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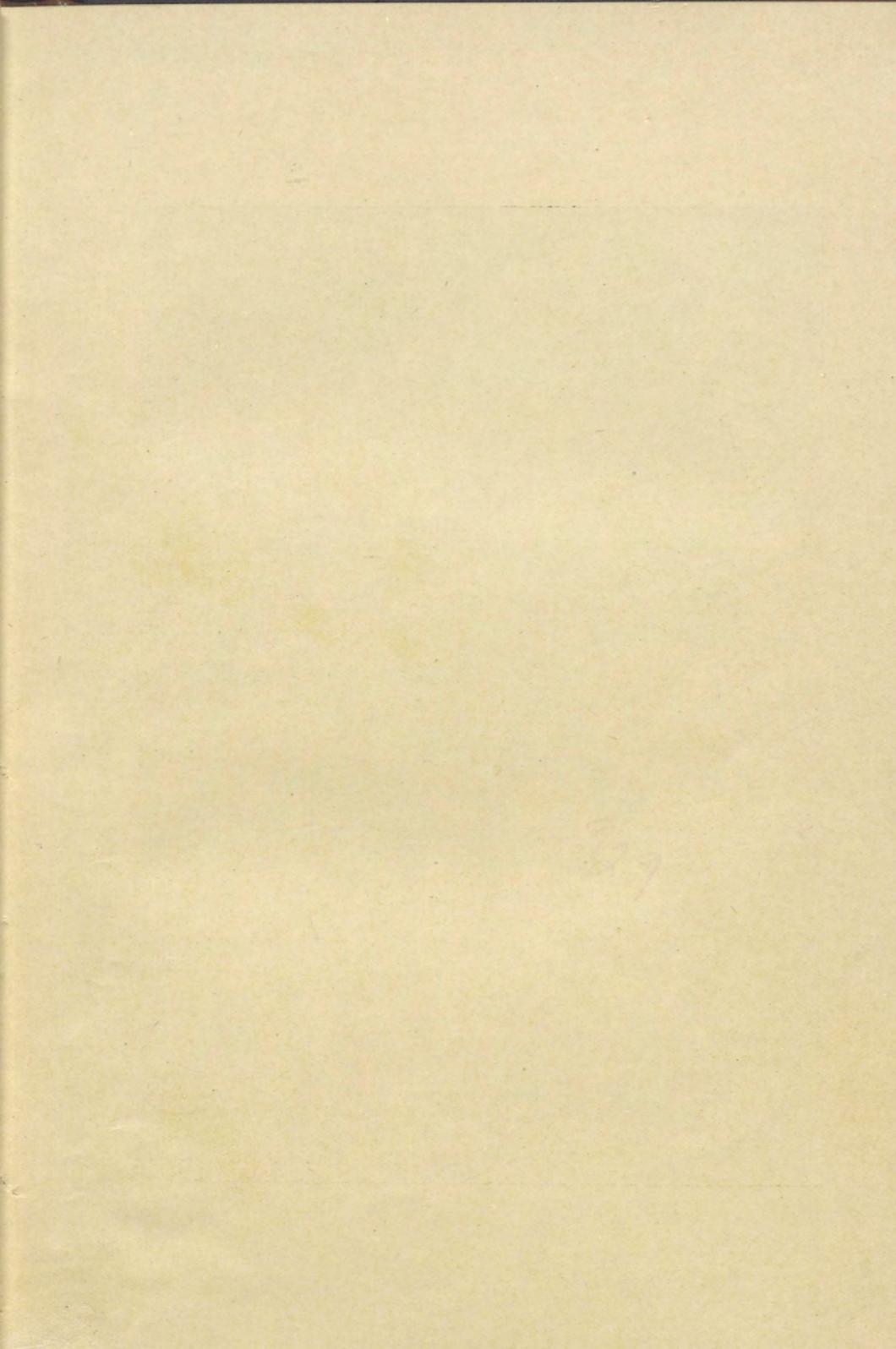
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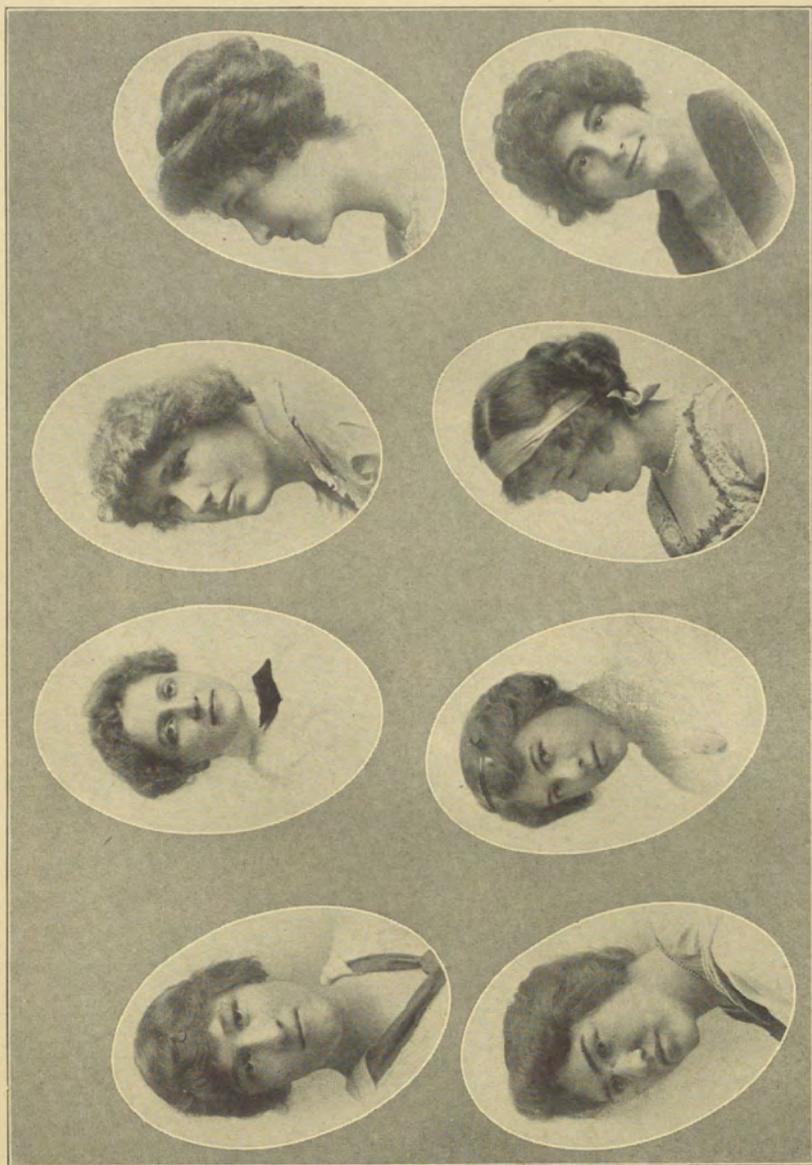
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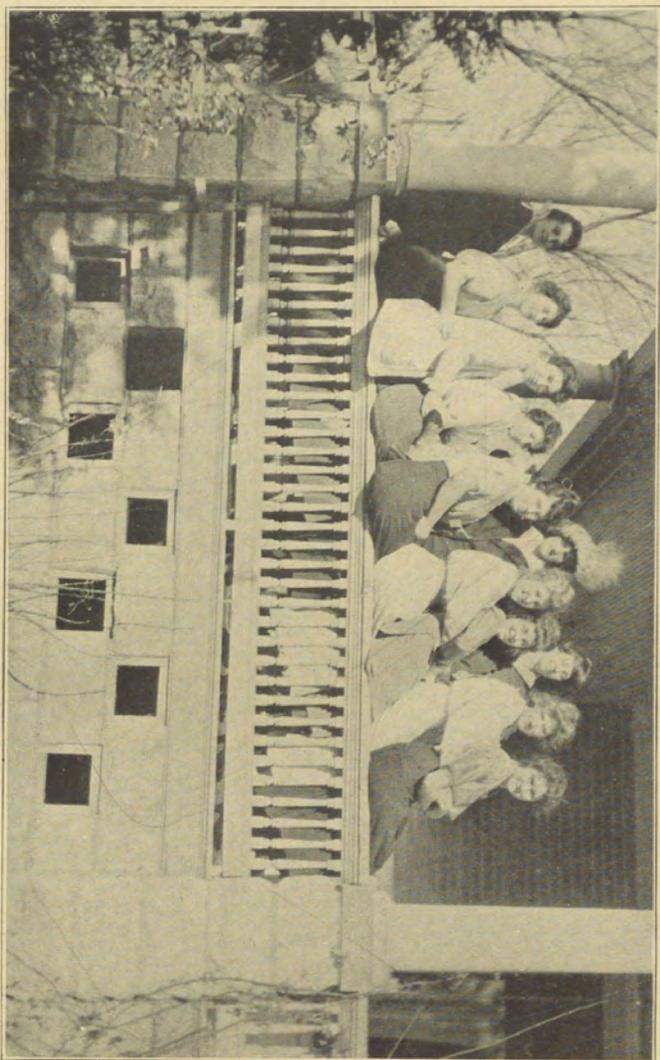
BY REWEY BELLE INGLIS (Kappa)

With our Minnesota thermometers going down, down below the freezing point even as I am writing, it takes some degree of imagination to transplant myself back to those days of last June in Lincoln, Nebraska, when the thermometer was going up, up above the one hundred mark. Certainly the warmth of Lincoln weather was equalled only by the warmth of the reception with which four Minnesota girls were greeted by a group of Nebraska girls at the railroad station. After we four had been whisked off in two big automobiles, had been given a brief view of the University campus, had caught a glimpse of the roof of Bryan's home in the distance, after we had been regaled with lemonade, and refreshed by a rest and a good chat with our hostesses, we were again whisked off to the Lindell Hotel for luncheon. By this time reinforcements had arrived on a later train; namely, the two "dignitaries", Miss Carrie E. Morgan, and Miss Eleanor Sheldon. At little tables seating four, at which Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota girls were well shuffled, we had an excellent opportunity of becoming acquainted, an opportunity which we lost no time in seizing, I assure you.

During the afternoon, the Gamma Phis felt it necessary to feed the goat, that he might be in prime condition for the morrow, so the Lincoln girls deposited us in the comfortable living room of the governor's mansion, and left us alone, save for the electric fan. In the evening we gathered informally at the home of Jessie White Ryons, Epsilon, meeting for the first time two other representatives of Epsilon, Bertha White and Ellen Pollock. The first part of the evening was given over to two occupations of which all Gamma Phis seem fond—eating and talking; later, we held the pledge service, much to the astonishment of the Phi Beta girls who were not expecting anything of the sort to happen that night. A good "sing" completed the evening, and you can imagine what fun we had teaching the words to our pledgelings.

Monday, June 22, was our big day—installation in the morning, a reception in the afternoon, a banquet in the evening. The installation took place at "Whitehall", the home of Mrs. C. C. White, mother of Jessie White Ryons. No more ideal place could be imagined for such an event. A ride of half an hour from town brings one to University Place, where, on a hill in the midst of extensive grounds, is situated this beautiful colonial house, deserving its name, not only from that of its owner, but also from the whiteness of its massive pillars. The initiation was held in the large ballroom on the third floor. The details of that morning I must perforce leave to your imagination, only mentioning the fact that the ceremony was most impressive, and that nothing marred the smoothness of its performance. The initiates were Anne Paton, Gladys Wilkinson, Dorothy Morehead, Sylvia Prokes, Lois Grace Bee, Sara Cole, and Isabel McLeod. All of us regretted the absence of Mary Hungate who was far away doing Chautauqua work, and Ruth Brown who was prevented from coming to Lincoln by the illness of her mother.

Considerable scurrying about was necessary to finish luncheon, return to town, and dress in time for the reception. I am tempted to repeat a previous sentence, and say that no more ideal place could be imagined for such an affair than the Governor's Mansion (have I explained that Dorothy Morehead is the governor's daughter?) as it is spacious, attractive and centrally located. In spite of the fact that college had been closed for two weeks, so that many of the students and faculty had left town, and in spite of the extreme heat of the afternoon, a great many guests called to congratulate the Pi girls upon having been initiated into Gamma Phi Beta, and the Gamma Phis upon having acquired such a splendid new chapter. It was most gratifying to us to hear the high terms in which other



PI CHAPTER ON PORCH OF CHAPTER HOUSE

sorority girls, faculty women, and residents of Lincoln alike spoke of our Pi girls. After the last guest had departed, we welcomed a short breathing space—the first that day—to sit down and talk it all over before going to the banquet.

This crowning event took place at the Lincoln Hotel, and was most satisfying from cocktail to coffee, from the first word of the toastmistress to the last farewell. Eighteen sat down to table, the chapters being represented as follows:

Gamma—Carrie E. Morgan.

Epsilon—Jessie White Ryons, Bertha White, Margaret Williams, Ellen Pollock.

Kappa—Eleanor Sheldon, Cora Ennes, Jessie Phillips, Jean McGilvra, Rewey Belle Inglis.

Omicron—Ella Stewart Brown.

Pi—The seven initiates named above.

It was surprising that after indulging extensively in the favorite dish of Pi chapter—Chicken à la King—we had voice or breath enough left to sing lustily,

“For Gamma Phi Beta from Alpha to Pi
Eat peanuts and olives too.”

or,

“Here’s to our royal Pi-i,

Brown and mode is our ensign bright,” but we did.

Between courses we were busy writing as well as singing, for the pretty little brown and mode booklets containing the menu and toast program had several blank pages for autographs and addresses. We were most systematic, passing the books around the table after the fashion of a bucket brigade, so that no name might escape. The toast program will interest you, I know:

Toastmistress	Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa
What Gamma Phi Beta has meant to me	Ella Stewart Brown, Omicron
History of Gamma Phi Beta	Carrie E. Morgan, Gamma
Pi Beta Dreams	Anne Paton, Pi
Greetings	Jessie White Ryons, Epsilon
Gamma Phi Beta Ideals	Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa

We were a somewhat tardy and sleepy crowd who assembled the next morning at the home of Gladys Wilkinson. Several of the parents were present at this very informal meeting, and their advice was found to be most helpful in a number of matters dis-

cussed. For luncheon we again invaded the Lincoln Hotel, and though our numbers were decreased by the departure of some of the Epsilon girls, there seemed no diminution of our chatter.

Returning to the Wilkinson home we held the formal business meeting, and poured into the eager ears of the new chapter everything we knew about Gamma Phi. Our hostesses had planned to take us to the Country Club for dinner, but one great protest went up from the visitors who declared they could not look another meal in the face, and clamored for bread and milk on the Wilkinson's porch. We were accommodated as far as the porch was concerned, though the bread and milk demand was overruled, and a delicious spread supplied in its place. That evening began the good-byes, upon which I shall not dwell, for they were the only sad part of the three days.

Some wit remarked that she was glad Gamma Phi had made a peach Pi and not a lemon Pi. This remark, however, slangy, expresses the feeling of the installing Gamma Phis—a unanimity of satisfaction with the individual girls, and with the outlook for a successful chapter. All the arrangements which had been made for our visit showed judgment and capability. Enthusiasm is one of their most noticeable assets, while charm and grace of manner, high-mindedness, and strength of purpose are not lacking. The reports which we have had of their success this year show that our confidence in them was justified. Here's to our newest chapter! May we in future have others like it!

FROM THE LINCOLN PAPERS

GAMMA PHI BETA

The installation of the new sorority Pi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta aroused marked interest in university circles. The presence of a number of the grand chapter officers, the many congratulatory telegrams from a distance and the messages of congratulations and floral remembrances from the other sororities were among the features of the day. The new sorority is the twelfth to be added to those already connected with the Nebraska University. It is known in educational circles as one of the strongest and is noted for its conservatism.

The installation took place at Whitehall in the morning, the impressive ceremonies connected with the installation and the initiation of the charter members, lasted until after the noon hour.

A luncheon followed, after which the grand officers and out of town members were guests of honor at a reception at the executive mansion from 3:30 to 4:30.

Miss Eleanor Sheldon, of Minneapolis; Miss Carrie Morgan of Appleton, Wisconsin; Miss Cora Ennes, of Minneapolis; Miss Ella Brown, Danville, Ill.; Miss Kathryn Pollock, Plattsmouth; Miss Bertha White, Miss Margaret Williams, Omaha; Miss Inglis, Miss Phillips of Minneapolis, were the out of town members.

For the festivities pink was utilized in the decorative features. Daybreak carnations, the chapter flower was used for the luncheon decoration, while the same delicate color of pink was utilized in the roses, which ornamented the table at the reception. For the banquet in the evening, the carnation formed the floral setting, with the sorority colors of brown and gold.

At the executive mansion, the out of town guests and officers were in the receiving line with the patronesses Mrs. John H. Morehead, Mrs. F. M. Hall, Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. Fred B. Ryons, an alumnæ of the Northwestern University. Miss Gladys Wilkinson introduced the guests to the receiving line. Mrs. J. B. Hungate, of Weeping Water, whose daughter is Gamma Phi Beta, assisted in the parlor. Miss Dorothy Morehead invited the guests into the dining room. Mrs. Samuel Avery presided at the table, and was followed by Miss Ella Brown, who served the latter part of the afternoon. The Misses Dorothy Ryons and Charlotte Hungate assisted in serving. A program of music was played during the reception.

For the reception the guest list numbered seventy-five. In addition to special friends, those invited included representatives from each sorority and some of the wives of the university faculty.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Lincoln. The program was enclosed in the souvenir booklet bound in the sorority colors, brown and gold, which contained also the menu, and a list of the active members of the new chapter. Covers were laid for eighteen. Miss Eleanor Sheldon presided as toastmistress and called for the following program:

"What Gamma Phi Means to Me," Ella Stewart Brown, of Omicron chapter.

"Gamma Phi Beta History," Carrie E. Morgan, Gamma chapter.

"What Phi Beta Dreams", Anne Paton, of Pi Chapter.

"Congratulatory telegrams and letters," Jessie White Ryons, Epsilon chapter.

"Gamma Phi Ideals," Rewey Belle Inglis, Kappa chapter.

The visitors and officers left the city this afternoon. While here they were entertained at the home of Miss Dorothy Morehead, Miss Gladys Wilkinson and Mrs. Nathan Reynolds.

The members of the new chapter are very enthusiastic over the sorority and exhibited greatest pride in their handsome pins, which they wore for the first time yesterday. The members feel particularly indebted to Miss Ella Stewart Brown, who has spent the past fortnight in the city preparing the girls for the initiation and completing arrangements for the installation before the arrival of the grand officers. Miss Brown's home is Rushville, Neb. She is a graduate of the Chicago University and is now teaching Latin in the high school at Danville, Ill. Miss Brown is now the guest of Miss Florence Farnham.

The rushing situation at the University of Nebraska will be unusually complicated this season because of the entrance of a new sorority.

The new sorority which is competing against those previously established is Gamma Phi Beta, one of the oldest and best of the national sororities. The prestige of the national organization will enable this newly established local chapter to take its place at once among the best at Nebraska. Gamma Phi Beta was founded at Syracuse University in 1874. In establishing new chapters this sorority has always pursued a sane, but conservative policy placing them only in colleges and universities of the highest rank. The wisdom of this policy is proved by the fact that she has never lost a chapter, a boast which can be made by only one other sorority. This conservative and careful policy is further proven by the fact that she has refused two petitions presented during the last ten years by local societies at the University of Nebraska.

Pi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta starts out under favorable auspices, for in addition to having strong charter members, the chapter already owns an attractive house at Thirtieth and O. It is unusual that the newest sorority at Nebraska should be the first to own its own home. The house is favorably located, being half-way between the old site of the University and the University farm, so that if the University site should be moved, there would be no inconvenience of situation.

The national organization will stand back of the new chapter in every way. The visiting delegates, Mrs. Charles Silverson of Minneapolis, will visit the chapter twice during this next year. Mrs.

Jessie White Ryons, daughter of Mrs. C. C. White helped to secure the charter for the Nebraska girls and she together with the Gamma Phi Beta women of Omaha will be staunch supporters of Pi chapter.

STATISTICS OF PHI BETA

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Arts and Sciences and Teachers 1914.

Members University Girls' Club.

Member University Y. W. C. A.

Orophilian Society, N. W. U.

Leading lady in Senior Play. Fullerton High School.

GLADYS BERNICE WILKINSON—Lincoln, Nebraska

Arts and Sciences 1916.

Y. W. C. A.

Girls' Club

Dramatic Club

Leading Lady in Dramatic Club play. "The Russian Honeymoon."

Charter member Junior Matinée Musicale of Lincoln (Taken in as pianist at the age of twelve).

Member Matinée Musicale Lecture Circle, Modern Art Review Club of Lincoln.

Spent spring and summer of 1910 in Europe, giving much time to the Art Galleries of London and Paris.

European tour in 1913 during which she wrote letters which were published in Nebraska State *Journal*.

SYLVIA PROKES—Schuyler, Nebraska

Arts and Sciences 1916.

Y. W. C. A.

University Girls' Club.

Member Xi Deltas.

RUTH BUNNIE BROWN—Rushville, Nebraska

Home Economics 1916.

Y. W. C. A.

University Girls' Club.

LOIS GRACE BEE—Fairbury, Nebraska

Arts and Sciences 1915.

Y. W. C. A.

Girls' Club.

Willard Society, N. W. U.

Y. W. C. A. Membership Committee, N. W. U.

SARA RAYMOND COLE—Omaha, Nebraska

Y. W. C. A.

Girls' Club.

Awarded scholarship for University of Nebraska given by
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Elaine Literary Society.

MARY ISABEL McLEOD—Kennedy, Nebraska

Home Economics 1917.

Y. W. C. A.

Girls' Club.

MARY TAYLOR HUNGATE—Weeping Water, Nebraska

Home Economics 1915.

Y. W. C. A.

Girls' Club.

1911-1912 were spent in University of Kansas where she was
assistant in Foods Laboratory. w

Taught from February 1913 in Domestic Science Department
of Aurora.

Daughter of Mrs. J. B. Hungate, First Vice-president of
Nebraska State Federation of Woman's Clubs and President
of 1st District.

HISTORY OF PHI BETA

BY GLADYS WILKINSON

Several years ago a little group of girls who had been friends since childhood were discussing sororities. They had heard about a very wonderful one called Gamma Phi Beta and agreed that they wished to be members of this organization. This was at the time when an older group of university girls was petitioning Gamma Phi Beta; so the little high school group waited to hear whether or not the conservative sorority would come to Nebraska. 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 Beta 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.

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 women 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.

WHITEHALL

BY MARJORIE GREEN

Some distance from the city stands "Whitehall" the beautiful home of Mrs. C. C. White where the installation of Pi Chapter was held. There is a winding drive in among the trees leading from the main road to a large plaza which is directly in front of the main entrance. One can stand on this plaza and gaze far over the surrounding country.

The house itself is colonial style. There are mammoth white pillars reaching from the porch to the roof; a small balcony just above the door lends a Shakespearean effect. Directly opposite as one enters the large square hall is the grand staircase which is the feature of the house. The stairway and woodwork in the hall are solid mahogany. Over the landing where the stairs divide, going up on either side to the second floor, is a beautiful stained glass window in the same design as that on the wall paper.

To the right as one enters the hall is the immense living room with beamed ceiling and heavy panels on the side walls, between which are exquisite oil paintings. This room is very comfortable with a grand piano and many easy chairs. Opening from the rear



WHITEHALL

of the living room is the library. The large fireplace and unusual lighting system add to the attractiveness of these rooms. Oriental rugs are everywhere in evidence on the floors and stairways.

On the left of the entrance is the reception room, furnished in Louis XVI style. The walls are hung with rose silk tapestries while the ceiling, tinted rose, has the four seasons in relief represented in the four corners. The design in the rug corresponds to the design on the ceiling. Back of this room opening from the hall is the dining room furnished entirely in mahogany.

The second floor is devoted to bedroom suites. But on the third floor is a large ballroom. One unique feature here is the adjoining kitchenette which makes serving at time of entertainment easier.

The hospitality of the family and the warmth of welcome given to us are even more attractive than the beautiful home itself.

PI CHAPTER HOUSE

BY HARRIET G. PEERY

We are very proud of our chapter house and we certainly have a right to this pride as we are the first of the Nebraska sororities to own its own home. The house is some distance away from the University, but that is no drawback to us, as we are often able to walk and also have two car services. It is a large three-story white frame building, with a roomy porch around two sides; and the most important feature of the porch is the luxury of two beautiful swings, separated from each by an angle of the house. Our home will be more attractive in the springtime as it is built on a terrace and has a lovely large lawn, surrounded by beautiful old trees, which make it very private. We are planning to make a garden in the spring where we can have a party during the rushing season.

As the house is now arranged it will accommodate twelve or fourteen girls. When more room is needed the third floor will be refinished and a dormitory system put in practice. The rooms are all light, airy, with plenty of closet room. The furniture is pretty and new and the girls have brought such "fixings" and knickknacks as are dear to the hearts of college girls.

Our downstairs is beautifully arranged so that the reception hall, dining room, and two large living rooms may be thrown open. This makes it convenient for receptions, dances and such social events. One of the living rooms may be shut off by folding doors, giving a room for meetings, where we are out of reach of our mischievous freshmen. For beginners we have a very comfortably furnished

home. It is a little bare but we will take Mrs. Silverson's advice and bring some unused things from home.

My description of our home may be much like the original which is very dear to the hearts of our Pi chapter. So we invite our Gamma Phi sisters to come to visit us so that they may see for themselves just how "comfy" we are.

OUR VISITING DELEGATE

BY CARRIE E. MORGAN

We are, indeed, fortunate in having, for the first visiting delegate of Gamma Phi Beta, Mrs. Katherine Taney Silverson of Minneapolis Alumnae. A native of St. Joseph, Missouri, Mrs. Silverson possesses all of the grace and charm of the southern woman. In addition to her attractive personality, she has the necessary energy and business ability to make a success of her work. She holds the national interests of Gamma Phi Beta at heart, and has made a close study of the sorority problems. She is equally interested in the local welfare of each chapter, and will strive to aid each in solving its local difficulties as well as to strengthen the national organization by unifying the interests of the chapters.

Katherine Taney moved to Minneapolis in 1902 and entered the University of Minnesota that fall, graduating in 1906. She was the first president of Woman's League. While in the University she was a tower of strength in Kappa chapter, being closely identified with all of its interests. Just what she meant to Kappa it would take a Kappa member to tell, but suffice it to say that no one, who ever heard of the achievements or interests of Kappa chapter, has failed to hear of Katherine Taney in connection with them.

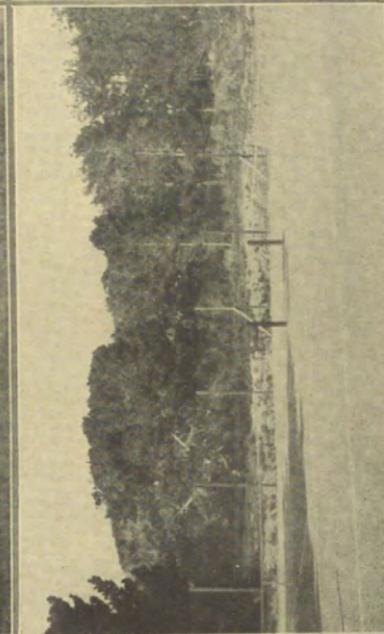
After graduation Miss Taney taught for one and a half years at New Ulm, Minn. On January 29, 1908 she was married to Mr. Charles Silverson, a most prominent business man of New Ulm. In November 1909 her son Charles was born. As wife and mother Mrs. Silverson displayed the same fine characteristics that she had shown in college days, and many speak of the charm of her home and her gracious hospitality. Her married happiness was all too brief, her husband passing away in 1912. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Silverson has given much time to travel. She spent several months abroad last year and had planned a second trip for this coming summer.

Mrs. Silverson entered upon her duties as visiting delegate in October, after attending the National Pan-Hellenic Congress in



KATHERINE TANEY SILVERSON,
Visiting Delegate.

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Administration Building, Asilomar. In Front of Administration Building, Asilomar. Tennis Courts, Asilomar. Beach Near Asilomar.

New York and a meeting of the Executive Board of Gamma Phi Beta. Ere this article reaches the eyes of the CRESCENT readers, many of the chapters will have made her personal acquaintance, so this article will not be an introduction, but an expression of opinions already formed.

There is much work for a visiting delegate to do, and the hope of the executive board is that each chapter will help to make her visit most beneficial. Gamma Phi Beta has introduced several innovations this past year, but there is no doubt that the appointment of a visiting delegate will prove to be one of the greatest benefit, if each chapter does its part.

As individuals and as a sorority, we welcome Mrs. Silverson into the work and bespeak for her the greatest pleasure and benefit to all concerned.

ASILOMAR

*"Waiting for worshippers to come to thee
In thy great out of doors;
To thee I turn—to thee I make my prayer,
God of the open air."*

—Van Dyke.

Asilomar is delightfully situated among the pines and sand dunes on Monterey Peninsula, near the world-famed Del Monte, historic Monterey and Pacific Grove, and bounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Seventeen Mile Drive. It combines the charm of seclusion with the comforts and pleasures of being within easy access of other attractive summer resorts.

The thirty acres, which comprises this beautiful spot are owned and controlled by the NATIONAL BOARD OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The situation and surroundings of Monterey Peninsula provide a climate of unfailling evenness. Weather reports show the mean summer temperature to be from fifty-five to seventy-five. The ozone-laden breezes from the Pacific, mingled with the balsam and resin of the pines, produces a wonderful tonic that invites one into the open all day, and guarantees unbroken rest at night.

For recreation, there are tennis, croquet and basket ball under the pines; baseball near the beach, ocean bathing (under supervision of a life guard); camp fires; delightful tramps, and beautiful drives. The ocean shore is rich in marine life and affords unlimited pleasure and profit to the interested explorer.

POINTS OF INTEREST NEAR BY

Hotel Del Monte	Carmel-by-the-Sea
Pacific Grove	Point Lobos
Monterey	The Presidio at Monterey
Pebble Beach Lodge	Point Pinos Light House
Seventeen Mile Drive	50 Mile Boulevard

The Administration Building of rough stone impresses the visitor immediately by its absolute fitting into its setting. The Social Hall is a large friendly room 42 x 83 feet with a great open fireplace. This building also provides two good-sized rooms for class or sectional meetings. Besides this, there are offices and various conveniences for committee work and for the officers of conventions. A small store supplies daily papers, periodicals, goodies, etc.

DINING HALL

The chief attraction of the dining hall is the cuisine, which is exceptionally good. We secure our berries, fruit, vegetable, milk, butter and eggs from near-by farms.

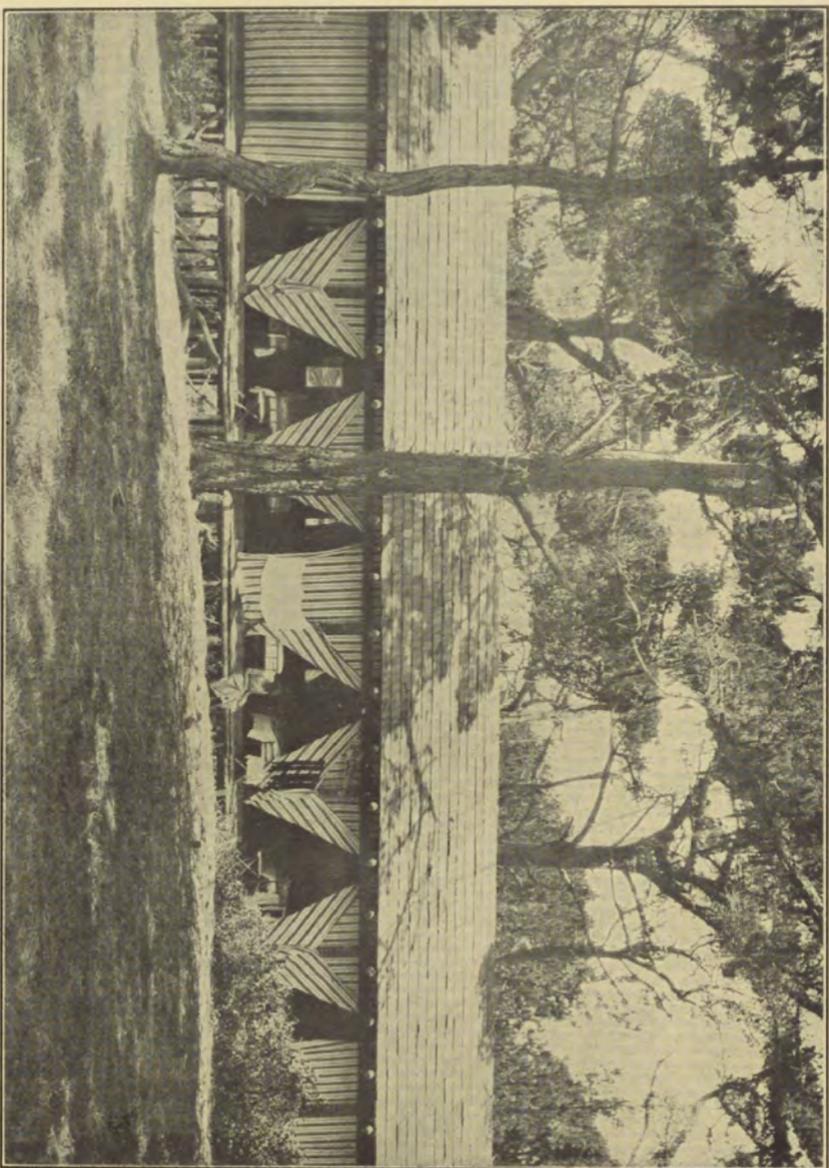
TENT HOUSE

Sleeping quarters are provided in rustic tent-houses, whose canvas walls may be rolled up at night to admit the fresh sea breeze. These houses are provided with electric lights, running water, showers, and all modern conveniences. Each room is equipped with single iron beds and hair mattresses. No better beds are to be found in the best hotels than here, in the great out of doors, where the guest is lulled to sleep by the distant booming of the surf and the murmur of the pines.

THE WIDER OUTLOOK THROUGH CONVENTION

BY MILDRED GILBERT (MU '13)

I hope to goodness you all have read the rousing article in the last CRESCENT about Convention and if you didn't get enthused—well, it wasn't the fault of the eager-eyed, golden-haired little alumna who is living way up in the north but who is so plumb full of Gamma Phi and her 1915 convention that she fairly bubbles over with enthusiasm. Incidentally it was all solemn truth and we of Stanford who have been fortunate enough to spend a day or so at Asilomar can vouch for every statement. This is going to be *some* convention, for all the world loves something new, you know, and that is what we are going to give you.



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Aside from the joys of the occasion however, there is a new significance for Gamma Phi in the 1915 convention. Our sorority is big enough, both in numbers and spirit, to receive its share in the general upheaval of present conditions, and to feel the pressure of new forces and ideas. Every article in the last CRESCENT fairly breathed progression and advance. Each contributor had so much to say that she felt the space limitations. Expansion, Pan-Hellenism and Scholarship are just a few of the vital points of sorority life that must be looked at from new points of view and that fairly plead for general, intelligent discussion and consideration. We are all women of intelligence but many of us do not have a great deal of opportunity to prove it. This convention will be our great opportunity, because everybody is going to have the chance to understand the organization, ideals and ambitions of Gamma Phi Beta and to express her individual ideas and opinions regarding them. For the first time in the history of conventions it is going to be possible to stroll through the glorious old pine forests or sit on the smooth sun-warmed sands by the Pacific and learn to know your Gamma Phi sister—to get her real point of view. Formerly, those who have gone to conventions have come back to their chapters keenly interested in Gamma Phi affairs and those who could not go have shone in a little of the reflected glory but this year we must have everybody. We've got to have *you!*

I think all of you who read the message of our President, Mrs. Harsen, must have realized the crying need for the thoughts and deeds of real women in future sorority work. Her final plea for chapter social service work is one of the big straws that point the way of next year's current.

There are only two more numbers of THE CRESCENT before we greet you at Asilomar on August the twenty-fifth and in those two numbers we will give you the practical details, trains, accommodations and program for the four days, but in the meantime—save the pennies and study the railroad time tables. We are going to try to reach every Gamma Phi individually but in many cases this will be impossible, so we will see that every active and alumnae chapter gets special information and will trust to you all to tell one another.

ALIDA HELEN MOSS

Omicron is a very lucky chapter, for Omicron has pledged the daughter of a founder. The daughter is Alida Helen Moss. The founder is Frances E. Haven Moss, and all the traditional qualities of the mother show symptoms of appearing in this particular freshman, upon whom we shall fix our collective eye, knowing that she will achieve great things. Just as a starter, she graduated at the head of a high school class of seventy-two—another Gamma Phi pledge also at the top of the list—and was asked by the principal of the school to turn her address into Latin. To some of us, even an address in English is a monstrous task; and if a mere freshman is on such intimate terms with the classic tongue, what will she do when the senior inspiration is upon her! But she doesn't shine in this respect only—oh dear no; she can cook, sew, swim, row, walk miles; she can put a group of people completely at ease; and never in her life has she shown the slightest irritability. This ability to do things naturally makes her a general favorite, and as to her temperament—well, methinks she is the very one to be in line for the editorship of *THE CRESCENT*!

WHAT WE DID AT THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

BY LILLIAN THOMPSON

This year, for the first time, your delegate had to take a long journey to attend the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. So far, all twelve of its meetings had been held in Chicago; but in October of 1914, the Congress convened in New York, and thither your delegate hurried on a pleasant Tuesday and Wednesday in that month. The train arrived at eight o'clock; the Hotel McAlpin is only two blocks from the station and within ten minutes from my arrival I was chatting with Mrs. Silverson in our comfortable adjoining rooms, and preparing to go down stairs for the evening meeting of Grand Presidents.

When we entered the room in which these dignitaries were convened, I could hardly believe we were not in Chicago. There were the usual familiar and friendly faces. Mrs. Lowd was presiding. Mrs. McElroy, Miss Baldwin, Mrs. Parmelee, Mrs. Crann were all there, and most interesting of all, our own Grand President



ALIDA HELEN MOSS

Mrs. Harsen turned to greet us as we came in. I looked in vain for several friends and learned later that they had yielded to temptation and had gone to the theatre.

From this time on till Saturday night at six there wasn't a free moment for Mrs. Silverson and me. The Congress held two long meetings each day. In the evening our own Grand Council met in Mrs. Silverson's room, and on Saturday afternoon the delightful luncheon and program following it filled every minute till train time. From this you may gather that New York saw very little of us. Mrs. Fall of Alpha Chi Omega, who managed most wonderfully all the details of our stay, had planned that two luncheons should be at the University Club. Thursday noon we all climbed into waiting motor buses and rode gaily off to luncheon. The ride was very pleasant, the Club building handsome, and the food delicious. Friday we hoped to repeat the experience, but all day long it rained and rained as dismally as it could in Chicago, so we stayed indoors, to our great disgust, and had luncheon served in the large reception room where we held our sessions.

By this time you have all received copies of the report of the meetings, so you know something of the subjects discussed and the motions carried at this Congress. Unfortunately, such a report can reproduce none of the discussions, and very little of the contents of the reports. Every year a great many committees are appointed. Every committee goes to work on its problem, and one of the most interesting parts of the Congress is hearing these reports. The Committee on Social Customs makes a careful study of actual conditions in chapter houses and in the general social life of the active chapters. The material is gathered through deans of women and other college authorities as well as through the active girls, so we get a great deal of information about college life. The committee on city Pan-Hellenics keeps in touch with the alumnae who are organizing Pan-Hellenics in many places. Often these Pan-Hellenics do something for a college near them. If there is no neighboring college, they take up philanthropic work.

At two of our afternoon sessions we listened to talks from women engaged in Y. W. C. A. and vocational work. Both of these groups are deeply interested in college girls. The Y. W. C. A. sent a group of its most prominent workers; each one gave us a brief talk on the ways in which we can cooperate with them in their attempts to quicken the religious life of college women. They want more fraternity women to join the movement. The head of the Vocational Bureau told us of the many kinds of women who come to them for assistance in getting employment. Often college courses have not fitted a girl for any special employment. This

trouble could be avoided if all college women, early in their course, could be induced to consider vocational possibilities and what courses would be most useful from the point of view of some future career.

The gayest part of the Congress, naturally, was the big Saturday luncheon at which some three hundred guests were present. It was held in a pretty audience room at the top of the hotel. Small tables were effectively decorated with fraternity colors, flowers and candles. While the waiters moved swiftly between the tables, group after group sang fraternity songs. When luncheon was over, the tables were removed, chairs substituted, and we listened to a delightful program, part music and part talks by prominent fraternity or Y. W. C. A. workers. The whole occasion was most lively and social; we were so glad to forget all about pens, ink and note books, and settle down to enjoy some of the delightful people we had been longing to visit with.

I left to catch my train before the program was concluded. Mrs. Palmer, of New York Alumnae Chapter and Miss Lowd, our Grand Secretary, took me to the train and you may be sure we did not waste any of the few minutes that remained, but talked that proverbial "blue streak" which is nowhere bluer than among fraternity women.

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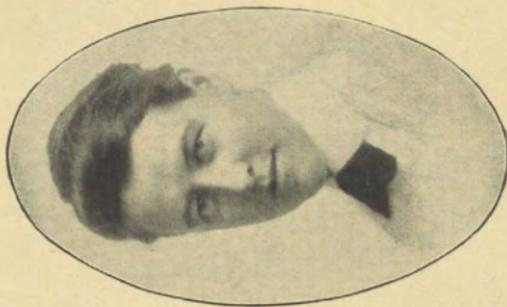
THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

Hotel McAlpin, New York City

October 17, 1914

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Music,	Reinhold Werrenrath
The Fraternity and Scholarship,	James B. Curtis
Music,	Marian Alta Taylor and Sara Frances Evans
The Opportunity for College Women in Social Service,	Miss Helen Davis
The Fraternity and Democracy,	Frances H. Sisson
Music,	Mildred Ridley
The Fraternity and the University,	Alfred Wilson
Music,	Reinald Werrenrath



MRS. MARY C. LOVE COLLINS, X Ω
N. P. C. Treasurer



MRS. E. N. P. PARMELEE, Δ Δ Δ
N. P. C. Chairman



LENA GRANDIN BALDWIN, A Ε Δ
N. P. C. Secretary

REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL AL PAN-HELLENIC CONGRESS

McALPIN HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY

October 15, 16, 17, 1914.

The Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. J. H. Crann, at the McAlpin Hotel, N. Y. C., at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, October 15. Mrs. E. N. Parmelee acted as secretary.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Twelfth Congress. Motion carried.

Report of the chairman, Mrs. Crann, was read and accepted.

The chairman reported that, during the year 1913-14, 1,000 reports and 4,200 copies of each Quarterly Bulletin had been published. In addition, single copies of the stenographic report of the 1913 Congress had been supplied to each Congress fraternity, also the report on Sophomore pledging. Total amount of literature published, 5,220 copies.

Report of the secretary, Mrs. Parmelee, was read and accepted.

Report of the treasurer, Miss Baldwin, was read and accepted.

Motion made to have a stenographic report of the discussions of the Congress. Motion carried. Miss Corbett was requested by the chairman to take such notes.

Each of the eighteen Congress delegates submitted a report from her fraternity to the Congress. These reports were accepted and filed with the secretary. The delegates then introduced the visiting officers of their respective fraternities. These numbered thirty-seven.

Accredited Delegates

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

Kappa Alpha Theta—Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. H. B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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

Delta Gamma—Miss Pauline Hagaman, 927 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.

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

Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. Jas. H. Crann, 614 Colorado St., Davenport, Ia.

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

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

Chi Omega—Mrs. H. M. Collins, Box 69, Denver, Colo.

Sigma Kappa—Miss Hila Helen Small, 232 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.

Alpha Omicron Pi—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, 1301 Grand Ave., Kalamazoo,
Mich.

Zeta Tau Alpha—Dr. May A. Hopkins, 606 Southwestern Life Bldg.,

Dallas, Tex.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, National Home, Wis.

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

Delta Zeta—Miss Martha Railsback, 1628 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Phi Mu—Mrs. Chas. P. Elliott, Amarillo, Tex.

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

Motion was made to appoint as Committee on Press, the same Committee on Press which had served efficiently during the Conference of Presidents. Motion carried. Committee—Miss Green, Miss Corbett and Mrs. Mullin, assisted later at request of the Executive Committee by the other Editors present, Miss Armstrong and Miss Land.

Report from the Conference of Grand Presidents was given by the secretary, Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Report from the Committee on Eligibility was given by the chairman, Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Report from the Committee on Press concerning High School Sororities was given by Miss Small. Report accepted. Delegates from the six fraternities which had not previously definitely ratified the recommendation of the Twelfth Congress regarding High School Sororities, pledged the support of their respective fraternities, thus making the vote unanimous and the legislation effective. Motion made that a full statement of Congress action be inserted in the local press with the amended and complete list of the fraternities supporting the action. Motion carried. Moved that all the material regarding Congress legislation concerning the High School Sororities be referred to the Committee on Press for use in the preparation of such statement. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Extension given by the chairman, Miss Coltrane. Report accepted.

Motion made that the Congress be resolved into a Committee of the whole for a discussion of the Junior College Fraternities and Junior College Pan-Hellenic. Motion carried.

Discussion followed but was interrupted by the arrival of a delegation from the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association. The following secretaries were present and spoke informally on topics of mutual interest: Miss Bruner, Miss Thoburn, Miss Holquist, Miss Sage, and Miss Thomas. General discussion followed.

Motion made to return to the orders of the day. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Social Customs was given jointly by the chairman, Mrs. Lardner, and Mrs. Parmelee.

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION

Congress called to order by the chairman at 10 a. m., Friday, October 16. Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Social Customs was continued. Motion made to accept the report and to have it put into permanent form to be used as

a textbook for officers in their work with chapters. Motion carried. Motion made to continue the Committee on Social Customs with the addition of another member. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics was given by the chairman, Miss Hall, was read by the secretary. Report accepted. Motion made to commit the recommendations from this Committee to a committee instructed to report later. Motion carried. Chair appointed Miss Green and Dr. Hopkins.

Report of the Committee on local Pan-Hellenics was given by the chairman, Mrs. Scarborough. Motion made to accept the report and to have it put into permanent form for the use of Grand officers. Motion carried.

Motion made to commit to a committee the question of the responsibility of the older chapter in a given institution for the establishment and continuation of a local Pan-Hellenic. Motion carried. Chair appointed Dr. Hopkins, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. McElroy.

Report of the Committee appointed to formulate an outline for Pan-Hellenic study was presented by the chairman, Mrs. Crann. Report accepted. Motion made that the consideration of the best disposal of the material included with the report be deferred until after the report on the College Fraternity Reference Bureau. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION

After a brief recess, Congress was called to order by the chairman. Roll call.

Report from Conference of Editors, prepared by Miss Fitch, was read by the secretary. Report accepted.

Report of the Committee on Conference with College Presidents was given by the chairman, Mrs. Collins. Motion made that the report be accepted and the committee continued. Motion carried. Motion made that parts of this report and selections from the letters be given over to the chairman of the Congress to prepare for distribution among Grand officers. Motion carried.

Report was then given by the Committee appointed at the Conference of Presidents to present to the Congress a general Code of Ethics. Report accepted.

Motion made that this report be referred to the Editors present in order that this code be suitably phrased for the fraternity journals and that the code thus revised be presented for adoption, at a later session of the present Congress. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Recommendations was given by the chairman, Miss Hagaman. Report accepted.

Motion made that the question of eligibility to fraternities be referred to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Executive Committee and

that the committee thus appointed shall study the problem and shall report to the Fourteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress some resolution which shall embody Congress consensus of opinion in a way that shall conform with the technical phraseology of university regulations. Motion carried.

Motion made that the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees consider the wording of Art. VII, Sec. 4, and Art. VIII of the Constitution with the view of submitting to the Fourteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress an amendment that shall better conform to the facts of the work of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made that every fraternity have a definite system of instruction to chapters from Council on National Pan-Hellenic Congress matters. Motion carried.

Motion made that all fraternities encourage undergraduate members to participate in one or two college activities, and that emphasis be laid upon the desire of National Councils for participation by undergraduates in the religious life of the institutions, and that such a recommendation be embodied in the report of the Social Customs Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Social Customs Committee embody in their report a recommendation that every Pan-Hellenic unite in one all-university movement for the benefit of all university women at least once a year. Motion carried.

Motion made that all laws, rulings and agreements of National Pan-Hellenic Congress be codified and harmonized, and that Mrs. Collins and Miss Hagaman constitute a committee to present such a codification to the next Congress for adoption. Motion carried.

Motion made that Congress discuss some way of making local Pan-Hellenic useful to the non-fraternity girls. Motion carried.

Motion made that at every college where strong anti-fraternity sentiment among students, faculty, citizens, or legislators is to be combated, National Pan-Hellenic require the fraternities there represented to establish a board—one alumna from every fraternity—to study the situation and guide the work for our continued prosperity in that college. The Grand Council of each fraternity, not the local chapter, to select its representative to this board and to make clear to its chapter that the recommendations of the board must be followed unless the chapter can give the Grand Council acceptable reasons for disregarding the same. Each fraternity to be responsible for organizing such a board in every instance where it was the first fraternity established and each fraternity to be responsible to the National Pan-Hellenic Executive Committee for the work of the boards it is to establish, reporting in writing to the chairman of National Pan-Hellenic on January 2nd and July 1st of every year. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint a committee to study the subject of such secrecy as obtains in the different Congress fraternities and to report subjects of uniformity at the next Congress. Motion carried.

Motion made that National Pan-Hellenic undertake in 1914-1915 a thorough study of the following phases of fraternity the country over:

- a. Pro rata cost of fraternity houses versus pro rata cost of dormitories.
- b. Pro rata cost of living in fraternity houses versus pro rata cost of living in dormitories and boarding houses.
- c. Budgets of fraternity students versus budgets of non-fraternity students.
- d. Preparation of follow-up charts of work and interests of fraternity versus non-fraternity alumnae.

Motion amended to read that Sec. A and B be referred to the Committee on Conference with College Presidents. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Motion made that in cases where the National Pan-Hellenic Congress delegate and the Grand President are not the same person that provision be made for both to be supplied various special reports, etc.; and that the full stenographic report of the Congress be also supplied to both officers. Motion carried.

Motion made that since a large percentage of the trouble that has arisen and been brought before the notice of the Grand Officers has been a misunderstanding of local Pan-Hellenic rules; and furthermore, since in many cases the faculties have had to interfere, and enforce rules that the fraternities should enforce themselves;

Be it resolved, That the Congress consider a uniform set of rules, with a view of not only advising that the local Pan-Hellenics adopt them, but, which the individual fraternities represented in the Congress will pledge their support in seeing are adopted and enforced. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint a committee to draw up a uniform set of rules and to submit same to the next Congress after the rules have been passed upon by the Committee on Codification. Motion carried.

Motion made that each local Pan-Hellenic be furnished by the various fraternities at any one place, with their laws as to:

- a. Requirements of candidates for initiation.
- b. Any laws concerning special dispensation.
- c. Laws governing Patronesses.
- d. Laws governing Honorary Members.

These laws to be read at the opening of each school session before the local Pan-Hellenics. Motion carried.

Motion made that members of National Pan-Hellenic Congress encourage general fraternity extension and coöperate in the extension of other fraternities. Motion carried.

The Congress interrupted the consideration of the recommendations to hear Miss Frances Cummings, manager of the New York Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations, maintained and managed by the New York alumnae organizations of nine eastern colleges.

Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION

Congress called to order by the chairman at nine-thirty. Roll call. Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Report of the Fraternity Reference Bureau was made by Mrs. Lardner, Vice-president of the Bureau. Report accepted.

Motion made that the report be put into permanent form for use of Grand officers. Motion carried.

Motion made that the material assembled by the Committee on Outline for Pan-Hellenic Study be given over to a committee to consist of Mrs. Lardner and Mrs. McElroy, members of the Bureau, and that they use this material as they see fit. Motion carried.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Eligibility was given by Dr. Hopkins, who offered the following recommendations concerning the standardization of colleges:

Moved to amend Art. IV, Sec. 1 of the National Pan-Hellenic Constitution to read: "To be represented in the Congress, a fraternity must have at least five chapters in institutions of collegiate rank; a college of collegiate rank to be defined as one which requires fourteen entrance units; a unit to mean that in a given subject there have been three forty-minute lecture periods a week for thirty-six consecutive weeks. In the science departments, where laboratories have to be considered, three forty-minute laboratory periods are equivalent to one lecture period." Motion carried.

Motion made to print this report. Motion carried. The report follows:

"As a result of the meeting of visiting delegates of N. P. C. fraternities, October 14, 1914, it is submitted for approval that the first visiting delegate to a college in each year, conduct in the local Pan-Hellenic an informal oral examination on the following points:

1. Scholarship.
2. Limitation of social life.
3. House rules.
4. Social expenses.
5. Coöperation with college authorities.
6. Sane interest in college activities.

Motion made that the Committee on Eligibility prepare a list of colleges in which Congress fraternities are already represented and that the Committee add to this list yearly all institutions which come up to the standards already defined by this Congress as "of collegiate rank." Motion carried.

Report of the Conference of Visiting Delegates was given by Mrs. Crann. Report accepted.

Motion made that the existing Interfraternity Compact be incorporated in the minutes of the Thirteenth Congress, and that the compact include also Congress action regarding High School Sororities. Motion carried.

THE INTERFRATERNITY COMPACT

Or Motions Passed by Unanimous Vote of All Congress Fraternities

- 1903 to 1904. 1. No student shall be asked to join a fraternity before she has matriculated.
2. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.
- 1904-1905. 3. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national fraternities in each college where chapters of two or more fraternities exist.
4. Pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.
1907. 5. High School fraternities shall be discountenanced.
1910. 6. Students in a university summer school are ineligible for fraternity pledging.
1913. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year.
- 1912-1913. 7. A girl who breaks her pledge to one fraternity shall not be asked to join another one for one calendar year.
- 1913-1914. 8. No fraternity represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall bid a girl who has been a member of a so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature in a high school, or other school of equivalent standing, whether such society exists openly or secretly.

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

Motion made that the recommendations of the Twelfth Congress concerning Sophomore Pledge be reprinted in the minutes of the Thirteenth Congress. Motion carried.

Recommendation on Sophomore Pledge

"Where Sophomore Pledge is already established we give it our hearty support, but that during the time that Sophomore Pledge is in an experimental form, no additional Pan-Hellenics be encouraged by this Congress, to adopt Sophomore Pledge."

Supplementary report concerning Eligibility and Extension was given by Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Motion made to limit discussion to ten minutes on all topics to follow. Motion carried.

Motion made to commit the recommendation of the Twelfth Congress concerning time and place of 1915 meeting to a definite committee which shall

consider and report to the Grand Presidents on or before November first, and a majority vote of the Grand Presidents shall determine the choice. Motion carried.

Motion made that when a vote of Grand Presidents and their fraternities is asked and the vote is not received within ten days after the final date set when the vote shall be given, and no explanation is received as to the reason for the delay in voting, the Grand President and her fraternity shall forfeit the vote. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Code of Ethics was given. Motion made that the Code be adopted and put into permanent form. Motion carried.

Motion made to hold an informal discussion on the Bulletin. Motion carried.

Motion made to discontinue the Quarterly Bulletin. Motion carried.

Motion made to suspend for one year the last clause (concerning Bulletins) in Art. VII, Sec. 4, of the Constitution. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint the committee to make recommendations to the Grand Presidents concerning time and place of meeting of the Fourteenth Congress.

Motion made to amend by addition that the chair be instructed to appoint a committee of three so chosen as to represent three sections of the country. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

The following report was given by the Committee appointed to consider recommendations from the Committee on City Pan-Hellenics:

Your Committee Recommends—

That the Committee on City Pan-Hellenics be continued and that said committee be authorized to prepare a printed letter to be sent, upon request, to city Pan-Hellenics, this letter to cover the following points:

1. To discourage the organization of city Pan-Hellenics for self-centered interests alone;
2. To encourage them to organize with a view of taking up problems of an educational nature.
 - a. When located in a college town—to assist in solving the problems confronting that college;
 - b. When not located in a college town—to take up such studies as will contribute to a better, a broader, and a higher education for women.

We would further suggest that this letter be accompanied by a résumé of the commendable work of existing Pan-Hellenics along such lines.

L. PEARLE GREEN.

MAY AGNESS HOPKINS.

Motion made to accept this report and to adopt the recommendations as read. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Executive Committee render a decision regarding interpretation of the rules governing a broken pledge. Motion carried.

Miss Corbett presented a set of resolutions concerning the conduct of both the business and social side of the Congress and these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Committees for 1914-15 were then announced as appointed by the chair.

The minutes for the day were read and approved.

Adjournment.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

I. NEW COMMITTEES—TEMPORARY

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega.

Committee on Press—Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. Mullin, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Land, Chi Omega; Miss Armstrong, Alpha Chi Omega.

II. NEW COMMITTEES—PERMANENT

Committee to Study Secrecy of Congress Fraternities—Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Committee to Study Certain Definite Phases of Fraternity Life—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

(Identical with Committee on Conference with College Presidents.)

Committee on Codification—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma.

Committee on Compilation of Material in Fraternity Reference Bureau—Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi.

Committee on Time and Place of Fourteenth Congress—Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Elliott, Phi Mu.

Committee on Recast of Eligibility Matriculation Clause—to be appointed.

III. STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Eligibility—Dr. Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Houlder, Sigma Kappa.

Committee on Extension—Mrs. Campbell, Alpha Omicron Pi; Dr. Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha; Miss Railsback, Delta Zeta.

Committee on Social Customs—Mrs. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta.

Committee on Conference with College Presidents—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics—Mrs. Scarborough, Alpha Delta Pi; Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta; Miss Coltrane, Kappa Delta.

Committee on Recommendations—Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma; Mrs. Elliott, Phi Mu.

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

Executive Committee, 1914-15—Chairman, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Secretary, Miss Lena G. Baldwin, Alpha Xi Delta; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, Chi Omega.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Thirteenth Congress a luncheon was held at the McAlpin Hotel open to members of Congress fraternities and a limited number of guests of the Congress, among whom were brother fraternity officers. The total attendance numbered three hundred and seventy-seven. Mrs. Crann presided and after giving a brief history of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress introduced the members of the incoming Executive Committee.

The luncheon was followed by an open meeting, invitations to which were extended to the faculties and students of Columbia and New York Universities, Barnard, Adelphi and Hunter Colleges, to New York fraternity men, to the friends of New York fraternity women, and to representatives of the press. The following program was given:

Music	Reinald Werrenrath
The Fraternity and Scholarship	James B. Curtis
Music	Marian Alta Taylor and Sara Frances Evans
The Opportunity for College Women in Social Service.....Miss Helen Davis
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The Fraternity and Democracy	Frances H. Sisson
Music	Mildred Ridley
The Fraternity and the University	Albert Wilson
Music	Reinald Werrenrath

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

At the request of the Executive Committee of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress the Grand Presidents of eleven fraternities met at the McAlpin Hotel, New York City, on Wednesday afternoon, October 14. The other Presidents were represented by deputies.

- Pi Beta Phi—Mrs. J. L. Lardner, Deputy.
- Kappa Alpha Theta—Miss L. Pearle Green, Deputy.
- Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. H. B. Mullin, Deputy.
- Alpha Phi—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, Deputy.
- Delta Gamma—Miss Ada M. Brown, President.
- Gamma Phi Beta—Mrs. O. Y. Harsen, President.
- Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. E. R. Loud, President.
- Delta Delta Delta—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, President.
- Alpha Xi Delta—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, President.
- Chi Omega—Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, President.
- Sigma Kappa—Miss Hila Helen Small, President.
- Alpha Omicron Pi—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Deputy.

Zeta Tau Alpha—Dr. May A. Hopkins, President.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, Deputy.

Alpha Delta Pi—Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, President.

Delta Zeta—Miss Martha Railsback, Deputy.

Phi Mu—Miss Nellie S. Hart, President.

Kappa Delta—Miss Jenn Coltrane, President.

Mrs. Loud was made chairman, Mrs. Parmelee, secretary.

Arrangements were made for group conferences of all presidents interested in colleges which for one reason or another invited special consideration. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning were given over to discussion of many sides of fraternity life and service, to the better education of fraternity alumnae in present-day Pan-Hellenism, to the improvement of the "manners and morals" of chapters, and to the inculcation of higher ethical standards for every member.

A Committee on Press was appointed to prepare an article on the Conference of Presidents for use of the Congress Editors. The chair appointed the Editors present, Miss Green, Miss Corbett, and Mrs. Mullin. Several recommendations were made to the Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress. The most tangible recorded result of this Conference is the Code of Ethics for all fraternity women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Assessment levied upon all Congress fraternities is now due and payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Collins.

COLORADO CONVENTIONS

THE EIGHTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF CHI OMEGA

BY ADA CALDWELL

The most unique and probably the most enthusiastic convention Chi Omega has ever known was held at the Chautauqua Grounds, Boulder, Colorado, the last week of June. Yes, it was a camp convention! What an inspiration each girl received! What delightful associations she experienced with her sisters from east, west, north and south! And why did she revel as much in the business sessions as the social life? Because there was an atmosphere of informality which she found irresistible and conducive to wholesome unanimity.

As an open motto Chi Omega has chosen "Hellenic Culture and Christian Ideals", which is interpreted as "Modern Science". As

an added inspiration to this, Ambassador Bryce, in his address to the Bryn Mawr graduates, said, "The solution of the social and economic problems of today rests with the women of our country".

It has been the policy of Chi Omega, in emphasizing this, to suggest that each girl, some time in her college course, study Economics and Sociology. These subjects are of vital importance to her in later life, if she wishes to be of service to the community. Great importance was attached to this by Miss Vaile, Supervisor of the Denver Municipal Charities, whom we had the pleasure of hearing on "Volunteers in Modern Relief", saying:

"It is general that many think a great deal has been accomplished by their lavish giving to an apparently needy family, while a great deal more constructive good might be realized if the gifts were entrusted to the Associated Charities. Through the *Confidential Exchange* the information which other agencies have gleaned from their experiences with a family is made available—to the saving of the visitors' most vital energies. These visitors, women whose sympathies are balanced by experience and judgment, go into a family, win its confidence and secure its coöperation in a thoughtful plan for the economic and moral rehabilitation of the group. The actual relief in money or 'in kind' though often negligible in quantity, is adequate to the need, and always, it is a mere auxiliary to a constructive program. The object is to reëstablish the family, to enable it to resume its place in society, with each member a contributor rather than a burden to the community".

In order to stimulate the interest of college women in this field, the local active chapter of Chi Omega offers a prize of twenty-five dollars for the best essay in the Economic Department, or, in some colleges, for the highest standing attained in that department. This has been very successful.

A Pan-Hellenic program was adopted which invites:

"That the controlling ideals of conduct during the rushing season be the ideals that obtain between all well bred people in their ordinary relations".

The convention endorsed the following National Pan-Hellenic Congress resolutions:

"That members of high school fraternities be barred from college fraternities after nineteen hundred fifteen.

"That the adoption of sophomore pledging in new fields be discouraged until it has been given further trials in the colleges where it is now in force".

Chi Omega's nineteen hundred sixteen convention will be held in New Orleans or Virginia.

One of the most interesting features affirmed by the convention was the fellowship plan whereby Chi Omega intends to supplant, gradually, chaperons by the holders of fellowships. The fellowship consists of residence in a chapter house, having a value of three hundred dollars, to which it is planned to add a small stipend. The holder of the fellowship may take graduate work in a professional department of the university, if she has a college degree.

The hospitality of the convention grounds warranted a most enjoyable time. It would take a great deal of space to enumerate all phases of the social life, so a few will be mentioned with pleasure, as, the reception of the Boulder Pan-Hellenic at the Pi Beta Phi house. They were delightful hostesses.

The Kansas chapter presented the Greek play written by Letty Mae McRoberts of Randolph-Macon. Many compliments were given the girls by college and town people, who were invited, as well as many from Denver.

Probably the most novel and informal entertainment was the beef-steak fry, on the mountain side a mile from the Chautauqua. The girls sauntered up the road, only to be stopped now and then by the "camera man", who trailed them closely, finding so many suitable places for poses that it was no wonder that they showed a ravenous appetite, when they arrived at the "beef-steak camp".

With pleasure and regret we assembled for our banquet in the dining hall, which had been transformed into a beautifully lighted forest. Nearby was the wigwam from which softly emanated many Indian songs so real, that we almost forgot ourselves and lay down to sleep.

And so from the Eighth Biennial Convention of Chi Omega, the inspiration and enjoyment of contact with girls from so many states will forever live in the minds and hearts of each and every delegate.

THE TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

BY CHARLOTTE POWELL GODDARD

A veteran of five conventions naturally falls into reminiscent comparisons, and just as surely concludes that no convention has ever quite equaled that first one which she attended as an overwhelmingly enthusiastic freshman. However, as I muse on the joys and achievements of all these never-to-be-forgotten gatherings, I feel my loyalty to that first one slipping until I am forced to confess "the last the best".

Have you ever attended a convention with its busy interesting sessions? Have you ever had the fun of long free hours outdoors, of rough tramps and horseback rides in the mountains, of stories and your own best loved fraternity songs around a campfire at night? Picture such a combination of business and pleasure, and conceive a happier or more profitable week if you can! Yet this was the good fortune which fell to some two hundred and thirty Kappas at this convention last summer.

Nonessentials in the business sessions were noticeably illuminated, and important problems quickly as well as ably solved. In consequence, time was given for a real spirit of convention to develop. This came very near to being that spirit of fraternity which we all idealize so much without ever realizing. Oh, those days of living together in close companionship in the big homey hotel, for all the world like a big beautiful chapter house,—those days of tramping up a mountain or down to the little village together, of picnicing and motoring in that ideal spot of Colorado's Rockies! Small wonder that that little air of superiority of "my chapter is better than hers" or of "our delegate is certainly much keener than theirs" had little chance of cropping out. Good-will and good-fellowship were in the air for everyone had time to know everybody else, and to know was to like. Even the "old criticizing alums" caught the spirit too, and no terrors of fatty degeneration of the heart nor visions of stiff rheumaticy limbs could prevent them from joining in all the fun and hiking up mountain sides to picnics and camp fires just like those agile athletic "undergrads".

Last August for the first time Kappa departed from her custom of holding convention near, if not directly on a college campus. Undoubtedly, this experiment was a success. But I have in mind that the place chosen was wonderful Estes Park and that there were fifty capable and cordial Colorado girls there bubbling over with the joy of giving those Kappa who had come from such appalling distances, all the fun that could be chucked into a week. Unlike former conventions, too, when the day before the opening session was spent in arriving in a strange city alone or in small numbers throughout the day, we took our special train out of Denver to Lyons early in the morning, and motored up the magnificent St. Vrain to the park all at one time. And that night occurred another unusual convention event. After dinner with its clever and hospitable welcoming speeches when the huge golden key to Estes Park appropriately tied with light and dark blue was turned over to us, we all took part in the installation of a new chapter. For ten of the

successful petitioners had come from the University of Oklahoma for this purpose. Again, we were together the entire day after convention, motoring down the beautiful Big Thompson, stopping over in Boulder to see the university and the chapter home of the Colorado girls and to lunch with the Boulder Pan-Hellenic Association. Arriving in Denver, we were motored around to view the beauties of this queen city of the west, finally to be set down at the charmingly cordial tea given by our friends, your own Gamma Phis. And thus ended a full and happy second extra day.

The Kappas of the entertaining chapter, having shifted the responsibility of baggage transfers, board and rooms to the ever willing and capable shoulders of the genial host of the hotel, were free to spend time and energy in being real hostesses. Among many unusual entertainments, none was more successful than that seemingly impossible thing—a manless dance. Everyone looked excitedly forward to the Ball Masque, but little did she dream of the fun in store. Imagine, after wondering and wondering, the joy of discovering that that adorable little girl was Mrs. So-and-so, the reserved delegate from ——— Alumnae Association, in her own young daughter's best dress and hair ribbons! Who could have guessed that that foolish crowd of capering clowns was the august governing body of the Kappa fraternity! Or that the monkey was the reincarnation of one of the convention secretaries!

Did all this fun amount to merely a matter of recreation? Can you not see, as I did, through all this the growing understanding between everyone and an appreciation of what's good in everyone? A spirit of "don't you like her"! and "isn't she fine"! instead of some adverse critical attitude? As I look back to that wonderful week in the heart of the snowcapped Rockies, it seems to me that all unconsciously, surroundings and circumstances combined to teach us the worth of real appreciation and of real loyalty. It permeated the atmosphere. We breathed it in and it refreshed and invigorated us as did the tonic from those world-old pines on the mountain sides. So must it have been carried back to homes and colleges, where it must just as surely broaden into a keener and more democratic appreciation and loyalty to all things good and true outside the intimate circle of Kappa Kappa Gamma. For the "best convention" then, go to Estes Park where nature calls to comradeship, the call that brings forth the best in you and makes you see only the best in those of your chosen land.

As I read over what I have written, I notice my excessive use of superlatives. But then enthusiasm demands superlatives. I seek

in vain for just and adequate expression. Just take your next convention to Estes Park and you will understand my dilemma. However, I give your editor carte blanche to "blue pencil" without mercy this effusion of enthusiasm and at the same time I promise to remain her friend.

OVER THE FRONTIER

BY EMMA F. LOWD

No one who went abroad during the summer of 1914, can ever forget the thirty-first of July and the early days of August.

For a week previous to these dates, a growing uneasiness existed everywhere. In Germany it was particularly marked. Bulletins, appearing simultaneously in all parts of the city, posted by unseen hands, gave us, in Stuttgart, daily and finally hourly news of the progress of events. "Germany's Ally, Austria, is at war." "Germany must help her Ally." "Russia is mobilizing and will not explain the reason for it." "If we have to fight Russia, we must fight France." "What will England do?" With this last question, there appeared to be a hope that England would do nothing.

On the evening of July twenty-seventh, a secret council was called at the Rathhaus. The next morning mobilization was so well-recognized a possibility, that people began to purchase supplies of staple articles of food sufficient to last for a period of three weeks. The troops of Wurtemberg would pass through Stuttgart, the capital city. Provisions would be needed and would be taken for the soldiers. Before noon of the twenty-eighth, gold became scarce. It was practically impossible to obtain it. On the twenty-ninth, the supply of flour in the wholesale houses was reported exhausted. The thirtieth passed with increased tension and anxiety, for the Kaiser was already back in Berlin, active in affairs of state.

Late in the afternoon of the thirty-first, the telephone rang to give us the message that the King of Wurtemberg had signed a proclamation, promulgating the Kaiser's declaration that Germany was "in a state of war". One American woman listened intently as the message was repeated, looked at the white tense faces of her friends, and said, "Then I must go tonight." The reply came back, "Yes, you can go tonight. The trains will not be interfered with. Tomorrow, there may be no passenger service to the frontier."

Packing was hastily completed. The next thing to do was to buy a ticket, and to arrange for the handling of luggage. The choice of routes lay between Italy and the northern countries, preferably Holland. France was at once ruled out. As we were

leaving the house, the glimmering of what war might mean came sharply home to us. The old butter woman came with her weekly supply of butter. She apologized for the small amount, on the ground that she had been obliged to give some to the soldiers. Her grief-stricken countenance caused us to question her of her trouble. The story was one now only too common in the warring countries. She had three sons, no one else in the world. One had received word to go on the first day of mobilization, another on the second day, the third was to go when called. We felt that this must be the beginning of the desolation of war.

At the ticket office, the American lady asked for a ticket to Brussels. As her visit in Germany was interrupted, it seemed to her to be an advantageous time to turn toward Belgium and Holland, countries which she had never visited. When the clerk handed her a ticket to Amsterdam, she accepted it and paid for it, all the while musing, "I asked for a ticket to Brussels, but it doesn't matter. I can do as I please when I reach Amsterdam." Yet it did not occur to her to demur. Such is the power of the German mind over feebler intellects.

We ate dinner in the Stadtgarten which had been, a few short weeks before, converted into Exposition grounds. Germany was exposition mad last summer. We watched the quietly shifting crowds, saw calm but eager greetings and farewells, listened to the stirring music of the military band, playing "Deutschland über Alles", and finally rose to sing with the people, "Die Wacht am Rhein". Perhaps the American sang with as much feeling as any German there. Another chapter in life closed; a new chapter in history opened.

With her heart full of enthusiasm for Germany as embodied in the German people, the American went out into the night, in the train for the North. Still feeling for the people she had left behind, yet with a heart on fire for her Anglo-Saxon cousins, she reached England four days later. A strange combination of feelings! The situation was strange, unique. One moved on, with home as the goal, seeing on all sides preparations for war, or against it, looking, wondering, receiving new impressions in each new environment, without conscious reasoning, or thought of the seeming inconsistency in the rapidly changing viewpoints. Perhaps the strongest impression of all that one carried out of Germany in those first days was that the Germans did not want to fight, but felt that war might be forced upon them in self-defense. In fact, that is the cry that comes to us over the water, "We did not want war, Germany did not want war, but the enemy invaded our land. We had to fight."

The train that left Stuttgart on that memorable night was crowded to more than its regular capacity. The panic had not begun. Foreigners had not been ordered out. Nearly all the passengers were Germans returning from curtailed vacations, students returning from Tübingen, going perhaps in response to the call to arms. Here and there were groups of three or four English tourists, and three other Americans. In the compartment with our American woman were seven men, five of them students, not one of them over twenty years of age. All the men slept more or less during the night; the woman, not at all. There was little conversation even when the men did not sleep. The corridors were packed with people, so closely that there was no floor space left. Some stood all night, or sat on their bags and rugs, sleeping fitfully from sheer exhaustion.

On station platforms, trucks were piled high with the small packages which the soldiers were allowed to take from home. Everywhere the people moved quietly, but purposefully. As the night wore on the impression grew of a nation standing at attention. At stations, at intervals along the line of the road, in the shadows of buildings, the light revealed forms of men in uniform, in military uniform, already on guard in the service of their country. The train passed through Cologne about half past eight in the morning, not more than two hours late. There was no sign of the excitement that was to come in the afternoon of that day. After a while, one lost trace of time in its relation to train service. The train had been scheduled to run through to Amsterdam, but at Emmerich came the order to Umsteigen. We dragged ourselves out of the cramped positions of the night, trailed across a line of tracks, and packed ourselves into another train less comfortable than the first one. This may have been about noon. No one had had anything to eat. A futile attempt was made to get some sandwiches. Then, just as the train seemed about to start, we were ordered out again, and made to drag ourselves and our bags through a room where we were looked over by German officials, doubtless to discover if we were alien enemies. Back to the train once more we went, to find even less comfortable quarters than before. No one really complained of anything except the heat. By this time we should have been in Amsterdam, but in reality we were many miles, and hours, away.

The train crawled and bumped along until it arrived at Zevanaar on the Holland side of the frontier. Here again, we left the train. This time to undergo a regular examination by the customs officials. It required a long time to settle all cases, although the examination was, in many cases, purely perfunctory. When we were once more

in the train, one or two of our previous companions had disappeared. Of one, a so-called German, professing to have come from a German town on the Russian frontier, we were told that he had remained behind because he could not find his baggage. In the light of later events, one might infer that he was officially detained.

During the afternoon, more time was spent waiting for other trains to be moved, or to make connections, than in moving toward our destination. Often troop trains passed us, even in Holland, for Holland began to move her troops on August first. At last, after a long, tedious stop in the blazing sun, at a very small station, we were hurried into the train. All the windows were closed, the curtains were drawn; and we were locked into our compartments. This seemed almost the last straw. Every one gasped, and looked wildly around for some means of letting in fresh air. Meantime the train started, ran rapidly for a few yards, and stopped in the middle of a high trestle bridge. Another gasp! Someone, a German, daringly pushed aside a corner of the curtain. There, under the shelter of a low shedlike structure, sat, with their guns across their knees, a company of Dutch soldiers, guarding the bridge! It was a sight well worth the seeing. After that, at every station we passed, soldiers were either drawn up in line by the station, or lounging conspicuously, with studied carelessness, in full view of the train.

Between seven and eight o'clock in the evening, the train reached Amsterdam with a tired and hungry crowd of passengers. Our American friend was not long in finding out that few foreigners were planning to remain on the continent. It mattered not to many whether they had planned to stay longer or not. The one desire seemed to be to reach England as soon as possible. Every boat train was reported to be the last for an indefinite period. Having made the acquaintance of two other Americans, our lady decided that discretion was still the better part of valor, gave up her independent ideas about traveling through Holland and Belgium, merely to maintain her right to do so, boarded the train for the Hook of Holland, twenty-four hours after arriving in the country. Such is the stuff that dreams are made of!

WAR EXPERIENCES

BY ELIZABETH HESSLER (Theta '12)

Last week, I entered a small curio store on Broadway in an attempt to match a piece of Satsuma ware which I purchased a few years ago. The proprietor, in apologizing for the meagerness of his supply of Japanese china, explained that since the war broke out, little merchandise had been shipped from Japan as few ships were available, and as the small dealer felt unable to risk the loss of his order. A friend who was with me, remarked that this condition would probably prevail for an indefinite period, an opinion which is generally held throughout England at least.

"Ah, no," he replied, "the war came up like a puff of wind; no one expected it. Perhaps, it may go away as suddenly."

"No one expected it"—if I were able to count to infinity, I am sure I could not enumerate the times I have heard this phrase repeated since the first of August, and yet, excluding the diplomatic circles, it best expresses the popular state of mind. Before the world had become cognizant of the horror and suffering of this Titanic struggle, it was the unexpectedness that caught the breath and left the majority of us momentarily paralyzed.

I was travelling in Germany during the latter part of July with a friend, Delphine Shader, one of our Theta Gamma Phis, and her mother. We had sent our heavy luggage on to Paris from London, and were travelling leisurely on the continent expecting to spend a couple of months in Switzerland and Italy before going to Paris for the winter. We reached Berlin on Monday, the twenty-seventh of July, having spent the previous week in the Rhine district. In Heidelberg, we had heard rumors of the Austrian-Servian trouble, but had paid no particular attention to the reports even going so far as to plan a trip to Vienna.

Riding along Unter den Linden to our hotel, we were amazed to find so many people on the streets. Our first question upon arriving at the hotel, was the reason for so great a crowd.

"The people are waiting for the war reports," the porter informed us.

"What war?" we gasped simultaneously, each one experiencing terrifying visions of a desperate struggle between the United States and Mexico.

"Americans are always Americans when startled," I heard a Scotchman once remark. I smile now when I recall how quickly our fears were allayed when we were informed that the war reports were not from our own country but from Austria.

We spent the next few days quietly in Berlin, moving from the hotel to a pension where we had the friendly companionship of Austrians, Germans and Americans. War was the constant topic of conversation when we met at table. Speculation was rife as to whether or not Germany would enter into the war, yet I believe few thought that such an event would actually take place. We had with us a German lieutenant on leave of absence. During the rush, he was ordered to report for duty, and though we knew that other officers had been similarly recalled, still we regarded the procedure as simply a precautionary measure.

On the streets, the excitement was greater. The war reports were eagerly awaited; great crowds gathered in front of the Palace and Austrian Embassy; martial music floated out from the cafés, one became aware of a certain tenseness in the atmosphere, a feeling of expectancy born of an ill-suppressed desire to become a part of the conflict. On Saturday, the first of August, came "the puff of wind." The Kaiser had learned that Russia was mobilizing, and had sent his telegram to the Czar demanding an explanatory answer within twelve hours to be followed, if the reply proved unsatisfactory, by the immediate mobilization of the German army. (This is as it was explained to us in Berlin.) From the American Embassy came the advice to leave for Switzerland, while we had the opportunity, since we had planned to travel in that direction any way. Even with this precaution from recognized authority, war to us, then, seemed very far from becoming a reality.

Our train left Berlin at four-thirty. We arrived at the station about an hour before the time set for departure, and, immediately, became a part of a jostling, pushing, anxious crowd. Before the train backed into the station, the platform was jammed with people. We were so close together that we were propped up without voluntary effort. The train had not slackened speed before men, women, and children were crowding and pushing each other up the steps. I was separated from the rest of our party and pushed into the corner seat of a stuffy, smoking compartment by a portly German. His admonition of "Sitzen Sie ruhig," was utterly unnecessary. I was in so tight I could never have been pried out, while he remained together with his portly wife and the rest of his portly countrymen.

Before the train left the station, every inch of the interior was utilized. No tickets were collected; first, second, or third class compartments were open to all. Seats usually holding four, were forced to accommodate twice that number. There was no aisle space and some passengers rode in the windows. Thus we travelled to Dresden, alighting there about ten o'clock, the train being refilled with Austrians returning to Vienna to enlist.

The crowd had been so great when we left Berlin that we were not permitted to take our suit cases with us into our compartment. At Dresden, an excited search through the contents of the van revealed no trace of our luggage. We stopped at a hotel near the station over night, spending the greater part of the following day in the baggage room of the station imploring the over-taxed officials to give us some clue to our lost belongings.

Perhaps, if we had resumed travelling on Sunday, we should have been able to reach Switzerland, but we were diffident about travelling without hand luggage. On Monday, the railway was turned over to the army, and the trains used exclusively for transporting soldiers and military supplies. By the time civilians were again permitted the use of the railway, Switzerland was sending all foreigners out of the country, so we remained in Dresden during August. The German railway officials claim that they never lose a piece of baggage. They proved this statement for us, at least, for our missing suit cases, which were without claim checks, were returned to us from Austria during the latter part of August.

Much has been written about the organization of the German army. It's wonderful, if machine-like efficiency was admirably illustrated during the mobilization. Everything was ready, every man knew just what to do. The mobilization began on Monday; for two weeks there was a constant stream of soldiers passing through Dresden. Day and night, the trains rolled through the station carrying soldiers, guns, omnibuses, ambulances, and the unique cook stoves which follow the army, and, in which a fire is almost constantly burning. On Sunday, we read the Kaiser's proclamation of war in the newspapers; on Monday, there was not a motor-bus left in Dresden. Already, they had been sent to the front for the use of the army.

Every hour of the day and night, volunteers poured into Dresden, each man carrying the inevitable pasteboard box under his arm. I think I shall never see a suitcase again that I shall not recall those constantly gathering hordes of soldiers. The baggy, gray, green suits and heavy boots appeared as if by magic. We saw rooms filled to the ceiling with boots and clothing. The pasteboard box was replaced by the leather army kit, and new hordes with more pasteboard boxes appeared.

This was war indeed, and only a week before we had not dreamed that such a thing would come to pass. In the days that followed, we became acquainted with a more intimate side of this perfectly adjusted piece of machinery. The side which has to do with the affections of these flawlessly drilled men of war, the emotional side which I hear is absolutely nihil on the field of battle.

During the first week, one might almost say that the people were drunk with the excitement of war. Practically, everyone lived on the streets. The soldiers were constantly passing in and out of the city always singing, the onlookers either joining in their songs or cheering them lustily. Then the husbands, fathers, brothers, and lovers of Dresden began to be summoned to the front. The constant tramp of feet continued day and night. The soldiers sang, the crowds cheered; but now, mothers, wives and sweethearts accompanied the divisions to the station, the officers' women folk coming in carriages, the privates' on foot, often walking in the street beside the departing troops; and, when the trains pulled out, the waving occupants left behind them white-faced women, some sobbing convulsively, others dry-eyed, but heart breakingly tense.

After this, we never saw a company of flower-decked soldiers tramp by that we did not mentally picture the white-faced women who were fighting even a harder battle at home. But they would not have held them back, these women, even if they had been able. One mother sent eight sons to the war and regretted that she could not give more, yet for each, there was a tearful prayer that he might return to her unharmed.

Until the time that England entered the war, we had not experienced any apprehension as to the possibility of not being able to leave Germany as soon as the mobilization had ceased. England's decision put a new light upon the situation. Germany became aware of England's declaration of war sometime during the night of August fourth. I came down to breakfast on the morning of the fifth and was met by Fräulein Julia, a German friend. I was surprised to see that she had been crying for generally she was particularly self-possessed and unemotional. The thought had scarcely flashed through my mind when she again burst into tears.

"Oh, Fräulein," she pleaded, putting her arms around me, "do not go out in the streets today. The people are mad, they do not know what they do. Last night, England declared war against us, and the people have been on the streets all night. They will take you to be English and they are crazy. Ah, we shall never come out of this."

This was the first time I had heard a pessimistic note as to the outcome of the war. After this a dubious attitude became more common, but was not prevalent by any means. Breakfast that morning was a very solemn, non-communicative meal. I remember one gentleman tipped over a glass of water. The clink of the glass, as it struck the table, was instantly followed by a woman's scream. Every one jumped from his chair. Although we Americans did not share the same anxieties as the English and Germans, our own prob-

lems arising from the prospect of an indefinite sojourn in Germany, were beginning to play upon our nerves. Before the meal was concluded, several police officers had appeared, and one or more occupants of various tables had been quietly asked to withdraw from the breakfast room.

In spite of Fräulein Julia's advice, we went out on the streets that morning as we had been requested to call at the consulate for our passports. We wore American flags pinned to our coat lapels, however, and were very careful to follow the admonition not to speak English on the streets, taking special precaution to give wide berth to every passing German lest, in some way, we might anger him by accidental crowding. All the English signs were being torn down from the buildings or painted out, we discovered as we walked through the business section. I do not know how the English felt about it, but I know that I found it exceedingly difficult to conceal my resentment when we passed by a building from which several men were removing the sign, "Hotel New York." Later in the week, this sign was restored.

The days that followed witnessed demonstrations that are not to the credit of the better class of Germans. I had seen a coal strike in our own country bring about the same uncomplimentary conditions. England's decision changed the already excited crowds into reasonless mobs, who jumped at the most absurd conclusions, and followed willy-nilly any momentary leader. For the mob in these first few days, all foreigners were English spies. Fuel was added to this suspicion at the time by the arrest of several English and Russian spies. Many serious mistakes were made, but some of the victims who had not suffered serious discomfiture, perceived the ludicrous side of their plight. One of our countrywomen, a heavy-set commanding woman was arrested as an English spy, the officer informing her that he perceived by her face and her feet that she was a man dressed in woman's attire. Her indignant, high-pitched denial established her identity both as a woman and an American.

The police made every effort to suppress mob violence. Warnings were printed in the newspapers and bills posted on all public buildings admonishing the people to treat all strangers with courtesy, to report suspicious actions to the police rather than to indulge in individual punishment of the offender. With the exception of the citizens of neutral countries, all foreigners were compelled to make daily reports to the police; neutral citizens were also registered at the police headquarters but were subject to no restrictions; the police in their turn made daily trips to all the hotels and pensions, carefully examining the registers, and informing themselves of the habits of all guests. In our hotel, the proprietor, if desired, ac-

accompanied his guests to headquarters, and aided them many times in the tiresome and sometimes difficult cross-questioning. This courtesy, he extended to the citizens of the allied nations fighting against Germany as well as to the citizens of the neutral countries, making almost daily trips with a wealthy Russian manufacturer who was detained as a prisoner of war. This man, with his wife and four small children, was travelling in Switzerland at the opening of hostilities. While the railways were still transporting the citizens of all nations, they attempted to reach the Russian frontier traveling for forty-eight hours in a third-class compartment without food, only to miss the last train from Russian Poland by one hour.

The practically incessant tramp of feet continued throughout the month of August. One division after another left Dresden for the different firing lines. Each day fewer men were seen on the streets and some of the smaller shops were closed. The women took up the work of the Red Cross, and always, in the shops, at the concerts, in the homes, one heard the steady click of the knitting needles as the gray woolen socks were shaped. A German victory was heralded by the tolling of bells; flags and bunting appeared upon all buildings, public and private, and the statues of various war heroes were decorated with wreaths and garlands of flowers.

When civilians were again permitted to travel, I went back to Berlin for a few days. Ordinarily, the journey is made in about two hours and a half. We spent eight hours and a half on the road in going to Berlin and the return trip took exactly ten hours. Soldiers were stationed along the track at intervals varying from one half to three-fourths of a mile. On the bridges were two guards. At every station, our passports were examined, and the train held until word was received to proceed to the next station. At intervals, we were sidetracked, and after waiting a few minutes, would be passed by a trainload of soldiers. The trains were generally decorated with green, leafy boughs and wild flowers, and always there would be a group of close cropped heads at the windows.

In Berlin, contrary to the custom followed by the smaller towns, all the galleries and museums were open, and the public life carried on as far as possible as in time of peace. Many of the large shops were forced to move all of their merchandise to the first and second floors on account of a shortage of clerks. Fares on the street cars were now collected by women who had fallen heir to the occupation as well as the accompanying blue cap and coat of brother, father, or husband. The people still clamored for the war reports and assembled before the palaces at night, but now, to the excitement, was added the anxiety of war.

One night a great crowd, composed mostly of men, was gathered before the Palace of the Crown Prince, singing and shouting. The Crown Princess appeared upon an upper balcony and was greeted with wild cheering. When the tumult had subsided, she requested the men to withdraw, explaining that on account of the noise, the children were unable to sleep. A ringing cheer followed her request, and then someone started the German lullaby, "Schlafen Sie Mädchen, Schlafen Sie Wohl." The crowd took up the refrain, substituting "Prinzen" for "Mädchen." The melody concluded, the group quietly dispersed. Having heard nothing but such martial airs as "Die Wacht am Rhein" or "Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles," for weeks this gentle lullaby brought tears alike to the eyes of the onlookers and participants.

Soon after the arrival of the American commission from the *Tennessee* in Berlin, we secured tickets on one of the three trains arranged to transport Americans from Germany into Holland. In Rotterdam, until securing passage to England, we slept in a printing establishment where beds of straw had been arranged on the cement floor to accommodate the great influx of Americans. Upon arriving in London, we heard another side of the war both from the English and French, and from the Belgium refugees who were then beginning to invade England.

Both sides, undoubtedly, have their faults and grievances. We met many Americans, even sympathizing strongly with the Allies, and as many others completely deaf to anything but the German side. On one subject, however, there was unanimity, and that was the neutrality of the United States, "Which," I heard one feminine traveller exclaim, "I shall pray will continue to the end of the world."

IMPORTANT

ACTIVE CHAPTERS PLEASE NOTE

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

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

All eighteen fraternities represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress have now adopted the above ruling. There has been some

trouble about the meaning of "accept or retain" in the second part of the ruling and about "so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature" in the first part.

"Accept or retain means that any girl who has joined a high school sorority *before* September 1915 must resign all connection with it before she is eligible for a college fraternity; any girl who joins *after* September 1915 is not eligible under any circumstances for a college fraternity.

The present executive committee of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress is preparing a statement which will explain what the Congress means by "High School sorority". The notice sent out to school superintendents and principals says, "The college fraternities will adhere strictly to the ruling, and will not sustain any of the evasion of either the spirit or the letter of the ruling such as are now practiced in many schools where the Board has already ruled against the so-called sorority." Until Mrs. Parmelee sends out the Executive Committee's report I cannot say much more. But I warn you to be very strict in interpreting the rule, so that their may be no complaints against Gamma Phi. Find out first, after this, before you rush a girl at all, whether she belongs to a high school society of any sort. If such society is anything but an ordinary literary, musical or debating club, ask advice of your local Pan-Hellenic at once. Each local Pan-Hellenic ought to prepare a list of high school sororities in its own region so that you may all know the forbidden societies as far as possible. When you discover a new one, have it put on the list. You remember that our last convention passed this rule, and agreed to live up to it whether any other college fraternity passed it or not. I hope we may fulfill the compact in this spirit, and judging from the letters I have had, some chapters are already doing their full duty in the matter.

2. I want to remind you again of the fact that our 1913 Convention passed the following. "In all schools and colleges where the matter is not settled by the college or the Pan-Hellenic, initiates shall have passed four-fifths of the work required for the first semester." This means second semester initiation unless there is some local rule about scholarship requirements for initiation.

UNA WINTERBURN HARSEN.



In the olden times a baby chapter needed to be coached in chapter duties and chapter efficiency; nowadays, the infant springs fully equipped from the brain of Organization. Pi has needed no A B C books to teach her Gamma Phi spirit and Gamma Phi ideals; she has displayed from the first a precocity that has augured much for future achievement. January is far removed from June, and our *public* welcome is long deferred; but it is no less cordial and no less enthusiastic for Pi has had time to prove herself and to show us just how wise we were to grasp the opportunity she offered us. We have been sending good wishes and congratulations for months, but you won't mind, baby chapter, if we toast you again with an oft-repeated "May you live long and prosper!"

Oh sorores, convenite, ut cantemus Gamma Phi.

Mu is painting with inspired pen the wonders of Asilomar and in the words of the immortal Claude "Dost like the picture?" Surely there can be no more beautiful setting for our gathering of 1915 unless—and here speaketh the loyal Coloradoan—it be in the heart of the Rockies. Sometime we of Theta hope to welcome you all as our own particular guests, but as Kipling says—"That is another story."

All roads will indeed lead to California in 1915, and to wearers of the Crescent, California and California Gamma Phis will prove an irresistible combination. Certain it is that these same California sisters are doing everything to make the coming convention the most memorable in our history, and the proverbial straws point toward achievement in many lines. Why shouldn't it be Gamma Phi Beta's greatest convention? We are meeting our needs with wisdom and foresight; we have awakened to the fact that our sorority must play her part in social service if she would be a factor in the wider life outside her bond; we all agree that

loyalty to our own organization goes hand in hand with service to others. Certain it is that in the 1915 convention, Gamma Phi Beta will go on record for some definite philanthropic work.

But the distinctive feature of this gathering, the greatest charm to many of us, is the fact that it is a camp convention—that we are to have every opportunity to know each other. Former conventions have been truly wonderful, but they have caught us in the whirl of business sessions and social functions until only “between acts” could we signal our fellow delegates. This time we shall all be under one roof, so to speak; we shall be in the open, and the free informal life will break down barriers of conventionality, will bring us into the closest companionship and understanding.

Here’s to the camp convention—may it come to stay, for it’s one of the splendid new things which are destined for Gamma Phi.

*When the red-roofed Quads of Stanford
 Fade into the evening sky,
 There are sisters wisely planning
 For the good of Gamma Phi,
 For the wind is in the palm trees
 And the chimes they sweetly cry,
 “Come and join us at Convention,
 Come and sing of Gamma Phi.”*

A prospection convention gives a splendid opportunity for the editor to launch forth upon the well-known “Advice in Choosing a Delegate”—with a fourthly, and fifthly and even a seventhly. But behold—the tempting topic is heroically put aside, or rather condensed into a single brief plea. Choose one to represent you whose name will not merely adorn the register, but whose personality will leave its impress, one who has opinions and is not afraid to speak them; one who will go on record for activity not passivity; in short, *one who will be remembered.*

*“Come and sing of Gamma Phi,
 For, for her we’ll live and die;”
 Can’t you hear Convention ringing
 Till the echoes reach the sky?
 Oh, there’s love for Gamma Phi,
 And the sisters gathered by,
 Glad will raise their voices singing
 ’Neath the silent evening sky.*

Not often does Fate bestow charm, tact and understanding upon a single person, but the capricious lady has smiled upon Gamma Phi with the gift of a visiting delegate who combines these very qualities in a marked degree. Katharine Taney Silverson will have become the friend of many of you ere this magazine goes to print and will have established herself as "guide and philosopher" of the active chapters. More than any other factor, her visitations will promote the nationalism which we so desire and her wise counsel will do much toward solving any particular problem that may vex and puzzle.

*Come and strengthen friendship's tie,
Come and learn of Gamma Phi,
Where the crescent moon is shining,
In the California sky.*

Colorado was the scene of two Greek-letter gatherings during the summer. Chi Omega met at Boulder and Kappa Kappa Gamma chose Estes Park as a convention ground. Miss Ada Caldwell, the newly elected vice-president of Chi Omega and former president of the Denver Woman's Pan-Hellenic, a loyal and capable fraternity member tells us of Chi Omega's achievements; while Mrs. Richard H. Goddard writes of Kappa's glorious time. Mrs. Goddard is chairman of the Students' Aid Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma; her enthusiasm for the organization is traditional, her zeal in its behalf is unbounded.

*List you all to the words of Mu,
Far from the land where skies are blue,
Come to Convention, and this means you!*

We, or to be accurate, Omicron is to have the joy of initiating Alida Helen Moss, daughter of Frances E. Haven Moss and the only daughter of a founder to be a Gamma Phi. Think of the possibilities in this particular freshman, with all her heritage of love, loyalty and labor!

*Dropping, dropping, dropping—hear the pennies fall,
Save them for Convention, you will need them all!*

Gamma Phi Beta sends warmest congratulations and best wishes to Margaret Brittingham, daughter of our loyal Mary Clark Brit-

tingham, who on October 5, 1914, was married to Mr. Bryan Seaborne Reid. Mr. and Mrs. Reid are at home in Ashland, Wisconsin.

*You alumna, who's seeking the Fountain of Youth,
Just come to Convention—you'll find it, forsooth!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The usual announcement heads the list, please read it. Send all chapter letters and personals to Mrs. Graham; everything else to the editor.

The March issue of THE CRESCENT will be "Who's Who Number" and will give our readers short biographies of those Gamma Phis included in *Woman's Who's Who*, (by the way, there are twenty-seven of us in that publication, instead of fourteen); and several articles by those engaged in various vocations.

Remember that the treasurer made certain requests of you in the last issue of the magazine.

Life subscriptions are again and still in order.

The College Fraternity Reference Bureau has issued a pamphlet "College Fraternities" by Andrew S. White, former president of Cornell University and former United States Ambassador to Germany, which handles the much discussed question in a most convincing way and quite riddles the arguments of antagonists. The closing sentence indicates the author's stand and summarizes his article. "The true question is: Are the fraternities as a fact under all the circumstances of the case, more powerful for evil than for good? My contention is that they reduce certain inevitable evils in college life to a minimum, that they produce good in many ways, and that, when college authorities deal with them in a large-minded spirit, they can be made to do still more good."

This pamphlet may be obtained at 15 cents from Wm. C. Levere, Box 254, Evanston, Ill. and should be in the library of each Greek-letter organization.

A Pan-Hellenic encyclopedia, entitled "Leading Greeks" is in process of compilation. This work is to be a biographical dictionary of the prominent workers in college fraternities and will give personal sketches of notable Greek-letter members, both men and

women, who have obtained honor not only in their own organizations, but in the outside world. Mr. William C. Levere, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the editor. Regarding Mr. Levere, the following clipping from the Evanston *Daily News* is of interest:

Perhaps there is no better example among the people we know and associate with in Evanston, one who, in fact, is more widely known for certain unique qualities of head and heart, than William C. Levere. He is a man of quality—in respect of birth, breeding and education. His education, indeed, is an example of what his university days can do for a man, and to his academical accomplishments have been added from the native impulses of his heart a generous disposition that attracts to him the warm sympathies of friends everywhere.

Levere belongs to the "Who's Who" family, for, although but a comparatively young man, he has attained eminence in the political field as well as in authorship, which places him in the ranks of those who, it is said, "have accomplished some worthy achievement." The productions of his pen have been especially noteworthy—tales, plays, collections of poems—besides numerous contributions to the press on sociological and historical subjects. But his chief distinction, and the work that has occupied his attention in the largest degree, has been the writing of works pertaining to the Greek-letter fraternities. The most notable of these works is "The History of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity" in three large volumes, numerous other books for the same order, and he is now engaged upon a work to be entitled, "Leading Greeks," referring to prominent persons in the fraternities. Levere is to be classed, according to Emerson's phrase, as "one of Plutarch's men."

The editor calls the attention of CRESCENT readers to the following announcement and asks that if possible, all subscriptions to magazines be sent through Miss Herbert.

Kathryn Herbert (Theta '16) 1921 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colo., will receive subscriptions to all leading magazines at the publisher's prices. Orders will receive prompt attention.

Please pay your January tax promptly. We need the money to settle obligations.

Will subscribers please bear in mind that no further numbers will be sent until the subscriptions for 1915 are paid.

The business manager wishes to thank those who so kindly assisted in giving the correct addresses of the names published in the last

issue. Another list is given below and the business manager will appreciate any assistance given.

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 letters *must* be in her hands by February 15.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

How the months have sped by since college opened in September! It hardly seems possible that Christmas is nearly here; and after that mid-years, and the year will be half over.

Rushing season seems very long ago now, but we know you will be interested to hear about our pledglings. There were many interesting complications this year, but with her usual success, Gamma Phi carried off the prize, in the shape of seventeen splendid freshmen: Caroline and Elizabeth Archbold, Johanna Potter, Dorothy Foster, Dorothy Riemer, Irene Cuykendall, Mildred Stanley, Syracuse; Cornelia Banks, Patterson, N. Y.; Helen Carr, New York City; Muriel Breeds, Fulton, N. Y.; Alice Kenyon, Geneva, O.; Marguerite Woodruff, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary Delavan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Agnes Ayres, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Elizabeth Campbell, Baldwinsville, N. Y.; Olivia Bigelow, Baldwinsville, N.Y.; and Janet Low, Utica, N. Y.

Already our freshmen have begun to go out on "the hill," and to show that they have the true Gamma Phi spirit. At the first meeting of the freshman class organization, "Joie" Potter was elected chairman; Marguerite Woodruff, secretary; and Muriel Breeds, chairman of the Finance Committee. Helen Carr tried out and made the position of cheerleader. Four of the freshmen made glee club; and Joie Potter and Alice Kenyon have already begun to distinguish themselves in freshman athletics.

All of the girls are taking a more serious view of their responsibilities this year, studying harder and entering into all college affairs with new zest and enthusiasm. This is especially true since Mrs. Silverson's visit proved a real inspiration for us all to get out "on the hill", and do things for Gamma Phi. We have been wondering ever since her departure how Gamma Phi has managed to get along for so many years without a visiting delegate. Not only did Mrs. Silverson make a real friend of every Alpha girl, but she left with us just the advice and lasting inspiration that we needed, and thus helped us to remedy every weak point. Our motto now is to work for Gamma Phi and to prove beyond doubt where we stand in Syracuse.

Many of our girls are already active in college organizations. Gladys Fearon, '15, is chairman of the Y. W. C. A. social service committee. Flora Judd, '16, is also on the small cabinet of Y. W. C. A., Helen Codling, '16, Fannie Helner, '16, Letitia Price, '16, Ruth Caulkins, '16, Dorothy Keeney, '17, Marian Whitford, '16, and Dorothy Potter, '15, are on the large cabinet. Dorothy Buck, '17, and Marian Whitford, '16, are on the small board of Woman's League. Dorothy Buck is vice-president of the sophomore class and Marian Whitford is treasurer of Woman's League. Dorothy Potter is also on the Athletic governing board. Fannie Helner is president of glee club. Amelia Mansfield, '16, and Jean Leete, '16, are associate editors of the *Onondagan*. Many of the other girls are taking an active interest in all their activities.

On October 23, we held initiation for Katherine Davenport, '17, and Ruth Caulkins, '16, both of whom have been pledged since last year.

Our annual freshman dance, held in the chapter house, October 28, was a great success. It is our custom to invite to this dance only freshman men, so that our freshmen have an opportunity to meet as many of their classmates as possible.

A great many alumnae were back for the Fortieth Anniversary banquet, November 13. Plates were laid for one hundred and six, including the freshmen who were allowed to stay until the toasts. Mrs. Palmer, '81, was toastmistress and the following toasts were given:

And It Came To Pass.....	E. Adeline Curtis, '78
The First Milestone.....	Mary Whitford, '81
The Second Milestone.....	Ida Saxton Wilcox, '93
The Third Milestone.....	Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, '99
The Fourth Milestone.....	Hilda Grossman, '12
Leagues Ahead.....	Helen Buckman, '15

Several pledges toward the house fund were made.

Miss Jean Marie Richards, our Dean of Women, has recently returned from a summer abroad, and several mass meetings have been held to arouse interest in relief supplies for the Belgians. Several of our girls are industriously knitting mufflers for the wounded soldiers.

All the girls of the university are invited to gather in the gymnasium every Saturday night to knit, dance, or just get acquainted. The idea is to promote a wider spirit of democracy and to lay a foundation for the good times which are to come, "when we get our Woman's building."

We have started a new custom of serving a buffet supper in the house every Friday night for the whole chapter. It gives us a pleasant hour together, and we can begin meeting earlier, thus making it more convenient for the city girls. On Sunday night, the freshmen too, are invited to come. Two of the house girls get supper and afterwards, we have a Gamma Phi "sing", which gives us a good opportunity for becoming better acquainted with each other.

A few weeks ago, the house was surprised and delighted by the gift of a victrola from Dorothea Smith, '17, on her twenty-first birthday. Needless to say, this instrument has been in constant use ever since, our only fear being that it will be worn out before all our favorite records are purchased.

And along with our good times comes a deep sadness at the loss of one of our girls. Eugenia Walsh, '16, has been obliged to leave college for

the remainder of the year, on account of the death of her sister, Marian. Although not yet a Gamma Phi, Marian had visited the home several times and was a personal friend of most of the girls. Eugenia hopes to return next year and graduate with her class.

Alpha sends love and best wishes for the Christmas season.

JEAN F. LEETE, '16.

PERSONALS

Marian Weaver, '14, was marshal of the Harlem Baby Parade, held in New York the last part of October.

Genevieve Joy, '12, is studying music in New York.

Augusta Briggs, '13, who won the International Art League prize, is in New York, doing illustrating for books and magazines.

Henrietta Bidwell, ex-'14, is visiting in Syracuse for a few weeks.

Nan Morrison, '12, has opened a school for teaching the Montessori Kindergarten method on the Hudson.

Emily Price, '13, was in Syracuse for Thanksgiving.

ENGAGEMENT

Grace Beaver, '13, to Mr. Louis Gilbert of Newark, N. Y.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor (Marion Bretz, ex-'13), of Honolulu, Philippine Islands, a girl.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters:

"All is fair in love and war". I think that a very appropriate heading for this paragraph since I shall talk about rushing. You see, Pan-Hellenic issued over-strict rules. And these over-strict rules made the different sororities quite bitter enemies for a while. But, nevertheless we came out from the several skirmishes with six captives. These six are different from most captives however in that they are *willing* prisoners. Their names are Katherine Wieber, postgraduate, Alice Wieber, sophomore, Ada Heath, Helen Nipps, Mary Wells, and Pansy Blake, freshmen. Add to this our other freshmen, pledged before the new rules went into effect, namely Carolyn Flemming, Margaret Hoyt, Charlotte Kelsey, Florence George, and Linda Eberbach and we have a fine class of eleven. We have already initiated three, Kate, Alice, and Margaret, who had advanced credit from Smith. One of our alumnæ said that everyone of the freshmen was typically Gamma Phi type. I do not think anything nicer could have been said about them, do you?

We planned two teas, a beefsteak fry up the river, a formal dinner dance, an alumnæ luncheon and football game afterwards, and a cabaret for them and, thanks to the help of the alumnæ's patronage, silver, phonograph records and a few other modern conveniences, we made these stunts successful. The cabaret was the prettiest party of all. It was held in Mabelle Douglas's home. Little tables were placed around, next to the walls. Pink candles and shades were on the tables and dogwood branches were placed effectively in every nook and cranny. The place cards which Martha painted for us blended with the color scheme. The favors were wild astors with a pink rosebud in the center, all of which was in an old-fashioned holder. The programs had different poses of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle on the covers. The program itself consisted of two violin

solos, a recitation, modern dances—here one of the girls dressed as a man—and an æsthetic dance in which six girls wore dresses made of pink and green crêpe paper and carried pink rosebuds.

We have been having such fun in our social hour this year. I really think that that hour after meeting is coming to mean more and more to us. One night some of the girls gave us a beautiful presentation of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It was supposed to be a moving picture show. It was especially the scene where Eliza crossed the ice. I foresaw where everyone would have to sit around on wooden benches until our chairs were mended. And poor Eliza's baby! You would have felt heart-sorry for it, if you could ever have seen the way it dwindled to mere nothing every time it was squeezed. Funnier than this scene was the one in which little Eva went to Heaven. When she rose up off the couch, everyone thought she was a sailboat rather than an angel. But we must take with consideration the fact that the road to Heaven is hard to travel.

There is a great field for Social Service work at this time and Beta is trying hard to do her share. I spoke a short while ago of the fun we had in Social hour. During that time we have also done some real earnest work such as sewing on flannel "nighties" for the children in the hospital. Then the members of a very progressive little church are making clothes for the Belgians. Many of the sororities have given them their support, among them ourselves. Nor have we forgotten the poor people up in Northern Michigan who are suffering just as much from the war as the Belgians, though more indirectly of course. We help them by putting all our spare pennies in a box kept for that purpose. I heard one girl say that ever since this plan had started, she had received nothing but pennies for change which naturally she ought to turn over to the fund. Also a number of us have pledged one hour a week for entertaining or teaching children at the hospital.

There are several University events that I think might interest you. First, we have witnessed the dedication of our new concrete stadium of our athletic field. Secondly, we feel very encouraged with the two girls' dormitories and the new science building nearly completed. In the third place, we are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the vocational conference to be held here some time this semester. Another conference in which we were all interested was the self-government one held at Chicago. Anita Kelley, one of our girls and a sophomore, was one of the representatives from Michigan. Then Ann Arbor has been the seat of the mobilization, a movement to advance more Christianity among the students. This past week we saw in our midst the largest Y. M. C. A. conference ever held. And lastly, you might like to know about the large percentage of foreign students we have. They all belong to the Cosmopolitan club. Many of them are having financial trouble on account of affairs in Europe and have to solicit aid from the Y. M. C. A.

Since my last letter, we have had a visit from a woman whose personality, whose warm friendship, and whose helpful suggestions we shall never forget. This woman is Mrs. Silverson, our visiting delegate. Alpha, Delta, Iota, and Zeta know how we feel, for they too have met her. We proudly entertained for her at two teas. To one college seniors and the Pan-Hellenic delegates came. At this, Mrs. Silverson gave us an interesting talk on national Pan-Hellenic. To the other, we invited town alumnæ and other ladies whom we knew she would like to meet. We had three business meetings at which national questions were discussed. Her visit cer-

tainly has made us realize that Beta alone is not Gamma Phi Beta, but that a combination of *all* the chapters is. We hope you feel as close to us as we do to you now.

Wishing you all, from Alpha to Pi, the jolliest Christmas and the most prosperous nineteen hundred and fifteen, I remain.

Faithfully yours,

HELEN R. ELY.

PERSONALS

Some of the out-of-town alumnae who were back for the luncheon were Mrs. Grosvenor, Mrs. Heaton, Edna Thuner, '11, Erna George, '13, Marie Brooks, ex-'15, from Detroit and Mrs. Leslie of Toledo.

We were all glad to welcome back for a short while, Marion Pellow, Maleta Moore Wernicke, '14, "Gene" Marshall, ex-'17, and Helen Crane Gillis, ex-'15. Hermina Haller is back in College.

Violet Jane Schmidt and Dr. Jane Scherzer have both honored us with visits.

Anita Kelley's mother made us a visit which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Clara Ely, '10, from Rutherford, N. J., is here visiting her sister Emily Ely Abbott, '09, and has been up to the house several times.

Martha Moffett, ex-'17, is taking up design work at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

We feel glad to have Hildegard Hagerman with us this year from Gamma.

ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth Bostwick, '14, to Mr. Ward Davidson, Tau Beta Pi.

Allura Rudd to Mr. Brooker.

Marion Pellow, ex-'09, to Mr. L. Garvin, Delta Chi.

MARRIAGES

Maleta Moore, '14, to Mr. Julius Wernicke, Delta Upsilon.

Elizabeth Kneeland, ex-'14, to Mr. A. Torongo.

Lora Hall, '10, to Mr. Carl Schumann, Δ T Δ.

Zoe Oven, pledge, to Mr. Norman Hill, Sigma Chi.

Helen Gable, 10, to Mr. Edgar Bower, Alpha Delta Phi.

BIRTHS

To Helen Gillis, née Crane, ex-'15, Mary Jane.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Campbell (Marion Moulton, '05), a daughter, Esther, on October 23 in Hartford, Conn.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Many things have happened since the writing of the last CRESCENT letter. Then, we were just beginning to think of school again; now, that first day back at the house when each newcomer was greeted with shouts of glee and deluged with questions as, "What have you been doing?" "Did you know—?" "Oh do you remember—?", is merely memory. Rushing is past; our new upperclassmen are initiated and become a part of us; mid-semester exams are over; and we are already planning our Christmas vacations.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before classes began in the fall, we had rushing for upperclassmen. We entertained them at luncheons, dinners

and teas, gave them auto rides and had a dance at the house, but nicest of all was Mrs. Brittingham's breakfast for us at her home. When Wednesday night came we were very happy for we had pledged twelve splendid girls. Thursday we had a rest from rushing but had to attend classes and Friday morning at eight o'clock we began all over again with the freshmen. That night we had a formal dinner and dance. The dance was our customary one in honor of our pledges combined this year into a freshman rushing stunt. Saturday and Sunday we entertained in the usual ways, dinners, theater parties etc., and by Monday most of the rushing was over. We had personal bidding again this year so there was no period of silence and awful waiting as there has been the past two years. We were as successful with the freshmen as we had been with upperclassmen, pledging thirteen girls of whom we are very proud.

The latter part of October we had initiation and took in over twelve upperclassmen, Mary Morsell, Edith Dodd, Marjorie Bennett, Norma O'Niell, Phoebe Jones, Erika Willrich, Eugenia Blount, Ada McHenry, Loretta Van Syburg, Coie Winter, Genevieve Jackson, and Marion Davis. Next semester Mae Westcott and Margaret Schoch, will be eligible for initiation but not until next fall can we initiate those who are regular freshmen, Alberita Richards, Harriett Snell, Edith Van Patten, Helen Lafin, Marion Mayers, Irene Jones, Stella Ruepping, Inez Schifflin, Marion Clancy, Angela Sullivan, Katherine Mabis, and Gertrude Germer.

A number of our Madison alumnae were at our initiation banquet and we were all greatly interested in the account Mrs. Allan gave us of her experiences in the war zone this summer. She and her husband with their three children were in Switzerland when the war broke out, and her story of their journey from there to England brought out very strikingly the hardships which the war even then had imposed. She told of having to arouse servants in the hotels herself, in order to obtain breakfast and in some cases of having to prepare the meals herself. There were such numbers of people wanting to return home that they had to go to railway stations or boat docks very early and then wait hours hoping that they would be able to board the train or boat but very uncertain as to what their chances would be. Once the children were put on the boat while she and her husband were forced to wait several hours before they were finally given permission to board also. Even after they reached England where conditions were more settled, they were obliged to wait several weeks before obtaining passage home.

As Gamma Phi nationally are talking a great deal about social service work, I must tell you what our chapter is doing in this line, even though it is not a great deal. In the first place, we have for several years supported a scholarship and are, I believe, the only sorority at Wisconsin which does so. Then one of our girls, Ethel Germer, has charge of the handicraft work for girls at one of the social centers and several of us are helping her each week with the sewing classes. Just at present the children are busy on Christmas presents and we find work with them very interesting and often very pathetic. Some of our girls have attended the meetings on social service conducted for University girls by a committee of the Y. W. C. A. At these meetings there is usually a talk by someone either actively engaged in social work or deeply interested in it, so that real help is given in suggesting actual methods by which we may be of assistance in this work. One of the branches which the University girls have taken up is the "Little Sister" movement. The "Little Sisters" are

assigned by the Madison probation officer, great care being taken not to give to University girls those who need more mature guidance. Although many girls have taken "Little Sisters" I think none of our chapter have done so.

At present a crusade is being carried on in the University to raise money for the Belgian relief fund. We, like other organizations, are donating to it, and the Thetas and Kappas have given up their formals this year, using the money to help swell the fund.

Another thing, which sororities and other girls organizations do here, which is for the benefit of others, is to provide booths for the Y. W. C. A. Christmas Bazar. We, in conjunction with Alpha Phi, are to conduct a Doll Booth.

ELIZABETH BALDWIN.

PERSONALS

Belle Fleeke, Γ '11, and Edith Brooks, Γ '12, were with us during rushing.

Mattie Ringling, Γ '11, is in Madison this year studying music.

Frances Lauder, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

Agnes Boeing and Delia Linwell are back at school this year.

Myrtle Milner, Γ '16, was unable to return to school this fall because of ill health.

Louise Hatch, K, is attending Wisconsin this year and a member of Gamma chapter.

Helen Dorset, Γ '99, visited in Madison.

Winnifred Douglas, Γ '14, and Myrtle Milner, Γ, were guests at the house Thanksgiving week.

Gamma chapter had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Carrie Morgan while she was in Madison this fall. We were all much interested in hearing about the installation of Pi chapter and in talk of further expansion.

Eva White, Γ '11, visited us in November.

Mrs. E. W. Hoffman (Bernice Hunter, Γ '06), visited in Madison the week-end of November 22.

Gamma chapter was very disappointed when Hildegard Hagerman decided not to return to Wisconsin this year. She is attending Michigan and is affiliated with Beta.

Madison was filled to overflowing with guests, the week of our Homecoming game with Chicago. Many Gamma Phis were back, among them being, Florence Gosselin, Γ '13; Abby Higgins, Γ '12; Nell Bundy, Γ '13; Katherine Ryan, Γ '13; Margaret Ryan, Γ '09; Marie Mabis Chase, Γ '13; and Mrs. H. N. Laffin, (Etta Smith, Γ '94).

Nell Bundy spent several days in Madison with Beulah Heddles.

Several of our girls who were graduated last June are teaching this year. Edna Cantril has a splendid position in the physical education department in Oakland, California; Grace Burgard is teaching in Lewiston, Idaho; Harriett Brown has been teaching on a ranch in Wyoming; Helen Harrison is in Aurora, Illinois. At Halloween time her school children gave the *Doll's Halloween*, a little play which she had written. Kathryn Mount is teaching at Grafton Hall, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Dorothy Banner, Γ '16, went as delegate from Wisconsin to the S. G. A. Conference in Evanston, November 20th and 21st. She so much enjoyed meeting Mary Ray, K, and Anita Kelly, B, delegates from their respective universities, and also the Evanston Gamma Phis, who entertained them while they were there.



JESSIE WHITE RYONS

PATRICIA RYONS

A number of our girls, Louise Hatch, Isabelle Brownell, Ethel Garbutt, Ernestine Spencer, Ann Jones, Mae Westcott, Margaret Schoch and Harriett Snell accepted Kappa's hospitality for the week-end of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Game. They are still singing the praises of Kappa's beautiful new home, and the friendliness and hospitality of the Kappa girls.

ENGAGEMENT

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Harriet Brown, Γ '14, to John E. Thompson, Buffalo, New York.

MARRIAGES

Hazel Houser, Γ '10, was married to Mr. John Fryor of Toledo, Ohio, on Saturday, October 10.

Henrietta Pyre, was married to Mr. Herbert Reynolds Kniffin in New York City on Thanksgiving Day. The couple will reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Koerper (Alice Ringling, Γ '12), a son. A daughter, Dorothy Bowen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George B. Cortelyou (Edith Bowen), at Kansas City, in early November.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

At last it is all over, this strenuous rushing season, but with our last feeble gasp we declare "It was worth it!" Perhaps I should say, "they" were worth it, and you would certainly agree if you could see those seven pledges of ours. Here they are—Amy Buck, Eleanor Burbank, Eleanor Ferguson, Gertrude Freeman, Frances Havens, Eva Sadler, and Lucy Waite—the kind of girls that Gamma Phi wants, every single one of them.

Rushing kept us pretty busy, even though we didn't have to perform any feats like our youngest chapter, who were cheerfully planning to give five parties in three days, according to their last letter. They certainly deserve praise for their energy if they survived. Perhaps after all we had the worse of it, for our agony was prolonged over six weeks, and since we were only allowed two parties we had to work especially hard to make them successful, for everything depended on them.

The first party was at the home of Constance Flanders in Brookline. That alone would have been enough to make it a success, for if there ever was an ideal place for a rushing party it is at Con's house. There were about fifty present, counting the active girls, the alumnae and the sixteen freshmen who came. The charades were planned by Rachel Rice, and naturally they were the best anyone could imagine. Marguerite Brant's solo in the scene "Gamma Phis at Church" would have captured the most hard-hearted freshman. And then the house party songs, and the Gamma Phi "walk-around!" Is it any wonder that everyone of those sixteen freshmen declared she had had the time of her life?

Although we didn't have quite so many freshmen at our second party, we had just as good a time, for most of our suspense was over and we were pretty sure that those who did come were going to be Gamma Phis. It was at Eleanor Simmons's house, in Dorchester, by the way. This time we made the freshmen entertain us with an impromptu stunt and they certainly proved to be "good sports." They borrowed clothes from Eleanor's extremely obliging small brother, and gave us a very funny imitation of a football game.

A word about some of the honors which have come to Gamma Phi lately. Esther Fraim, one of our seniors, has a leading part in the play given by the French club, and also in the German play; besides this she is to give a toast at the Gamma Delta banquet next week. Ada Taylor, another senior, is president of the English club, and has had several stories in the *Beacon*. Still another of our girls, Jeannette Collins is senior proctor and also chairman of the religious meetings of the Y. W. C. A. Several other girls are on Y. W. C. A. committees, and Eleanor Simmons is secretary of the association.

Now comes the nicest thing of all that has happened to Delta this fall, which I have been saving until the end—Mrs. Silverson's visit. To those of you who have met her there is no need of saying anything further. We loved her from the very first minute we saw her, to the last minute of her much-too-short stay. Besides giving us the pleasure of knowing her, her visit did us lasting good. Delta has reformed with a vengeance, and we have become so systematic that we scarcely know ourselves. We now have a Budget (spell it with a capital B, please!), concocted with elaborate care by one of our mathematical members. We treat it with the greatest deference, and awe, and respectfully consult Its Majesty's will before we dare to spend a single penny! Now haven't we a right to be proud of ourselves?

As regards social service—indeed we are interested in it but we can't tell you about our plans now. One of our alumnæ has originated a wonderful scheme, and she is going to write it up later if we succeed in it, so it wouldn't be right to steal her thunder.

A happy new year to you all!

DOROTHY TAYLOR.

PERSONAL

Ruth Garland, '17, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health, to our very great regret.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(No Letter.)

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

So many things have happened in these last three months that one hardly knows where to begin, so perhaps it would be wise to start at the very beginning. All the Zetas hurried back to college this year impressed with the awe-inspiring prospect of two pledge days. Sophomore pledging, which has been found unsatisfactory after two years' trial, was to be abandoned, and the former six weeks' system of rushing was to be adopted for the present freshmen. On the twenty-third of September, we pledged six splendid sophomores: Katharine Treide, Rebecca De Mott, Florence Schumacher, Dorothy Frey, Emily Ellinger, Ethel Metzner. Three of these girls have been initiated, and the rest will be very shortly. Unwilling as we were, we were forced to put our pledges to work at rushing immediately, for our next pledge day was only six weeks' distant, and we fully appreciated the importance and dangers of a short rushing season. We were allowed two formal entertainments and a tea, all of which were

limited by our Pan-Hellenic to \$45, and, although the sum seemed pitifully inadequate at first, we adapted ourselves to it very conveniently and achieved something after all. Our second pledge day came on November 31, and was most exciting. We pledged Dorothy Sippel, '16, from Bryn Mawr, and the following freshmen: Helen Richmond, Beth Smith, Margaret Wilson, Margaret Nottingham. Zeta has congratulated herself repeatedly on her unqualified success this year, for she lost no bids, won from almost every other sorority, and did not lose a single rushee. Owing to a Pan-Hellenic rule, these freshmen cannot be initiated till after their mid-year examinations, but next Saturday we shall have initiation service for Dorothy Sippel and Florence Schumacher. We have been rushing continuously for two years now, and we can hardly realize yet, the great pleasure in store for us when we need worry no more, but may enjoy to its fullest extent, the pleasure of sorority life.

Now that our rushing season is over, thoughts of every Zeta turn quite naturally to the Social Service League to which she belongs. Zeta as a chapter is a member of this league, and takes an active part in both the administration and work. Kathleen Jennison, '16, is elector of the league; Emily Ellinger, '17, is treasurer. Every year a number of dolls are distributed by the Social Service League to be dressed by the girls for the children of the settlement supported by it, and this year Zeta has taken upon itself the task of dressing half the number. In every Zeta's room one may see a staring doll, lying in various stages of dress or undress, upon the table. So enthusiastic are the girls that on last Pledge Day, when we were all kept on our floor from nine until twelve, the hours of pledging, while we waited breathless with suspense and excitement, our impatience found vent in sewing for our dolls.

For some years Zeta has been figuring prominently in social service work. Margaret Martsolf, '14; Aleda Hier, '14; and Margery Sawyer, '14; all had classes of camp fire girls. Marjorie Wingert, '15, conducts a glee club, assisted by Ethel Metzner, '17, one night every week among members of our Central Y. W. C. A. in Baltimore. Charlotte Romburger, '13, spent last winter here working as a friendly visitor, and Marion Jones, '14, is a volunteer worker at present for the Federated Charities of Baltimore.

In addition to work in the league, which supports a settlement in one of the poorer sections of the city, and which offers exceptional opportunities to hear good speakers on social subjects, the Zeta Gamma Phis are quite notorious for the enthusiasm and generosity with which they work for the Isabelle Thoburn Fund. This fund is made up of private subscriptions from the students and goes for the support of a professor in the Isabella Thoburn College, in India. Last year Aleda Hier, '14, was chairman of the Fund Committee, and though this year we do not have a $\Gamma \Phi$ as chairman, each of us has constituted herself, in an humble way, a sort of assistant, and is working hard for the fund. Of course, we realize that all this is not very much, but it is sufficient to give $\Gamma \Phi$ at Goucher the name of standing for social work. $\Gamma \Phi$ is the only sorority here which is as a sorority, a member of the Social Service League.

Zeta sends much love to all, and hopes sincerely that the efforts of $\Gamma \Phi \beta$ nationally in social service work may become concerted and united.

PENELOPE WESTCOTT.

PERSONALS

Margery Sawyer, '14, is visiting in Baltimore for a few weeks.

Margaret Martsolf, '14, spent several days with us earlier in the fall and promises to return in the spring.

Jean Thoburn, '09, is doing some very intensive work in art study in New York.

MARRIAGE

Isabelle Drummond, ex-'15, was married Thursday afternoon, November 26, to Allen Gibson at Easton, Pa. They will make their home in Richmond, Virginia.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

With a rush and a whirl, the fall term has rapidly passed, and we now find ourselves facing the dreaded finals. There is but one more week of regular work, and then, two weeks of examinations. After that, we shall all be ready to welcome our Christmas vacation.

Near the beginning of the term we held an initiation for two of our pledges who were to be sophomores this term. Gladys Senter and Doris Bradley became Gamma Phis then, and a little while after we pledged Theresa Bethel. We now have five splendid freshmen, and we only wish next term were here so that they too, would be initiated.

Friday, November 27th, is to be Junior Day. The Farce and Curtain Raiser promise to be very successful. Grace Partridge and Sarah Sabin are the two Gamma Phis represented in this production. Sarah Sabin has good dramatic ability, and, as others have told us, she is the making of the "Curtain Raiser." Following the Farce, comes the Junior Prom, the last big college dance of the year.

There has been a great deal of relief work done for the non-combatant sufferers in the European war. The house clubs and sororities have been making several contributions. We made little articles of underwear for the Belgian babies—mere trifles to us, yet how useful to them! It was such a pleasure to make the little clothes, and to feel that they were going to do so much good to those unfortunate people.

During the semester, intersorority dinners have been introduced, and the plan for getting better acquainted has certainly met with success. Two dinners are held each month, and the lowerclassmen of one sorority receive the lowerclassmen of the other one, while the upperclassmen of the two sororities have their dinner together. It is a splendid way for entertaining the various houses, and for coming into closer Pan-Hellenic union.

The greatest event of the term was the football game with Stanford on November 14th. The day ended with California's defeat in a score of 26 to 8. But the score doesn't tell the story. The game was wonderful, intensely exciting, and above all, well fought unto the end. Stanford had the team, however, and we congratulate them upon their skill. It was the first year that California had fought on the new turf field, and it certainly was disappointing to dedicate it with a Stanford victory. Still there is some consolation in saying, "Next year California must win."

Twelve Stanford girls came up the night before the big game, and we enjoyed their visit a great deal. We entertained them with the "inevitable"

show, but it was original, and proclaimed a success. We had fun in preparing it, and we only hope that our Stanford sisters really enjoyed the evening.

By the time that the next CRESCENT is published, the year 1915 will be here. What a splendid year it will be for us in California! First, the exposition in San Francisco; then the Gamma Phi Convention! Wouldn't it be lovely if a great number of you could come to California for a visit? San Francisco will offer many attractions, and Eta will be waiting with outstretched hands to welcome you.

FLORENCE MACAULAY.

PERSONALS

Grace Partridge, '16, was elected to Prytanean, the womens' honor society, on November 24th.

Penelope Murdock, '12, and Margaret Hodgens, '12, returned from Europe in the early fall.

Winifred Bridge Allen, '13, has returned from Honolulu, and is living in San Francisco.

Harriet Pasmore, '13, is teaching music in Pomona College, California.

Lurita Stone, '13, took a prominent part in the last production of the Players' Club, a local dramatic club.

Laura Van Buren, ex-'16, has taken a six months' leave of absence on account of illness.

MARRIAGE

Ida May Hale, '14, was married to Edward Conant Livingston in October.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Rushing season has been over for two months, and by this time we all are ready for a long winter of work and pleasure. Our efforts in the rushing line have been crowned with complete success. Theta has the pleasure of announcing the following girls as pledges: Adeline Bullen, Bernice Bowen, Helen Fales, Celeste Porter, Helen Whitford, Helen Thompson, Juanita Dunlop, Elizabeth Morgan, Julia Ramsey, Mildred Nutting, Gwendolyn Pettibone, Mabel Burton, Mildred Robinson, Louise Robinson, Rowena Schaefer, and Mabel Rilling. And, indeed, Theta has just cause to be proud of her freshmen. Rushing season at the University of Denver lasted two weeks this year; and a gay two weeks it was for a fact. Our first big affair was a dance at the Lakewood Country Club. Through the kindness of Kitty Lee Bishop, we were able to secure this ideal place for our dance. Wanda Seeman, Beta '14, opened her home for the recital which we gave to the rushees and their fathers and mothers. Helen Hershey generously gave the best of her efforts to Gamma Phi Beta. As you all know, her costume recitals are exquisite. Our crowning stunt was a week-end house party given at Helen Cornish's big cottage at Glen Park. Up in the mountains we got below the surface of conventionality and could show each other what we really were. It was a glorious outing. Every Tuesday and Thursday we had our rushees over to the lodge for informal little luncheons.

The University is now growing very rapidly. There are over one hundred girls in the freshman class. The freshman class this year is certainly

a class to be proud of. They seem to fairly overflow with enthusiasm and spirit; they are right behind the school in every undertaking. In our recent endowment campaign there were no more tireless workers than the freshmen. To show that there was something back of its enthusiasm the class pledged one thousand dollars to the endowment fund, towards which we have all been laboring since last spring. We lack but a few thousand of our goal, and we are sure to get that in a few weeks.

By the way, Theta itself seems to be broadening out, inasmuch as we have pledged sixteen girls this year, more than twice as many as we usually take.

Today is Thanksgiving Day, the day when the "Turkey" and the "Football" must divide honors. The University of Denver and the University of Colorado play against each other for the first time in four years. Theta has an annual custom of giving a Thanksgiving box to some poor family each year. This year we gave it to a woman and her four children. On Christmas Day, we always give a box of clothing and toys to the poor.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held its convention at Estes Park this August. At the close of the convention when the Kappas stopped over in Denver, Gamma Phi Beta gave a reception in their honor at the home of Wanda Seeman.

Our girls are taking an active part in school affairs. Amy Speers has been elected Joke editor of the *Annual Board*; she has also been elected Vice-president of the Biological Society. Ruth Whitford was unanimously elected Corresponding Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Elizabeth Morgan was elected Vice-president of the freshman class. Ethel Young was elected Secretary of the newly organized Spanish Club.

Theta extends to all the chapters her best wishes for the coming year.
FLORENCE HILL.

PERSONALS

Marie Garrison, '14, is teaching kindergarten at Walsenburg, Colorado. Carlota Roose, '14, is teaching chemistry in the preparatory school, and assisting Dr. Engle, the chemistry professor, in his university classes.

Anne Kellogg, Kappa, is visiting Dorothy Steel.

Belle St. Clair, '13, is teaching in the English department of one of the high schools in southern Colorado.

Kathleen Craig, '17, is teaching at Hill Top, Colorado.

Lucy Gallup has gone to Seattle and is at school now in the University of Washington.

Rosa Haffner, '17, is teaching school at Split Rock, Wyoming.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

Considering the fact that we have been back in college for only two months, we seem to have been leading pretty strenuous lives.

Our red-letter time was during Mrs. Silverson's visit when we all decided that we most heartily approved of visiting delegates. We are filled with envy for you lucky chapters that still have that pleasure to look forward to. Now that we have seen and been conquered, we don't mind admitting that at first we were somewhat terrified at the idea of some stern individual descending upon us, and pointing out our faults. But we had that

idea knocked right out of us when we first met Mrs. Silverson. Perhaps it would be better right here to say a word about Pan-Hellenic, for once started on the other subject, it is hard to stop.

As you probably all know the Pan-Hellenic Congress was held in New York, from October 14 to 17, with a banquet and open meeting at the Hotel McAlpin on October 17th. About four hundred were present, and we had a most interesting time. We active members felt particularly fortunate in being able to attend and we turned out in force. When we met Mrs. Silverson, we decided that she could not come to us quick enough, and spent a week of thrilled anticipation waiting for her. She was with us from the 26th to the 29th of October, and we only hope she enjoyed it half as much as we did. On the 27th, we invited the other active chapters at college, and our own alumnae to a tea at Anna Paddock's house, to meet Mrs. Silverson. The rest of the time was taken up with business and sight-seeing, so that we spent three very full days. Now we are all wondering how Gamma Phi ever got along without a visiting delegate. Here's hoping that she never will be without one again.

Our first fall dance was held November 27th, and was a success in every way. Now we can scarcely wait for our next one, which will probably not be until February.

Iota has been very much interested in the idea of Gamma Phi undertaking some social service work, and we as a chapter have started some this fall. As there are so many unemployed in the city, we had no difficulty in finding two families greatly in need of a helping hand. One consists of a man and wife, and three children, the other of man and wife and five children, and all in great need. So you see we have our work cut out for us. We have collected a lot of clothing, and also bought some, which we have distributed to them. We also have tried to find work for the men, for both are unable to get anything. For Thanksgiving we sent them each a big dinner, and now we are preparing to do something for Christmas. May we take this means of appealing to any Gamma Phi around New York, who may be able to help us in any way in our work? We can use anything in the way of clothing, money, or toys, and will be very glad to receive anything in the way of contributions.

The spirit of social service is strong throughout the college, and almost every one is either dressing a doll for the settlement children, knitting, or folding dressings for the wounded in Europe. We try to divide our work evenly and not to neglect the great army of the poor at our own door, by sending everything over to the other side.

And now for one of the most interesting pieces of news. After a series of local Pan-Hellenic meetings, it was decided to call an open meeting, and invite the college to a discussion of the fraternity question. You see, next year there will be no fraternity people left in college, so if anything is to be done, this is the year for it. We had discovered after talking with many of the underclassmen, that a great many were strongly in favor of having fraternities, and that a great number knew nothing about either side of the question. We believe that if the undergraduates decide in favor of fraternities, the faculty will not oppose them. The meeting was a great success in every way, and was very largely attended, showing that interest in the matter is still keen. The fraternities presented their side of the question, and endeavored to answer questions and arguments brought forth by the opponents. Now that the discussion has been started, we hope that the undergraduates will continue it among them-

selves. Then, in the course of the year, they may be asked to decide whether they wish fraternities to continue in college or not. Any decision will be more satisfactory for us than to feel that we have been suspended by a minority vote of the investigating committee, acquiesced in by a faculty, many of whom by their own statements, knew very little about the matter.

Meanwhile, please everybody remember that we are very much alive, and are always glad to see any Gamma Phi who may be in New York. We may always be located on Monday afternoons by calling up our apartment, or other days through either our corresponding secretary, or CRESCENT correspondent, whose addresses will be found in THE CRESCENT. This long explanation is given because so many people have told us that they never know how to find us when passing through New York.

Iota sends best wishes for the New Year.

FREDERICKA BELKNAP.

PERSONALS

Dorothy Dean and Elsa Burghaus were guests at the New York Alumnae luncheon in October, Bert Sayre and Fredericka Belknap in November.

We are delighted to have Mary Heritage of Kappa with us this year while she is studying at Columbia. Marian Weaver of Alpha, has also promised to join us at our meetings.

Grace Banker took part in the annual French play, of which Anna Paddock was business manager. The proceeds went to the Red Cross.

Sophie Ling, '13, is teaching down in North Carolina this winter.

Florence Rhoades, '14, is studying music in New York.

We have our eyes upon Mabel Patterson, '14. She is studying domestic science, and Jean Barrick, '14, is teaching it. This way for your cooks!

ENGAGEMENT

Louise Comes, '13, has announced her engagement to Frederic E. Reeve, of Maplewood, New Jersey.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters:

Not having as yet any pictures of our new house to send you, we must needs describe it as best we can, hoping that we shall be able to have some exterior and interior views of our most satisfactory domicile in the next issue of THE CRESCENT. We moved in on November 9th, and our first meal under the new roof, was dinner that night. Of course, everything was not finished, but we were so happy to be in a house of our own that we cared little that we were surrounded by painters, carpenters, and decorators.

There was much scurrying about on the part of alumnae and active girls to make the house presentable to the Madison girls, who came up for the game on the fourteenth. In that one day, such wonders were accomplished, that those of us who had left early in the morning, and returned in time for dinner, hardly recognized the place. The soft, pretty lights, the rose draperies in the large living room, the blue ones in the dining room, and the figured cretonne in the sun parlor, all contributed to the at-last-we-are-at-home feeling. One girl after another sighed,—“Oh, how restful! To think that we can come home to *this*, after being at college all day!”

Louise Hatch was the first of the Madison girls to arrive. She, it will be remembered, was with us last year, but is now at Wisconsin. Eight other Gammas came on Friday night, and Saturday morning. After the football game that afternoon, we had open house, and people thronged to see our new home. Everyone was delighted with it and we felt extremely self-complacent as we listened to the laudations that it received. That evening we had an informal dance for the Madison girls, and on Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Silverson came over in her machine to take several of our guests for a ride.

At present we are all looking forward to December 1st, our pledge day. We have done only campus rushing this fall, but that has been rather strenuous. It was the plan of the sororities at Minnesota this year to have two rushing parties before pledge day, but on account of the death of Katharine Bright, a Theta, and President of Pan-Hellenic, the first party was given up. We gave one Tuesday evening, the twenty-fourth at the chapter house, in the form of a dinner cotillion. Jeannette Welch, in the garb of a footman, was door tender, and several of the girls were dressed as waitresses. After the twelve tables were cleared away, we danced and sang Gamma Phi songs.

It draws near to Christmas, and we are to have our sale of fancy articles on December 12th at the Leamington. We make it a rule to provide some poor family with a Christmas dinner, which is really all we do, as a sorority, in the way of social service, though individuals do more. Harriet Ahlers, for example, is at the head of that work at the University this year. We are thinking of establishing a scholarship in the name of Kappa of Gamma Phi, and hope to be able to carry out the idea. The work of this kind seems to be chiefly the work of individuals, and not of sororities.

Kappa wishes the happiest and most successful of New Years to each chapter of Gamma Phi.

ELLA T. MORSE.

PERSONALS

The Madison girls who came down for the game were Louise Hatch, Ethel Garbutt, Ethel Germer, Ernestine Spencer, Isabelle Brownell, Ann Jones, Margaret Schoch, May Westcott, and Harriet Snell.

Mary Ray was sent as delegate to the Middle West Conference of the Women's Self-government Association, held in Chicago, November 12th to 14th.

Enid Wilcox was elected to Sigma Tau, a senior society of twenty-seven members.

Grace Muir, one of our Sophomores, published a poem in the November issue of the Minnesota magazine.

ENGAGEMENT

Letta Duke has announced her engagement to Leonard Larson of Stillwater, Minnesota.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Each member of Lambda Chapter is exultant over the pledging of our five girls, the first three of whom are sisters: Emma White and Christine Thomas from Seattle; Hazel Brown from Chehalis; Lulu Waywick,

a junior from Chicago; Ella Windslow, a junior from Oberlin College; as well as over the initiation of Margaret Fowler, Vivian Lieburg, Margaret Wayland and Dolly McLean.

Our semester rushing is progressing famously—allowing only five dates for each freshman during the term, and demanding two weeks of entire noncommunication at the end; giving the sorority as well as the rushee time to make its choice. All the invitations are sent to a lawyer who is chosen by Pan-Hellenic, and each girl receiving a bid, is notified by him to send a list of the sororities in the order of her choice back to him. It is the duty of the lawyer then to send the invitation to each girl, standing as near the top of her list as possible. In this way, the rushee receives but one invitation, and that, as near her first choice as may be.

There is a splendid class of freshman girls this year and of course we have had our share of luncheons, dinners and parties. One of our parties was a Halloween affair; allowing beautiful decorations in our big house. The entire first floor was decorated with cornstalks, pumpkin lanterns, fringes of many apples, ghosts and fortune teller tents. A huge fire gave a glorious snap and color to the house, all our lights being covered with orange. In the dining room on our buffet, we had a keg of cider, some apples, nuts, pop corn balls, doughnuts and candy. The guests were greeted by ghosts, and after taking off their wraps in utter silence, were led to the attic for games of all descriptions. Later we toasted marshmallows, heated nuts and told ghost stories around the red coals in the grate.

November 14th, we had our annual Oregon-Washington game, and five of our girls from Eugene spent the week-end with us. We heartily wish the whole chapter might have come with Mary Alice Hill, Lyle Steiwer, Grace McKenzie, Florence Kendel and Helen Doyle.

Gertrude Elliot, a '14 Gamma Phi Beta from Illinois, was sent to Washington to take charge of our new "Commons," a large university cafeteria and clubhouse on the campus. A great many sororities and fraternities have special days to eat there, ours being Tuesday, in this way becoming better acquainted with the Independents. Gertrude certainly has been a wonderful success, and we heartily thank Illinois for her.

Lucy Gallop, an enthusiastic sophomore from our Denver chapter is with us this year, and surely helps in livening up the house, with her infinite energy and talent.

Our formal, as usual will be attended by the *alumnæ* this year, and will be held in the new Knights of Columbus hall in the near future.

November 7th, we held a ten-thirty hard times' party, and it certainly was a success, being masked until the third dance, the house appropriately decorated, and the girls and boys grotesquely dressed. Mrs. Buell, our house mother didn't recognize her own girls.

Margaret Meany, one of the most prominent seniors of the University and secretary of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, was chairman of the Y. W. C. A. campaign for membership to raise money for a new women's building on the campus. With the help of her committee, Lois McBride, another one of our seniors being a member, Margaret more than doubled the membership, and raised one hundred and fifty dollars to send Miss Mathiew, our Northwest Secretary to Tokyo.

The University of Washington Alumni gave a splendid reception and dance at the President's residence November 25th, for the home-coming of our graduates for Thanksgiving vacation, and our Leah Miller, '14, was chairman of the committee in charge.

Another one of our prominent seniors is Emmy Schmitz, who was elected Secretary of the '15 class and appointed member on the Varsity Ball Committee.

Among our juniors, Erna Merschiet was elected chairman of the Junior Girls' Charity Vaudeville and is in charge of a two hundred and fifty dollar fund, to be expended for Christmas charity. Anna Baker is a member of the Y. W. C. A. Parliament, and a very energetic member of the Junior Vaudeville Committee.

We also were well represented in crew, for out of the eight girls given places from each class, Persis Buell won out for singles in the junior class and was elected Captain of her crew; and Fredericka Sully won the place of stroke in the sophomore four oar shell. Both of these girls were appointed members of a committee for a crew banquet dance to be held for all boys and girls turning out for this sport, and are working hard.

For the sophomore class, Fredericka Sully also acted as chairman of the refreshment committee at the girl's club mixer; is a member of the sophomore social committee and had charge of the programmes for the "Glee."

Our Alumnae Association has just decided to become a chapter, and so of course we are all anxious to help Mrs. Horsefall, who is President of the organization. We are at home to our alumnae and their husbands the first Sunday of each month, and they surely are enthusiastic.

FREDERICKA SULLY.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Florence Lewis Houghton is spending the winter in Seattle.

Florence Lister, daughter of the Governor of our State, visited Harriet Smith for ten days at the chapter house.

Zillah Crawford, '14, from Vancouver, Washington, and Viola Schwaegler from North Yakima, visited us in November.

MARRIAGE

The wedding of Orpha Helen Meacham and Robert Donald McCausland, was solemnized November 23, 1914.

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

First allow me to introduce to you five new sisters: Georgia Haffner, '16, Ocean Park; Dorothy Womack, '15, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clara Veblen, '16, Minneapolis, Minn.; Marjorie Fitch, '17, San Jose, Cal.; Agnes Boezinger, '17, Palo Alto, Cal.; and also a new pledge Marcella Hayden, '18, Hollywood, Cal.

It is useless to say that we are proud of each one of them.

Do you realize that convention is not a dream of the future but a time and place of tomorrow? Our plans are crystallizing and you shall read about them in the next CRESCENT.

Besides working for convention, we have other definite work although of a different nature. Mrs. Vernon L. Kellogg, a Gamma Phi, was made president of the Belgian Committee for the purpose of collecting funds from the Stanford students' alumni. Mu chapter is endeavoring to coöperate with Mrs. Kellogg to the best of her ability and time. We feel this

to be an opportunity to help those less fortunate than we. At every spare moment, the girls gather together in a most domestic manner to crochet and sew the garments which will be warm and useful for the Belgians.

Of course, you know that Stanford won the "Big Game" this year from California. The night before the game, ten of our girls stayed at the Berkeley house. They were interestingly entertained by clever stunts which made the evening an added pleasure to the week-end. Before the game, we all enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the home of Alice Rowell, ex-'13. We were very happy to see her again and also Mildred Gilbert, ex-'14, who was there, too.

During the semester, we gave a series of faculty dinners. They were extremely successful and a pleasure to which the girls looked forward with much enthusiasm. Among our guests were, Mrs. and Professor Edward Adams, head of the history department; Dr. Charles Gardner, chaplain of Memorial Church, and Mrs. and Professor Stewart of the philosophy department.

We welcome December not only because of Christmas and vacation, but also for the return of our former house mother, Mrs. Elinore Lyon, who has been visiting with Mrs. Carrie Jacobs-Bond.

LORENE WILCOX.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Milton Sevier, '15 (Gladys Allen), is spending the winter in Berkeley. Mrs. Edward Kotak, '14 (Ruth Show), is living in Sisson, Cal.

Caroline Squires, '14, is back from a thrilling experience in the war zone of Europe. She is now visiting friends in Boston.

Grace Helmick, '13, made a series of campaigns throughout the state of Montana for the cause of Woman Suffrage.

Florence Forbes, '09, is in the government office at Manila, Philippine Islands.

Mrs. A. E. Roth (Mildred Hayes) and her baby Mary Beth visited us one Sunday this semester.

Eunice Gray (Gamma), who did so much toward getting our chapter for us, visited here for several days at the time of our initiation. We tried to detain her longer, but she found it necessary to return to Carmel where she has been all winter.

Miss Guppy was with us for a few weeks. She gave a delightful lecture on Bergson's philosophy to the girls of the chapter house. Miss Guppy was so interested and interesting that we all miss her greatly.

Miss Ives and Agnes Ives, from Kappa chapter, are at Stanford. It is our hope that they come often to the house and feel at home among us.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

With the beginning of the new year greater enthusiasm and new life is manifest at the University of Oregon, due to the final settlement of the financial difficulties which have hampered its growth for so many years. This is evidenced by the greatly increased enrollment of students. Nu chapter has profited by it and this year has twenty-seven members.

Rushing week was exceedingly strenuous this year. Beginning Monday night we rushed incessantly until Saturday morning when bids came out.

Among our "stunts" were a supper in the Japanese tea room of the Osborne Hotel Monday night, a "Freshman Special" luncheon Tuesday, an all day picnic at the country club Wednesday and a "Kewpie" dinner Wednesday evening. Thursday noon we had our formal, a "Traveler's" luncheon and Friday night, Jappyland.

Our new house was a help. It is really the old one made over but it seems new because it is so changed. We have added a large new dining room and two bedrooms and had the sleeping porch enlarged, and we have new furniture, rugs and hangings for the first floor.

As a result of rushing we pledged twelve fine girls; Dorothy Downard, '17, Marguerite Gross, '17, Flawnice Killingsworth, '18, Aileen Gehr, '18, and Joy Gross, '18, of Portland, Mary Johns, '18, of Pendleton, Sara Barker, '18, Dorothy Dunbar, '18, and Mignon Allen, '18, of Astoria, Gladys Colwell, '18, of San Francisco, Florence Sherman, '18, of Eugene and Helen Doyle, '18, of New York City.

On November 5 we initiated the two sophomores, Dorothy Downard who attended Mills College last year and Marguerite Gross who spent her freshman year at Reed college. After the initiation we had our banquet and toasts with Helen Beach Mitchell acting as toastmistress.

Our formal this semester was a Halloween dance on October 31. The chapter and the alumnae are planning to give a dance in Portland during the Christmas vacation, to which a large number of guests have been invited.

We followed our usual custom of celebrating the sorority and chapter birthdays together this year and the house received many appropriate gifts; a Persian rug, a porch swing, a fire screen, a Maxfield Parrish picture, two casseroles, a tray and a library table cover.

We have two girls on the glee club, Eva Brock and Helen Johns. Gladys Colwell qualified as a member of the Dramatic club. Two of the freshmen, Joy Gross and Gladys Colwell are in the play given by the Dramatic Interpretation class.

Esther Carson, ex-'14, has been appointed assistant secretary to Governor-elect Withycombe. She is vice-president of the senior class of the Willamette University Law School and she will take her bar examination in June.

Alpha Phi has granted a charter to the local sorority, Beth Reah.

Last year, just before we went home on our vacations, we gave a Christmas party for children who would otherwise have no Christmas. There are a greater number of them here than one would think possible—the children of loggers and day laborers who can not get employment during the winter. Each girl took charge of one child to invite and bring to the party and for whom to supply one useful gift and one plaything. We had a decorated tree and a Santa Claus. After the tree we gave them a good and much appreciated dinner. Some of the children brought their friends whom we had not invited, which caused us to scurry around to find presents for them, too. We are planning to do the same thing this year and every year.

Before Thanksgiving each sorority in the Pan-Hellenic association supplied four baskets, each filled with provisions for a Thanksgiving dinner, to be given to needy families. The Women's League of which Lyle Steiwer is the president is making garments for the Belgian war sufferers.

In closing Nu chapter wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a successful and Happy New Year.

HELEN JOHNS.

PERSONALS

Lyle Steiwer, Florence Kendall, Alice Hill, Grace McKenzie and Helen Doyle went to Seattle for the Oregon-Washington football game. Though Oregon lost the game, they had a delightful time visiting with the Lambda girls.

Grace McKenzie is going to Chicago to spend Christmas and to be a bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding.

Grace Lilly, '16, is teaching in Estacada this year but she will return to graduate next year.

Mrs. A. L. Fuller who was our house mother four years ago is with us again this year.

Jennie Perry, '09, is spending the winter in Chicago training to be a nurse.

Ruth Beach is teaching in Yoncalla.

ENGAGEMENTS

Catharine Carson, '14, announced her engagement to Jessup Strang, Kappa Sigma.

Flora Dunham, '14, announced her engagement to Hawley Bean, Kappa Sigma.

Eva Brock, '16, announced her engagement to Norton Cowden, Kappa Sigma.

Lenore Hansen, '13, announced her engagement to Paul Lynch.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Whittelsey (Edith Woodcock), a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Henderson (Edna Canfield), a girl.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

There is so much to tell, so very much has happened since our last letter, that I hardly know where to begin.

Of course rushing is the one big event that stands out above everything else in our minds. Only seven of us came back to the house to start the year off. We were expecting a large number of freshmen, and we were a little dismayed at starting in rushing week with so few girls. However, we planned everything out to the last degree, each girl having certain things to do all through the week. We worked hard Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and then in accordance with the Pan-Hellenic rules, we rested Wednesday and Thursday, being allowed only to speak to the rushees. We closed our rushing week by a Japanese Tea Party. Our sleeping porch, with the beds removed serves admirably for a tea-garden, and with the addition of Japanese screens, girls in kimonos, and a few tea-tables, we almost felt ourselves in Japan.

I believe Sunday was the most exciting day of all. No sorority girl could talk to a rushee after the bids were sent out at ten o'clock in the morning. The girls were to come to the house in answer to the bids, at six o'clock in the evening. At five forty-five we were all so excited we could hardly control ourselves. Six o'clock came, and with it only one girl. At six-fifteen, three more girls came in. That relieved the situation some, and before we were through rejoicing the others came. Can you guess how many? Thirteen. Not at all unlucky for us. That seems a very large number out here, where the average is only about six freshmen to each sorority. We already had two pledges in town and two girls

pledged a week later, seventeen in all. We can scarcely turn around at college without seeing either the dear old Gamma Phi crescent or a little brown and gold pin. Our pledges are: Joyce Jennes, Helen Davis, Permelia and Gertrude Hays, Marjorie McCrea, Gladys Johnson, Gladys Dittmore, Evelyn Cox, Tress McMahon, Angelina Burns, Nora Ashton, Verna Johanneson, Marie Mallon, Lorraine Selby, Katharine Frantz, Kathleen Carlyle, and Carol Ryrey,

The sorority has given only one dance this year, the Pledge dance given for the first time in the history of our chapter.

We are so proud of our scholarship record of last year, that we cannot refrain from mentioning it, and we do not feel that it is boasting, since it shows what Gamma Phi Beta inspires us to do. Our sorority average was 5,533, a good average since 5,333 will give A and 6,000 is perfect. We head the list of all sororities, fraternities, and non-fraternity people for the year 1913.

Perhaps you would like to know something about college activities as well as about those of the sorority. In the first place we have a new president, Dr. Melvin Brannon, and we think he is perfectly wonderful. He inspires each and every one of us with college spirit in its broadest sense.

The Dean of Women, Miss French, has advised that each sorority have a few girls, non-sorority as well as sorority, to the chapter each week to dinner. We have tried it and we find it one of the best ways to really learn something about each other, thus helping to develop a more democratic spirit among all the students.

Our girls are receiving their share of honors this year. Lesley Williams is secretary of the Music club. Elizabeth Soulen is vice-president of the senior class, Ola Bonham, as first vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. was sent to the Washington State College as one of the representatives to the Y. W. C. A. banquet, and gave the toast for the Idaho girls. Five of our freshmen have been given parts in the freshman class play. Those having rôles are Permelia and Gertrude Hays, Nora Ashton, Verna Johanneson and Carol Ryrey. Evelyn Cox is president of the freshman class. Constance Gyde is "art editor" for the *Gem of the Mountains*. Charlotte Lewis is editor of the Home Economics department in the *Argonaut*.

We wish to send congratulations to all our sister chapters for their success in rushing, and especially to our new chapters we send love and the best of good wishes.

OLA BONHAM.

PERSONALS

Grace Burgard from Delta chapter, spent the week-end as a guest of Xi chapter.

Lorraine Rank and Jeanette Morrison of Lambda, were week-end visitors of Xi chapter.

MARRIAGES

Florence McConnell, ex-'14, and Proctor Perkins, Kappa Sigma, were married in Boise, Idaho, June 17, 1914.

Iva Emmett, '12, and Harold Childs were married in Moscow, Idaho, in September.

BIRTH

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews, August 31.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

The most important thing of all to tell in this letter is our wonderfully successful rushing season the results of which we are proud to show off in the addition of thirteen splendid girls. They are all near enough alike to be the "Gamma Phi type", and yet distinctively different and original so as to be a great acquisition to Omicron chapter. Flora Hottes, with her bright sunny disposition, has an abundance of enthusiasm for work as well as play. Alida Moss shows promise of helping Omicron (as her mother helped Alpha) by her high scholarship as well as her general college activities. Martha McCammon and Lillian Johnston are both quiet and exceedingly conscientious, but both possess a pair of sparkling eyes, capable of a goodly proportion of mischief. Our one other town girl, Jennis Barry, has the same nature of bubbling vivacity that characterizes her sister, Mary. This quality, coupled with her ideas of doing something big, make us very proud of her.

Of the other eight girls, four are living in the house and the others expect to move in in February. It has been the case with those in the house, that knowing them better has meant loving them more. Margaret Baldwin's drollness, as well as "Rag" Gerlack's hearty appreciation of the same are a source of great amusement to the dignified upperclassmen. Ruth McElkiney bids fair to be as valuable to us as her sister and Gladys Treat's willingness to help makes of her a very pleasant companion. Ruth Shaefer and Lucile Pierson represent our unusual dramatic ability which we feel will stand us in good need later on in our stunt show. Gertrude Swifts' and Elsie Suppes' arrival into the house in February is being anticipated with much pleasure.

Although our pledges are so entertaining individually, they are much more so when taken as a group. The best indication of this was the annual freshman stunt in honor of the "old girls" at Home-Coming time. The Shakespearean reproduction, the Grand Opera, the "new Victrola", and the songs were exceedingly clever and amusing. In fact one of the songs seemed so good that I shall send it for the other chapters.

Our first function of the year was a jolly strawride far out into the country with a glorious moon overhead. This was to introduce our pledges. Our first dance was an informal one given on Halloween night. In accordance with the day, we decorated the hall in black cats and witches. As one may well imagine, we had a splendid time—so good, in fact, that we are impatiently awaiting our formal to be given January 8. By the way, we want as many of our nearby sisters as can, to come down for this annual.

Our social work this year has been rather different from other years. We have been selling tags for the Christmas Ship and are now working up a stunt to help raise money for the Red Cross nurses in Europe. Aside from this, several of us are working with the United Charities of Campaign, either in office work, in inspection of cases, or in work among children. Alice Carter, as president of the Y. W. C. A. is general supervisor of the "Know Your City Committee." As an organization, we are plan-

ning a Christmas party for about fifty of the poorer children in town. We are counting much on this both for what it will mean to the little tots and for the fun we ourselves are going to have in being Santa Clauses.

We are very much interested in any social service work Gamma Phi may enter, and as sisters should well be glad to give our hearty cöoperation.

RUTH FOX.

OMICRON WHISTLE SONG.

When you're strolling down the street
And you meet a sister sweet,
Walking somewhere in the distance,
Purse your lips with right good will,
Of a deep breath, take your fill,
And pipe this piece "de la resistance".

(Gamma Phi whistle)

And pipe that piece "de la resistance".

This is sung to the verse part of the nursery rhyme: "And every little wave had his nightcap on".

PERSONALS

Mrs. Freda Haller Jones from Beta chapter and Mrs. Ralph E. Heilman, Delta chapter are in town here. We are very glad to have met them.

Miriam Gerlach is back with us this year to help us plan a new chapter house. She is surely welcome!

MARRIAGES

Lillian King, '13, was married to Charles Elliot last fall. Mr. Elliot is a brother of Gertrude Elliot.

Ruth Keefer was married to John Mathews last summer.

BIRTH

Helen Coe Otwell and Florence Baxter Schneider each announce the birth of a child,—the former a boy and the latter a girl.

HONORS

Doris J. Halloway, Household Science club.

Winifred Supple and Ella Tillotson, Yo Ma.

Carrie McColley, Omicron Nu.

Ruth Fox, Athletic Association.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The school year thus far has been filled with so many duties and pleasures for the members of Pi chapter, that the time is passing almost too quickly.

The Fall rushing parties were held from September 16 to September 19, pledging taking place on Saturday, September 20.

We came out of the fray with flying colors and ten pledges, girls well worthy to uphold the high standard of Gamma Phi Beta. They are Margaret Haley, Valentine; Charlotte Hungate, Weeping Water; Vivian Bahr, Broken Bow; Mildred Rees, Norfolk; Marjorie Green, Lincoln; Mae Reynolds, Lincoln; Doris Weaver, Sioux City, Iowa; Bessie Dysart, Eagle; Aileen Eberman, Davenport; Eleanor Frampton, Lincoln.

We girls are very much delighted with the new home just purchased and each one takes an active interest in making it homelike and beautiful. Many lovely gifts have reached us. Miss Katherine Green of Lincoln gave us a kitchen shower at her home on North 26th street and Gladys Wilkinson and Marjorie Greene gave a linen shower at the Chapter house, October 16, 1914.

Five of the pledges having previously completed twelve hours of University work were initiated into the wonders of Gamma Phi on October 17, 1914.

We had open rushing from the first pledge day until November 21 when a second opportunity for pledging was given. During this time we gave a dancing party at the chapter house, with twenty couples present. Marjorie Greene entertained for us and our rushees at a bridge party at her home on South 13th street on the morning of November 8. Then we were the guests of Dorothy Morehead at the Governor's Mansion at a card party on October 22. We pledged Mildred and Harriet Peery, Ruth Irvine and Bertha and Kate Helzer.

All the girls have shown that they are seeking to uphold Gamma Phi ideals by taking part in all university activities and already many honors have come to Pi chapter, which indicate that her members are making their presence felt on the campus. Gladys Wilkinson has been elected treasurer of the Dramatic club. Margaret Haley holds a responsible position on the Girls' Club Council. This club is an important factor in school life at Nebraska University and we are honored in having one of our members on the council. Ruth Irvine and Aileen Eberman are taking part in the play given by the Kosmet Klub. This is a club organized for the purpose of producing an original musical play each year. Mildred Peery is on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet and is active in the Girls' Club. Our representatives in the Intersorority organizations are: Mildred Rees (freshman) Mystic Fish; Sarah Cole (sophomore) Xi Delta; Aileen Eberman (junior) Silver Serpent.

Our freshmen are quite incorrigible. In opposition to Monday night frat meeting from which they are excluded, they have organized a Bib-and-Tucker Club. The purpose of this organization is a dark secret and is looked upon with suspicion by the upperclassmen. So far, however, there have been no evidences of insubordination.

Mary Hungate, our representative in the local Pan-Hellenic Council, reports that a system of coöperative buying is about to be adopted. By this system the fraternities and sororities will be able to buy groceries, meat and coal much cheaper. The secretary having charge of this buying will look up the scholastic standing of the members of each organization contributing toward his support and will make a monthly report of the same. This fact will exert a splendid influence toward maintaining a high standard of scholarship.

For the first time in the history of the school an All-university Party or University Mixer was held in Memorial Hall, November 13. The Dean of women was the head of a committee consisting of fifty girls and men from the different classes of the University. It was conceded to be a great success. There were over nine hundred present and it was one of the most pleasing social events ever held here. This All-university Party is to become a regular feature, taking place once a month.

The football season of Nebraska has been a grand success and we are justly proud of our team—"The Champions of the Missouri Valley". Great enthusiasm was displayed by the student body and the splendid College spirit undoubtedly helped the team to victory.

The question of the removal of the University of Nebraska to the State Farm campus was defeated in the last election by a large majority. An appropriation has been obtained, however, for the use of University extension. So within the next five or ten years we shall have a fine looking campus.

The sororities of Nebraska University are to be commended for the active part they are taking in charitable work here in Lincoln. The Delta Gammas are active in the Russian settlement in the western part of the city; the Kappa Alpha Thetas in the poorer classes of north Lincoln. Many of the sororities spend an afternoon a week in the Orthopedic Hospital reading, telling stories or in some other way making brighter the lives of the little children there. We Gamma Phis are making arrangements to provide a Christmas tree for the children in the Detention Home and so bring some of the Christmas spirit to them.

The members of Pi chapter are greatly indebted to Mrs. Jessie White Ryons for her kindly interest and splendid advice. Each girl feels that she has a true friend in Mrs. Ryons to whom she may turn in time of need.

We are anxiously awaiting Mrs. Silverson's visit and are hoping that she will like us. Each girl realizes how great a privilege it is to be a Gamma Phi Beta and by her efforts toward good scholarship and true womanliness is pledging her coöperation in making Pi chapter strong in the sisterhood and worthy of her trust.

AILEEN EBERMAN.

IMPRESSIONS OF INSTALLATION

By a member of Pi Chapter

The installation ceremonies of Phi Chapter are something that will ever be remembered by the seven initiates. The wonderful Gamma Phis who had charge of the initiation have ever endeared themselves to Pi Chapter and the one wish that the Pis now have is to be as ideal, as selfless and as true as the ideal Gamma Phi should be.

Remarks between Phi Betas concerning Gamma Phi Betas:

"Isn't she a Dear?" "You know she looks like a Gamma Phi." "Isn't she wonderful?" "I am simply wild about her gown." "Do you think that they are going to like us?" "Wasn't she dignified Sunday night?" "Goodness what a rain." "Do you think it is warm—Oh! no we don't ever notice the heat". "The one with the twinkly eyes is a darling. She has such a keen sense of humor."

CHICAGO

The last two Chicago Alumnae Chapter meetings have been held in our much talked of new quarters in the Stevens Building. The College Club has the seventeenth floor from State through to Wabash and when the building is completed will have beautiful and commodious quarters. At present, college girls, bricklayers, society matrons, plasterers and dining tables are distributed impartially through the place. Our business meet-

ings thus far have been in some unoccupied, half finished room in the building, but, by another month everything will be in good working order.

The vast number of unemployed in Chicago are many of them in such a state of destitution, that all of the more fortunate are bending their energies toward relieving the situation. As a chapter, we have adopted a family with seven children for the winter, preferring not to commit ourselves to any definite line of permanent work, until we see what the sorority as a whole decides to do. Most of our members are actively engaged in philanthropic work along lines of their own planning, and heretofore we have done nothing as a chapter for that reason. Mrs. Waterman is in charge of our present relief work. We are as a chapter much in favor of some work undertaken by $\Gamma \Phi$ nationally which shall represent us as a whole. Our meetings so far this year have been interesting and well attended notwithstanding the unsettled condition of our household arrangements and we hope that with our attractive new surroundings we will have many more members added to our number.

BEULAH L. HOUSTON.

PERSONALS

Margery Rosing has a half year leave of absence from her position as teacher of Botany in the St. Louis schools. She visited the Chicago Chapter in the fall and will spend the winter in Florida.

Ethel Virgin O'Neil has an engagement to sing in Grand Opera in Lucerne. We have not heard whether the war has interfered with the production.

MARRIAGES

Frances Fischer, Epsilon, and Dr. August Lenders, ΔT , were married November 17. They will live in Chicago.

Miss Ruth Eastman, Epsilon, '12, was married to Howard L. Watrous in June. They will live in Chicago.

Miss Edna Luke, Epsilon, '11, was married to Dr. Arthur Schoeffler in September. They will live in Joliet.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. James Rathburn (Nell Ade, E) are the parents of a daughter, Margaret, born last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice of La Grange (Grace Estelle Lasher, Epsilon) have a son.

SYRACUSE

Chronologically and climatically, dear Gamma Phi sisters, the excitement is this: first, October meeting with Hattie Budd Wadleigh where we planned and gossiped and planned and reported: second, the newness of a real live visiting delegate: third, the regular November meeting at Florence Palmer Baker's; and fourth, our Fortieth Anniversary banquet. All of which we want to tell you about. Do you all have the fun we have of getting together early in the fall at some big house like Hattie Wadleigh's and just visiting? And the president pounds on the table and still you visit because you have a whole summer's tale to tell? We do. But we finally leave the new babies and war escapades and our summer cottage without mosquitoes, resolutely stiffen our businesslike backs, and discuss. We hear reports of Alpha's seventeen good-looking, cosmopolitan freshmen and we feel again that we want to come nearer our active girls this year

just in plain friendliness, as a pleasure to us, and, we modestly add—to them. To that result a committee of three alumnae has been appointed to notify all the chapter of spreads, special occasions at the house or things we all should know about our younger sisters.

And then she came, our long looked for, much discussed visiting delegate, Katherine Taney Silverson. You chapters that still have the treat in store, begin to be glad; for you will learn more about the rest of us than ever before, unless you've been to convention. Don't buy new clothes, don't lock the closet door on the odds and ends of raveled out business, don't be formal, it's a waste of time! Just be friendly and be helped by all our problems as concentrated in Mrs. Silverson. Well, of course we had a reception, and a luncheon, and Pan-Hellenic meetings, and conferences between our dean of women and our own Mrs. Silverson—but those things necessary or unnecessary didn't count for half as much as the intimate chapter meetings and the cosy little personal chats about Gamma Phi truths. And it isn't student gush to say that it is a real blessing to have some one of tact and authority and friendliness, who can personally touch each girl with a realization of a national Gamma Phi vision which must grow, and can grow only through her own idealism and devotion.

At Mrs. Baker's we had our second meeting of the year and it wasn't hard to keep our thoughts on business there because we had so much to talk over with Mrs. Silverson. We heard again but more vividly about the value of centralized government, expansion, efficiency in our business affairs and many interesting minor points about you far-away girls. Oh, we liked it, and we jacked ourselves up with vim.

Yes, we realize the need of social service as a proof of our *raison d'être*; more than that we feel the pull in our hearts toward doing things for people especially in this sad war stricken year. So keen is this feeling that everywhere in Syracuse, as I suppose in many hundreds of places, all the women are knitting—on the street cars, on Sundays, at committee meetings—or sewing in behalf of the relief work. As a chapter we have planned no definite piece of social service as yet, and I think the alumnae of the other sororities have not done so either. But as individuals we do work—not always in a way that can be written about. In the Y. W. C. A., in the Syracuse Boy's club, the settlement and baby welfare stations, church extension work, we find places—it's not because it's the popular thing to do, but we love it.

To go back to our last alumnae meeting, we have a splendid scheme which lightens the burden of entertainment and refreshments upon any one member's shoulders. We have six or seven hostesses who share the expense and the work of one meeting—we're learning, you see, to cooperate. Our next meeting will be December 12 at Laura Page Flick's, and we have invited all the active girls because Mrs. Flick has promised to read her paper on "Christ in Art", and show us the prints that she uses the day before for the Portfolio Club.

Now about our banquet—probably the active girls told you about the toast list printed on the brown crescent cards, so I will merely feature some truly alumnae happenings. Did you ever have a birthday cake for your founder, and find within it when cut, a new Gamma Phi pin for her because she had lost hers? We had that fun! And afterwards our Mrs. Curtis gave the dearest, most whimsical toast "And it came to pass" and we saw before us a baby Gamma Phi of four girls, and realized the miracle of growth to the present day budding state. We are so mighty grateful to

E. Adeline Curtis and the three other friends who made us to be. The seventeen uninitiated freshmen stayed through part of the toast list and were welcomed in an impromptu rhyme by Flora Judd, '16, and after they were gone we reminisced from the beginning past all the milestones up to now, took a peep into the future and sang and sang with Ruth King Crim a familiar figure on the piano stool. There were seventeen girls on the honor list for last year, the twenty-five dollar prize given by the trustees going to Flora Judd for an average of over 91%. We broke house rules in staying so late but it was long after eleven o'clock.

Our alumnæ are especially interested in the efforts of Women's League, the student government association in college toward raising money for a Women's Building. Blanche Knapp is chairman of a committee which is starting some mite-box system among the women alumnæ of the university. It means a lot to the college girls to have a modern building for their exclusive use, and we hope it's not a far-away dream.

Syracuse alumnæ wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas time!

MILDRED H. FISH.

PERSONALS

We were glad to have the following out-of-town alumnæ at our fortieth anniversary banquet: Florence Seeley, ex-'85, Rome, N. Y.; Helen Saxton, ex-'95, Clyde, N. Y.; Henrietta Bidwell, ex-'14, Norwich, Conn.; Mary Fuller Fearon, '86, Oneida, N. Y.; Ruth King Crim, '12, Utica, N. Y.; Florence Reed Monro, '02, Camillus, N. Y.; Clara Bingham Collins, '99, Cortland, N. Y.; Ida Saxton Wilcox, '93, Rochester, N. Y.; Genevieve Joy, '12, Cazenovia, N. Y.; Blanche Shove Palmer, ex-'81, New York City; Ruth E. Abell, '14, Baldwinsville, N. Y.; Cora Willard Fredrick, ex-'81, Hartford, Conn.; Mabel Whitney Hawkins, '10.

Florence Worster Allen, '91, has moved to Fayetteville, N. Y.

Hazel Peck invited Bertha Dodson, Esther Potter, Henrietta Bidwell and Mildred Fish to a jolly luncheon party at Schrafft's one noon, a few weeks ago while she was in town during the State teachers' convention. She spent the week-end with Esther Potter.

Our six 1914 seniors, three of whom are near enough Syracuse to be active in the alumnæ chapter, are putting their whole energies into their new work and play as only fresh graduates can do. It's a varied business. May Loveland is teaching German and English in Ovid, N. Y., instead of her beloved cross sections of protozoa and dissected respiratory systems. She was a science major. Hazel Whitmarsh is teaching drawing in West Corning, N. Y. and Marion Weaver is doing dramatic work in New York City. Esther Potter is living at home this year filling her linen chest and sewing, and doing all sorts of helpful work in college and city organizations. Ruth Abel is teaching History in Jamesville, N. Y., a suburb of Syracuse. Mildred Fish is assistant extension secretary in the local Young Women's Christian association. It would be fun to have a comparison of notes on experiences and points of view.

The alumnæ and active chapter both have a hollow feeling of loss when we think of Marion Beecher teaching in the Bonn Avon school way down in San Antonio, Texas. She has always been one of the spokes.

BIRTHS

Bergitta Moran Farmer has a new baby.

Mildred Fulmer Usher of Interlaken, N. Y., has a little son.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters:

Since the departure of our very charming visiting delegate, Boston alumnae has done nothing—collectively, I mean—but make good resolves and admire the energy and acquisitiveness of Delta, which resulted in the pledging of seven freshmen. All are admitted by our “rivals dead” to be extra fine specimens. Honor to Delta! The alumnae who have seen them agree with the rivals’ estimate. Of course they can’t be initiated until February, but we feel quite unalarmed at the prospect of their examinations. How could anyone fail with a Gamma Phi pin gleaming as a prize just beyond the darkness of that week of toil!

Shall we tell you what a very Bostonian feast we prepared for Mrs. Silverson? (This was after the Faculty and Mothers’ Tea—as we called it for long). We who live where the Bean is an honored article of food have not seldom had our pride—and digestions—injured by so-called “Boston Baked Beans” presented to us anywhere from the Lakes to the Gulf, the Mountains to the Sea. Our sympathy for those thus condemned to walk in darkness led us long ago to resolve to lighten that darkness for as many strangers within our gates as would consent to be enlightened. Mrs. Silverson—she is no stranger now!—had among her other qualifications, courage and an enquiring mind. She said she liked the real thing—with brown bread and piccalilly—and she had ocular demonstration that we like it too. Yes, she was apparently unscathed the next day.

Saturday is our second business meeting, and we really do mean to be energetic before the next issue of THE CRESCENT and have more worthy achievements to record. Meanwhile, may we wish you the best of new years?

KATHARINE WHITING.

PERSONALS

Boston chapter was very glad to have a glimpse of Luella Ames of Kappa and of Mary Grosvenor of Beta at the tea in honor of Mrs. Silverson.

Grace Durgin, Delta, 1902, is taking the Needle Arts Course at Simmons College.

Ruth Bartlett, 1913, is teaching in the Claflin University at Orangeburg, S. C.

Florence Beiler, 1907, has returned, after her vacation, when some of us had the great pleasure of seeing her, to begin her eighth year of teaching in Porto Rico. We do wish it weren’t so attractive!

Mabel Fitz, 1898, of the Girls’ High School, who was in Europe this summer, intending to spend her sabbatical year in Spain, will study Spanish in Porto Rico instead.

Annie Joslyn Gray, 1898, who was in Europe when the war broke out, was of the noble army of those who came back in the steerage, and could a tale unfold!

Rachel Hardwick, ex-1915, is president of the senior class in the department of Hygiene, Wellesley College. She was also president of the junior class last year, and it was an unusual honor for her to be chosen again.

Violet Marshall, ex-1915, who graduated from the Department of Hygiene, Wellesley, last June, is assistant supervisor of Physical Culture in Montclair, New Jersey.

Elsie Jordan, 1915, is teaching in Norwell, Massachusetts.

Margaret Osgood, 1915, is teaching in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Edna Simmons, 1914, is teaching in Newport, Rhode Island.

BIRTH

Born to Mrs. Guy Edward Sanger (Bess Newhall, Delta 1899), twin boys. They are said, on good authority, to be very cunning—and very sturdy—but as she has now three boys and no girls, would the Grand President or the Editor of THE CRESCENT or other august person please reason with her on the error of her ways? Still—they are cunning—and, their fond aunt, Grace Newhall, 1899, will be as proud of them as of their elder brother—though that scarcely seems possible.

NEW YORK

"All roads lead to New York", is perhaps truer today than that all roads lead to Rome. It has long been the desire of the New York Alumnæ Chapter to greet the many Gamma Phis who either visit New York for the winter, or who pass through the City *en route* for other parts. A chapter house is beyond our wildest dreams. Even an apartment is not feasible in this metropolis of high rents and long distances. A change has, however, been made in our meetings which we hope will enable us more freely to entertain—not the traveling public, but that part of it which visits New York and belongs to our sorority.

In former years we have met at the homes of our members. These gatherings have been delightful, for all Gamma Phis are charming hostesses and understand that art of arts, the art of perfect hospitality. But New York is a city of long distances, to repeat a truism. Many faithful Gamma Phis have taken street car, ferry, subway, elevated and steam cars, and added to this sometimes an automobile, often a three hours' journey each way, in order to attend a Gamma Phi meeting. All have been well rewarded, and the meetings have been well attended; only those who are passing through the city can seldom be induced to attempt these pilgrimages that mean so much time and effort.

All the meetings this year are to be held at the University Club, 106 East 52nd St., New York. So will all Gamma Phis who are sojourning in New York for the winter, or who contemplate a visit here, please write this in their address book with the additional line that meetings will be held January 16th, February 27, and March 27 with a meeting in April, the date to be announced later. Each meeting opens with a luncheon at one o'clock followed by an hour of business.

If any Gamma Phi not a member of the chapter can attend one of these luncheons will she kindly send her name to Mrs. M. L. Robinson, 250 West 93rd St., New York? Our Alumnæ chapter assures all the sorority that here East is no longer East, nor is West now West, but all are Gamma Phis.

On October 17, occurred the open meeting and luncheon of the Pan-Hellenic convention, and thirty-four Gamma Phis, a number that compared favorably with the others, attended. There were nearly four hundred women at this luncheon in the Banquet Room of the Hotel McAlpin, and they filled the air with chatter, fraternity songs, and delightful greetings of old friends. We listened with the greatest interest and satisfaction to the able speakers whom Alpha Chi Omega had provided for us, glad to realize anew that men and women who are doing worth while things in the world believe whole heartedly in fraternities, and demonstrate that they stand for something else than snobbishness and social rivalry.

We who had escaped the real work of the preceding business week, congratulated ourselves that we were so ably represented by Lillian Thompson, whose experience and judgment are unquestioned.

Our national president, Mrs. Harsen, made herself felt, and impressed the other delegates with the fact that she possesses great executive ability, and stands for the best in sorority life.

Then, we made the acquaintance of our new visiting delegate, Mrs. Silverson. We can say of her, "she came, she saw, she conquered," for we are heart and soul with her in her work of improving our national strength, and except to help carry out any plan she may formulate.

The twenty-first of November we had an alumnae meeting at the University Club, and enjoyed meeting a number of new members, Mrs. Persons, B. Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Hines, O, Miss McIntyre, Miss Bohr, and Miss Jermy, A, and Miss Enright, I.

While we do not wish to urge you too hard, still we wish to assure you again that you are most welcome, whether planning to join us or not.

CLARA H. WHITMORE.

PERSONALS

The war assumed a personal shape to us this summer, for we had three members in the war zone. Isabelle White was in Paris when hostilities began, but left the City and returned to America without discomfort. Emma Lowd was at Stuttgart when the German army began to mobilize. Fortunately she was visiting a German family who were enabled to obtain "inside information" and she left Germany on the last train that was permitted to cross the border. Her adventures did not end here. As her return ticket was for one of the steamers of the North German Lloyd line, she had to take advantage of anything she could get in order to return from England to New York. This proved to be third class accommodations, in times of peace designated as steerage, from Liverpool to Montreal. She reports an exciting voyage as they sped over the ocean without lights or signals while at one time off the coast of Ireland, the steamer was reversed because of mines.

Ruth Elva Russum of Alpha was in Italy when war was declared. She hastened to Switzerland but was stopped at the border, kept there twelve hours, and sent back to Milan fourth class. In these cars there were no seats and it took ten hours to make the trip. The condition of these cars was such that some of the Americans became loud in their praises of the Jersey mosquitoes, preferring any of our American pests to those that are bred abroad. Miss Russum sailed from Naples on the steamer *San Guglielmo*, which had been chartered by the American government. There were not enough state-rooms for all. The more unfortunate had none and slept on deck. Miss Russum, however, had the opportunity here to play the part of the good samaritan. Her state-room had a mirror. This fact was discovered by one of the gentleman who was passing by the open door. He at once hunted out the owner and asked permission to go there to shave. The gentleman proved to be Mr. Paul Althouse of the Metropolitan Opera Company. He communicated his great discovery of a real mirror to other gentlemen with the result that the owners of the state-room spent the mornings on deck while the gentlemen used the mirror—for vanity's sake?—no, for shaving.

Anyone wishing to know more of the adventures of these wanderers will have to attend the next Gamma Phi luncheon. Even then they will have to

beg of them to talk, as they are all modest and have not even written a magazine article upon their adventures.

The guests at the meeting on November 21st, were Mrs. Duffy, I, Marion Weaver, A, Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, Baltimore; Fredericka Belknap and Bert Sayre, I, Mrs. Horace Avery, O.

Emilie Treadway Pishel has moved to Wichita Falls, Texas.

MARRIAGE

Louise Lee was married on November twenty-first to Mr. Henry Fraser Cannon. The couple will be at home after January first, at 262 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, N. J.

MILWAUKEE (No Letter.)

SAN FRANCISCO

My Dear Sisters:

Two of our meetings that have passed since my last letter, I could not attend, but most enthusiastic reports have come to me of each. On September second, when Lilian Allen was hostess, our successful architect, Elizabeth Austin, spoke on "The Influence of Architecture on the Individual." Another meeting was held at Cecil Harrold Dana's, scheduled as "Housewife's Afternoon." At this meeting, they tell me, the talk was fast and furious. Constitutional amendments, a campaign for increased membership, the possibility of doing some charity work, all came up for consideration. With the end of the meeting came the realization that not one word had been given to the planned program.

The meeting between, on October third, which I did not miss, seemed to me the best kind of a meeting. It was a basket lunch at Mabel William's—though when we saw what Mabel had done for us, we realized how little need we had for our baskets. There was the jolly, leisurely lunch, then the long afternoon to talk, not only of chapter business but of our own personal interests, that must be crowded out of the shorter meetings. Bertha Knox was there from her homestead on Island Mountain, with new and delightful experiences to tell. I am asking Bertha to write a letter to THE CRESCENT describing her life in the wilds for I know you will enjoy it. Charlotte Sanderson Gardner was there, as she had come up from Watsonville for the annual apple show. Mr. Gardner is one of the enthusiastic promoters of the show, and Charlotte's jelly carried off prizes.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Florence Ewing, 2221 Scott St., San Francisco, Dec. 5. Lena Redington will tell us about "Mandalay and the Irawaddy." Mrs. Josiah Sibley (Adeline Webb, Zeta) will be the guest of honor. Mr. Sibley is pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco.

Then will follow our Christmas luncheon, and may all the warmth and true friendliness which we find at our holiday meeting be every Gamma Phi's during the coming year.

MARGARET WEBB.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Mosher (Edna Wyckoff) has joined the number of Eta farmers, Bertha Knox and Louise Kellogg. Mr. Mosher has bought a ranch near Butte City, on the upper Sacramento river.

Tallulah Le Conte Elston plans to leave for Washington in the spring. Mr. Elston was elected to congress from Alameda County. San Francisco husbands are prominent in the political life of the state. Mr. Thelen is Railroad Commissioner, Mr. Stern is State Highway Commissioner.

Sarah Morgan Patterson with her husband has left on a tour of the South and East.

Mary Le Conte Hoffman leaves Saturday for London, to join Mr. Hoffman, who is connected with an English mining company.

Mrs. Gilbert (Epsilon) has joined the list of faculty wives at Berkeley. Mr. Gilbert is connected with the Law college.

Mrs. Horker, Northwestern, has gone upon a ranch in the Napa Valley.

Bess Waldron, Margaret Hodgen, and Penelope Murdock all had exciting experiences in Europe. A letter by Margaret Hodgen was published in the *Chronicle* of September 5.

Bess Waldron has left Marjory at school in New York.

Winifred Bridge Allen is now established in apartments at 39 19th Ave. S. F., waiting for the new home to be finished.

Mrs. Taylor (Gamma), who was one of our most faithful members last year, is now in Los Angeles.

Rachel Colby and Helen Hengstler have been among the most active workers for the war relief fund.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna (Wanda Muir), on August 27, welcomed a fourth son, Robert Elmer. This is the seventh grandson of John Muir, for Helen Muir Funk, has three small boys.

Born on August 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Thelen (Ora Muir), a daughter, Ora.

Born on October 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Variel (Greta Augustine), a son, Robert, Jr.

Mrs. Frederick Collman (Epsilon) has a small son.

DENVER

The autumn meetings of the Denver alumnae chapter have been of unusual interest. Mrs. Woodward (Kathryn Allen) first opened her home to us and as it was the first time that we, as a chapter, have met Kathryn since her marriage we took full possession of her bride's paradise. At this meeting we elected our new officers and thoroughly enjoyed the reunion after the summer separation. The second meeting, with Margaret Carman, was equally enjoyable. Plans for the year were discussed at length and a general "get together" spirit was evident. Janet Newkirk Birkins of Romeo, Colorado, was with us on this occasion and Wanda Seeman (Beta '14) was welcomed as a new member of the chapter. The third meeting, held at the home of Genevieve Knight was unusually large, and we were especially happy to greet Elizabeth Hessler who had just returned from the war zone. Her tales of adventure were wonderfully interesting as you may have further opportunity of judging.

The fourth meeting, a large one of course, since it was in the Barbee home, took the form of a Halloween party. Only our sins found us out, not in mirrors at witching hour or through bobbing apples—but by a sort of catechism in fraternity affairs, put to us by that ever wise and gentle critic, Lindsey. Here we had with us, Anne Kellogg of Gamma, who is spending the winter with Dorothy Steele. The last meeting "before we go

to press" was with Lois Miles Jackson, and here we matured the plans for our Thanksgiving offering that had hitherto been only discussed. It was decided to send several of our well filled baskets to families who have been on our list for several years. This yearly custom means so much to us and even more to the worthy mothers and children who, otherwise, would have little of the usual festivities.

At the meeting in Thanksgiving week, we shall have the joy of initiating Viola Clymer Smedley, a pledge of long standing, who has lately been found eligible (in the matter of credits) for initiation. As her enthusiasm, spirit and material help have always been remarkable, her initiation will bring the greatest pleasure to all of us and it will be held at the home of Mabel Brown Holt. The first meeting in December will be with Helen Welles Thackwell (Beta) who has been in Denver this fall and whom we have so gladly claimed as a member.

As to social work, so far we have decided upon nothing definite save our Thanksgiving offering and some Christmas charity. Last Christmas we gave the Christmas dinner to the entire Craig Colony (a very worthy enterprise for the benefit of tubercular victims whose purse will not allow them the other institutions); probably, this year we shall do the same and in addition will bend our energies toward other social service. Many of our girls are interested in city organizations and do much personal work in this line. Mary Crary Moore is actively engaged in work at the Sunshine Mission and does much for the Deaconess cause; Grace Evans Shannon gives much personal service to the Florence Crittenden Home (for fallen girls); Lindsey Barbee is interested in the Working Girls' Club; Ruth Coldren spends much time at the Day nursery. All of us have in various ways aided the Belgian fund and have contributed to the White Ship.

Our Denver Pan-Hellenic does practical work in the Neighborhood House; the alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma are sewing for the poor; Chi Omega is doing definite charity work, and Sigma Kappa, each year, allies itself with some city charity, not only becoming familiar with its ways and means by practical study, but by individual and collective work.

And now, all joys of the Christmas season be with you, and in the words of Tiny Tim "God bless us every one."

LOIS MILES JACKSON.

PERSONALS

Denver alumnae chapter sympathizes with Bertha Webb (Theta '10) in the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank J. Quereau.

Kittie Lee Bishop has been east on a visit.

Mamie Gallup Howe (Mrs. Hubert S.) will be allied with New York alumnae, this winter.

Elizabeth Hessler has returned from Europe, after many experiences in the war zone.

Grace McDonough is spending the winter in New York.

Edith Wallace Potter (Mrs. C. A.) spent the entire summer in the east.

Louise Iliff has returned after a sojourn at "The Breakers", her summer home, in Santa Cruz.

Lindsey Barbee made a short visit to May Wheeler Shattuck (Mrs. O. F.) in Greeley, Colorado.

Lois Miles Jackson (Mrs. D. W.) will spend Thanksgiving and Christmas in Iowa.

Muriel Steele (Theta '13) after a year abroad, is at the head of the French department in Cazenovia Seminary in New York.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Hessler (Theta '13) to Mr. Howard Caroll.

MARRIAGE

On December 2, 1914, Harriette Brown (Theta and Gamma '14) was married to Mr. John Edward Thompson.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tanner (Julia North, ex-Theta) a son, Gordon, October 24, 1914.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Loring Lennox (Lucy Moore, '08) a son, Loring, on November 15, 1914.

MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis Alumnæ have about the same feeling that the old time minute men had when they cried, "Three o'clock and all's well", only our cry is "December first and all's well". The new house is finished, fourteen girls are comfortably settled in it, and thirteen freshmen are wearing our pledge pin. I really can not say whether this letter will sound more like an active or an alumnæ letter, because our interests have been so identical this fall that both will probably deal with the same things—the house and the freshman, the Fair and once again the house. Of course the majority of the girls in the house are active, yet we older ones feel it belongs peculiarly to us. Honor to whom honor is due, therefore all honor be to Katherine Whitney who camped on the trail of the workmen three times a day to see that all went well; to "Florrie" Snook who designed the interior decorations, to the Board of Directors who worked so eagerly; and to the generous Gamma Phis throughout the state and country. The house was practically finished November first, and informally opened after the Wisconsin game, November 14, at our "Open house". But the Wisconsin celebration is another story, told elsewhere in this issue.

The formal housewarming will be given some time soon, but first we must clear our minds of the Fair, December 12. Once a week, throughout the fall, all day sewing meetings have been held where Peggy Menzel cut most fearful and wonderful things while we underlings outlined "Lettuce" and "Celery" in green floss. By way of explanation, Peggy is running the Fair.

Instructions ask for an account of social service work done by the chapter and I blush to say there is none in the name of the chapter, but there are isolated individuals who rub the tarnish from our crescent. Frances Works is assistant directress of a recreation center in Minneapolis, and Jeanne Borden is working in the Northeast Settlement House of Minneapolis. Of course, all of us do "odd jobs" that by themselves amount to little, but in the aggregate swell to commendable size. And the social service section of the College Women's Club is claiming a number of our girls in its volunteer work. An interesting campaign is in progress here against the "Paper Bag Dinners" of working girls. The Women's Welfare League is planning to start clubhouses run like the famous Eleanor clubs of Chicago. Some improvement in that direction is essential.

Greater activity in social work will undoubtedly come with the ever-awakening interest in club work. But at present our interest centers naturally, although perhaps narrowly, in the college Women's Club. Rewey Belle Inglis is president, Margaret Nachtrieb is secretary, and the number of Gamma Phis enrolled is truly amazing. The scope of the club is

broad, ranging all the way from manuscripts and dramatics, through home culture and child study, to vocational work and social service. It works in harmony with the Women's Club and Women's Welfare League, striving in its individual way for keener insight into the problems of the day and for the betterment of social conditions.

MARGARET NACHTRIEB.

PERSONALS

Ethel Works Kerr (Mrs. W. D.) has moved to Oak Park, Chicago.

Eva Wilkinson Hall was visiting in Minneapolis during December.

Olive Brooks and Ellen Brooks Krause went to Brooklyn, N. Y., in October to attend the wedding of their brother, Frank Brooks.

Rewey Belle Inglis is teaching preparatory Rhetoric in the new University High School.

MARRIAGES

Ruth Hall to Sidney Bowen of Mason City, Iowa, on December 30.

June Welch of St. Paul to Harry Legg of Minneapolis in October. Their home is in Minneapolis.

Bernice Works to Ralph Bruce on October 7.

Ellen Brooks to Mr. Claude Krause of Minneapolis on October 28.

Clara Taney to Dr. Carl Handley Will of Seattle on December 16. They will be at home after January 1, at the Perry in Seattle.

BIRTHS

Born to Margaret Kinney Tudor (Mrs. J. Beresford) a boy, Thomas, on October 4.

Born to Grace Kingsley Wales a boy, Henry Menden, on August 17. Mrs. Wales is in Sewaren, N. J.

DEATH

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Mildred Hunter for the death of her father which took place on October first.

DETROIT

Detroit alumnæ chapter sends greetings to each sister chapter, with good wishes for the year.

Because this is almost the first letter of this chapter to THE CRESCENT I shall give some facts in the history of its beginning and organization. In February, 1913, application was made for a charter which was granted the following May. On October 25, 1913, a meeting was held in Ann Arbor in Beta's chapter room to organize the alumnæ chapter. There were seventeen charter members. The majority of the members come from Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Toledo, so we plan to hold one of our three yearly meetings in each of the above mentioned places, the fall meeting being held in Ann Arbor. But we also include members from Port Huron, Owosso, Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, and other places in Michigan and Ohio.

Our first president was Millicent Hunt Heaton (Detroit), who was active in starting the chapter. This year the officers are as follows: President, Rose Anderson (Toledo); vice-president and corresponding secretary, Elsie Grace Anderson (Toledo); recording secretary, Edna Thuner (Detroit); treasurer, Edith Kimball (Toledo); directors, Erna George (Detroit), Carrie Hosie (Wayne), Sarah Hardy Adams (Ann Arbor).

At the time of Mrs. Silverson's visit to Beta chapter, a special meeting was held in Ann Arbor at the home of Mrs. Mabelle Leonard Douglass, and was followed by a dinner, with Mrs. Silverson as guest of honor. Matters of interest to the general sorority were discussed and the relation of the chapters to the whole sorority.

We have been asked if our chapter has done anything in the way of social service. We do not feel as if we had gotten under way yet, we are still so new, so nothing has been undertaken in that line. But many of the individual members have, first and last, worked for community interests very generously. I shall try to gather some data regarding this before the next letter. And I should like to suggest that other chapters do likewise, for I believe that Gamma Phi will not be found lacking in interest or activity along these lines, even though she is not doing anything as an organization.

ELSIE GRACE ANDERSON.

PERSONALS

Isidore Thompson Scott and Professor Scott were among those traveling abroad this summer and were in Berlin when the war broke out, unable to leave. They reached Ann Arbor early in October.

Violet Jayne Schmidt visited Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and Toledo this fall in the interests of Collegiate Alumnae. In each place she was entertained by Gamma Phis, who take great pride in the work she has done.

Edith Kimball is not teaching this year but will spend the year in Florida with her family.

BALTIMORE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

Our first real alumnae gathering will take the form of a luncheon, given on December fifth, at the home of Bess Brown, where she and Margaret Handy will be joint hostesses. As most of us have not seen each other during the summer, we will welcome an opportunity to catch up on current Zeta events, and the conversation will probably cover everything from the war to babies, and from rushing to fashions.

One of the girls remarked recently that if, at the next convention, we are to discuss the Sorority's taking up some sort of organized social work, the Baltimore chapter will feel like the veteran corps, for there is scarcely one among us, who does not do something along that line.

Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, has charge of a large training class for negro social workers at Morgan College, the only one of its kind in Baltimore. Many of these workers have one or more college degrees, are lawyers, doctors, teachers, who are preparing to do uplift work among their own people. Helen Dingle is one of the district secretaries for our Federated Charities. Marion Jones and Marie Ohle are doing volunteer work for the same organization. Florence Oehm has organized work for newsboys. Mrs. Mary Sawyers Baker and Mrs. Bell Baker Treide are both on the board of the Y. W. C. A. which has recently raised four hundred thousand dollars for a new building. Several of us are particularly interested in the work of the District Nurses' Association, and others in factory work under the extension committee of the Y. W. C. A. When the time comes to talk of social service under the auspices of Gamma Phi, Baltimore Alumnae can feelingly say: "Everybody's doing it!"

We are fortunate in having in our new chapter several members from other chapters than Zeta: Mrs. Smith, of whom I have spoken, the Misses

Wilmot, heads of the girls' Latin School, which has recently moved into its beautiful new home. This school is making such a splendid record as a day and boarding school that Gamma Phis are justly proud of it. Then we have Mrs. Mary Ickes Watson, whose husband is a professor at Johns Hopkins, and two members from Washington, Mrs. Emilie Treadway Pishel and Mrs. Jessie Page Heroy. All these members come from Alpha except Mrs. Watson, who comes from Epsilon.

There will be more to tell you later; meanwhile may I express for the chapter the joy we feel in being really organized and taking our place among the other *alumnæ* chapters. Goucher College, because of the fact that it is small, southern, and not coeducational, has problems that are all its own. For this reason, we feel that an *alumnæ* chapter can be of infinite value to the active one, and we are looking forward to a closer relationship to our active girls, as well as to the sorority as a whole.

NELLIE SNOWDEN WATTS.

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 23rd and Calvert, Alfheim Hall.
- 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, 315 Broadway.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 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.
- PI meets every Monday at 7:00 at the chapter house, 3008 O Street.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a. m. at 284 Dartmouth Street.
- CHICAGO meets the first Saturday of each month at the Chicago College Club Rooms—Fine Arts Building. Luncheon at 12:30.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of 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 University Club, 106 E. 52nd St. Banquet in April.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the last Saturday of December and first Saturday of March, June and September. Social meetings the other months at members' homes.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Saturday of every month at the homes of members.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR JUNE—*Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta.

FOR JULY—*Purple, Green and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha; *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon.

FOR AUGUST—*Phi Gamma Delta*; *Adelphian* of Alpha Delta Pi; *Delta* of Sigma Nu.

FOR SEPTEMBER—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Upsilon; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

FOR OCTOBER—*Phi Gamma Delta*; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Journal* of Sigma Phi Epsilon; *Beta Theta Pi*.

FOR NOVEMBER—*Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Delta Delta Delta—University of Arkansas; Drury College; Mt. Union College; University of Alabama.

Delta Tau Delta—University of Oregon; University of Pittsburgh.

Kappa Delta—Normal College, New York; Millsaps College.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Boston University.

From three splendid articles upon sophomore pledging, we quote the following:

Sophomore pledge in most places means an all year's rush. This is deplorable, considering time, money, and thought involved, as well as the loss of democratic commingling among the fraternities. Its great drawback is that it makes the fraternities too conspicuous on the campus and thus compares most unfavorably with a short, simple rushing period and second semester initiation after the fulfillment by the candidates of a fair and uniform scholarship requirement.

Again, it is usually the chapters rushing hardest throughout the year, and not the discriminating ones, which are nominally successful on pledge day as they have become best acquainted with the susceptible freshmen.

Sophomore pledge militates against the younger fraternities, as naturally the chapters having the old national, scholastic, and social prestige gain

recognition though they may not surpass the younger groups in good morals, scholarship, or decorum.—Mrs. McElroy (N. P. C. Delegate of Alpha Phi), in Banta's *Greek Exchange*.

What were the reasons for considering sophomore pledging?

A. Desire to get the most fit for members.

B. Intentions to give the freshmen a square deal through liberty of choice and time to establish themselves in college.

C. Earnest hope of annihilating the universally acknowledged evils of the so-called rushing season.

Sophomore pledging has had from one to six years' trial in colleges of varied type and size. What do the records of these trials show?

In most cases, rushing is just as strenuous, expensive, and uncommendable as it was before—sometimes it intrudes its intolerable methods into every week of a whole year instead, as of old, into only the first few weeks of the college year.

Does sophomore pledging give the freshmen a square deal? Experience shows their liberty of choice handicapped because the fraternity of their choice is frequently not the one that chooses them. Again, sophomores seem to have as much or more trouble deciding which of several possible fraternities are their choice than do freshmen. Have they established themselves in college? Sophomore pledging colleges report few freshmen enthusiastically entering into college activities, a surprising number not returning to college, and the freshman scholarship lower rather than higher under the new system. Have we the wrong ideal of the ingredients of a square deal to freshmen?

Have the fraternities under sophomore pledging enrolled the most fit for members? Yes, and no. Yes, because they have been saved from that regrettable fraternity weakness, the one year girl, also from those not mentally equipped for college work, and from the good-first-impression type who wear poorly. No, because congeniality evidently isn't a reciprocal quality, because the sophomores enter the chapter without the poise and experience that training as freshmen gives. Incidentally, a senior and a freshman class have both been deprived of the wholesome normality of close friendships between members of opposite classes.—L. Pearl Greene (Secretary of Kappa Alpha Theta), in Banta's *Greek Exchange*.

Why the agitation for sophomore pledging?

a. Imitation of honor societies and of the class clubs of certain women's colleges and men's universities.

b. A remedy for the evils of the rushing season and certain other often called fraternity evils.

Regarding the imitative impulse in this matter it is sufficient to say that thoughtful choice is better than imitation. . . .

. . . . Does sophomore pledging emphasize rushing and bring about very artificial relations between upperclass students and freshmen?

This dual question is raised because of conditions that followed the adoption of sophomore pledging by a certain college, in furtherance of a strictly nonrushing policy. It became necessary, in pursuing such a policy, to define rushing and, with the approval of the faculty, it was agreed that rushing was the presence, at any one time, of more than one member of a fraternity with a freshman. It follows that rushing there results in each fraternity converting itself into a relay team. Time limit, one year! In fact, wherever sophomore pledging exists rushing in some form goes on throughout the year, and the fraternity chapters become absorbed in this

problem to the exclusion of matters of importance to the whole fraternity, equal to the importance of choosing new members. Choosing new members is only one important business of the chapter and to concentrate upon it for the whole of each year means the sacrifice of other serious business.

Regarding the often called fraternity evils, let me say quickly what it is a real pleasure to say—that these have too often been put down at the point of their contact with fraternity life, and not at the point of their source. They have not been created by fraternities. They have been brought into fraternities by members whose personal tastes and earlier environment have kinks. Fraternities have suffered a censure that more rightly should be visited upon the personal flabbiness or social environment of the individual.—Mrs. Collins (President of Chi Omega), in Banta's *Greek Exchange*.

Alpha Phi accomplished much at her last convention.

Interesting new business was discussed. It was decided to help support a rest room for fraternity women at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. At the suggestion of Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, a committee was asked to consider what form of social service the fraternity might most successfully undertake. House rules endorsed by N. P. C. were adopted, their action in regard to chaperonage and coöperation with faculties to secure small salaries or free tuition for student chaperons was also concurred in. The point system was discussed and approved.

The national policy of Alpha Phi was declared to be opposed to the extension of sophomore pledge day, though hearty support will be given the movement where it is still in force. The Pan-Hellenic reports varied greatly in regard to expense, duration, and kind of rushing; the general feeling being, that as far as possible rushing should be of short duration, inexpensive, and unostentatious.

Six of the seven living founders were present at all meetings and seemed impressed and pleased at the dispatch and efficiency with which the business was handled. Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, delegate from the Southern California alumnæ chapter, as parliamentarian, facilitated matters materially by her quick and wide decisions on law.—*Quarterly* of Alpha Phi.

We may all read with profit this editorial in the *Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi.

If every $\Sigma I X$ were like me

What kind of sorority would we be?

Girls, did you ever stop to think about this? Suppose every girl did for the sorority just what you are doing, what kind of result would there be? To some the answer would be most satisfactory for we have some splendid workers, but if every one would only work as hard as these are doing, just think how much bigger and better we would be. And it surely is true that whatever you put into the sorority that you will get out of it. Look about you and see if every time it isn't the girl who does the most for the sorority that is the most enthusiastic. If you don't believe this, try it for yourself.

Seven is said to be the perfect number. Seven *purposes* and seven *lamps* should do much for us, as sorority numbers.

SEVEN PURPOSES FOR A FRATERNITY CHAPTER

What is the purpose of a fraternity chapter? was asked at a recent conference. Seven points there presented embody the ideal purpose so well

that we here record them. Promote good scholarship. Contribute to the development of the finest of womanhood. Maintain a wholesome, well-ordered chapter home. Foster a democratic spirit in the college. Encourage every member to become a good citizen by entering enthusiastically into the work of at least one campus activity. Establish strong bonds of true friendship among members. Keep alumnae always in sympathetic touch with the undergraduates and with their Alma Mater. How well is your chapter fulfilling this purpose?—*Kappa Alpha Theta*. Quoted in *Angelos* of Kappa Delta.

THE SEVEN LAMPS OF COLLEGE LIFE

First one lights the lamp of the "helping hand." Give encouragement and be a help, not a hindrance, to someone's college life. By using the powers of the first lamp one can help the others to keep burning.

The second lamp of "ambition." It has two wicks, one the academic, the other the social or athletic. Both must burn steadily in order to attain the goal of the perfect college life.

Now comes that which will bring peace and joy to the college—the lamp of the "happy heart." One's off days must be kept to one's self and only one's happy side shown to the world.

But a college would never go right if it had no lamp of "loyalty." This lamp is seldom wholly lost sight of; it burns to a greater or less extent in the life of almost every student.

The lamp of "pure English speech" is often sadly out of order. It needs one's careful attention that its light may help one on one's way.

Then comes a lamp which helps both student and teacher—the lamp of the "commendable ratio." Let one do what one can in one's allotted time. Let one have the ratio of one's accomplishments measure up to what one is capable of doing. This ratio will always bring success.

Closely connected with the sixth lamp is that which helps one to see the good in others. By the lamp of the "helping hand" may one point out to the owner his gift, if he does not see it, and thereby come nearer one's own goal.

Here the seven lamps stand before us—the lamps of the "helping hand," of "ambition," of the "happy heart," of "loyalty," of "pure English speech," of the "commendable ratio," and the one that helps us to see the good in others.—*To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi. Quoted in *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Isabella Austin, Dean of Women in the University of Washington has a splendid article in the *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi, from which we give several quotations.

That "there is nothing new under the sun" certainly applies to criticism of the fraternity system and its relation to the student body as a whole.

There is nothing in this article which you have not already heard through your national officers and alumnae, the National Pan-Hellenic, your own magazines, and other sources. But still we dare to repeat.

1. Our universities need a more united social life.
2. A finer type of scholarship.

What is the fraternity doing towards bringing about these ends?

We need a more unified social life, which would mean a truer democracy. What have we at present? Overdeveloped social life of the fraternity element and underdeveloped social life of the nonfraternity element.

If we think of social life in its broadest and sanest sense we must admit that the fraternity isolates its members and further that the fraternity girl

herself is the one who suffers most by this isolation. Your fraternity is supposed to give you broader opportunities. Does it do so at the expense of others? Have you thought of yourself, within the fold, as getting the broadest possible social training? If so, you are wrong. You were taken because you conformed to a type and associating constantly with people of one and the same type is not a broadening influence. . . .

Universities want a higher standard of scholarship. You can help the general sentiment along this line by raising your own ideals. And how? First, by looking carefully into the scholastic records of all prospective rushees. Clothes, family, etc., fail to move the college recorder in the face of such damaging evidence as poor marks. Have that in mind when you choose your freshman. Again examine carefully her motives in coming. Does her family look upon college as a fair field for a social *début*? If so, she will never let her studies interfere with the pursuit of her real aim, and uncomfortable "notices of poor work," announcements of "probation," etc., will be the only drawback to her joy in dances, teas, and house parties until the inevitable end. See that in her first semester she does not cut down the regular number of hours to the minimum required for initiation into the fraternity.

Make no demands on your freshman girls' time which will interfere with their study and college appointments. A "frat" man recently told someone that his fraternity was having a Phi Beta Kappa training table at their house. Success to it and may others follow their example!

From the *Lyre* we take this criticism of a prevalent and unfortunate habit. Truly we *should* "be above such things" but in the words of the author *are we*?

Nothing is more contagious and easier to acquire than the gossip disease. The first symptoms are a desire to hear the current stories and yielding to the temptation of spreading them to your own circle with an unconscious addition. It is not because we wish to harm our victims; it is just a demand for sensation that once acquired is hard to root out. And yet when questioned, we are all above gossip and slander, ardently denounce it as "small town stuff" and blush and apologize for our sex in truly amusing superiority. A certain university girl once shamed a whole group of girls by refusing to give credence to the "latest spicy bit" and sticking up for a girl—no friend of hers in particular—in a really brave and fine manner. A thoughtful silence followed. No doubt all the girls were mentally shaking hands with her though they would not admit it even to themselves. The gossip habit is not due to meanness or badness at bottom. It is merely wrongness of perspective, imaginative impulses turned awry, a blind disregard for the essentials. Everyone hates the word "narrow." It is rather a favorite expression of the gossip monger. What condemns a girl more or makes her more deserving of such a title than a well developed case of gossipitis? There are so many stages to this peculiar disease. The proverbial village busy-body is perhaps in the last and incurable stage. An interesting species is the so-called "good" person who spreads gossip by alluding to various scandals which she is conscientiously trying to clear up.

The day of the new woman is dawning. We are just glimpsing big fields of action beyond with new interests and new achievement and best of all new breadth of viewpoint. Fitness and tolerance and big mindedness do not in any way include petty tale-bearing and yet we all dream of those qualities and strive to cultivate them above all others. Let us all note our

symptoms. Let us forget all self-righteousness in the process and utilize every particle of humor within our possession. Then as sane and normal, as genuine whole-hearted women, let us stand for the new and best things. Let us give the lie to the fun-poking press articles and make scandal bearing a thing of the past. As college women, we should be above such things. Are we?

'Tis well to see ourselves from the standpoint of a man and in the Sigma Kappa *Triangle*, Mr. Leslie H. Dodd, President of the Men's Student Council at the University of Kansas writes upon "Where the Fraternity Girl Fails".

The idea upon which sororities were originally founded was that they should benefit their members in character and ideals, as well as socially, and besides should be an uplifting influence to the people about them. The average sorority girl loses sight of the fact that such was originally the aim of her organization and drifts along in the line of least resistance. She does not realize that whether she wishes to or not she is setting an example which her nonsorority sisters will follow to a considerable extent. For this reason, a passive submission by the sorority girl to social practices which are really obnoxious often results in their adoption by an entire school.

The sororities could change the entire moral tone of the men in any school if they only tried. The men have as good morals as their girl friends require, and seldom any better. If moral standards were raised by the girls, and men were given to understand that they must conform to them or cease to be friends of the girls a great majority of the men would meet the requirements and those who did not would not be worthy of recognition as friends, and would better be cast aside.

The following quotation we *think*, is from the *Lyre*—unfortunately we failed to mark its authorship. However, to its sentiment we give a fervent *Amen* and wonder if the writer of the paragraph means the same "adverse criticism" which we have in mind. Cleverness does not excuse rudeness, nor is it in our province to pass unfavorable remarks upon our sister journals.

How long will it be before we can all learn the value of a Pan-Hellenic courtesy? For the second time in two years there have appeared in Pan-Hellenic journals adverse criticisms of contemporary magazines. Is it difficult to realize that unfavorable criticism is uncalled for—whether merited or not—of journals which are not competitive, can never have the same circulation, the exchange of which is a courtesy between sister organizations?

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