondent that she had last year.

The alumnae editor has asked me what attitude the faculty, college, and students take toward the new dances. The year before last the general opinion was against them. The traditional Junior Hop was abolished, committeemen worked over time at dances keeping the partners a certain number of inches apart according to regulations, and our alumnae gave us several sensible talks on the subject. But, last season these very same faculty members and alumnae flocked out to learn the modern dances and seemed most enthusiastic. One of our girls was the teacher. I think they began to realize as well as the students that the dances, though they differed very much from a stately minuet, still had passed that awful stage of turkey-trotting.

This June we were scared not only by those frightful examinations, but by burglars. The Chi Omega House was broken into and the account in the Detroit papers was so blood curdling, that we immediately armed ourselves with hat pins and sundry other weapons. We were repeatedly frightened by one another and even by our own shadows. For once we did not care whether the Fraternity on the corner did hang their wash where everyone could see it. We were only too glad to have them so near. Once we caught Betty Bostwick with an arm full of newspapers. Some of us thought she was going to give them to the Salvation Army. But, no! She placed them all along the halls and up and down the stairs. It seems burglars would rather meet a bear than newspapers. As it happened, the robbers did not come, or, if they did, they stayed on the outside and looked in.

While "Florrie" Bennie, "Paulie" Adams, and "Dottie" Peet were visiting the author of this letter, they had an unexpected and interesting experience. They were all on the trolley car that runs between Tarrytown and White Plains when a stranger came up and introduced herself. She was Flora Judd, a $\Gamma \Phi$, at Syracuse! Her name was familiar as her college activities, in being a member of a Junior honorary society and chairman of conferences and conventions of small cabinet Y. W. C. A., are spoken of in the June CRESCENT. This meeting has been the result of others.

I have left commencement for my last topic. We had eight seniors—Maleta Moore, Wanda Seemann, Marguerite Melvin, Rose Bjork, Frances Rhoades, Elizabeth Bostwick, Edith Benson, and Pauline Kleinstück. The last three, however, have to take the work of one more semester in order to obtain their diplomas and Frances finishes only at the end of summer school. Rose Bjork was not able to stay to graduate on account of the illness of her little sister. But the rest enjoyed not only the excitement of the commencement exercises but also the $\Gamma \Phi$ reunion. It is held in June and comes every two years. This year it was a great success. Many of the “old girls” were back. There was a tea at Marion Dickinson Shaw’s, a business meeting and a banquet at the house. One of our alumnae, Dr. Cornelia Steketee Hulst, had conferred on her by the University of Michigan the honorary degree, Master of Arts. She also has the distinction of being recently elected to the Presidency of the Michigan State Teacher’s Association. The afore-mentioned seniors started a Round Robin letter this summer. I am sure you will all agree that it is a capital plan.

I am certain, if the truth must be told that Beta is not thinking nearly so much about going back to studies as she is about going back to *rushing*. If she does as well as she did last year, there will be no cause for worry. Wishing you all the luck in the world with your rushing and with other vital matters, I am

Very lovingly yours in $\Pi K E$,

HELEN R. ELY.

PERSONALS

Mary Grosvenor, '14, graduated from Wellesley last June.

Marie Brooks, ex-'15, from Detroit spent August with Osee Jewell, '13, at her home in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Florence Bennie, ex-'16, who lives in Arizona made a two months' stay with her last year's roommate, Helen Ely, '16, at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson.

Dorothy Peet, '15, and Pauline Adams, '16, both from Michigan, went home with Helen Ely, '16, after college closed and stayed two weeks.

Bernice Stewart, '15, visited Marjorie Walker, '13, at her summer cottage at Epworth, Ludington, Michigan, in the early part of August.

Virginia Greenlow of Kentucky paid the Detroit and Alpena $\Gamma \Phi$'s a visit in July.

Mrs. Scott, (Isadore Thompson) her daughter, Marion, '15, Sarah Hincks, and Lillian Brown, '13, have all been abroad this summer.

ENGAGEMENTS

Frances Rhoades, '14, to Mr. Hermann Weignand, an instructor of German in the University of Michigan.

MARRIAGES

Irma Lynn, ex-'15, to Mr. John H. Reichardt.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

In less than a month we shall be back at school, and with fall rushing in again at Wisconsin, we shall be busier than ever when we get together. It is so dark and chilly today that my mind naturally turns to thoughts of autumn, but I must “play” the sun is shining and hark back to that last week in June, and tell you something of its doings.

Saturday night when the active girls were through with their examinations and the alumnae had returned for the festivities of the next week, we held our annual alumnae banquet. Many of the old girls return for this and most of the active girls stay over, so it is an event much prized by us as a time for all Gamma girls to get together. This year, there were about seventy-five of us, and it was a most successful banquet. Edna Cantrill was toastmistress; Edyth Fletcher, Helen Harrison, Jessie Sumner and Ethel Garbutt of the present chapter gave toasts, and Mrs. Neilson, '89, gave one on *Reminiscences*.

During the following week there were the usual commencement affairs, the class reunions for which a number of our girls were back, the Pipe of Peace Ceremony, the Ivy Planting, the Senior Play, Class Day, and Commencement proper. In the class day exercises, Helen Harrison gave the class history; in the Senior play, *Trelawney of the Wells*, Jessie Sumner played the leading rôle.

We are sorry to lose our seniors, Harriet Brown, Winnifred Douglas, Grace Burgard, Kathryn Mount, Frances Lauder, Beulah Heddles, Helen Harrison, Adelaid Rawson and Jessie Sumner. Edna Cantrill and Temple Irwin, both of whom received Master's degrees in June, leave us also. We shall miss them all sorely when we return in September.

As to our method of government at Wisconsin and some of our rules and regulations, the women have had a Self Government Association for some years, which is very efficient and of which we are justly proud. The legislative and executive body is made up of a representative from each girl's rooming house and sorority house, and from each town district. Sorority rooming house rules are made by the S. G. A. and approved by the Dean of Women. Since the girls make their own rules, they show a very good spirit in keeping them. In 1913 the Wisconsin S. G. A. was instigator of a convention of women's self-government associations of the colleges and universities of the middle west, beginning what is to become an annual event.

We are not allowed to have callers before four-thirty in the afternoon, nor after ten in the evening. Chaperones must, of course, be present at all parties and house affairs. We are not restricted as to the number or kinds of these entertainments we may have during the year.

Every one has adopted the new dances here, and they are danced entirely at our parties. I think we all feel that it is the attitude of the person rather than the dance itself which determines the nature of the dance, and that there is no more necessity for performing the new dances in a vulgar or improper manner than for the old waltz or two-step.

ELIZABETH BALDWIN.

ENGAGEMENTS

Helen D. Harrison, '14, has announced her engagement to Ivan A. Bicklehaupt, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, '14.

Mrs. Thomas Brittingham has announced the engagement of her daughter Margaret to Bryon Reid, Ashland, Wisconsin.

MARRIAGES

Florence Sayle, '12, was married to Charles Martin Pollock, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, '12, September first, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayle in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PERSONALS

During commencement week Mrs. Brittingham entertained at a house party the Gamma Phis of '89 whose class was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Mrs. S. A. Neilson (Helen Stensland) of Pasadena, Cali-

fornia, Flora Waldo, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Mrs. J. F. Case (Helen Smith) attended the reunion.

Frances Lauder, '14, who underwent an operation for appendicitis just before final examinations in June, is seriously ill.

Hermine Haller, '15, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been attending the University of Wisconsin the past two years. She will remain at home this year and take her degree at Michigan.

Mrs. N. S. Harrington (Anna Spencer, 1922), and her children Roland, Spencer and Doris, spent the summer with Mrs. Harrington's mother in Milwaukee.

Grace Mitchell, '15, will not return to Wisconsin this year.

Miss Mary E. Bunting, Gamma, is studying in London.

Miss Nell Bundy, Gamma, has recently returned from a six months' trip abroad.

Mrs. Robt. Carson, née Cora Jackson, Alpha, spent several weeks in the east this summer and visited Alpha-Beta chapter enroute.

Mrs. Ralph Heilman, née Elsie O'Leary, Delta, has moved from Iowa City to Urbana, Ill., where her husband has a position in the State University.

Mrs. Barry Gilbert, née Mary Peterson, Epsilon, has moved from Iowa City to Berkeley, Cal., where Mr. Gilbert has a position on the law faculty.

Mrs. Jessie White Ryons, E, of Lincoln, Neb., spent several weeks this summer at Maple Lake, Minn.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

It is hard to realize that another year is actually beginning and it is still harder to realize that our ten splendid seniors have left us for good. They departed in a blaze of glory, however, escorted by their proud and admiring undergraduate sisters. Elsie Jordan had one of the most important parts on the class day program—that of class historian, and she made every Gamma Phi in the audience beam with fond pride and joy. At Senior Prom we were well represented and although the "new dances" were in evidence, they were done with moderation as far as the Gamma Phis were concerned.

As soon as we had seen our seniors safely descend from the platform with their diplomas we breathed sighs of relief and turned our attention to house party. It was at Rockport again this year and we were fortunate enough to get two cottages side by side. "Rockport" spells a grand, good time to every Delta girl and not one of us will ever forget the wonderful days by the ocean or the even more wonderful nights when we cuddled up on the rocks and sang Gamma Phi songs. One thing which made this year's house party especially to be remembered was the initiation of one of our pledges, Esther Fraim, who will be a senior next year. And perhaps we aren't proud of her!

Even when house party was over it wasn't good-bye for long for several of the girls entertained us for the day during the summer. Isabelle Turnbull, the Brant girls, Anna Raymond and Lucy Ford were the thoughtful ones who came to the rescue and prevented the Gamma Phis from being too lonesome for each other. And so the summer has passed and it won't be long before we are all together once more.

DOROTHY TAYLOR.

MARRIAGES

Eda Bray Tarbox, '12, and Frederick May Boyce were married on July 15.

Milicent Harrison, '14, and Joseph Pease Maxfield were married on June 20 and will make their home in New York.

Helen Barr, a graduate student initiated in '14, was married to Edward Chauncey Smith in London, in July.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters:

Although we have so many, many things to do for the opening of the new school year, that it seems we can scarcely squeeze in another thing, we feel that we want to take just a minute at least to communicate with our sister chapters and let them know that we are just as much alive as ever and though our letter will have to be brief, we will try and get in everything so that you will know what we have been doing since our last letter.

Our banquet, on the usual night (the last Friday before commencement) and at the usual place, the La Salle Hotel, was generally conceded to be a great success. A good number attended and Miss Grace Gilbert served as toastmistress in a most entertaining and delightful manner. With the rainbow as the scheme for the toasts, the following responded to Miss Gilbert's call:

Sarah Shute Kraetsch, Red—"Danger Signals"

Mary Richardson, Orange—"Epsilon"

Florence Wallace, Yellow—"Gamma Phi Brides"

Joyce Farr, Green, "The Freshman"

Frances Phelps, Blue—"Gamma Phi Babies"

Jessie Vawter, Indigo—"The Blues"

Helen Paddock, Violet—"Our Alumnæ"

Grace Lasher Berry, Brown and Mode.

Commencement passed with its usual functions and we parted for the summer after our farewell dance, held this year in the Evanston Woman's Club on Wednesday night, June 10.

With commencement, come the elections to Phi Beta Kappa and we proudly claimed two—Helen Paddock and Mary MacClear. Mary will not be with us again this year, but Helen is coming back to take her Master's degree. Besides Mary, we lost eight other splendid seniors: Klea Cozzens, Marie Donley, Florence Hildebrand, Jessie Vawter, Harriet Sluss, Margaret Fargo, Helen Bernhisel and Helen Lewis, so with such depleted forces, rushing is more strenuous than ever before. But prospects are promising and we are going into it with great enthusiasm. Hence this brief letter; but next time, rushing will be all over and we will be well settled into the general routine so we will then try to give you a more detailed and interesting account of things.

JOYCE FARR.

PERSONALS

Frances McCarty, of Tuscola, Ill., was entertained for two weeks of her vacation, by Jeanne K. Wheeler of Onarga, Ill. One week was spent in camping with a party of fourteen, on the Kankakee River.

L. Louise Wheeler, '12, and Ardis Ade, '12, spent the second week in August with Marguerite Robinson in Hampton, Iowa.

Ethol Anderson, who was compelled by poor health to discontinue her school work in February, will not be able to resume her work this fall.

She spent her summer months in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and after taking a short trip through the South, will probably return to the Sault for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harker Crow took a two weeks' trip through the Yellowstone during the early part of the summer. Mrs. Crow was formerly Mildred Ross, '12.

Joyce Farr expects to return in September for her senior year.

Jeanne K. Wheeler has not yet sufficiently recovered from her operation to be able to resume her work this fall.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters:

In the three months that have passed since commencement, all we Zetas have been having a glorious vacation, but we are now beginning to think of going back to college and to the awful first week of rushing.

Commencement at Goucher this year was splendid. More alumnae were back than usual. The graduating class was smaller than it has been for several years; only sixty-five received diplomas. We had the usual commencement events—the Freshman Lantern Chain, the Sophomore Daisy Chain, Senior Ivy-Planting, Alto Dale day, and the State Club entertainments. The most interesting event of the week was Senior Dramatics. The class presented Sophocle's *Antigone*. It was a great undertaking and meant many months' work, but it is said that it was the most finished production ever given at Goucher. The chorus of twenty did especially remarkable work, singing Mendelssohn music, upon which they had worked hard for five months. Aleda Hier, one of our seniors, was one of the chorus.

All the sorority girls in college had looked forward fearfully to the alumnae meeting held during the commencement week, when the report of a committee investigating sororities in college was made. The report was an excellent one, but the alumnae decided to take no action upon the matter until there had been further investigation. A new committee was appointed, which is to work for another year, or perhaps several years, before the association takes any action upon the matter of sororities at Goucher.

We held our banquet at the Hotel Rennett this year. There were about thirty Zetas present and Mrs. Smith of Alpha. The toasts were very informal, and it was a very delightful and enthusiastic banquet.

After commencement a party of twelve active girls and alumnae went to Margery Sawyer's summer home at Pilot Knob on Lake George for our annual house party. They had a most glorious two weeks there, spending the time swimming, canoeing, yachting, and mountain climbing.

I have been asked to tell about the sentiment of our college concerning dances, and about certain of our rules and regulations.

As for dancing, the college authorities are opposed to it. No dances can be given at the college, and the dormitory girls are not allowed to attend dances given in the city. The girls dance for a short time each evening in the hall parlors. At the first of last year, they were not permitted to dance the new dances, but later in the year the dean lifted that restriction, because she saw nothing objectionable about the new dances, when they were properly danced.

At present we have only two rules concerning chaperones—we must be chaperoned at the theater and when we are out for dinner with men. During the past year, our dean sent to our parents and many women in Baltimore questionnaires concerning chaperones, and we are expecting to have new regulations based upon the answers to the questionnaires.

We have no special hours for study or recreation, except that from seven-thirty to nine-thirty each evening is observed as quiet hour. The girls need not be in their rooms, and need not study, but the halls must be kept quiet.

We have student government and very few restrictions. The most important are that underclassmen cannot be out after seven-thirty at night in less than groups of three, without special permission; and that no girl can be out after ten-fifteen without permission. Special permission has to be given by the hall presidents to go out any place with a man.

Goucher opens the twenty-first of September, and on the twenty-fifth we pledge the Sophomores. As we return to Freshman pledging this year, we shall have a second pledge day November twenty-first. We are all living now for the twenty-first of November, for after that we shall have the first rest from rushing that we have had since Sophomore pledging was adopted two years ago.

Zeta sends best wishes to all chapters for a happy college year and a successful rushing season.

RUTH HIER.

PERSONALS

Lillias House, '13, has been elected teacher of German and sociology at Grenada College, Grenada, Mississippi.

Margaret Handy, '11, spent the month of August in Germany.

Marie Ohle, '13, spent the summer in France, studying.

Aleda Hier, '14, has been elected teacher of Latin in Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

Nell Watts, '05, has been spending the summer at her cottage in Camden, Maine.

Lillian Horsey Unris, '05, spent a week near Baltimore with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Pue Gorman.

Bess Brown has been spending the summer at New London, Connecticut.

Blanche Connor, Mary Maxim, Isabel Kline, Mary Leary, and Dorothy Weatherall, were among the alumnae back in June.

The Misses Wilmot have recently acquired the Winans property for their school. It will be one of the most handsome private schools south of the Mason and Dixon line.

The chapter wishes to express to Mary Sawyers Baker great sympathy in the death of her father, Dr. J. L. Sawyers of Centerville, Iowa.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Regular college work has once more begun, and from every direction Eta's girls have returned to Berkeley. It was with a somewhat reluctant feeling that each one left her respective summer resort, but as soon as they reached the chapter house, happiness once more fell into their possession.

Before starting to tell of the news of this term, which, at present, is naturally limited, it might be well to consider some interesting events of last semester. Of special interest to the women students were the Parthenia and the annual Woman's Day.

On Woman's Day the college publications were handled entirely by the girls of the university, and on the following Saturday interclass games and sports for the women take place. The affair comes to a close with the Woman's Day dance, in which the upper class girls act as escorts to the underclassmen. The women are given absolute freedom and no sign of a man is supposed to be in evidence. Consequently, the intermissions of

the dance are filled up with sketches and stunts, most appropriate in every detail, yet not lacking the comical element. Several of Eta's girls took part in the last Woman's Day affairs, and together with the whole body of women students we had a very joyful time.

This year's Partheneia was splendid, and the picturesque open air setting, right on the campus would be hard to surpass anywhere. As the masque dealt with Celtic ideas, a large Celtic cross was put up under the spreading branches of the impressive oaks, and when the sun shone down, the scene looked more like a painted picture than one of nature's own contrivances. In this event, also, Eta, had her representatives—some older girls taking prominent parts, while others appeared in the choruses.

The costuming and entire management of the Partheneia was wholly in charge of the women, and the complete success of the play showed woman's ability not only to present a pleasing spectacle, but also to manage the business end of the affair.

The semester ended with the usual commencement and we gave our seniors an informal breakfast at the house. Little speeches of appreciation were given to each member of the graduating class, and with a feeling somewhat mingled with sadness, we bade farewell to the class of 1914.

Last Saturday, August 22, the push ball contest between the Sophomores and Freshmen took place. The occasion gave rise to the usual outbursts of "college spirit" and the Sophomores were very jubilant in their victory. The Freshmen, however, "came to the front," and won the tug-of-war.

Mrs. Colby entertained the chapter last week at a delightful tea in her beautiful Berkeley home. It certainly seemed good to meet many of our alumnæ, and also to see Mrs. Colby, who has such a warm place in the heart of every Eta girl.

The Y. W. C. A. of this university has provided for the formation of Bible classes in the sorority houses. Every Monday, from five until six, religious topics are discussed, membership being entirely elective. Eta has, so far, held one of these classes, and preparations are now being made for the continuation of the class.

We have special rules of conduct which are enforced by the executive committee upon all members, whether living at the house or not. They concern general behavior, and matters of proper chaperonage.

The new dances have been accepted practically all over the campus, and Eta has taken a favorable attitude toward them. There is, however, a committee of supervision to see that the dances are properly conducted.

The news for this semester is yet within narrow limits, and outside of rushing and registration, comparatively little has taken place. As a result of our rushing we are pleased to tell you that Juliette Atwater, Gladys Senter, Esther Sinclair, Irene Ray, and Muriel Cameron, have pledged themselves to Gamma Phi Beta.

Eta heartily welcomes you all back for the fall semester, and trusts that the coming term will bring success, not only to the individual chapters, but to Gamma Phi Beta as a whole.

Laura K. VanBeuren.

PERSONALS

Ruth Huntting and Phyllis Ackerman, '14, are taking postgraduate courses at U. C.

Dorothy Vorse, Gamma, is now continuing her course in Berkeley.

Rita Morres, '15, has returned to college after a leave of absence for six months.

Florence Gosselin, Gamma, visited the chapter last week.
Edith Hoop, Theta, is taking up work at the University of California.

MARRIAGES

Winifred Bridge, '14, was married September 5, 1914, to Harry Allen of Belvedere.

BIRTHS

Eta is congratulating Ora Muir Thelan upon the arrival of a daughter on August 22.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

Many and varied have been the happenings since our last letter. It seemed as if things fairly bumped over each other in their eagerness to occur.

One of the pleasantest things we did in the spring was to pledge Ruth Anderson. She is a lovely girl, one who takes an active part in school affairs, and a worthy addition to our splendid rank and file. We wanted her to be one right with us, and to be able to take an active part in the fall rushing, so we had mid-summer initiation.

I suppose that everyone thinks she is the busiest person living. We surely felt that we had a clear deed to the title just before the closing of school. Our university is working for the endowment fund, as you all have probably heard. The work is being carried on in a very thorough and systematic way. Just before the final examinations, a campaign was carried on here in Denver, for the purpose of raising \$10,000. The privilege of pledging from one to ten thousand dollars, was extended to every person in the city. The whole school was divided into teams and bands and sections. Marie Garrison was captain of our team of girls. Our girls received pledges amounting to about thirty-seven hundred dollars. The active chapter pledged one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars. It took dear little Marie to keep our ball bearing machine well oiled. We are mighty proud of her, and of ourselves too.

Coveted honors have also come to members of our order. The Phi Alpha Literary Society, whose standards are high, and membership limited, elected Lucy Gallup and Kathleen Craig to share its privileges and benefits.

Each year an exciting contest and election is held to decide who is the most beautiful, who the most popular, (both boys and girls, mind you) and who this, that, and the other arts and virtues. Laurel Grimes was voted the most popular girl in school. Of course we had no doubt about it ourselves, but it was pleasant to see that others recognized the fact.

The governing body of the university is the Student Commission. Up until last year the officers were all boys, then a girl was made secretary. This year two of our girls were put in office. Mildred Morgan was elected Vice-president, and Ruth Anderson as Secretary. Radical changes are bound to come, and it is nice to be in the lead when the outcome is sure to be the best for all.

Our chapter was most worthily represented at commencement. We were justly proud of our two graduates, Marie Garrison, and Carlota Roose. Marie did her college work in three years. She was a thoroughly capable and interested young person in every line of work which she took up, so of course her going away to teach, will be a great loss for us. One of the most honored and highly respected girls in school is Carlota Roose. She is one who earns and deserves honors. Nothing changes the lovable and unaffected and unassuming girl. Her average for the four

years in college was more than 94. She also won the Charles Melzer prize in chemistry. It is the only prize given in the chemical department. It is given for a thesis based on research work, general knowledge of chemistry, and the quality and use of English. It has always been taken for granted that a boy was the only one who could capture the prize. It was just the right time for the exception to that rule to assert itself, so Carlota did it. She also made Sigma Phi Alpha. This society is based on the same principles as Phi Beta Kappa, but the standards are supposed to be higher. But even that wasn't enough, so she is to be assistant to Dr. Engle, head of the chemistry department, this year.

The Kappa Kappa Gammas have been holding a convention in this state. On the afternoon of September 1, Theta is to entertain the two hundred delegates at a reception.

It was decided in Pan-Hellenic, not to have any summer rushing, but to rush two weeks in the fall. It was a wise decision, for with the summer rushing all would have been positive wrecks, in more ways than one. Then again, as one girl said, the opposing sides will hate each other gloriously for the two weeks, instead of all summer, and then it will be over with after the bids come out. We plan to have some wonderful rushing stunts. One of the very best things is to be a costume recital, given by Helen Hershey. She is a Gamma Phi whose singing has won fame in New York. This recital that she is to give for us was given under the direction of Robert Schlaack. Then we are to have a house party in the mountains. It is to be at the cottage of the Cornishes at Palmer Lake, and Helen Cornish will be the hostess. Almost every hour has been planned for, so of course a most wonderful time is in store for every one. Frances Hoop is the chairman of the rushing committee, and she is the very girl for the place. She never spares either time or energy to make anything a grand success.

Besides Marie Garrison there are two other active girls who will not be in school this fall. Lucy Gallup has gone to Seattle, and will be in school there. Kathleen Craig will be in school work, but it will be her aim to train the young idea to shoot, in a country school. Her own ideas will probably undergo a decided change in the process.

We hope that you all are looking forward to as happy and prosperous a year as we are. There are some splendid freshmen coming in, and of course we have our plans.

May Good Dame Fortune bring the best of luck to every chapter.

KATHLEEN CRAIG.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

It has been so long since the last letter, and so many things have happened, that the correspondent feels rather swamped at the thought of what's before her. Of course during finals there wasn't time for anything much but cramming. However, on May 27, we did manage to squeeze in time for a shower for Louise Kimball, '02, one of our charter members, whose house Iota has shared for meetings. Notice of the shower was a great surprise to all, for Louise kept her secret well guarded for a year, and let it slip out unexpectedly. The meeting had a double significance, for it was to be our last one at the apartment where we have had such happy times. A heavy shower kept away several of the expected guests, among them Mrs. Harsen, but those that were there seemed to enjoy it, although we all felt sad at leaving. If Louise only wouldn't go out West to live.

Decoration Day we went on a wonderful bat, to celebrate the end of finals. Varian White and Louise Comes invited us out for a canoe trip on the Hackensack, and words can't express the wonderful time we had. A number of us took an early trolley out, and were met at the station by the rest of the party, from whence we proceeded to Varian's house. Dark clouds tried to spoil everything, but, nothing daunted, we started out, four canoes full, loaded with baskets that looked as though they carried enough for a regiment. The day turned out to be beautiful, and we had a delightful paddle up the Hackensack for about two hours. Then we landed, stretched out our cushions under some convenient shade trees, and devoured the most delicious lunch you ever tasted. Those girls must have been preparing for days beforehand, and we ate about everything but the boxes. Then, after lying around as long as possible, we had another delightful paddle back. It certainly was a day that none of us will soon forget—a real Gamma Phi time.

Commencement began the evening of the twenty-ninth with the outdoor play, given by the seniors on the campus. These plays are given on two successive nights. On Sunday afternoon the Baccalaureate sermon for both Barnard and Columbia was delivered in St. Paul's chapel, and then began four very busy days for the Seniors. This year the college did not share in as many of the festivities as usual, for past experiences showed that commencement week had been a little too strenuous. So this year the Ivy Day pageant was done away with, and only the Seniors' friends were invited to witness the Ivy planting, and be entertained by a Seventh Regiment band. Ivy Day was Tuesday, and the preceding night the Senior Dance was held in Earl Hall. Of course the time in between is filled up by various luncheons and teas, but it is impossible to keep track of all of those. Wednesday is the biggest day of all. In the morning the commencement exercises are held in the Columbia gymnasium, and they are very impressive. Over two thousand students received degrees this year, besides the many recipients of honorary degrees. Crowds began to form outside the gymnasium at seven a. m., just to witness the imposing procession of the professors, in their many colored hoods. In the afternoon begins the *alumnæ* reunion. A great many classes come back in costume, and a prize is awarded the class with the best costume. This year the baby *alumnæ* class, 1914, got the prize, and they certainly were original. They represented evolution, the class being divided into various sections, each section representing some phase of evolution, beginning with the *amœba*, down to the modern woman. After the parade, the class banquets are held in the evening, and it is a time of great gaiety. Gamma Phi *alumnæ* were back in great numbers this year. Thursday is the last day, and so rather a sorrowful one for the seniors. However, class day exercises, held in the afternoon, cheer people up. The college turns out in force to attend, and shriek with delight at the grinds. The class banquet is held in the evening, the waitresses being members of the Sophomore class. At the conclusion of the banquet, the roll is called, and all must answer guilty or not guilty—referring of course to engagements. Woe to the suspected ones, who haven't nerve enough to admit their guilt. Finally, when it begins to grow late, the class marches out on the campus, there to pay last visits to favorite haunts, and to sing for the last time they all will ever be together, all the songs from Freshman year up. Of course, it is a very tearful time. The next day all start off for their respective homes. Four loyal Gamma Phis went out this year—Jean Barrick, Mabel Patterson, Florence Rhoades, and Ethel Rankin. We shall miss them terribly, especially as Florence

and Ethel plan to return to their homes out in Omaha and Denver respectively.

Now, there are only nine of us active members left, but we will try and make up in activity what we lack in numbers. Our plans for a meeting place are not settled yet, but we hope to have some place where we can keep in as close contact as ever with our alumnæ. If this is to be Iota's last year, it is going to be a great one, but to have it so, we need the support of our alumnæ more now than ever. We hope especially that they will support the dances better than during the past year. The dances, by the way, are not the simple things to arrange that they used to be. No matter how small the dance, there must be at least two chaperones, who will sit out every dance. In these days of universal dancing, sad experience has taught us that such people are very difficult to find. In addition, a floor committee, approved by the dean, must be appointed, and a member must sit out each dance with the chaperones, and hold herself in readiness to stop any "unseemly contortions." Needless to say, it's not too easy to find a floor committee—nor a dance chairman. Straight arm position, with partners several inches apart, is demanded, but here the rules end. There are no restrictions as to the kind of dances, all the new ones being allowed. Indeed, many of the faculty have been induced to "trip the light fantastic toe" through the new steps.

This letter must not close without telling of the house party at Mt. Pleasant, from the twelfth to the fifteenth. Those of us who could not go have heard so much about it that we almost feel as though we had. Alice Denniston's mother-in-law very kindly offered her wonderful house, and needless to say, the offer was gladly accepted. Everything was ready for them, even to a canoe and an automobile, with a man attached. Grace Banker, Jean Barrick, Ethel Knox, Anna Paddock, Hazel Plate, Edith Stiles, Varian White, and Helen Wilkes were the lucky mortals who went, and we all wonder when they got time to sleep. Bathing, sailing, automobiling (with Alice and her "hubby") bacon bats, canoeing, making apple pie beds, and playing every possible kind of pranks filled up every minute. And though they kept house and did their own cooking, they still live to tell the tale. Perhaps it was fortunate it lasted only three days.

When this number comes out, all the chapters will be back at college again. Iota sends best wishes for the new year.

FREDERICKA BELKNAP.

PERSONALS

Anna Paddock has been awarded the Speranza prize of \$50 for excellence in Italian.

We were delighted to see Alice Denniston at the shower, for most of us had not seen her since her wedding in January. The other guests were Jean Bruce, Louise Comes, Mrs. Graham, Ethel Knox, Helen Newbold, Hazel Plate, Janet Seibert, Laura Van Cise, Varian White.

Ruth Decker is receiving congratulations on her narrow escape from drowning while at a house party at Manasquan, in June.

Edith Stiles and Fredericka Belknap paid a visit to the Syracuse chapter house early in August. They were delightfully entertained by Letitia Price and her sister.

Anna Paddock was one of the Barnard representatives at Silver Bay. She reports meeting many Gamma Phis.

Edith Stiles and Fredericka Belknap have been elected to the Board of Senior Proctors for this year.

Jean Barrick and Dorothy Dean attended the Summer Session at Columbia.

KAPPA—MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

There is but one song in the heart of every Kappa Gamma Phi at this moment, and that is a paean of joy that our new home is nearly finished. Already we have furnished it—in imagination—for in reality the built-in seats by the fireplace and bay window may constitute for some months our sole scheme of interior decorating, but we are hoping that as the wherewithal for the exterior has so miraculously appeared, so will rugs and chairs descend upon us unawares.

Commencement at Minnesota this year was a good deal like forty-four former commencements. Our seniors were two—Gertrude Moore, and Katherine Sullivan. We boasted no Phi Beta Kappa this year, but we are training up several of the younger ones for the much coveted honor.

The greatest excitement of the spring was pledge day. We waited on the evening of Friday the eighteenth at the chapter house and greeted with signs of joy and relief: Mary Masher, Margaret Deane, Molly Halloran, Grace Ferguson, Sarah Graham (Minneapolis), Emma Bolt (St. Paul), and Myrna Lindquest (Stillwater). It had been a long and hard rushing season, but we were so happy that we forgot all the year's trials.

The point system as formulated by the Woman's Self Government Association has been in operation at the University of Minnesota for nearly two years. Only seniors may have thirty points, so that a girl holding the Y. W. C. A. presidency which counts 30, is prevented from holding any other position. A freshman is permitted only ten points. The efficiency of our system lies in the fact that it prevents even the superlatively capable girl from being overburdened and distributes honors among a larger number of people.

One of the happiest features of our summer vacation was a big luncheon at the Hotel Leamington, for both alumnae and active members. Mrs. Charles Silverson, the new visiting delegate, was our guest of honor, and after listening to her admonitory words of wisdom, we resolved to be very good children, and do our duty in a national way more fully. Margaret Wold, Epsilon, and the Misses Schofield, Gamma, were likewise among the guests.

As to the attitude of Minnesota students towards the new dances, it must be confessed that for the past two years, their pulses have kept time to the beat of syncopated music, instead of the old-fashioned three-four waltz music. About a year ago a very violent agitation against such dances threatened to restore the minuet to our midst. But the only profitable result of all the talk was that it resulted in an establishment of the "open position" for dancing, which rule has ever since persisted at college affairs.

In the next CRESCENT we hope to show you pictures of the new home.

LUCILE BABCOCK.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

We Lambda girls are in such a whirl of rushing that we can hardly turn our minds upon anything else. We know that we are going to have a particularly exciting time when college opens this year, because semester pledging, after its one short trial two winters ago, has now gone in earnest, and it is still enough of an experiment at Washington, to be very interesting. We have had a splendid season of summer rushing, and have lots of "lines" on the most desirable girls who are coming to college,

and so while we know that we are going to be busy this winter, we also know that we are going to have some very fine new sisters to present next February.

We are planning now our dance to be given on September 2, at the chapter house. This is just about our most important rushing stunt, and we are planning to make it just as much of a success as the one last year—and the girls talk of that one yet! All of us town girls are going over to clean up our big beautiful house for the occasion, and it surely will seem good to go back and dance again down our long living room! And then it won't be long before the out-of-town girls will be back, unpacking, and getting back into the rooms, and Gamma Phi will be ready for another year.

But we have been doing other things besides rushing this summer. Our Woman's League here at Washington, has joined in with the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, and Margaret Meany, '15, was sent as a delegate to their convention at Raymond, Washington. We are all proud of the fact that Margaret made a real "political speech" at this convention, and also of the fact that she, and Lois McBride, '15, were Gamma Phi's representatives at the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Cohasset Beach, Washington, this summer. But bigger than these are the honors which these same girls won last spring. Margaret Meany was elected secretary of the Associated Student Body, and Lois McBride was elected secretary of the Woman's League. Margaret Meany and Edna Johansen, '14, were elected to Tolo Club, the woman's honor society. And last, but by no means the least of the splendid things which happened last spring, was our pledging of Hester Hill, '17. For this newest of our sisters we held pledge service on the same day that we initiated two of our former pledges, Jeanette Morrison, '17, and Katherine Pendleton, '17.

Lambda sends to all her dear sisters, love and best wishes for a very happy and successful year.

MARIANNE KING.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Helen Frater, '12, to Mr. Charles R. Lewis, has been announced.

MARRIAGES

Katherine Hadley, ex-'12, was married Wednesday evening, September 2, to Mr. Bruce Farris of Bellingham, Washington.

MU—LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

Summer vacation descended like a whirlwind upon our brown house and scattered all of us to the four winds—to Montana, to Oregon, to Utah, Minnesota and as far as the Atlantic Coast. Naturally while in such a disintegrated state we could not have many truly Gamma Phi gatherings.

Five of the sisters went to Summer School at the University of California. It might be mentioned here that their thirst for knowledge was a perfectly healthy craving and the dose of study was not taken in the form of medicine because of necessity, as not one of the five was deficient in scholarship.

California is a very large state, as you know, and Los Angeles is the center of the southern part as San Francisco is the center of the northern part. Every summer the girls around Los Angeles have a house party at Catalina Island. This year we were especially fortunate in having with us a number of girls who have left college. Geneva Stewart came from

northern California. Laura Van Beuren, Eta, was on the Island at the time, and we saw a great deal of her. We spent most of the time either in the water or on it. No one can say that we did not appreciate the beauties of the Island! A trip to the Isthmus, a sparsely settled but charming spot, took up one never-to-be-forgotten day. Other informal picnics and boat trips took up our time and the one formal event was a bridge party given by Edna Earle, an alumna. We were happy to have as our chaperone Mrs. D. J. Mackey, the mother of Florence Mackey, ex-'15, who tore herself from the interesting task of purchasing her trousseau to go to the house party.

I wish you eastern people could have seen our table at our senior banquet in May. American Beauties by the armful! And from our own garden, too! Our seniors were: Doretta Jones of Portland, Oregon; Marian L. Curtner of Warm Springs; Mildred Gilbert of Sausalito; Ruth K. Show and Caroline Squire, both of Palo Alto. Caroline was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and made us more anxious than ever to get a loving cup on which to inscribe the names of our Phi Beta Kappas, for we have quite a few.

On May second Luella Behrens, '15, entertained the entire chapter at her home in Redwood City which is near the University. We all ate so much that after luncheon we resorted to the childish game of tag, undignified though it was, and raced around among the beautiful oak trees of the Behrens place.

Mildred Gilbert gave a house party for the girls in the northern part of the state who were not in Summer School, at her ranch home near St. Helena, Kern County. It must have been a jolly party for all those who were there tell enthusiastically of their good times.

We are now entering upon our new year and we realize that in a few short months convention will be here and we will see many of our eastern sisters. Here's hoping that you will all be in California in August of 1915 for the two big events—the Gamma Phi Beta convention and the Panama Pacific Exposition!

Lois McCoy.

PERSONALS

Caroline Squire, '14, is in Europe with her parents and two sisters. No word has been received from them since the breaking out of the war, but we hope that they are being taken care of and will return home to Palo Alto.

Agnes Boezinger of Palo Alto was pledged to $\Gamma \Phi B$ early in May. She is the daughter of Professor Boetzing of the German department.

Gladys Gill, '13, obtained a Master's degree from the University of California for special research work on butterflies and moths.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Katherine Show, '14, to Edward Kotok, graduate of the University of Michigan.

Grace Raymond Helmick, '13, to John P. Gregg, a Stanford graduate and resident of Portland, Oregon.

MARRIAGES

Edith McCoy Ireland, '13, and Alfred Worcester Robertson were married in Los Angeles, May 7. They are living at 2121 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, where Mr. Robertson is practicing law.

Jane Louise Smith, ex-'17, was married August first at Venice to Mr. Harrington Chism Field, formerly of Memphis, Tennessee. They will make their home in Fresno, California.

Florence Goodwin Mackey, ex-'15, and Paul Ells Jeffers of Los Angeles, were married August fourteenth at her home in Monrovia. They will be at home after November fifteenth at 206 S. Gramercy Place, Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Mu chapter mourns the death of Mrs. Dean Buchan, (Emilie Steele, ex-'12) who passed away in Palo Alto early in June. She left a baby son, three days old.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Since Nu, through some delay, was not represented in the last CRESCENT, I will review a few of the successes of the last semester. In May, Lyle Steimer was elected president of the Woman's League, which is considered to be the highest office a woman can hold. Alice Hill was elected secretary of the athletic association. Betsy Wooton has the presidency of the Eutaxian society. Grace Lilly is to be secretary of the German Club. Our junior week-end, which comes the first part of May, was a grand success. We entertained thirty-six guests, a number of which are definitely coming to college this next year.

According to the alumnae, the commencement of 1914 was the most successful in the history of the university. There was a great number of alumnae back, the weather was perfect and the commencement events were exceptionally interesting. We had four girls graduating: Flora Dunham, Ruth Beach, Catherine Carson and Grace Bean. Catherine Carson was one of the nine students who received highest honors.

Phi Beta Kappa has not as yet entered the university of Oregon, although there is much agitation towards bringing it into the university. There are seven members of our faculty who are members of Phi Beta Kappa and they are working in conjunction with an honor society in the university which is called Scroll and Script, to obtain Phi Beta Kappa. Three of our seniors, Flora Dunham, Ruth Beach, and Catherine Carson, are members of this society.

Much discussion has taken place in the university, through the college paper and in faculty meetings concerning the new dances. The general consensus of opinion is that if the new dances are rightly danced, they are not objectionable.

About the middle of the year about twenty of the more prominent students decided that it was necessary for the students to assume more of the government of the student body and the outcome of their discussion and interviews with the faculty was not entire student control, but the forming of a student council, which would carry on its work more as an intermediary board between the faculty and the students as to rules and regulations of college activities. So far this council has brought about several much needed reforms on the campus.

One of our university rules is that callers are only allowed on week-end nights and from three to five in the afternoons. House rules demand that all callers must leave at 10:30. The various houses and dormitory are allowed four formal dates a year and a limited number of informal ones, which are granted by the social committee of the faculty. The housemothers usually act as chaperones of any entertainment. If not, the dean of women or one of the mothers assumes the position.

All of our summer rushing has been of an informal nature, since Pan-Hellenic forbids any formal summer rushing. Florence Kendall gave a

house party at Gearheart, for several of the girls entering Portland this fall. Early in the summer a picnic was given at the home of Katharine Bridges. It is too early to tell of our first week's rushing, but we are looking forward to a large freshman class. We hope that the other chapters will be as successful as we expect to be.

HELEN JOHNS.

MARRIAGES

On June 24, Ada Kendall, '12, was married to Earl Cobb, a Kappa Sigma, ex-'15.

June 25, Edith Sheehy, ex-'14, was married to John Hickson, a Kappa Sigma, ex-'15.

BIRTHS

To Vivian Holmes, ex-'11 (Mrs. Craig McMickan), a girl.

To Pearl Wilbur, '11 (Mrs. Hall), a girl.

To Marie Zimmerman, ex-'13 (Mrs. Charles Provost), a girl.

To Gladys Farrar, '09 (Mrs. Robert Kellog), a girl.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

(No Letter.)

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Judging from the previous October issues of *THE CRESCENT*, it seems to be customary to tell about commencement exercises but, since I was not present, I do not feel competent to describe all the glories of such an important affair. From all accounts, however, the exercises were better than usual because of the Gregory Reunion held in honor of our first university president. Over 1,000 degrees were conferred.

To come down now to Gamma Phi's graduation, we find that six Bachelor's degrees and one Master's were conferred upon Omicron. The recipients of the former honors were: Frankie Holton, Jessie Rothgeb, Lillian Savage, Helen Hanes, Nelle Hartsock, and Ruth Canfield, and of the latter, Katherine Theilen. The seniors, realizing that "it is better to give than to receive" conferred something also upon us underclassmen by presenting us with a handsome gift of money for a new set of china. We then gave each of the soon-to-be alumnæ the usual Gamma Phi spoon. Quite like Christmas!

Our recently organized alumnæ have given us quite a treat this summer in the form of an *Omicron News Sheet*. You may well imagine how welcome the paper was about August the first—especially since it contained an interesting write-up by Ella Brown of the Nebraska Installation. We surely enjoyed the paper and hope our alumnæ will keep their happy inspiration alive for next summer.

We are all excited about the sorority averages and are anxious to see how we stand. We are three points higher than when we received second place and two points higher than the Kappas who carried off the last honors.

In the last Omicron letter Grace told you how hard we were all practicing for our stunt show, didn't she? Well, I have something better to report—we received first prize! A large silver cup now graces our chapter house and we are also ten dollars the richer for our efforts.

One of the most interesting of our college activities of the year was the vocational conference held in the spring. It is no wonder that the

students attended the lectures so well, when we consider the speakers. Miss Bevere of Illinois spoke of the openings in home economics for women; Dr. Bagley, of the great field for women in the teaching profession; Miss Maude Raymond, of the opportunities in Y. W. C. A. work; Miss Bennett and Mrs. Eleanor Karsten of business women's field; and Miss Sophanista Breckenridge, a member of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy, of the various openings in social work. Miss Breckenridge emphasized the importance of playground work, juvenile courts, penal and reformatory institutions and especially of family rehabilitation. She urged no one to enter the work without a seriousness of purpose and definite training in the particular line of work to be carried out.

Good luck to us all in this fall's rushing!

RUTH FOX.

PERSONALS

Gertrude Elliott, '13, took a trip to Lake Placid, N. Y., this summer to attend the Home Economics Conference.

Anna Belle Robinson, '12, went east for the summer.

The following girls expect to attend the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Geneva, Wisconsin, the latter part of August: Frankie Holton, Alice Carter, Lillian Savage, and Irma Latzer.

Bertha Schneider, '10, attended convention of the American Library Association at Washington, D. C.

Nelle Hartsock is to be the manager of the lunch room at Decatur high school. (Ill.)

Frankie Holton will be assistant secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Champaign.

Katherine Theilen, Lillian Savage, and Ruth Canfield are to teach this year.

MARRIAGES

Lillian King, '13, is to be married September 2 at her home at Plymouth, Illinois, to Charles Elliott, a brother of Gertrude Elliott. Four Gamma Phi sisters have been asked to act as bridesmaids at the wedding.

ENGAGEMENTS

Laverne Burgan, '15, announces her engagement to Walter Anderson, Illinois '14. However, Laverne will be with us next year.

DEATHS

All the Omicron Gamma Phis deeply sympathize with Helen Coe Atwell, ex-'15, in the death of her father which occurred Friday, June 12.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Pi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was installed on June 22, 1914, and there were eight wonderfully happy girls who were shown the beautiful mysteries of Gamma Phi.

I shall try to give a brief summary of Pi chapter and how we happened to want to be Gamma Phis. Several years ago a little group of girls who had been friends since childhood were discussing sororities, and they had heard about a very wonderful one called Gamma Phi Beta, and agreed that they would love to be members of this organization. This was at the time when an older group of university girls were petitioning Gamma Phi Beta and the little high school group waited to hear whether or not the conservative sorority would come to Nebraska, but it did not, and was considered unattainable. A year or so later when Lois Grace Bee was

visiting Gladys Wilkinson in Lincoln, Gladys mentioned Gamma Phi Beta, and so the two girls decided that they would ask some sweet, capable girls to join with them and petition for a charter of Gamma Phis. The next year Grace came to the university, and the girls began getting material. They asked Mary Taylor Hungate to join with them. She was a senior and her mother was very prominent in Women's Club work in Nebraska, being vice-president of the Nebraska Federation. Then next we asked Isabelle McLeod and Sara Cole, and formed a secret society having as its one aim and purpose to bring Gamma Phi Beta to the University of Nebraska.

The utmost secrecy was preserved so that no one even suspected that such a group of girls was organized. They met regularly at the Wilkinson home every week, and when special meetings were called they met in the private office of Mr. Wilkinson in the Wilkinson Block, which Mr. Wilkinson kindly placed at their disposal, after business hours.

The Phi Betas later took in Ruth Brown (a Gamma Phi sister), Sylvia Prokes, and last but not least, Anne Paton. They then felt that their membership was large enough to begin to get busy. Miss Bertha White of Omaha visited them, and Mrs. Jessie White Ryons of Lincoln met the girls at a very informal luncheon at the Lindell hotel. Needless to say the Phi Betas fell in love immediately with these two delightfully charming members of Epsilon chapter.

And when later they returned with Mrs. Arnold of Gamma, Ellen Pollock, of Epsilon, and Jessie Austin, of Theta, they were indeed greatly encouraged and felt they had now made some headway towards the goal they had later to obtain. Miss Austin remained in the city a little over a week and was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryons. Numerous informal gatherings were planned both by the girls and Mrs. Ryons so that she might have ample opportunities of knowing the girls well. After she left her encouraging letters were read and reread by the Phi Betas.

When finally the petitions were finished and safely packed, Anne Paton and Gladys Wilkinson took them in Rees Wilkinson's car to the express company so that by no mischance should they miss the midnight train to go to the east.

We of Pi chapter feel just ever and ever so tiny and young and really do not know how to write a chapter letter and a first chapter letter at that, although we little Pis have read the letters in THE CRESCENT oh, so many, many times, and really ought to know how.

It really seems to me that there never were eight happier girls than the Phi Betas were when Mrs. Harsen's telegram came telling of our success in being granted a charter. Could she have only been in Lincoln that morning and seen our great happiness I am sure she would have felt gratified that she had helped us succeed.

What we expect Gamma Phi to mean to us can be expressed I think in a letter which Anne Paton wrote just before installation week.

"My ideal of a sorority is a body of sweet spirited, capable and cultured young ladies who are ready to serve each other and sacrifice personal ambition to a common cause.

"It is a real sense of regret that I shall see so little of Pi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta hereafter. Occasionally, when in Lincoln, I may be permitted a friendly little call at the chapter house to meet its occupants.

"I am so anxious for the future in Nebraska of Gamma Phi Beta. Each girl initiated should be impressed with the truth of the spirit of sisterhood, the desire to serve, to sacrifice, that others may be benefited and the interest of all made perfect.

"It is the best point of character building to bend one's life to some great end—some worthy womanly cause—costing effort, money, and effective service. Sorority means more than wearing a jewelled insignia and having one's name upon some dignified, exclusive charter. Sorority means the banding together of capable women to work together for the advancement and social and spiritual uplift of each of its members. I hope we may forget every misunderstanding, every difficulty, every atom of friction and work for unity and harmony, the sweet peace with a blessing for all.

"We must all work together harmoniously to make the installation ceremonies a credit to Gamma Phi Beta and start the initiative of good will, common interest, generous fellowship and gracious considerations and courtesies so essential to the real sorority spirit."

The installation of Pi chapter was very impressive and beautiful and each of the girls who were initiated was filled with a longing to be an ideal Gamma Phi Beta.

We have bought a very lovely twelve-roomed modern house which is situated on a high terraced corner and has quite large grounds with beautiful old trees and much shrubbery which will make it a very homelike home. We have not adopted any particular house rules as this is our first year and we would indeed be very glad if some chapter would give us some good ideas for house governing rules.

Our petitions went out so recently with such a detailed description of our university that it seems superfluous to tell any more about it.

The university has not adopted Student Government as yet but last year we had many meetings in which the class organizations tried to work up enthusiasm for it and it is hoped that this coming year will bring about the adoption of Student Government.

We hope to have a very successful rushing season this autumn which (by the way) lasts from Wednesday noon, September 16, to Friday night at eleven o'clock, September 18. Each sorority is allowed to have six parties during this time and two of these can be at Lincoln homes but the remaining four must be at the sorority house.

We are going to have the following five parties: Mystic Moon Mase, Wednesday evening; on Thursday, Morning Musicales and a Dutch Garden Party; on Friday, a French card party and a cotillion. We send out the invitations to these parties during the summer and so everything is nicely planned a long time ahead of rush week. The first pledge day is September nineteenth, and the written bids to join are sent out through the Intersorority council to the rushees at nine o'clock in the morning by special messenger and the rushee goes to the house of the sorority of her choice in the afternoon between the hours of three o'clock and six o'clock. After this we have no pledge days or rushing until mid-semester week.

Pi chapter sends much love and good wishes for a successful year to all of her Gamma Phi Beta sisters.

GLADYS WILKINSON.

PERSONALS

Frances Huntington and Mrs. Huntington of University Place have been spending the past year travelling in the Orient. They are expected home in October.

Mary Taylor Hungate has accepted a position to teach Domestic Science in the Lincoln Public Schools. She will live at the Gamma Phi Beta house. The Pis are very happy to have her with them another year.

Bertha White was in Northern Michigan for the greater part of July and August. She reported a lovely visit, and enjoyed making many new friends and renewing old ones among Gamma Phis in Michigan and Minnesota.

Pi chapter is looking forward with great interest to meeting Mrs. Silverson, and they hope sincerely that she will like the new baby.

Gamma Phi Beta is happy in Governor Morehead's success in winning the Democratic nomination for a second term as Governor of Nebraska. Here's hoping for his victory in November. His only daughter Dorothy is a member of Pi chapter.

Constance Syford, a pledge, is teaching Latin and Mathematics in the Kansas Agricultural School in Manhattan, Kansas. Constance Syford is a Phi Beta Kappa and went two years to Bryn Mawr after graduating from the University of Nebraska. We are glad to count her among our members.

Dorothy Morehead and Constance Syford were members of a former petitioning group to Gamma Phi Beta.

Anne Paton is planning to sail September 15 on the *Aquitania* to spend a year at her ancestral home in Scotland.

Mrs. Jessie White Ryons and her two pretty children spent the summer with her mother, Mrs. C. C. White, and her sisters at their summer home on Maple Lake at Mentor, Minneapolis. Patricia Ryons (an enthusiastic "Pi" baby) is very fond of the water and is becoming an expert swimmer.

Gladys Wilkinson had an enjoyable visit in Omaha the latter part of August.

Lois Grace Bee is to remain at her home in Fairbury during the coming year but will be in Lincoln during rushing seasons.

Mrs. Gertrude Burdsal Arnold was in Ann Arbor for commencement in June.

Mary Taylor Hungate had a very successful summer lecturing for the Redpath Chautauqua Platform on children's playgrounds.

Ruth Brown took many long motor trips during the summer.

Sara Cole had a happy time out camping at Elkhorn in August.

Isabella McLeod spent the summer on her father's ranch in western Nebraska.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ellen Pollock of Plattsmouth has announced her engagement. The wedding will take place in October.

CHICAGO

The Chicago chapter has led an uneventful existence for the last six months. The only event of any note being the luncheon given by Chicago Alumnae to the Epsilon chapter early in the spring at which there were something like seventy present, including a couple of Epsilon's recent pledglings. The college club rooms were practically given over to the Gamma Phis on that day.

At the last meeting of the club the officers for the new year were elected, Miss Mary Richardson being elected President, to succeed Mrs. Bredin, who felt that her many years of service entitled her to a rest. Miss Hoskins, from Omicron, to succeed Miss Babcock of Alpha as Secretary, Mrs. Proble of Beta, to succeed Mrs. Burbank of Epsilon, as Vice-president, and Mrs. Koessler, and Miss Houston, of Beta and Epsilon Gamma, respectively, to succeed themselves as treasurer and corresponding secretary.

The usual meeting on the first Saturday of September was omitted as the college club was not yet open after their summer vacation, and was held one week from that date. The next meeting will be held in the

new quarters of the College Club in the Stevens building where they will occupy one whole floor of this beautiful new building which is just being completed on Wabash avenue.

We are expecting a very prosperous and enjoyable year and extend our usual invitation to all visiting Gamma Phis to meet with us the first Saturday of every month, at the College Club rooms, in the new Stevens building.

PERSONALS

Florence Jones filled a vacancy in the State University of Nebraska during the spring term.

Nettie Pyre is to be married this fall to one of the faculty of the University of Penn.

Lucy Babcock chaperoned a group of Camp Fire girls this summer.

Dorothy Crain played in the National Tournament for the women's championship.

Mrs. Ethel Virgin O'Neil, with her three children, father and mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abercrombie and daughter (Lula Janes) are reported to be still in Berlin and unable to get away.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wahl (Elizabeth Kreis) have returned to America.

MARRIAGES

Laura Hutchins was married last May to Mr. F. Clayton Brown, of Calumet, Michigan. They will live in Calumet at 108 Sixth St.

SYRACUSE

Autumn greetings to you:

The very most interesting event and the one freshest in our minds even after a long vacation, is the second victory in the history of Alpha's own home—the first, of course, being the mere existence of that home. We proudly announce the burning of the second mortgage which took place at the spring banquet, June sixth. It was a particularly nice banquet anyway, and we felt a pleasant air of mystery as soon as we saw the toast list which was printed in the leaves of a little booklet, the very familiar shape of our chapter house—"The House of Brown Secrets" it was called.

Louella Palmer Ford, '81, was the toastmistress who whispered a hint of these secrets to us, and then we were guided through the house from foundation to roof. Marion Beecher, '10, showed us "Its Foundation", Dorothy Potter, '15, "Its First Floor—Our Social Life", and Ruth Gregory, '16, "Its Second and Third Floors—Our Intellectual Life", May Loveland, '14, led us out "On the Roof—Our Graduates", and Dorthea Smith, '17, told the freshman's point of view "As it Looks Under the New Moon—Our Crescent". By this time we alumnæ who were perhaps not so intimately acquainted with all the nooks and corners began to feel how dear every spot had become in three years. Then Harriet Budd Wadleigh, who as treasurer of the corporation knew all the details of the finances, proudly showed us "Its Chimneys—Our Victory in Smoke". The topic of her toast "We'll See This Thing Through" is typical of the undaunted and loyal way in which she has devoted much of her time to raising the money necessary for the payment of the mortgage. As she was preparing to set fire to the paper Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt interposed by saying that men always thought they knew all ways to build a fire and so her father was sending his note of five hundred dollars, which he held on the house, as kindling. So we had a double conflagration while

the active girls sang a double cheer to Mrs. Wadleigh for her untiring efforts and to Mrs. Seth Baker for her patient economy in running the house.

Isn't this encouragement to you other chapters who are paying for new houses?

Our last meeting really was the annual party at Skaneateles, June ninth. There is a fascination about this charming little village and the exquisite service at Mrs. Kreb's that always ensures a good time. Some of the active girls joined us for dinner there at six o'clock, after which we rode the twenty miles home by starlight. That was too frivolous a time to talk business and as yet we have had no more meetings. Our plans, therefore, are still in an embryonic state, although it is hinted that this is to be a very happy year for the Syracuse alumnæ. You see it is the time of our fortieth anniversary, and we hope to have a grand banquet and hilarious reunion. Please watch for all the forecasts of such an event.

Syracuse sends a heartiest welcome to the new alumnæ chapters of Detroit and Baltimore and our new baby chapter Pi in Nebraska! Isn't it fun to feel ourselves growing on past the growing pains—we do hope that this year will add some more strong links to our shining chain of sisterhood.

MILDRED H. FISH.

PERSONALS

Doctor Minnie Mason Beebe of Syracuse, and Miss Elizabeth Mason of Cortland, have been touring on the continent this summer. No word has been received from them since the outbreak of the war.

Genevieve Joy, '12, who has been studying grand opera with M. L. d' Aubigné in Paris, returned to her home in Cazenovia the last of May.

Miss Edith Hamlin, '90, has been visiting in Syracuse all summer.

Anna Janet Morrison, '12, returned to her home in Red Hook the second of August after studying the Montessori kindergarten method in Rome, Italy.

Mary Imogene Day, '00, sailed for the United States with her parents, August 29, after a long delay in London.

Mabel Fuller Whitmarsh, '97, whose daughter Hazel Whitmarsh was graduated from the Teacher's College, was in Syracuse for commencement.

May and Anna Palmer, both Zeta girls of the class of '92, were in Syracuse for a few days this summer.

Cora Jackson Carson, ex-'99, visited in Syracuse during commencement week.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crim (Ruth King, '12), a daughter, Hilda Marguerita.

BOSTON

To the far-scattered sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Boston chapter sends most affectionate greeting, and hopes that they all have had as delightful a summer as she.

Let me see: where were we? The summer is so strong a centrifugal force that the present editor has great difficulty in summoning her dissipated ideas and memories back to the last installment of the Gamma Phi serial. Well, anyway—as the college year ends in June and begins in September, the first thing that pierces the mists of the past is THE HOUSE PARTY.

Not that it is Boston chapter's affair at all—and far be it from her to steal Delta's thunder. Only, as they let us come and camp with them

on the picturesque granite shore of Rockport, it may be permitted a so-joinner within their gates to say one thing that they may not say themselves: that of all dear, jolly, delightful crowd to camp with, Delta is—by no means the worst! I append, however, this hint culled from personal experience: if in search of rest, and especially of sleep, it is well to land near the *end* of a house party, when the lively cease from troubling and the weary are (more or less) at rest.

But I can't, after all, leave this fruitful theme without a grateful remembrance of days—and nights—on the rocks, with Rachel Rice's memory a complete Golden Treasury, and Florence Barbour dramatically "rendering" now the Revenge of Hamish (ugh-gh) now a charming child-poem of her own, and then flashing into her stirring University Hymn, only to drop into that delicious skit which weds the portentous syllables of "Boston University, the College of Liberal Arts" to the tripping strains of "The Son of a Gambolier"! And then there was Marguerite Brant, demure perpetrator of many an "occasional" song, strong in local color (very); and many sweet singers to collaborate with her and help her chant them. There is no sign of mental, moral, or vocal degeneracy in the rising generation.

This was early in June; and then in a fortnight we met each other again when Isabelle Turnbull, one of our beloved freshmen, opened her hospitable doors to us. It was just after the dreadful Salem Fire, from which vivid accounts were brought by Marguerite and Rachel, who, with Celia Marshall, had gone over from Marblehead to see it. During the afternoon a Salem freshman telephoned cheerfully that she was sorry she couldn't come to the party, but her own house and her two aunt's homes had been burned to the ground, and as they were all camping on the beach, she was afraid that maybe she'd better stick 'round for a while. There was no hint of complaint, or apparent suggestion that she considered the circumstances particularly unusual. Of such is the kingdom of San Francisco—and many other diaster-tried cities, bless their plucky souls!

Then came the Fourth of July; and a favored few who didn't have to celebrate the national holiday elsewhere, found their way to the Brants', and we had *such* a good time in that center of cordial welcome, where we sat under Old Glory's flapping folds and feasted our homesick eyes on Florence Beiler, back from Porto Rico with wonderful laces and embroideries, and—alas!—just as much enthusiasm for her "little tropic isle" as ever.

In another fortnight The Elect (few but happy!) played croquet and ate ice cream with Anna Raymond under the trees of her pleasant Newton Centre home, where, if you "snoop" around her room, you may find pictures of Laselle girls, with adoring superscriptions to an apparently not unpopular teacher.

The first of August found a noble band of fifteen at the Putnams' wonderful old house at Danvers, where a tour through the house has to be "personally conducted", it is so filled with interesting "old things". Soon after we had sat down to luncheon on the wide, shaded piazza, we were asked if we should like to go to the Rebecca Nourse house, where we were invited to join the Harvard Summer School and listen to a lecture on witch craft. We accepted with pleasure, and were fortunate enough to have time thoroughly to explore the house, which has been restored as nearly as possible to its original appearance and fitted with furnishings as old as itself. Then we came, through the door from which the gentle old lady was dragged to trial and a shameful death, out into the

blaze of August sunshine and listened to Mr. Newhall's interesting, informal talk on the Witchcraft Delusion. . . . I wish I could at all make you see how vivid and yet alien it was—the old, dark times, brought so near to us who had seen the very chair she used, and looked through the tiny panes through which her dim eyes had taken their last farewell of the kindly home acres—hearing the grim old tragedy rehearsed on the peaceful, orderly New England lawn, we, modern Americans, so far away in thought from those tragically mistaken ancestors of ours—yet akin too in who knows how many dark little corners of prejudice and superstition.

Then we came back to our wholesome open-air lives, and were glad that the ancestor of our Putnams was one of the very few who protested against the cruel delusion, and was one of the enlightened souls whose names are engraved on the monument put up to this sweet old victim of ignorance and mistaken zeal.

We separated reluctantly, for it was so good to see Mabel Robinson again, who is visible to the Gamma Phi eye only in the summer, and to greet others who can seldom meet us, but who make a special effort when there is anything at the "Putties."

That was the last meeting before we began to read War Extras and to wonder where had disappeared the safe, happy, modern world we knew. Against that dreadful background the beauty of friendship—of mutual helpfulness—glows brighter than before, as, in spectre-peopled darkness, we grasp more firmly a kindly human hand. That the great Circle of which we are a part may be drawn more firmly than ever during the coming year is the wish that closes this record of a happy summer.

KATHERINE A. WHITING.

PERSONALS

Miss Esther Willard Bates, '06, has been awarded the Sylvia Platt Prize by Radcliffe College for the best poem submitted in competition for the prize. Miss Bates is rapidly winning a name in the literary world; she has contributed to the *Atlantic Monthly*; her volume entitled "Pageants and Pageantry" was recently noticed in *Bostonia*. During the past year, while continuing her teaching work, she has been taking the course in Dramatic Writing given by Professor Baker at Radcliffe.

She is one of the few college undergraduates who can boast of appearing in the *Atlantic Monthly*, a ballad by her and her brother being published in her junior year.

Miss Bates has been in charge of the dramatic part of the MacDowell Festival at Peterboro this summer.

NEW YORK

The prominent question before Gamma Phis today is, how may we strengthen our sorority? Two answers have been given to this question: expansion and reorganization of the national Sorority. The correspondent of the New York *alumnæ* would like to suggest a third, that is, the building up and strengthening of our *alumnæ* chapters.

"Once a Gamma Phi, always a Gamma Phi" is one of our sayings. This is true only in name, but often not true in spirit. Every year we lose a large number of Gamma Phis who graduate from college and lose all touch with the sorority. They are away from any *alumnæ* chapter, they hear nothing of what the sorority is doing, until after a time, it becomes a memory, a fragrant memory, but still a memory, with no more real existence than the pleasant recollections of college days that are gone forever.

More important to the sorority than the new initiate is the girl who has been for three or four years an active Gamma Phi. It should be the aim of the sorority to hold these girls within its influence. This can be done only by the *alumnæ* chapters. Why should not every Gamma Phi who leaves college become automatically a member of an *alumnæ* chapter? The names of those leaving college could be sent at once to the nearest *alumnæ* chapter, and enrolled on a list of non-active members. The names could remain on its chapter roll unless transferred to another *alumnæ* chapter.

It should be the duty and the privilege of each *alumnæ* chapter to send to those non-active members notices of its meetings and invitations to any social event given by the chapter. Even if they were too far away to attend the meetings, this is but a slight courtesy to pay to a sister Gamma Phi, and will give them the assurance that Gamma Phi is still interested in them and still claims them as members of the sisterhood.

Just as some societies have found it advantageous to appoint life-secretaries to keep in touch with all their members, it might be well for each *alumnæ* chapter to appoint for life some member whose only duty should be to keep in touch with these non-active, often distant members.

Such a plan would tend to humanize the relations of Gamma Phis. We pay our devotion to our sorority often in something the same spirit that the Greek of old worshipped at the shrines of his gods, each one standing for an abstract idea. But after all it is not so much that our hearts should be bound to Gamma Phi, as that they should glow with a warm friendship for Gamma Phis. We should never let Gamma Phi become a fetish, but should always remember that it is a society of friends, and that one of its principal aims is to promote friendship among its members.

The college chapters in the daily intercourse of their members never lose sight of this. If the *alumnæ* chapters would also strive to promote friendship among their members, so that the members would feel that they are truly in a band of sisters, and would try to make the absent feel that they are always remembered, they could keep alive in the heart of every Gamma Phi the intense devotion for the sorority that was felt in college days.

With every Gamma Phi an ardent Gamma Phi, no matter how long the time or great the distance that separates her from her home chapter, with all our *alumnæ* interested in her future welfare, our sorority will grow in usefulness, dignity and grace, yes, and in numbers if it seems wise, as quietly, easily and unostentatiously as she has always grown in the past.

CLARA WHITMORE.

PERSONALS

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Mrs. Jessie Groat Richardson for the death of her father, which took place at Thousand Islands, early in August.

MILWAUKEE

(No Letter.)

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Where was I last? It would be so much more joyful to send in copy when the enthusiasm occasioned by a meeting was young, and not three months old. But I remember. We were just curling our niece's hair for

the baby party at Inez Dam's. What a good time the youngsters had, and, if possible, what a better time we mothers and aunts had. We watched the future sportsmen fish the pond dry, and our future Gamma Phis show at times a militant spirit in their attacks upon Inez's living room. Whether the blue ribbons were awarded for small feet, or pugilistic tendencies mattered not at all to the proud wearers.

Next came the meeting at Carmelita Woerner's. There the charm of Carmelita as hostess, and Florence Ewing's talk on the Riviera made the meeting delightful. We felt that we were indeed being taken from the flowering acres of Cannes to the play and parade ground of Europe.

August eighth, Grace and Blanche Fish made Lillian Allan their guest of honor at a reception in their beautiful new home in Elmwood Park. Lillian and her children returned from Germany in May, and are now in their Prospect avenue home. It is like old times to have Lillian back with all her interest in Gamma Phi. Our next meeting is to be with her.

Those of us who live in Berkeley are very fortunate in the summer, for Gamma Phi alumnae have a habit of finding their way back. So, aside from our regular meetings, we have enjoyed many good bits of gossip over the tea cups. Bess Graham Brehm has been here from Seattle, Edna Gearhart from Los Angeles, Inez Helm Thomas from Fresno, Elizabeth Rothermel from her work in the University of Washington, and Lorraine Andrews from Juneau. Last Tuesday, more than twenty of us were at the tea Rachel Colby gave to the active girls, and it seemed quite like our own day, though we were alumnae, and had no one to play fairy godmother for us, as Rachel does for Eta now.

MARGARET WEBB.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Stern (True Aiken) are now living in Berkeley.

May Morgan Brown has come to Berkeley to live. Mr. Brown is to be connected with the History Department of the University.

Carmel Riley will spend next year in Jackson, Amador county.

Lena Redington, as usual, was a mountain climber this summer, going with the Sierra club into the Yosemite Valley and the Tuolumne Meadows.

Charlotte Hoffman Kellogg won great praise for her dramatic work in Mary Austin's play, *The Arrow Maker*, given at Carmel.

Bess Waldron is expected home in a few days. Her European trip has been cut short by the war.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Linscott (Esto Dunbar) are the proud parents of a small son.

Though not in the same family, there are Gamma Phi twins, for this spring the small sons of Pearl Curtis Durrell and Edith Van Deusen selected the same birthday.

Marin Waterhouse Pepper has another small son.

DENVER

There have been no regular meetings of the Denver alumnae chapter during the summer months and wisely, so it would seem, for Denver homes are usually so well filled with guests seeking relief from the sweltering heat in the joys of our cooler climate, that little leisure is found for club meetings. We have, however, joined Theta chapter in one or two delightful gatherings. Initiation at the home of Mildred Morgan revived old memories for us all and impressed upon one, at least, the great

possibilities for character development within the bond of Gamma Phi Beta. Notwithstanding all that the magazines have said and are saying, entrance into our sacred circle should bring out the best—the biggest characteristics of every girl admitted, should broaden rather than narrow her.

Another occasion that brought keen pleasure to us all was a Gamma Phi Beta tea given by Ruth Wheeler in honor of Mrs. J. B. Vaile (Daisy Dates, ex-Mu). Mrs. Vaile was so charming, told us such interesting things of Mu and Stafford that the afternoon passed all too quickly. Everyone hopes that the summer here restored Mrs. Vaile to perfect health.

The wedding of Mary Gallup was attended by many Gamma Phis. It was a dainty home wedding, charming in all the smallest details as hers was sure to be. "A lovelier bride there could not be". Illness first changed their plans, and now the war has interfered so that Dr. Howe may spend this year in New York rather than in Munich, in which case we commend Mrs. Howe to the sisterly kindness of the New York alumnæ.

Again we joined the active chapter, giving jointly, a tea for the delegates and guests of the National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We feel particularly honored in being able to receive them since their convention was held in lovely Estes Park and only a few hours were given to Denver. Our tea was at the home of Wanda Seeman and was a real delight. Such attractive maidens and matrons too, we might add. Really we did not know—but why say more—they were so lovely.

LOIS MILES JACKSON.

PERSONALS

Eunice Robinson has departed for Porto Rico where she will teach this winter.

Genevieve Knight spent the summer in New York.

Mildred Hansen will teach in Del Norte the coming year.

Edith Hoop is spending the winter in Berkeley, California, taking graduate work at the University.

Ruth Wheeler, efficient correspondent for THE CRESCENT is spending the winter in Folsom, New Mexico, as tutor in a private family. We shall rejoice upon her return.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marsdon E. Weston (Frances Brown, ex-Beta) a daughter, Marjorie Estelle, June 26, 1914.

DEATHS

Denver alumnæ extends sympathy to Beulah Hood in the loss of her father.

MARRIAGES

On July 21, 1914, Mary Sinsibaugh Gallup was married to Dr. Hubert Shattuck Howe.

On July 16, 1914, Mary Elizabeth Woy was married to Mr. Rodney Arthur Puffer. They will reside in Loveland, Colorado.

MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Sisters:

The annual banquet was coming into view when the last CRESCENT went to press, but now that milestone is so far behind us as to be almost dim. But it will never be forgotten, because the main subject of conversation and toast was the new house, and the eagerness with which we devoured the plans that Katherine Whitney placed before our eyes will mark that

banquet forever. It seems almost incredible that a year ago last May we launched the proposition that this year complete plans were to be seen, even felt and that now, as I write, the plastering of the chapter house is nearly finished.

A few weeks after the banquet came the house party at Deephaven on Lake Minnetonka. We always plan to have an Alumnæ Day at the house party and this year Gamma Phis came from all over the lake and from all parts of the Twin cities.

Several days before the house party was over, Jean McGilvra, Jessie Phillips, Cora Ennes, and Rewey Belle Inglis left for the installation at Nebraska. I will not attempt to describe it, for I was not present and I have a confused impression of "lovely girls, perfect peaches", most wonderful homes, a glorious time, and 102 in the shade that no one minded, because of electric fans, automobiles, and charming company.

On August third we tried a new venture, a mid-summer luncheon at the Leamington. There were forty-four present, including Margaret Wold of Epsilon, and Helen and Florence Scofield of La Crosse from Gamma chapter. In place of the customary toasts Rewey Belle Inglis described the installation of II chapter, Mrs. Silverson talked on her work as a traveling delegate, and Eleanor Sheldon gave some much needed information concerning the national organization. The success of the luncheon was so great that we hope to make it an annual occurrence.

The fair is the next big task before our chapter. All summer, in fact, part of last winter the girls were sewing for it. Each year gives us a better knowledge of what will sell, and the ensuing year finds us busier than ever making those things. As the Postum can say, "Cups, tastes, and spoons vary" so our experience might not help you and I fear you will have to come to our fair to see what we have learned.

MARGARET NACHTRIEB.

PERSONALS

Luella Ames spent the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Kelley (Ruth Ames) at Woonsocket, R. I.

Mrs. Carl Austin, (Helen Riheldaffer) has moved to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Bishop (Hazel Strong) came to Minneapolis for Eva Wilkinson's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are moving to Grand Forks, N. D.

Nina Miller Casady has moved to California. Her definite address is not yet known.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis spent the summer in Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Downey have given up their European trip on account of the war. Instead they plan to spend the winter in California.

Sara Marshall is to teach English in North High School, Minneapolis, this year.

Nettie Monroe is to teach domestic science in Minneapolis this year.

Grace Moreland took a six weeks' course in domestic science at Columbia summer school.

Marie Moreland spent the month of July in Atlantic City.

Myrta Simpson of Gooding, Idaho, and her two children have been spending the summer with her mother at Tonka Bay.

Mrs. Ed. Smith has spent the summer at Mound Minnetonka.

Mrs. B. A. Wall (Anne Hull) and little son, of Pueblo Viejo, San Juan, P. R., spent the summer in Minneapolis.

Louise Sumner is to teach in the Columbus School for Girls, Columbus, Ohio.

Mary and Agnes Ives are to take work at Leland Stanford—Mary in the library school, and Agnes for her Master's degree.

Louise Jenkins went to Kenyon College for commencement week.

Helen Little spent August in Chicago.

Mrs. Silversen and her sister Clara Taney returned from Europe in July.

Eunice, Louise, and Jean McGilvra, Eleanor and Ruth Eaton, Margaret Menzel, and Margaret Nachtrieb have spent the summer at Lake Mille Lac.

Katharine Whitney will continue her work this year as medical artist for the College of Medicine in the University.

Out-of-town guests at midsummer luncheon: Helen Griffith, South Hadley, Mass.; Mary Heritage, Hudson, Wis.; Natalie Niles Smith, Anoka, Minn.; Katherine Sullivan, Stillwater, Minn.; Harriet Ahlers, St. Cloud, Minn.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Ellen Brooks to Mr. Claude Krause was announced at a bridge party given by Florence Wright Brooks in July.

The engagement of Louise Durst, Gamma, to Dr. Norman Smith of Minneapolis is announced.

MARRIAGES

Bertha Day Poole to John Murray Ray on July 11. They will make their home in Madison.

Eva Wilkinson to Dr. Morton E. Hall on August 1. Their home will be in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mary Fitzsimmons to Dr. Donné F. Gosin on August 8. They will live in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

DETROIT

(No Letter.)

BALTIMORE

It gives me great pleasure to announce that an *alumnæ* charter has been granted to the Gamma Phi Betas of Baltimore and the neighboring towns. For several years, more or less spasmodic attempts have been made to organize a Baltimore *alumnæ* chapter, but without marked success. In the meantime, though, a Gamma Phi Club, with the parties, luncheons, and various ways and means of helping the active chapter have been well attended and successfully carried on.

Last June at the home of the Misses Wilmot, a meeting was held to discuss the practical ways of forming an *alumnæ* chapter. It seems almost necessary at this time of the fraternity crisis at Goucher, to have a strong and well organized *alumnæ* force. Miss McCurley was elected president. It was decided to apply at once for a charter, also to get into communication with all possible members, and to have the committees report at a meeting held early in October when the Gamma Phis would return to Baltimore.

We are hoping great things for this new organization, not only that it will help pour oil on the troubled waters of our Alma Mater, but that it will prove a beacon light by which all Gamma Phis in college or out, may be comforted and cheered by the steady, constant ray of faith and enthusiasm in the common cause.

BELL BAKER TREIDE.

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 4:30 at Miss Kimball's apartment, 3129 Broadway.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house, 1018 University Avenue S. E.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, 4524 17th Street N. E.
- MU meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1316 Alder Street.
- XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11: 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 members.
- DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of members.
- DETROIT meets the third Saturday of each month for an informal luncheon at the College Club.
- NEW YORK meets October 10, November 21, January 16, February 27, March 27, 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.