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FOREWORD

This issue of THE CRESCENT containing the minutes of the last convention and the reports of the various officers and committees is published by the Grand Council for distribution among members only.

To all who have helped in the accomplishment of the changes which have been wrought in the two years since the last convention, and to the active members of Gamma Phi Beta who have given their sympathy and coöperation, the retiring Grand Council wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation.

To our incoming officers we wish to voice once more our loyalty and good wishes.

UNA W. HARSEN.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH (FOURTH BIENNIAL) CONVEN- TION OF THE GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

The Thirty-ninth (Fourth Biennial) Convention of Gamma Phi Beta was held in Asilomar in the State of California, with Mu chapter of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, August twenty-fifth to twenty-eighth, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.

FIRST MEETING

The Convention was called to order, August 25, 1915, at 3 p. m., by Mrs. Una Winterburn Harsen, Grand President.

The meeting was opened with the regular opening exercises.

Psalm 121 was read by the President.

The opening exercises were followed by a speech of welcome given by Miss Ethel Palmer, Vice-president of Convention, in the name of Mu chapter.

The President charged the delegates with the responsibility of their office.

The chapter roll was called by the Secretary of Convention and credentials presented by the delegates as follows:

Alpha—Letitia Price.

Beta—Pauline Kleinstuck, Helen Tuthill, Margaret Hoyt.

Gamma—Mae K. Westcott, Dorothy A. Bannen.

Delta—Dorothy S. Taylor.

Epsilon—Ray Latimer.

Zeta—Lillian Waring, Penelope Westcott.

Eta—Barbara Bridge, Elizabeth Hoyt, Grace Partridge.

Theta—Laurel Grimes, Kathryn Herbert, Adaline Bullen.

Iota—Anna Paddock.

Kappa—Ruth Eaton, Ethel Robinson.

Lambda—Lois McBride, Margaret Wayland, Marion Alexander.

Mu—Ruth Bacon, Marcella Hayden, Ruth Long.

Nu—Katharine Stanfield, Katharine Bridges, Helen Currey.

Xi—Constance Gyde.

Omicron—Ella Tillotson, Grace Geyer.

Pi—Aileen Eberman.

Rho—No Delegate.

Chicago Alumnæ—Augusta May Kreiger.

Syracuse Alumnæ—C. Blanche Knapp, Emily H. Price.

Boston Alumnæ—Anna Raymond, Mary Wellington.

New York Alumnæ—Blanche Shove Palmer, Elva Russum.

Milwaukee Alumnæ—Gertrude Ross, Mabel Duncan Bartelt.

San Francisco Alumnae—Marie Derge, Sue Dunbar, Lulu Minor.
 Denver Alumnae—Grace E. McDonough, Margaret Carman.
 Minneapolis Alumnae—Katharine Taney Silverson, Margaret
 Nachtrieb, Nettie Monroe.
 Detroit Alumnae—Isadore Thompson Scott.
 Baltimore Alumnae—Mary T. McCurley.
 Seattle Alumnae—Jannette Perry, Meta Bieker Hergert, Viola
 Schwagler.

Portland Alumnae—Flora Dunham, Ruby Hammerstrom, Beula
 Bridges.

The minutes of the 37th (3rd biennial) Convention were read and
 accepted. The Vice-president, Ethel Palmer, took the chair while
 the report of the Grand President was read by Mrs. Harsen.
 The report was accepted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was called for.

Moved and seconded that the itemized report of the Treasurer
 be omitted and only the grand total given. Carried.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Helen Newbold, the report
 was read by Miss Palmer.

Total Expenditures	\$3766.92
Balance in Treasury	2930.97
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Total	\$6697.89

The report was accepted.

The report of the Visiting Delegate was read by Mrs. Silverson
 and accepted with the deepest thanks.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by
 the Chair to study Mrs. Silverson's report and make recommenda-
 tions based on her suggestions.

The chair appointed: Gertrude Ross, Gamma; Grace Partridge,
 Eta; Dorothy Taylor, Delta.

Mrs. Palmer, the secretary, took the chair while Mrs. Harsen
 read the report of the acting National Pan-Hellenic Delegate. The
 report was accepted.

The report of Miss Barbee, Editor of THE CRESCENT, was read
 and accepted.

The report of Miss Morgan, Business Manager of THE CRESCENT,
 was read and accepted.

The report of Mrs. Graham, Alumnae Editor of THE CRESCENT,
 was read by Miss Elva Russum and accepted.

The report of the Committee on Uniform Examinations was read
 by Miss Guppy, the Chairman, and accepted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

SECOND MEETING

The second meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harsen, Grand President, at 9:15 a. m., August 26, 1915.

Moved and seconded to omit the opening exercises. Carried.

Roll call by chapters followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The report of Miss Eleanor Sheldon, Chairman of the Expansion Committee, was read by Miss Morgan and accepted.

The report of Mrs. Douglas, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, was read by Mrs. Silverson and accepted.

The report of Miss Heerman's, Chairman of the Social Service Committee, was read by Miss Guppy and accepted.

A committee of two was appointed by the Chair to complete the card catalogue compiled by the Social Service Committee and to report at the close of Convention: Miss McCurley, Zeta; Miss Guppy, Beta.

The report of Mrs. Esther Potter Darby, Chairman of the Pin Certificate Committee, was read by Miss Price and accepted. The report of Mrs. Baldwin, Chairman of the Committee on Directories, was read by Miss Perry and accepted.

The Crest Committee had no report.

The Songbook Committee had no report.

Moved and seconded that the Historian's report be postponed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to submit suggestions taken from the various reports of standing committees, these suggestions to be arranged in proper form for publication. Carried.

The Chair appointed: Blanche Knapp, Alpha; Lois McBride, Lambda; Katharine T. Silverson, Kappa.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

THIRD MEETING

The third meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harsen, Grand President, at 2 p. m., August 26, 1915.

Moved and seconded that the opening exercises be omitted. Carried.

Roll call by chapters followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved and seconded that the provisional amendment to Art. VIII, Sec. 1, of the constitution be made permanent. Motion withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that we accept the first part of the amendment to Art. VIII, Sec. 1, and discuss the second. Carried. This reads as follows: "The sorority shall hold biennial conventions."

Moved and seconded that we accept the second part of the amend-

ment to Art. VIII, Sec. 1, reading: "These conventions shall be held in regular rotation, in each district, as provided in Rules and Regulations, in the following order: East, Middle West and Pacific Coast." Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, one member from each present district, to revise the rule defining the three districts so that an equal number of active chapters be in each district. Carried.

The Chair appointed: Mrs. Scott, Beta; Elva Russum, Alpha; Laurel Grimes, Theta.

Moved and seconded that we consider the provisional amendment to Article VI, section by section with a view to making this legislation permanent. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 1A, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The general government of Gamma Phi Beta shall be vested in an Executive Board. This Board shall be divided into two parts: (1) the Grand Council, (2) the Advisory Board."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 1B, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The officers of the Sorority shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be chosen from the same district."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 2A, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The Grand Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Visiting Delegate and the Delegate to National Pan-Hellenic Congress."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 2B, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The Advisory Board shall consist of a member of each alumnae chapter not represented in the Grand Council."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 3A, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The officers of the Sorority shall be elected by Convention with the exception of the Visiting Delegate and the Delegate to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress who are appointed by the President."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 3B, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The members of the Advisory Board shall be elected by the Alumnae Chapters which they represent subject to the approval of Convention or the Grand Council."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 4, be adopted. It reads as follows: "If any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Grand Council between conventions, the President may fill the vacancy from any Alumnae Chapter in her district."

Moved and seconded that Art. VI, Section 5, be adopted. Carried. It reads as follows: "The Executive Board shall be the official

representative of the Sorority. The officers of this board shall perform the duties usually appertaining to their offices."

The Chair appointed a Nominating Committee of four to bring in a list of nominations for Grand Officers, this committee to report at the last session: Katharine T. Silversen, Flora Dunham, Lillian Waring, Ray Latimer.

Moved and seconded that we have a uniform pledge pin. Carried.

Moved as an amendment that we have a new uniform pledge pin. Motion withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that we accept the pledge pin that the majority are using. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we accept pin No. 1 of Fetting's design. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded to postpone discussion of the pledge pin. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we have a ten minutes' discussion of Agricultural Colleges as a field for expansion. Carried.

Discussion led by Miss Morgan.

Moved and seconded that discussion be closed. Carried.

Moved by Grace Partridge, Eta, and seconded that this Convention go on record as favoring State Agricultural Colleges as a field for future expansion. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we amend Art. V, Section 3A, of the Constitution to read as follows: "The officers of the Greek-letter chapters shall hold their respective offices during one college year." Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that this amendment be referred to the chapters by the Grand Council. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we have a five minutes' discussion of the Budget as prepared by the Grand Treasurer. Carried.

Discussion led by Mrs. Harsen.

Moved and seconded that the discussion be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that dating from the Convention of 1915, the term of Grand Officers shall not exceed four years. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that dating from the Convention of 1915, no Grand Officers shall be elected to the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the office of "Councillor" be established. The office shall be filled by the outgoing President who shall act as Advisor to the incoming President. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Visiting Delegate make yearly visits. Carried.

Moved and seconded that standing committees be retained through the next administration wherever feasible. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we have a five minute discussion on secrecy. Carried.

Discussion led by Mrs. Harsen.

Moved and seconded that discussion be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we adopt a policy of modified secrecy regarding the Constitution. Carried.

Moved by Boston Alumnæ, and seconded, that the part of our ritual containing the pledge be changed by dropping the word "Constitution." Carried.

Moved by Kappa and seconded that the power of opening the Constitution be left with the Grand President. Motion lost.

Moved by San Francisco Alumnæ and seconded that the power of opening Constitution be left with the Presidents of the chapters. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the power of opening the Constitution be left with each chapter. Motion lost.

Moved by San Francisco Alumnæ and seconded that the power of opening the Constitution be left to the discretion of the Executive Board of active chapters, or to the discretion of the alumnæ. Carried.

Mrs. Harsen called for a meeting at the close of the session of delegates entitled to vote on a petition received from the "Crescent Club" of the University of Kansas, designating Omicron, Epsilon, Chicago Alumnæ, Beta, Detroit Alumnæ, Gamma, Kappa, Minneapolis Alumnæ and Pi. Rho by her absence waives her right to vote.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

FOURTH MEETING

The fourth meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harsen, Grand President, at 9:20 a. m., August 27, 1915.

Moved and seconded to omit the opening exercises. Carried.

Roll call by chapters followed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced the granting of a charter to the "Crescent Club" of the University of Kansas, the chapter to be known as Sigma chapter.

The privilege of the floor was granted to Helen Humphrey to present the petition from the local society Tau Kappa Sigma of Colorado Agricultural College. The Chair requested a meeting of the delegates entitled to vote on this petition at the close of the session and designated Theta, Denver Alumnæ, Pi, Xi, Kappa, Minneapolis Alumnæ.

The Chair requested that the active delegates resolve themselves into a committee to decide on a uniform pledge pin and report at the afternoon session. Aileen Eberman, Pi, was appointed Chairman.

Moved and seconded that we amend Art. 11A of "Rules and Regulations" to read as follows: "New Greek-letter chapters shall receive charters upon the payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall go toward the general Sorority Fund. In addition to this the new chapter shall pay all expenses connected with the founding of this chapter." Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that Greek-letter chapters pay \$75.00 for their charters. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we amend Art. IX, Section 2, of the Constitution which reads as follows: "If the Sorority deem it necessary to withdraw a charter, it shall proceed in the following manner: The manner shall be investigated by the Grand Council to whom complaint may be made in writing by a two-thirds of the active members of any chapter. After at least three months' notice has been given the offending chapter, the Grand Council shall report the matter to the other chapters to be decided by a three-fourths vote of delegates from all other chapters in Convention assembled. A two-thirds vote of each chapter shall be required for the instruction of delegates on this question. If it is decided to discontinue the offending chapter, the Visiting Delegate shall visit the chapter and require the surrender of its charter." Carried.

The Chair appointed: Anna Paddock, Iota; Constance Gyde, Xi; Carrie E. Morgan, Gamma, to draft an amendment.

The Committee on redistricting (Mrs. Scott, Chairman) reported as follows:

Eastern District. Alpha, Delta, Zeta, Beta, Omicron, Syracuse, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Detroit.

Middle West. Gamma, Kappa, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Epsilon, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago.

Western District. Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Theta, Eta, Tau, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland.

The report was accepted.

Moved and seconded that this division be revised whenever necessary to keep the members in the several districts equal. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations from the Alumnae Conference (Mary Wellington, Boston Alumnae, Chairman) was called for.

Moved and seconded that we accept this report, section by section, as follows: Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Alumnae Chapters of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority establish an endowment fund, the interest of which shall be used to carry on the work of the sorority in any way which the Executive Board deems necessary. Subscriptions to this fund shall be paid by the Alumnae to the Grand Treasurer and by her invested. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Gamma Phi Beta publish a cookbook this year under the management of a Committee of Alumnae, the money so raised to be a part of the endowment fund. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Gamma Phi Beta Sorority appoint one official jeweler and a pin certificate committee of three members, one from each district. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the national organization shall copyright the pin. Carried.

Moved and seconded that all active members on leaving college shall automatically be members of the nearest alumnae chapter. They shall be in duty bound as members in good standing, to pay two dollars (\$2.00) a year for a period of five years to the National Treasury. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary of each active chapter to send these names to the nearest alumnae chapters. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the sorority take up some definite social service work.

Moved and seconded that each alumnae chapter give some reward for high scholarship to individual members of the nearest active chapter. Carried.

The committee furthermore expressed the hope that the recommendations contained in Mrs. Silverson's report be adopted by Convention.

Moved and seconded that Convention be held in the summer whenever possible. Carried.

The Chair instructed the Committee, appointed by the Alumnae Conference (Margaret Carman, Denver Alumnae, Chairman) to prepare a résumé of the discussion of methods of running Alumnae Chapters; to present their report to the Secretary in proper form for publication in the secret issue of THE CRESCENT.

The report of the Committee appointed to study the Visiting Delegate's report (Miss Ross, Milwaukee Alumnae, Chairman) was called for.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the report as a whole. Carried.

Moved by Boston Alumnae and seconded that Convention recommend to all chapters, both active and alumnae, that they carry out, as far as possible, the spirit of this report. Carried.

Moved and seconded to have a three minutes informal discussion on making public the officers of active chapters. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we make public the officers of active chapters. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the words "chapter officers" be stricken from the pledge. Carried.

The report of the committee appointed to present suggestions taken from all reports of standing committees (Blanche Knapp, Syracuse Alumnae, Chairman) was called for.

Moved and seconded to take up report, section by section. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That three auxiliary committees on Expansion, one from each district, be appointed by the Executive Board to act with the National Committee on Expansion. Carried.

Moved and seconded: (a) That the National Board send a letter of inquiry to the Recorder's office in each college where a chapter is located, asking for comparative standing of sororities there. Carried.

Moved and seconded: (b) That the President of a chapter may appeal to the National Scholarship Committee for support and assistance in the case of delinquents.

Moved and seconded: (c) That the local Scholarship Committee notify parents of any members whose work is unsatisfactory. Carried.

Moved and seconded: (d) That a copy of the scholarship report of each member be kept on file with each chapter. Carried.

Moved and seconded: (e) That accuracy, promptness and neatness in reports be insisted upon and that special attention be given to "Remarks and additional information." Carried.

Moved and seconded: That the examination be divided into two parts, one for freshmen and one for upperclassmen, and that all members take the examination. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That all lists of members be sent by October 1 to the Business Manager of THE CRESCENT and the Grand Treasurer. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That the Corresponding Secretary whose term is expiring, send the name and address of her successor to the Grand Secretary immediately after her election. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That each chapter try to secure three life subscriptions to THE CRESCENT. Carried.

The report on recommendations given in the Visiting Delegate's report was called for and given by Mrs. Silverson. Moved and seconded that we vote on this report by sections. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we have formal literary exercises at each regular chapter meeting of Gamma Phi Beta. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a yearly letter be sent by each active or alumnae chapter to all alumnae members. Carried.

Moved and seconded that an upperclass and alumnae advisor, wherever necessary, be appointed for each freshman. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a nominating committee for the election of the next year's officers be named one month before the close of the college year. Carried.

Moved and seconded that there be formal installation of these officers two weeks before the close of the college year. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That the President prepare a report at the end of her term, one copy of which should be sent to the Grand President and the other to be placed on file. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That a National Scholarship Committee be created in each active chapter. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That the fraternity examiner be in charge of the literary exercises. Carried.

Moved and seconded: That each initiate send a registration fee of 25 cents to the Grand Secretary. The Secretary shall send in return a membership certificate with seal and colors affixed, and shall file the initiate's name in a card catalogue. Carried.

Lois McBride (Lambda) read suggestions for the formal installation of chapter officers. This report was ordered sent to Chapters.

The chair appointed Ella Tillotson (Omicron) to work on social service committee and asked Committee to outline suggestions for definite work in their report.

On motion meeting adjourned.

FIFTH MEETING

The fifth meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harsen, Grand President, at 2 p. m., August 27, 1915.

Moved and seconded that the opening exercises be omitted. Carried.

Roll call by Chapters followed:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Chair announced the granting of the petition of the local Tau Kappa Sigma at Colorado State Agricultural College.

The Chapter will be known as Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Telegrams of congratulation from Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi and Mabelle Douglas were read.

The report of Social Service Committee (Mary T. McCurley, Baltimore Alumnae, Chairman) appointed at Convention to complete the card catalogue and summarize the various lines suggested for definite social service work was read.

Moved and seconded that report be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we have a five minute informal discussion on all the lines of work presented by the Committee. Carried.

Miss Guppy led the discussion.

Moved and seconded that the discussion be closed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we raise a Social Service fund of \$500.00 before the next Convention. Carried.

Moved by Boston Alumnae and seconded that the \$500.00 as soon as raised be used as a graduate fellowship in social service for one girl—the fellowship to be administered by the A. C. A. Carried.

The report of the Alumnae Committee on the Cook Book (Miss Wellington, Boston Alumnae, Chairman) was read and accepted.

The committee suggested the appointment of Margaret A. Lydecker, Detroit Alumnae, 1310 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., as Chairman with one member of each alumnae chapter to be chosen by the Chapter to form a committee.

The report of the pledge pin committee (Eileen Eberman, Pi, Chairman) was called for.

The committee reported that the consensus of opinion of the active chapters was that the pledge pin now in use be retained but that the colors and quality be standardized and that a safety catch be attached.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Boston Alumnae that the report of the Historian be accepted with a vote of appreciation and placed in charge of a member appointed by the President to arrange it for publication. Carried.

Mabel Williams (San Francisco Alumnae) was appointed.

The report of the committee appointed to draft an amendment to Article IX, Section 2 (Anna Paddock, Iota, Chairman), was called for.

The Committee presented the following to be voted on, according to the constitution, by the chapters immediately after convention.

If the Sorority deem it necessary to withdraw a charter, it shall proceed in the following manner: The matter shall be investigated by the Grand Council, to whom complaint has been made in writing by a two-thirds vote of the active members of any chapter. After at least three months notice has been given the offending chapter, the Grand Council shall report the matter to the nearest chapters, who shall vote on the question, a two-thirds vote of the active members of each chapter being necessary for a decision. The unanimous vote of (1) The Grand Council, (2) The Visiting Delegate and (3) The nearest Chapters shall be required for the withdrawal of a charter. If it is decided to discontinue the offending chapter, the Visiting Delegate shall visit the chapter and require the surrender of its charter.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the question of High School fraternity legislation be left to the discretion of the Grand President. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to Mu Chapter for her hospitality. Carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee (Mrs. Silverson, Chairman) was called for.

The candidates presented were: Miss Carrie E. Morgan, Milwaukee Alumnae, for Grand President; Miss Eleanor Sheldon, Minneapolis Alumnae, for Vice-president; Miss Adah Georgia Grandy, Chicago Alumnae, for Grand Secretary; Miss Mary Richardson, Chicago Alumnae, for Grand Treasurer; Miss Helen Newbold, New York Alumnae, for Business Manager of CRESCENT.

Chicago to be the center of Government for the next two years.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Carried.

The Chair appointed Katharine T. Silverson, Visiting Delegate; Lillian W. Thompson, National Pan-Hellenic Delegate; and Mabel Williams, Historian. Boston Alumnae Chapter and Portland Alumnae returned the same members for the Advisory Board.

Moved and seconded that Convention ratify these appointments. Carried.

The Chair appointed the members of the National Committee on Expansion, as follows: Margaret Nachtrieb, Kappa; Flora Dunham, Nu; Mildred Fish, Alpha.

The chair reappointed as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Mabelle Leonard Douglas, Beta. A Chairman of the Examination Committee. M. Ruth Guppy, Beta. As Chairman of the Social Service Committee. Florence Heermans, Alpha.

Miss Waring, read the following invitation.

Zeta and The Baltimore Alumnae Chapters cordially invite The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority to hold the Forty-first Convention in Maryland, in 1917.

Moved and seconded that the invitation be accepted with thanks. Carried.

A recess was declared to allow the Secretary to arrange the minutes.

The minutes of Convention were read and accepted.

Matt. V. 13-16 was read by the President.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) BLANCHE SHOVE PALMER,
Secretary of Convention.

A special meeting was called at Mu Chapter house on August 28, the President being in the Chair.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the model initiation as presented the preceding evening. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the general outline of the model initiation, leaving the details to the individual chapters. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Committee append suggestions as to color, posing, etc., to their report. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the design of a Gamma Phi Beta shield submitted by Gertrude Comfort, San Francisco Alumnae. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Miss Comfort be asked to change the position of the colors on the shield and to add something to the design which would change it into a crest. Carried.

On motion meeting adjourned.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Thirty-ninth (Fourth Biennial) Convention of Gamma Phi Beta, *Greeting:*

Since our last Convention an effort has been made by the Executive Board to keep national affairs constantly before the Chapters by means of circular letters, the visits of the Visiting Delegate and a secret issue of *THE CRESCENT*. In view of this, it seems superfluous to enumerate once more the details of the work of the past two years.

The achievements of an organization, however, cannot be measured entirely by the laws which it makes or the machinery it installs wherewith to rule itself. Deeper than these things lie the real motives of the organization. Every organization, as well as every individual, must have some purpose in life. The aim of Gamma Phi Beta is to aid in the development of a high type of womanhood. Thus we seek to improve our organization, not for the satisfaction of a few National officers, not for the praise of others, but that we may better minister to the needs of our younger sisters whose characters and life long habits are being formed. Therefore, we centralize our Board, we establish the office of Visiting Delegate, we found Alumnae Chapters, we strive for efficiency in the administration of our affairs not because in these things lies national strength but because through these things we can build up our national strength. What then is national strength, you will say? I take it that it is to be measured by the strength of character, the loyalty to our ideal of sisterhood and by the knowledge of our aims and actions possessed by every woman who wears the badge of Gamma Phi Beta. This must be the rock which will make our foundation sure.

You whose idea of our National officers is that they are people—rather mythological personages, sometimes—who are continually asking for money, begging for votes on obscure passages in the Constitution and bothering you with tiresome letters which they expect you to answer right in the height of the rushing season, may wonder how we think we are doing anything toward character building. But think a minute! We seek the Greek ideal of perfect development, therefore we seek first intellectual development. It is not enough merely to make that statement. We must provide some means for attaining this end, so we enforce a scholarship regulation for initiation and we appoint a Scholarship Committee. Both measures may cause annoyance and worry to all concerned, but do we ever stop to think that a girl who goes to college ostensibly with the purpose of acquiring mental culture and then deliberately evades the work required of her, is guilty of dishonesty? Can such a woman be a unit of strength in Gamma Phi Beta?

A sorority exists largely for the development of its social side. Gamma Phi Beta collects little groups of congenial spirits, who make a home for

themselves, and learn to assume the responsibilities of a householder and a hostess. This, you will say, we do for ourselves. Do you?

Our expansion committee must first decide upon the institutions where conditions are most favorable to the development of our ideals, and must select groups of girls who are in sympathy with our aims.

Then we send our Visiting Delegate to help you solve, among other things your home problems. She knows whether or not you are living within your incomes, and thus laying up habits of thrift and economy which will stand you in good stead all your lives. She knows whether or not you are spending too much time in social affairs, whether you are observing the laws of health and right living, whether or not the moral atmosphere of your house is wholesome. She knows whether or not you are rightminded in your relations with those outside your own sisterhood, whether you judge others by high or low standards. Through her the National organization seeks to guide and direct your social activities.

Do we do as much as we should to develop the spiritual side of our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta? Through our laws regarding pledging, our suggestions for rushing, our Pan-Hellenic organization we seek to inculcate a sense of honor, to impress the sacredness of a promise made and given, the duty of fairness and charity to all.

There are two types of motherhood. There is the mother who can mother only her own children. There is the one who, by virtue of her motherhood, is mother to all little children. Gamma Phi Beta has long been content to mother only her own. Shut up within her own house and absorbed in her own affairs, she has let the world wag on unheeded.

Can she not, while still keeping her best love for the children clustered about her own hearthstone, reach out her arms to those outside her doors? The gospel of love and service is an old one. Can we not learn in serving others to serve ourselves?

Our National organization has been treading new paths. It has made beginnings which, with care and labor will lead us, we hope, to a greatness which has never been ours before. But, to attain the end we seek all must contribute, for there can be no growth without life, no achievement without sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) UNA W. HASEN.
President.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

August, 1915.

To the Members of $\Gamma \Phi B$,
Greetings:

In most particulars, the report of the Secretary may merely repeat the report of the President. An effort will be made to avoid this repetition as far as possible.

The new plan for district organization of the National Government has made it much easier to adopt and carry out definite policies. Frequent meetings, or hurried communications, of members of the Council have been possible. Thus the routine business of the Sorority has been carried on more easily than ever before. Especially, have the President and Secretary been able to work together, in a way never before possible since our national organization was formed. This close collaboration seems to have

resulted in a greater national unity, and stronger personal relations between officers and members.

The added innovation, in the appointment of a visiting Delegate, has brought the chapters closer together, and made them feel as never before the strength of our organization, and the value of national affiliation.

Greater activity has been manifested in efforts for expansion. Our success in this regard might have been more creditable. The time has come when we must go out and look about us, select our college or university, and send our delegate to organize groups and make Gamma Phi Beta a living force in every desirable institution in the country to which Greek-letter Sororities are welcomed. This should be our first and most persistent aim during the next administration.

The Secretary has received and written countless letters.

Copies of the constitution have been prepared and sent to every chapter during the past year. The President and the Secretary, together, have divided the Constitution into Constitution proper, and Rules, and Regulations. We hope that this arrangement will minimize constitutional changes. New votes of convention governing the Sorority activities can in the future be added to Rules and Regulations in the form of codified votes.

The Secretary has sent out to all Greek-letter Sororities and Fraternities, announcements of the installation of new chapters.

The record of the Seniors of 1915, is not complete. Several chapters have failed to send in their lists. Notices will be sent to these chapters in September. It is necessary for the present Secretary to hand complete lists both to the new Secretary and the new Treasurer.

It has been the aim of the present administration to prove to the Sorority at large that *expansion, a visiting delegate, financial independence for THE CRESCENT, a longer interval between conventions, and the closer organization of the Grand Council*, are necessary to the *progress* and the *LIFE* of Gamma Phi Beta.

Respectfully submitted in II K E,

EMMA F. LOWD, *Grand Secretary.*

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

SORORITY OF GAMMA PHI BETA

Report of Treasurer, March 10, 1914, to August 10, 1915

1914		RECEIPTS	
March 10	To Mrs. Baldwin, former treasurer	\$1,346.25 Bal.	
		3.60 Directories MU Chapter	
		\$1,349.85 — \$1.45 Collection	\$1,348.40
18	To Miss Morgan, being one-half check sent her from MU Chapter for tax—.10 Col.		18.90
20	To Miss Shepherd—for stamps from Certificates.		.90
20	To OMICRON initiates tax		33.00
28	To Miss Morgan, being one-half check sent her for ETA tax (\$35) and one-half check sent her for S. F. Alumnae, two new members (\$2)—.10 Col.		36.90
28	To Denver Al. tax		39.00
30	To New York Al. tax		65.00
April 4	To NU Chapter tax—.15 Col.		94.85
	To Syracuse Al. Three members		3.00

April	4	To Milwaukee Al. One Member—.10 Col.	\$.90
		To DELTA tax on acc.	24.00
	20	To Miss Morgan refund for OMICRON freshmen who have already paid 5 year subscriptions—.10 Col. ..	9.90
	20	To Syracuse Al. 1 member	1.00
	25	To ETA Bal. tax—.25 Col.	104.75
		To BETA—5 Freshmen—.10 Col.	59.90
May	4	To Detroit Al. — Two new members	4.00
	4	To ALPHA tax on acc.	140.00
		To GAMMA for Convention Minutes—.10 Col.	9.90
	9	To DELTA tax on acc.	12.00
	14	To ZETA tax	32.00
		To XI tax	21.00
	19	To Boston Al. tax	37.00
	27	To LAMBDA tax	145.00
	27	To IOTA tax on acc.	13.00
June	5	To Mrs. Palmer, refund	4.00
	5	To EPSILON tax—.10 Col.	99.00
July	3	To XI — One new member	3.00
	14	To IOTA on acc.	11.00
		To OMICRON — Two new members	6.00
		To Chicago Al.—4 New Members—.10 Col.	3.90
	27	To IOTA on acc.	15.00
		To Miss Inglis—Directories for Minneapolis Al.—.10 Col.	5.90
		To DELTA on acc.	1.00
Aug.	8	To Minneapolis Al.—on acc.—.10 Col.	9.90
		To ALPHA—Bal. \$64 Two new charters 10.....	54.00
Sept.	8	To Miss Morgan OMICRON Refund	2.00
		To DELTA on acc.	4.00
		To Minneapolis Al.—.10 Col.	9.90
	12	To IOTA on acc.	6.00
Oct.	15	To Syracuse Al. Directories	11.30
		To IOTA on acc.	5.00
Nov.	5	To Kappa—bal. \$ 63 To MU Bal. 51	
		\$114—.28 Col.	113.72
Dec.	3	To PI Charter	50.00
		To Miss Inglis—3 Directories Minn. Al.90
	14	To Baltimore Al. Charter	25.00
		To MU tax (1914-1915)—.40 Col.	147.60
	19	To San Francisco Al. tax (1914-1915)—.13 Col.	61.87
	21	To MU Chapter—1 initiate—.10 Col.	12.90
		To BETA tax (1914-1915)	158.00
		To Miss Morgan, Refund Minn. Al.—.10 Col.	9.90
		To OMICRON tax (1914-1915)	80.00
	30	To San Francisco Al. Two new members—.10 Col. ..	3.90
		To New York Al. tax (1914-1915)	63.00
		To Minneapolis Al. on acc. (1914-1915)	20.00
1915			
Jan.	2	To DELTA bal. (1913-1914) \$18 on acc. (1914-1915) 55	73.00
		To Epsilon tax—.15 Col.	119.85

Jan.	2	To PI tax	\$ 41.00
	16	To Minneapolis Al. on acc.	19.00
		To PI—Directories	3.49
		To Chicago Al. on acc.—.10 Col.	26.90
	19	To THETA tax	55.00
	25	To Chicago Al. back—.10 Col.	5.90
	29	To ALPHA tax	142.00
Feb.	4	To Chicago Al.—1 new member—.10 Col.90
		Refund, N. P. C.	1.30
		To ETA tax on acc.	167.00
		To Milwaukee Al.	33.00
	9	To Chicago Al.—1 new member —.10c Col.	1.90
		To Denver Al.	42.00
		To XI Chapter	55.00
		To NU Chapter	85.00
		To DELTA—Bal.	10.00
	17	To KAPPA tax on acc.—.10 Col.	58.90
		To Miss Baldwin for Directories	6.90
	23	To Detroit Al.	42.15
		To ETA—5 initiates—1 active	70.00
		To Syracuse Al.	92.00
		To Chicago Al. 1 member—.10 Col.	1.90
		To Boston Al.	49.10
		To LAMBDA tax	101.00
March	8	To Baltimore Al.	48.00
		To GAMMA tax—.24 Col.	242.76
	15	To OMICRON—initiates (less crescents)	104.00
		To Miss Morgan, refund	31.90
	22	To KAPPA tax on acc.	66.00
		To Seattle Al. Charter—.10 Col.	24.90
	25	To IOTA, 1 Member	2.00
		To Seattle Al. tax	66.00
	31	To San Francisco Al.—11 new members—.10 Col.	21.90
		To DELTA—6 initiation fees \$18	
		1 (1913-1914) Senior 4.....	22.00
April	5	To GAMMA—2 new members	26.00
		To XI Chapter—15 initiates @ \$8	120.00
	9	To ALPHA—17 initiates	221.00
		To KAPPA—initiates on acc.—.10 Col.	64.90
	20	To ZETA on acc.	50.00
		To THETA—15 initiates—.50 Col.	207.50
		To Miss Morgan, refund—.10 Col.90
	25	To KAPPA—bal.—.12 Col.	49.88
		To DELTA—bal.	30.00
	27	To Boston Al.—1 new member—.10 Col.90
		To Miss Lowd on acc. \$50 loaned by the Sorority for Song Books	22.50
May	6	To San Francisco Al.—2 new members—.10 Col.	3.90
		To Detroit Al.—6 new members \$12.15—.10 Col.	12.05
	11	To DELTA—1 new member	8.00
		To IOTA—1 member	2.00
		To Miss Lowd on acc. Song Book loan	7.50
	13	To BETA—7 initiates	91.00
	14	To MU—1 initiate (\$12)—.10 Col.	11.90
	18	To PI—9 initiates	117.00

June	1	To Miss Lowd on acc. Song Book loan	\$ 13.50
		To LAMBDA—6 initiates—13 Col.	77.87
		To Portland Al. Charter \$25	
		Crescents 24	49.00
		To Mrs. Baldwin—Directories	5.40
	8	To ZETA on acc.	48.00
		To Denver Al.	4.00
	16	To Minneapolis Al.—Bal.	18.00
	25	To NU Chapter—10 initiates @ \$12	120.00
		ToOMICRON—2 initiation fees—.10 Col.	5.90
	30	To RHO—Charter and initiation fees	80.00
July	18	To Miss Lowd—bal. on Song Book loan	6.50
Aug.	2	C. B. & Q R. R. refund on Miss Taylor's ticket	1.25
		To ZETA—bal.	35.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

March	17	To Miss Morgan for CRESCENT and circular letters concerning life subscriptions	190.50
		To Miss Baldwin, National Pan-Hellenic Congress dues and Bureau of Occupations	21.00
		To Mrs. Graham—Al. Editor of CRESCENT	15.00
		To <i>Sorority Handbook</i>	4.50
	19	To Z. & L. Rosenfield—typewriting	2.00
	20	To Mrs. Harsen—stamped envelopes, printing, etc. ...	10.00
	27	To Mrs. Harsen—bal. for above	6.98
	27	To Mrs. E. J. Palmer expenses to Baltimore	20.00
	30	To Miss Morgan, Denver and New York Al. CRESCENTS	51.00
April	1	To J. & F. Newman—50 cards and envelopes for Miss Lowd	1.50
	6	To Miss Shepherd—expenses from Boston to New York for Meeting of Executive Board	12.50
		To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—OMICRON initiates \$10 MU Chapter 19	29.00
	9	To Mrs. Harsen, telephone, carfare, etc.	2.98
		To Miss Guppy—examination questions	1.85
		To Miss Newbold, expressage on Treasurer's Books, and Rubber Stamp	1.00
		To Z. & L. Rosenfield, Convention Minutes	11.50
		To J. F. Newman—100 Membership Blanks and Envelopes	8.00
	25	To Miss Sheldon—expenses	18.95
	27	To Miss Morgan for five year subscriptions for BETA'S five Freshmen	25.00
May	14	To Mrs. Baldwin for Directory for Miss Lowd30
	18	To Mrs. Colby, expenses to Palo Alto	1.85
		To Mrs. Harsen, printing, expenses on Nebraska petition, etc.	15.00
	19	To Miss Morgan—CRESCENTS—Boston Al. \$18.00	
		ALPHA 36.00	
		DELTA 1.00	
		Detroit Al. 2.00	
		XI Freshmen 7.00 ...	64.00
	28	To Mrs. Harsen, stationery and telegrams	3.00

Jan. 16	To Miss Morgan	OMICRON	\$40	
		San Francisco Al.	2	
		New York Al.	31	
		Mpls. Al. on acc.	18	
		DELTA on acc.	11	
		EPSILON	36	
		PI	9	147.00
20	To Mrs. Harsen	Tel. & Tel. to Seattle		1.83
24	To Miss Morgan	THETA	\$11	
		Chicago Al.	2	13.00
25	To Miss Sheldon	—Stationery & Postage		19.40
Feb. 9	To Miss Morgan	ETA	\$35	
		Milwaukee Al.	14	
		Chicago Al. Bal.	5	
		Denver Al.	20	
		NU Chapter	17	
		DELTA bal.	2	93.00
9	To Mrs. Watson	N.P.C. dues		10.00
	To Mrs. Graham	AL CRESCENT Editor		15.00
11	To Mrs. Silverson	—Western trip		200.00
23	To Miss Morgan	XI	\$11	
		KAPPA acc.	7	
		Detroit Al.	21	
		ETA—5 initiates	} 26	
		1 active		
		Syracuse Al.	46	
		Chicago Al.	1	
		Boston Al.	24	
		LAMBDA	21	157.00
March 15	To Miss Carpenter	—Typewriting for Mrs. Harsen		11.98
	To Mrs. Harsen	Tel. & Tel.		3.92
	To Miss G. E. Little	—Typewriting		2.25
	To Miss Heermans,	Social Service Committee		10.00
22	To Miss Morgan	GAMMA	\$75	
		Baltimore Al.	24	
		IOTA	1	100.00
	To Truan Press	—Paper for Secretary		2.14
25	To Truan Press	—Paper for Treasurer		2.09
	To Miss Morgan	—Seattle Al.		35.00
31	To Miss Morgan	—San Francisco Al. 11 New Members.		11.00
	To Miss Pratt	—Typewriting for Treas.		1.00
	To C. W. Bardeen	—1 Charter		5.00
31	To Miss L. E. Price	—1 Charter		5.00
	To Miss A. E. Pearson	—Typewriting and dictation		3.14
	To Women's Institute of Yonkers	—75 Copies of Letter.		2.50
April 5	To Mr. O. Y. Harsen,	Stenographic wk. for Board.		7.50
	To Truan Press	—envelopes		5.80
	To Miss Morgan	XI	\$15	
		GAMMA	10	25.00
6	To Mrs. Harsen	—telephone		1.08
12	To Miss Morgan	ALPHA	\$90	
		KAPPA	65	155.00
20	To Miss Morgan	THETA 16 initiates	\$80	
		ZETA 11 initiates, 9 actives	20	
		DELTA 6 initiates	6	106.00

April 24	To Miss D. M. Lang—mimeographing & paper for Pres.	\$ 9.55
May 11	Postal Telegraph & Cable Co., to Ann Arbor63
	To ETA Chapter delegates expenses to Convention ...	4.20
	To Miss Morgan San Francisco Al. \$2	
	Detroit Al. 6	
	IOTA 1	
	DELTA 1.....	10.00
13	To Miss Morgan for BETA—7 initiates	35.00
14	To Miss Morgan MU—1 initiate	5.00
18	To Miss Morgan PI—9 initiates	45.00
24	To C. W. Bardeen—Portland Alumnae Charter	5.00
June 1	To Miss Morgan Portland Al. \$24	
	LAMBDA 57.....	81.00
8	To Miss Morgan—Denver Al.	2.00
16	To Miss Bannen—½ GAMMA fare to Convention	45.59
16	To Miss Morgan—bal.—Minneapolis Al.	9.00
30	To Miss Morgan—NU 10 initiates	50.00
	To Miss Nachtrieb, substitute for visiting delegate at RHO installation	15.88
	To Truan Press—200 stamped envelopes for Pres. & Treas.	6.25
	To Miss C. E. Jones—Typewriting	2.75
	To Miss Morgan—telephones, etc., for RHO installation	2.82
	To C. W. Bardeen RHO Charter	5.00
	To J. F. Newman—cards	10.00
July 7	To Miss C. E. Jones—Typewriting	1.50
	To Miss Thompson N.P.C. expenses for postage—2 yrs.	5.82
14	To C. B. & Q. R. R. fare for Miss Taylor	120.00
	To Mrs. H. W. Douglas—expenses scholarship committee	8.00
	To Miss M. R. Guppy—expenses exam. committee	1.00
	To Mrs. Harsen—expenses to Convention	250.00
16	To Miss Lowd—expenses as Sec'y	3.94
	To Miss Morgan—IOTA CRESCENTS advanced by Natl. Treasury	5.00
	To Mrs. Harsen bal. expenses to Convention	50.00
22	To Miss Whitford—expenses of Historian	5.75
	To Treasurer—MU Chapter—expenses of Convention ..	100.00
	To Miss Sheldon—expenses of Expansion Committee ..	22.22
	To Miss C. E. Jones—Typewriting and mimeographing ..	8.00
23	To C. B. & Q. R. R. Miss Taylor's return Pullman	18.50
	To Miss C. E. Jones—mimeographing	21.50
28	To Miss Paddock ½ IOTA fare to Convention	65.15
Aug. 2	To Miss Newbold—Treas. Expenses	10.00
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		\$3,766.92
	Balance	\$2,930.97
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		\$6,697.89
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HELEN NEWBOLD,
Treasurer.

August 12, 1915.

REPORT OF VISITING DELEGATE

To the officers and delegates of the Thirty-ninth Convention of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled; *Greetings*:

At the end of a year's work the Visiting Delegate wishes to make the following report:

The last convention at Madison authorized the appointment of a Visiting Delegate and chose Miss Marie Derge of San Francisco Alumnæ to serve in this capacity. Miss Derge was unable to accept the office and I was appointed in April, 1914. In October I began my work by attending the National Pan-Hellenic Congress in New York City.

The frank discussion there of the sorority problems showed me as nothing else could have done, the necessity for hearty coöperation on our part and the speedy education of our chapters in all those questions which have to do with the broadening of sorority standards and the answering of the charge yearly brought against Greek-letter organizations.

The time has passed when a sorority can maintain its high standing as a passive and unsympathetic member of this intersorority conference. We must show our willingness to coöperate in all the big problems now being discussed by National Pan-Hellenic, i. e.:

1. To raise the standard of scholarship.
2. To increase Democracy.
3. To arouse a sane interest in College Activities.
4. To stimulate organized Social Service.
5. To better house rules and limit social life.
6. To secure perfect coöperation with college authorities.

Unless Gamma Phi Beta can take a definite stand upon these questions and show her hearty approval and coöperation both in Pan-Hellenic Conference and in chapter application of these suggestions we can not hope to hold our high place among the eighteen national sororities. We must show our colors and definitely stand for or against these questions. Between 1869 and 1874 were established the six sororities among whose ranks the whole eighteen fondly hope to be classed.

Pi Beta Phi
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Kappa Alpha Theta
Alpha Phi
Delta Gamma
Gamma Phi Beta

Since 1888, with the establishing of Delta Delta Delta, have appeared twelve others with ideals doubtless the same as ours and business principles far surpassing them. It has been necessary for all who proudly class themselves among the conservatives to awake to the realization that the business methods, and wide-awake interest in college problems of these younger rivals would soon control the situation long preëmpted by others more bound by prejudice, precedent and a period of successful living.

Our Pan-Hellenic delegate, Lillian Thompson of Beta, fills her position with the greatest ability. She knows the sorority problems as they have been presented these last twelve years; she has the confidence of the association and thus protects the interests of Gamma Phi Beta, as one less acquainted with the question would be unable to do.

"I was not in the National Conference ten minutes till I realized that we must have a trained and trusted representative if we were to stand well there, and Lillian Thompson certainly shows she is the person for the place,"

was the remark I heard made at last year's meeting in New York by one of our skeptical members.

It was with pride, that we were able to announce last year:

1. A centralized Board of Government.
2. A scholarship requirement, consisting of a completion of four-fifths of the work of the first semester before initiation.
3. The appointment of a visiting delegate.
4. The addition of Pi to our active chapter roll and Baltimore Alumnæ.

I think I am not wrong in saying that the reputation of a sorority is made and its standing among the rest maintained as it takes its place in National Pan-Hellenic, as it shows its progressive spirit in the acceptance of suggestions for the good of the whole rather than in the petty protection of its own individual needs, does a sorority stand among the eighteen; as we act together and prove to the world that as Greek-letter organizations, we are bettering conditions and maintaining the highest standard of womanhood that we can hope to prosper. The instituting of our high scholarship requirement for initiation and the appointment of a scholarship committee are the outgrowth of the charge brought against National sororities, that we lack an interest in scholarship or that we tend to lower the scholarship of an institution.

The coöperation of the eighteen has shown itself—and today each of the National sororities is sending a uniform scholarship blank to the registrar or chapter where its chapters are established. This is filled in and returned with the standing of each member. The benefits are apparent. The authorities are impressed with the seriousness of purpose of the National Board and the National Board is provided with absolute data as to the scholastic standing of each member of the sorority.

I have found four chapters on our roll standing first, Xi, Nu, Theta, Omicron. Half the chapter roll showing creditable scholarship, i. e., not below fifth place, three chapters in no enviable position as regards their scholastic standing in the comparative ranking issued by the authorities, and one chapter occupying last place.

I would most urgently suggest that the *scholarship committee* in each chapter realize her responsibility, in reporting the semester standing to Mrs. Douglas, National Scholarship Committee; in sending her a report containing as much information as possible included under "Remarks" and "Additional Data." A sympathetic and interested attitude rather than one of duty must be maintained to insure anything like success.

Further than this, the local committees of Gamma Phi Beta, must assume the duty of inquiring and reporting to the chapter the members below grade or in danger and of devising ways to raise the scholastic standing of the chapter.

It is only as we arouse in each chapter the responsibility towards this one question and secure their hearty support, that, as a unit, Gamma Phi Beta can point with pride to its scholarship.

Omicron, Theta, Eta, offer a cup to the Freshmen having the highest average. Syracuse Alumnæ give a scholarship of \$25.00 to the girl doing the best work for the year. Boston this year offered two scholarships of \$25.00 each to girls of high rank.

I would suggest as a stimulus to the active chapters and as an incentive to Freshmen that a cup or scholarship be awarded by each Alumnæ chapter to its active group.

Finances

I have received from the Grand Treasurer from October 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915	\$150.00
	\$200.00
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Total	\$350.00
Convention Expenses	\$105.00
	\$455.00

to cover expenses of Railroad, Pullman fare and incidentals.

I have visited sixteen active chapters, eleven alumnae chapters, two alumnae associations, besides making various visits in the interest of the expansion committee.

1. Hunter College, New York.
2. Missouri University, Columbia.
3. Washington University, St. Louis.
4. Kansas University, Lawrence.
5. Iowa University, Iowa City.
6. Fort Collins Agricultural School.

I have met with city Pan-Hellenic in Kansas City, and fifteen College Pan-Hellenics. The latter experience I look back upon with great pleasure. The interest and courtesy shown by the other sororities reflected their local feeling for the active chapter. The consideration shown me was due to your position and influence in the college world.

In accepting the office of Visiting Delegate for the sorority, I was fully aware of the responsibility it entailed. The money thus expended was expected to bring large results to the National Organization, and to the individual chapters. Whether the first year's work, judged from this standpoint has been successful, or not, can not now be determined. However, one thing is quite certain. No one could go through the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, as I have done, without realizing her greatness. In each of the widely separated colleges, to have seen fine young American women living together in closest friendship, cherishing inspiring ideals of womanhood, developing mind and spirit as a preparation for the larger life. Such sights as these cannot fail to increase one's enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta. There is a heart-warming thrill which accompanies each welcome into a new group. THE CRESCENT has paved the way and in a moment we are friends. Everywhere there have been friendships to admire, idealism, but there has also been disillusionment. With a firm grasp on my renewed and increased enthusiasm, I have tried to face fairly and squarely our weaknesses. I ask you to do the same thing with me. In the midst of the most depressing mass of fault-finding, please hold fast to our essential greatness. No matter how numerous and perplexing our problems may be, let us not be discouraged.

Our Faults

1. A great lack of National interest shown by both active and alumnae chapters.
2. A lack of National responsibility which is reflected in local organizations.
3. A lack of interest in other sororities both National and local.
4. A great loss of interest on the part of Alumnae members.
5. An insufficient interest in college activities throughout our entire chapter roll.

6. Insufficient interest or knowledge of National Pan-Hellenic.
7. Lack of organized social service in the Gamma Phi Beta.
8. Insufficient chapter organization.

Let me go back to a discussion of number 1.—“A great lack of interest in National Affairs shown by active and alumnae chapters.”

A lack of interest in anything is due to ignorance of that thing. Right here I feel lies the answer to our question! We must educate our active girls in all matters pertaining to Gamma Phi Beta, keep them alive to the great fraternity problems we are meeting daily, arouse in them a feeling of their oneness with each other and the Executive Board; show them that the Board acts only as the chapters will it. To do this, I wish to urge a renewed interest in Literary Exercises as provided in our regular Opening Exercises. I would suggest that under this head we undertake the study of Gamma Phi Beta Constitution and history, the Pan-Hellenic questions of the day, and a close study of CRESCENT articles and letters. I urgently suggest that fifteen minutes of each regular meeting be devoted to Literary Exercises, and that special attention be given to a detailed study of each CRESCENT as it appears. I would suggest that two meetings be devoted to each issue for the report of chapter life gained through chapter letters and to a careful review of the various articles and exchanges which appear.

I have come to realize that these articles and reports in THE CRESCENT receive little or no attention from the active chapters. “Busy”—I grant it—yet you must be intelligent and your loyal alumnae have spent hours preparing reports which are scarcely glanced at. Why is Delta Delta Delta the best informed sorority of us all? There is some such method employed by their President, with the result that every Delta Delta Delta over the country is an intelligent mouth-piece of her sorority.

The conscientious and careful study of THE CRESCENT is the greatest means I can suggest for the education of our chapters and for the increase of national interest.

The fraternity examination leader in each chapter would be the responsible leader of this study. The coöperation of the chapter is necessary to make this a success, the results of which will be seen in the fraternity examination given by Miss Guppy each year.

To increase a national interest among our alumnae I would suggest the adoption of some such amendment as is to be proposed at this Convention; namely “That each girl upon leaving college is automatically a member of an alumnae chapter and pay for the period of five (5) years the sum of two dollars (\$2) per year, this to cover one dollar (\$1) CRESCENT and (\$1) as the national tax.”

By this method only can I suggest a way to hold the interest of the majority of the girls leaving college. The membership of our twelve alumnae chapters embraces a small percentage of those who wear the pin. If the girl is in the city where an alumnae chapter is established she will probably join and thus receive THE CRESCENT and pay her \$1.00 to the national treasury; but for the girl who goes back to her home town where there are no Gamma Phi Beta connections, her responsibility ceases and her interest in national Gamma Phi Beta fast declines. For a few years she is interested in the rushing list, comes back for a couple of parties, perhaps, but soon this will leave her unless we do something to stimulate her interest. Her value to us as a Gamma Phi Beta becomes a negative one. My belief is this—make her a regular CRESCENT subscriber, force her to acknowledge her responsibility to the national sorority from whom she received benefits throughout her college life and we derive an actively interested, well informed alumna who will bring us much. She is a vital part of the organiza-

tion, she is able to discuss the sorority questions of the day, the progress of Gamma Phi Beta; she feels her responsibility, fulfills her moral obligations and in place of dead wood we are generating interest for the local and increasing the power and strength for the national.

Our lack of national interest has been largely brought about by a certain spirit of independent action which has seemed almost contagious, so quickly has a new chapter adopted it and made it its own. The local group seems to figure too prominently, almost to the utter disregard of the national group. In several chapters over the country there is a failure to consider itself a part of a greater whole, the national Gamma Phi Beta. We are all vastly interested in our own local affairs. The national seems to be an intangible something existing somewhere, the importance of which has little to do with the greater success of each local chapter—be it, Alpha or Rho.

I do not blame the active chapters entirely for these conditions. They are changing groups, and the reason that we have reached this state of affairs is due to the fact that our National Board has been hampered by a constitution so iron-clad that we were unable to keep abreast with the changing sorority conditions as they developed in the various colleges, i. e.: new rushing rules, house rules, scholarship requirements, etc., etc. We are no longer composed of two or three chapters with a correspondingly small *alumnæ* roll with merely selfish interests. Today we must have a National Board whose powers are great enough to enable it to intelligently meet with the National Boards of other sororities and carry on the general business of the sorority. Our National Board has assumed too little power in the past in the transaction of general business with the consequent result that each chapter assumed whatever rights it required and carried on its own affairs as well as it could. With our last Convention we gave to our general Board an increase of power. The result was shown in an increased feeling of responsibility toward each chapter. This feeling of close connection with the local chapter has shown itself in an increasing interest on the part of each local. A feeling of responsibility is slowly coming, and I am confident that it will increase as our National Board places the burden of responsibility upon each chapter.

I wonder if the time will come when one group will not speak ill of a sister group. We are really injuring the organization when, as individuals or chapters, we criticize a neighboring chapter.

The efficiency of the national is bound to be reflected in the efficiency of the local. With these above mentioned changes in the Constitution has come a new burst of interest in our national. I can but fondly hope that my visit from chapter to chapter will awaken an interest in each other that the first hand explanation of our national needs and responsibilities will be felt by the active chapters. I can truly say that the response has come. The reports which I sent out, asking for the answer by a given date, reached me, with but two exceptions, on time. A real interest was shown in regard to fraternity examinations. Mrs. Douglas reported increased coöperation from chapters in regard to scholarship. There is still much to be done and we are far from our goal, but we did awake to the folly of our ways at that last Convention at Madison.

In chapter organizations are many matters requiring comment. Of first importance, I believe, comes the choice of officers. Let me urge you to consider the good of the chapter and not the honor you wish to bestow. First, I wish most strongly to urge the election of officers for one year. This amendment was lost. I have had the greatest difficulty in fixing responsibility or gaining anything like efficiency from the chapters which changed Presidents at the second semester. It is in the nature of things that I must discuss the problems of a chapter and offer suggestions to the President. In

two cases the first reports were answered most comprehensively by the President to whom I had talked. Very different, however, was my second report, and various letters were exchanged in regard to meaning of questions; the new President had entirely failed to grasp the spirit of my visit, naturally enough since she had no real responsibility at the time. One chapter replied, "they always changed," another, "too much work for one girl"; another, "we like to divide the honor." By experience the greater number of chapters have learned that a chapter is more successful with one officer for the year. "If we make a mistake the first semester we can correct it the next." But let the most efficient girl be chosen, not necessarily a senior; the one girl of the chapter who stands out as the logical leader. Upon her I place the responsibility of the chapter. Let her shoulder the burden and realize that the success of the chapter is with her.

First she should feel the greatest responsibility for the carrying on of national business. Second, she should realize that on her tact and judgment rests the internal harmony as well as the local standing of her chapter; that the work of corresponding secretary and the duties of other officers and committees is in reality her work, and can be done only by her assuming the real burden.

A lack of interest in other sororities shows itself in our indifference to college activities. I urge an interest in all the activities on the campus, not for notoriety and distinction for Gamma Phi Beta, but for the broadening influence which is bound to come through intercourse with others and through the knowledge of something well done.

The day is past when we as Gamma Phi Betas can withdraw to ourselves and say all is well. Putting the pin on the girl is not enough. To make our sorority a success each girl must feel the responsibility she owes to the sorority; she must remove any charge that we are undemocratic by mingling in good fellowship; as a loyal sister each girl should feel in duty bound to succeed in one activity on the campus. The successful chapter today develops her girls along all lines with attention paid to:

1. High scholarship.
2. Participation in college activities.
3. Harmony in chapter life.
4. Tolerance for others.
5. Efficient organization.

I hope to see a successful activity committee in each chapter during the ensuing year. It is a discouraging feeling for a girl with the ability and ambition to fail of an election because her own chapter neglected to vote for her or uphold her election. We lose power through this very negligence.

How can I help but discover a lack of interest in national affairs when there is often this lack of support in local matters. If you need examples of sorority support let me urge your close attention to the habits of Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Phi. Almost without exception there is wonderful support of each member, and a deliberate policy on the part of the chapter to develop each member to the utmost. This development of a girl is a matter deserving special notice. For what is a sorority if not to bring out all that is best in a girl and to stimulate her interests. If Gamma Phi Beta cannot assume this responsibility, I must say she fails in her purpose.

The well rounded chapter has girls of all kinds and girls who are strong along different lines.

The policy of the chapter should be formed by our upperclass members. Matters of special importance might well be discussed in upperclass meetings. The following suggestions will prove most beneficial to chapters not already employing them. On their adoption they should be incorporated in the by-laws.

A nominating committee, appointed by the President one month before the close of school year should recommend officers for the coming year. The election and installation of chapter officers for the year, three weeks before the close of college, will insure the efficient continuance of chapter organization. I suggest the appointment of a committee to report at installation of officers and an enumeration of national and local duties belong to said officers.

The following suggestions are gained by my observance of same in my visits to the chapters or from a lack of such provision in by-laws of different chapters.

1. To aid chapter organization, I have established in each chapter a President's book, to be handed down from year to year, and to contain:

1. Opening exercises.
2. Order of business.
3. Duties of officers fully enumerated.
4. Duties of committees fully enumerated.
5. By-laws of chapter.
6. Customs of chapter.
7. Suggestions of visiting delegate.
8. Suggestions of each president which might prove beneficial to the incoming officers in running the chapter.

Suggested Committees for each chapter.

1. Scholarship committee. Composed of upperclass girl and assistant who shall work into the duties for the next year. The duties of the committee shall be

- a. Correspond with National Scholarship Committee.
- b. Report on class work of Freshmen.
- c. Report in meeting all delinquents, or those in danger of failure.
- d. Take charge of scholarship blank—fill it in neatly and correctly and return to Mrs. Douglas.
- e. Send comparative statement of sorority scholarship standing to National Chairman.
- f. Report all scholastic honors in CRESCENT and to National Chairman.

2. Fraternity Examination Committee.

The importance of this has been discussed above. Here is the solution of our present lack of national interest. I especially urge its importance.

3. Executive Committee.

According to *Robert's Rules of Order* this committee is provided for. Its importance depends upon the amount of interest shown by upperclass meetings for discussion of chapter difficulties.

I recommend the weekly conference of the President with her officers at which the following might well be discussed.

1. Business of chapter.
2. Points for chapter discussion.
3. Enforcement of house rules.
4. Supervision of committees.
5. Discussion of questions without precedent.

4. House committee concerns only the house management and content of house questions. The support of town girl is essential.

Composed of

1. House manager.
2. Treasurer.
3. Chaperon.
4. Alumna.

Duties

1. Discussion of house problems.
2. Making and enforcement of house rules and publishing of same would fall to this committee.

I especially recommend the presence of an alumna member and of the chaperon. At any time in the discussion the chaperon may be asked to leave the meeting. By her presence there, however, she is able to learn the sentiment of chapter; hear new rules and regulations which fall directly under her jurisdiction, and present any complaints she may have. Her position must be defined, if we are to make our chaperonage a success.

CHAPERONS

As a National Organization, I would like to see us take a definite stand toward chaperons. To authorize her support in all matters pertaining to chapter discipline and house rules. The spirit of the house is largely due to this older influence; she must be chosen with care, a woman with great sympathy, much tact, high ideals, and have the support of local chapter and National Board as long as she remains in the house.

Right here, let me say that the most successful houses, the ones which prove most comfortable to occupants, as well as successful financially, are those which pay their chaperon a certain sum per month. She assumes the burden of ordering the meals and gives the chapter the result of her many years' experience. Not all chapters do pay their house mothers, but till they do, no house can be as efficiently run as mothers and fathers have a right to demand for their daughters.

My advice is—find a woman who is fitted for the place, pay her at least \$25.00, and behold the result.

The field of house mother is new, but it is being filled by a group of women who love girls, and who need homes. These women are doing real Social Service work.

5. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Composed of

1. Treasurer.
2. House manager.
3. Upperclass girl.

Duties

1. Prepare a budget.
2. Sign vouchers for payment of all chapter bills.
3. Regulate other chapter expenditures.
4. Report monthly.

I have especially urged that chapter money be divided into two parts, house money and chapter money.

6. ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:

Duly to promote an interest in College activities.

Assume responsibility of keeping Gamma Phi Beta represented in all that is best on the campus.

7. SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

In one chapter the position for the year is held by the *Vice-president* of chapter. This is most successful.

The presence of an alumna member on this committee insures the high standard which Gamma Phi Beta has always stood for. Younger girls not used to responsibility might often need an older woman to whom they may turn for advice.

As a suggestion, let me say that the entertainment of faculty and Deans of Women in sorority houses is rapidly becoming a fixed part of college life.

The courtesy extended to me, as a National officer, by Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Phi, made me wonder whether the policy was dictated by the National Boards. Such attentions leave a lasting memory. May Gamma Phi Beta feel the same responsibility.

8. CHAPTER HOUSE RULES:

House rules today come pretty closely under the supervision of the Deans of Women who hold conferences with house mother or house president, as case may be. On the whole, houses seem pretty efficiently run. All methods are employed from an obliging alumna who pays the bills, orders the butler, scolds the cook, to the student who takes full work in college and runs a house for ninety odd, with ability and success. The paid chaperon is the greatest success.

There is a marked willingness over the country to coöperate with the authorities in regard to house rules.

Limiting the number of engagements per week, or eliminating them entirely in the case of failure in work is about the worst punishment that can fall.

A firm and strong house president is absolutely necessary at this point. No favoritism nor desire to please should enter into her ruling.

FRESHMAN SUPERVISION:

With our second Semester initiation, the Freshmen should be organized under the supervision of an upperclass girl—one who will realize how important is her office.

She should work with committee on college activities—to interest the Freshmen in the various activities on the campus. See that none are neglected and that the most unpromising material is pushed forward and developed. If we pledge a girl, we, as a sorority must develop her; it is our responsibility. The quiet retiring girl must be helped to find her niche. If she is not to shine on the campus, give her chapter work. Make her realize she has a debt to pay the sorority. Merely wearing a pin does not pay this debt.

Service for Gamma Phi Beta is absolutely required.

A class for study of fraternity questions should be organized, as is worked out by several chapters. Do not turn the Freshmen loose on meeting nights or make them feel out of it; one chapter brings them to the meeting during the discussion of fraternity questions. All house rules or new rules passed in meeting should be reported to the Freshman meeting at once. Do not let their excuse be, "We did not know that." Let the chapter policy be known to the Freshmen, the high standard we maintain in regard to honor in examination, behavior on the campus, personal appearance, and above all, the high standard of scholarship required by Gamma Phi Beta for initiation.

The well-groomed woman is an indication of breeding and refinement. The casual observer can but judge a girl, therefore her chapter, by her outward appearance and bearing. I have found this a most difficult criticism to make; but I have failed to visit a chapter where its need was not felt.

As a fitting end to a successful year, and with regard for the system we wish to develop in chapter administration, I recommend that the books of the chapter be formally closed by the officers, and a report of same read two weeks before close of college year, one copy to be sent to Grand President by July 1, of each year, the other to be placed in Chapter files, i. e.:

1. Number in chapter first semester.
2. Number in chapter second semester.
3. Amount of money paid into treasury.
4. Deficit or balance in the treasury.

5. Amount of National tax.
6. Number behind in dues.
7. Mention all scholastic honors.
8. Mention all honors in activities.

The need of a file, an adequate strong-box, official stationery for the efficient management of a chapter has been explained.

The purchase of Song Books and Directories has been advocated.

The binding of CRESCENTS and the completion of membership file has been recommended.

Membership File

A complete membership file in each chapter is especially necessary. When there is an alumnae chapter in the same city with the active, the work could be carried on by the alumnae. Be sure that the names and addresses of all members are correctly recorded.

In the case of Epsilon and Gamma, I would suggest that they keep their own file of members separately from their alumnae chapters.

The plan of Syracuse Alumnae in sending a yearly letter to all former members of the chapter is especially to be commended, and the detailed report of the house corporation and the doings of Alpha arouse each year in the Alumnae a fresh loyalty to Gamma Phi Beta.

The appointment of a Social Service Committee has long been due. The support of this work by each active and alumnae chapter is essential, as organizations existing purely for social or selfish interest we condemned. We must undertake some outside work for the good of others less fortunate than ourselves. Many chapters already are doing something, but it is necessary for us now, as a whole, to give our support to one definite thing:

"Unless we are to do something worth while this year, I can't waste the time" is the cry every autumn when the alumnae chapters are organized.

In this day of organized effort, cannot the splendid capable women of Gamma Phi Beta accomplish much in a world, that, in spite of all that has been done, is still crying for more earnest workers?

In oneness of aim and effort there is unity and if our seventeen active and ten alumnae chapters were all interested in some worth while social service our National spirit would be quickened and we would glorify, unify and perpetuate Gamma Phi Beta.

Loyally yours in II K E,

KATHERINE T. SILVERSON.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC DELEGATE

To the Thirty-ninth (Fourth Biennial) Convention of Gamma Phi Beta, the National Pan-Hellenic' delegate sends greetings and begs to submit the following report:

The Fourteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress met at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, August 11th to 14th. Mrs. Parmelee of Delta Delta Delta was Chairman.

Action was taken on the report of the Committee on Codification, making permanent the revisions proposed by them in the form of the National Pan-Hellenic Constitution and By-laws. The revised copy will be published in the near future.

It was decided to drop the term "local Pan-Hellenic" and use the term "College Pan-Hellenic" in its stead.

It was decided to make *Banta's Greek Exchange* the official organ of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. It will be necessary for all Chapters to subscribe to this magazine hereafter.

Reports of general interest were those of the Committee on House Rules and Chaperons, the Social Customs Committee, and the Committee on Secrecy. These reports will all be published in *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The Committee on House Rules and Chaperons, (Mrs. Collins of Chi Omega, Chairman) made a recommendation in regard to House Chaperons which will be referred to the Grand Presidents of the eighteen Congress Fraternities; recommended an educational campaign in regard to coöperative buying and catering for Chapter Houses, and arranged for the publication of the fellowship plan which provides housing, tuition and a small stipend to postgraduate students, who in return shall act as house-mothers. Chi Omega is carrying this out successfully in a few Chapters.

The Social Customs Committee (Mrs. Lardner of Pi Beta Phi, Chairman) submitted a model rushing program. It was not adopted, but is highly endorsed by your delegate.

The Committee on Secrecy (Miss Thompson, of Gamma Phi Beta, Chairman) gave an interesting report of the attitude of the various Fraternities on the question of secrecy. Modified secrecy is recommended by the majority.

The Congress voted in favor of Biennial meetings.

The legislation on High School Fraternities was brought up for discussion and a Committee on revision was appointed. This Committee submitted the following:

"No girl who after 1915 becomes a member of an organization bearing the Greek letters, or called a Sorority or Fraternity, whether said organization exists in a city or a high school of a school of equivalent standing shall be eligible to a N. P. C. fraternity."

One member of the Council did not vote and one voted in the negative. This annuls all previous N. P. C. action.

The above will be referred to the Grand Presidents for final decision.

Gamma Phi Beta was given the Chairmanship of the City Pan-Hellenic Committee, and an appointment on the Social Customs Committee.

During the past year the N. P. C. delegates represented in Barnard met in Chicago to plan for the withdrawal on June 1st of all charters which had been granted to Chapters there. Chi Omega and Alpha Phi refused to take this action, so the proposed course was not followed. Therefore the Chapters there are inactive.

Miss Thompson compiled, during the year, a valuable list of all colleges in which the National Pan-Hellenic Congress is represented. This was published in Bulletin Number 3.

Respectfully submitted,

UNA W. HANSEN.

Acting National Pan-Hellenic Delegate.

REPORT OF CRESCENT EDITOR

To Gamma Phi Beta in convention assembled, the following report is submitted:

Since November, 1913, the following numbers of *THE CRESCENT* have been issued—Convention Number, Alumnae Number, Chapter Number, Secret Number, Pi Number, Who's Who Number, Convention Bulletin. The fact that a Convention Bulletin took the place of the regular June issue was due to financial conditions, not to any desire of the staff for the substitution. We give briefly the contents of each number.

Convention Number—A full account of all the events of the convention with Gamma at Madison. Personal viewpoints of chapter delegates.

Alumnae Number—Brief greetings from those alumnae all over the country who are not connected with alumnae chapters. For this, over six hundred postals requiring information were sent out by the editor.

Chapter Number—Photographs of all chapters and chapter houses. Accounts of Chapter affairs, Chapter membership, Chapter honors.

Secret Number—A compilation of all facts, expenses, committee work and problems of the sorority. For members only.

Pi Number—Photographs and full accounts of the origin, progress and installation of the new chapter.

Who's Who Number—Biographies and photographs of all those Gamma Phis mentioned in *Woman's Who's Who*—with contributions from some and other articles describing various lines of work in which our members are interested.

Convention Bulletin—The last words concerning the August gathering. For members only.

In the compilation of these numbers, the staff has had the following aims:

1. *To discuss fully every question relating to Gamma Phi Beta.*
2. *To chronicle all Pan-Hellenic questions.* Pan-Hellenic news has been given in detail and the effort has been made to infuse the spirit of Pan-Hellenism through the magazine.
3. *To report all events in connection with other Greek-letter organizations.* For this purpose the publication of the various sororities and fraternities have been carefully read and such extracts made as seemed practical for our own problems, interesting in regard to the achievements of other organizations and especially appropriate in connection with the contents of some particular number of our own journal.
4. *To keep in touch with all college activities.* In this effort, the help of the active chapters has been solicited.
5. *To have Gamma Phi Beta represented in other Greek-letter journals.* *THE CRESCENT* has been frequently quoted in other fraternity magazines and has been represented by the editor with contributions to *Banta's Greek Exchange* and *Sigma Kappa Triangle*.
6. *To request articles from those outside our own organization.* An account of the Kappa Kappa Convention by Mrs. Richard Goddard, Chairman of the Students' Aid Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a description of the Chi Omega Convention by Miss Ada Caldwell, Vice-president of Chi Omega, and an article upon the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations by the Manager, Miss Frances Cummings, were all written expressly for *THE CRESCENT*.
7. *To keep alive the interest of the alumnae.* We have attempted to hear from and concerning those who are not in touch with active or alumnae chapters.

8. *To make the chapter letters not only interesting and well-written, but also descriptive in a way of college life and college conditions.* To Mrs. Graham, the faithful Alumnæ Editor is due the improvement in this department.

9. *To fulfill every expectation, ideal and desire of the sorority.* If there has been any failure in this respect, it is not due to any lack of endeavor or eagerness to please.

For the coming year, we submit the following ideas:

A social service number which will contain not only our own achievements in this line of work and our plans for the future, but also articles of similar service from members of other sororities.

Contributions on various phases of sorority or college life from outsiders, notably Deans of Women.

Fuller accounts of scholarship, chapter honors, etc.

Alumnæ discussion of pertinent subjects.

As an aid in formulating the plans for the coming numbers of THE CRESCENT, we ask your interest, your enthusiasm, your contributions and, most of all, an open discussion in Convention of the Magazine, from which helpful criticisms and suggestions may be gleaned and duly reported.

The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking those who have so willingly assisted in the work of the magazine during this last year and of expressing gratitude for the many personal words of encouragement and appreciation that have come her way.

(signed) LINSEY BARBEE.

REPORT OF ALUMNÆ EDITOR OF CRESCENT

Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled:

In the year 1914, I received fifteen dollars for my expenses as Alumnæ Editor, and I spent it as follows:

Postage	\$ 4.97
Copying and typing	7.00
Paper and envelopes	2.50

Total\$14.47

The first of January, 1915, I received fifteen dollars and so far I have spent:

Postage	\$1.23
Copying	2.00
Printing—Paper	2.50

Total\$5.73

A number of the Chapters have not sent me the names of their CRESCENT correspondents for 1915-16, namely, Gamma, Epsilon, Zeta, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Nu, Chicago, Boston and Denver.

I wish to urge again that the selection of CRESCENT Correspondents be made with care, and that the Chapters hold themselves a bit more responsible for the excellence and interesting qualities of their letters.

With best wishes for a successful Convention, and increased prosperity for our Sorority, I remain,

Very sincerely,

(signed) LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM.

380 9th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 15, 1915.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER OF CRESCENT

Appleton, Wis., July 12, 1915.

To the Members of the Executive Board and Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Before wearying you with financial statistics, I must take the opportunity to tell you the joyful news that for the first time, since I have known anything about THE CRESCENT, it has paid its own way and has a balance of five hundred ninety-four dollars and sixty-five cents in the treasury. You may ask in wonder how this miracle has been performed, but the answer is simple and is due to two causes. First, at the convention in Madison two years ago, in response to the suggestion from the business manager, that the requirement of a five year subscription to THE CRESCENT from all initiates would greatly aid her financial condition, one of the delegates from Beta moved that this be made a requirement. After much discussion and difference of opinion on the matter, it was finally carried that the matter be left optional with the chapters. Beta was the pioneer in the movement and some other chapters followed her example last year, but it was not until the present year and after some urging by members of the Executive Board that the majority of chapters adopted this plan.

The results have exceeded the greatest expectations of the business manager. Some expression of fear was made at the convention that after all had paid their five dollar fee and only initiates were paying for THE CRESCENT, that the fund would again drop down, but experience has shown that in every case the number of initiates who pay five dollars each give a larger amount to the treasury than when each active girl was paying one dollar. Take for instance a small chapter, averaging only twenty girls. Under the former method, THE CRESCENT would receive twenty dollars. Five is a small number of initiates for any chapter to take in, but that would bring in twenty-five dollars. As the chapters increase in size more money is received.

The second advantage of the plan is that it keeps a girl in touch with her chapter for at least a year after leaving school, and after she has had THE CRESCENT for a year after leaving college, she is quite apt to continue her subscription.

The second reason for the large balance on hand is that early last fall the Executive Board decided that there should be only three issues of THE CRESCENT this year, as the Board had for several years had to help THE CRESCENT pay its bills. As the dues are not paid until January at the earliest and in many cases not before April and May, the business manager had no idea that there would be any such balance on hand until after all plans had been perfected for a larger edition in March and no June issue. It was then found that it would be necessary to issue four numbers in order to secure our second class postage rates, so the Executive Board decided to have a simple convention bulletin issued. The March issue was very late, due largely to slow work at the publishers, so that the bill for the March CRESCENT did not come until after all arrangements had been made for the small June issue. Had we known earlier how much money would be left, we could have had our usual June issue and still have had money in the Treasury.

As few have any idea what the cost of an issue of THE CRESCENT is, I will give here the cost of the three issues for the past year. October 1914, \$188.22, January 1915, \$285.06, March 1915, \$371.92, June 1915, \$46.07. You will see by this that the cost varies with the size and quality of stock used,

as well as the number of copies printed, but the item which counts most is the number of illustrations. If you want a fine issue, well illustrated, the cost is more than trebled. It is our desire to put out as fine a magazine as any of our rival sororities, and this costs money. The tax falls more heavily on Gamma Phi than on others, because we have fewer chapters than most of our competitors, hence another argument for expansion.

This is the first time that THE CRESCENT has been in a position to pay back any of the loan, which the Executive Board so kindly made to help pay THE CRESCENT debt. Unless I have omitted some item, this loan amounts to \$398.40, and is additional money to that which is regularly given by the Treasury for CRESCENT expenses, which amount is \$150 per year. We can now pay this back and still have enough money to pay for the October issue, should the cost of same be the average amount, but should the Executive Board decide to let us keep this and omit the regular payment to THE CRESCENT of \$150 for two years or more, we can be assured of enough to pay for the October issue, and give the usual \$100 to the editor for expenses and pay such items of expense, as the business manager shall incur.

It was with the greatest satisfaction that the business manager was able to pay in full the last three bills of THE CRESCENT publisher the day after receiving the same, so the last arrangement named would be welcome to the management.

The report upon life subscriptions is not as satisfactory as I could wish, and this department of THE CRESCENT will have to receive especial attention, if the matter is to be a success financially.

It will be recalled that at the Madison convention the business manager was authorized to solicit life subscriptions at \$25 each, payable yearly in five installments of five dollars each. Thirty life subscriptions were pledged at convention, but only fifteen of that number kept their pledge. Since that time enough more have subscribed to make a total of twenty-eight. Four of these subscriptions have been paid in full, and on nine two or more payments have been made. As will be seen several are in arrears, but have been notified that the second payment is due. Letters were also sent to those who failed to keep their pledge, but only one response has been had to date, and that to say that the young lady is not able at present to take the subscription.

At the convention the business manager was authorized to have printed and mailed at the expense of the Treasury, circular letters, setting forth the matter of life subscriptions and urging the taking of the same. This was done and these letters were mailed to every one in the directory. Many came back on account of improper address, but every effort was made to secure the right address, and the letters were remailed. A list of twenty-seven names still remains and the manager will be glad to mail letters to all of these, if she can secure the proper addresses. Besides this the matter has been spoken of many times in THE CRESCENT, so we feel that it has been thoroughly advertised. Is there anything more that we can do to arouse interest, and if so, what?

The present amount out at interest is \$269.00, and the amount of interest received to date is \$7.78. If the fund were large enough to loan, the interest could be doubled, but we can scarcely offer it as loan, until the fund is at least \$500. The interest goes back to the regular CRESCENT fund to pay the expense of THE CRESCENTS taken by these subscribers. We need at least a hundred subscribers and how shall we get them? I am going to suggest that each chapter, active and alumnae, try to solicit three subscriptions. If they succeed, we shall have more than our hundred. All sororities and fra-

ternities are starting these funds. In some cases they are used as loan funds to scholars in or out of the sorority. Ours was started as a building loan fund.

Another matter that has caused the business manager some trouble is the collection of advertising fees. All advertisers are now partly in arrears, and the one who has received by far the largest order for pins has been the slowest to pay. I am not much of a believer in the boycott, but felt seriously tempted to recommend it. Part payment of the last bill has changed my mind for the present.

There is one thing that I wish to urge upon all chapters and that is the prompt sending of lists of members to the business manager by October 1, also the corrections that occur in the list at any time during the year. This is especially important where people drop out of school before the end of the year and have not paid for *THE CRESCENT*. Another most necessary thing is that chapters should send to the Treasurer when paying dues, the name of each member and the amount paid by each. This is necessary, as some are paying five dollars each for *THE CRESCENT* and others only one dollar. In no other way can the business manager receive the amount due *THE CRESCENT* and give to each member the proper credit for payment.

On account of not doing this, there is one chapter whose *CRESCENT* account is not straightened out at the time of making my report. I do not know which members have paid five dollars and which have paid one, so no credit has been given to the chapter, except so much money in a lump sum. There will be trouble about the individual subscriptions, unless the matter is straightened out soon.

Another thing that I wish the delegates to remember is to ask the chapter to notify the business manager as well as the editor of all changes in the name of the Corresponding Secretary. This notice was given in the June *CRESCENT* and nine replies have been received to date. Oversight in this respect causes delay in letters reaching the proper person.

It may be of interest to know the size of our subscription list. We have at present 987 subscribers and an exchange list of 160. That doubtless seems like a large exchange list, but the value of sending and receiving exchanges seems to me to be very great. In the first place it gives the officers a chance to learn what other organizations are doing and to keep up with the procession. In the second place it gives the others a chance to learn something about us.

Strange as it may seem the fact that Gamma Phi has always been such a conservative sorority and is little known in some sections of the country has been a serious handicap to us in at least two desirable places. In the first case the group chose a larger and better known sorority, and in the second case the Dean was under the impression that Gamma Phi was not one of the select sororities, and hence not to be desired in her institution, but a few copies of *THE CRESCENT*, showing what we stand for, and a visit from a prominent Gamma Phi seem to have changed her opinion and she will let us in, in 1917.

It is for this reason that we have placed complimentary copies of *THE CRESCENT* in institutions that we hope to enter later.

The following is the financial statement of THE CRESCENT for the year beginning September 1, 1914, and ending July 12, 1915.

Receipts	Disbursements
Alpha chapter	Geo. Banta Pub. Co., CRES-
Beta chapter	CENTS and Printing ..\$ 993.44
Gamma chapter	Stamps
Delta chapter	Miss Barbee
Epsilon chapter	Refund
Zeta chapter	Minnesota
Eta chapter	Omicron
Theta chapter	Syracuse
Iota chapter	Mrs. Sherman
Kappa chapter	Minneapolis
Lambda chapter	Directory for subscriber .
Mu chapter	
Nu chapter	\$1,167.29
Xi chapter	
Omicron chapter	
(32 by mistake)	
Pi chapter	
Syracuse chapter	
Detroit chapter	
Milwaukee chapter	
Boston chapter	
Chicago chapter	
Baltimore chapter	
San Francisco chapter ...	
Denver chapter	
New York chapter	
Minnesota chapter	
Seattle chapter	
Portland chapter	
Individual Sub.	
Single copies	
Advertising	
Interest	
From Treasury	
Total Receipts	
Balance Sept., '14	
	1,761.94
Disbursements	1,167.29
Balance July, '15	\$ 594.65

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. MORGAN,
Business Manager.

REPORT OF EXPANSION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Officers and delegates of Gamma Phi Beta in convention assembled, *Greetings*:

The expansion committee desires to present the following report:

There is cheerful news for the expansion committee to tell at this convention. Since one year ago, when the last annual report which you received in the secret issue of *THE CRESCENT*, was written, the Sorority has gained one active and two alumnae chapters, and delegates at this convention representing the "neighboring" chapters will be asked to act upon two petitions. Moreover, negotiations, which may result in more new chapters for next year, are pending in three more universities of excellent standing. Finally, as a climax to this boasting: Not a single petition has been turned down. An unprecedented record! One that would, doubtless, cause some of the good sisters of twenty-five years ago to raise their hands in holy horror, exclaiming, "Where is our boasted conservatism?" To which we should blithely reply, "Dead, dear madam, our conservatism is dead and deeply buried." Moreover, I am sure our glee at the obsequies resembled that of the "fifteen men on the dead man's chest"—singing "Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of ——." (We substitute grape juice).

To particularize: Rho Chapter was established at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, on June 15, 1915. Mrs. Robert N. Carson of Alpha Chapter, who now resides in Iowa City, was the fairy godmother for the group, and Gamma Chapter acted as the official installers. Further details concerning the charm and power of our newest infant will doubtless be presented in *THE CRESCENT*.

The associations of Alumnae in Portland and Seattle have become regular alumnae chapters thus forming units of greater strength and usefulness in our Gamma Phi Beta family.

The "neighboring" chapters, which are specified in the provisional amendment under which we are now operating, have already received copies of a petition from the University of Kansas. The Crescent Club tried to get these documents ready in time to secure the votes of the chapters before the college closed in June, but in some cases this was impossible; therefore it seems advisable to ask the voting chapters to discuss the situation with our Visiting Delegate, Mrs. Silverson, and indicate their votes then and there. The report which the expansion committee has been in the habit of sending out with petitions, will be dispensed with in this case since Mrs. Silverson knows more of the situation than the Committee does and is present with you.

A second petition, one from the Theta Kappa Sigma Sorority, an old and well established local at the Colorado State Agricultural College at Fort Collins, will be presented to the Grand Officers at Convention.

Again the expansion committee has done nothing except the correspondence connected with this negotiation, and again Mrs. Silverson knows the whole affair intimately; therefore, I will ask her to present the matter.

The question of this petition involves the larger question of our general attitude toward agricultural colleges.

In looking over the field for expansion, one may classify the possibilities thus: (1) old crowded schools; (2) new schools not completely established; (3) agricultural colleges. The first group of old schools are those from which our former spirit of conservatism excluded us. Their standing is excellent, but our strongest rivals have so long been entrenched there as to make our late entry difficult—if not precarious. Occasionally exceptional conditions, such as the presence in the town of a very strong member of Gamma Phi Beta—Mrs. Carson in Iowa City, for instance, or effeteness or

dissension among the other sororities, makes it possible for us to run the risk. The chapters at Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska have been established in this way, and while these ventures have been successful, the chapters thus formed require such careful nursing that the Sorority finds the process difficult, slow and expensive. In other cases, the University of Missouri, the University of Texas, Randolph-Macon College, to cite a few specific instances, the risk seems disproportionately large in spite of the fact—that strong chapters located in these districts would be of inestimable value to Gamma Phi Beta.

There are still a few new schools where the field is not all taken up, and into which we hope to be able to enter when the auspicious time arrives. By means of our visiting delegate, and through the assistance of loyal alumnæ, we are trying to keep in close touch with these different schools as they develop, and in a few cases, North Dakota, Washington University at St. Louis and the University of Toronto, we should like to be the next to enter. The University of Montana and the new university in British Columbia interest us.

Then there are the agricultural colleges. It is possible that some members of Gamma Phi Beta have visions of welcoming buxom farm maidens into the sisterhood or of dancing with amiable hayseeds when the term agricultural school is mentioned. However, such bucolic premonitions are without foundation. The agricultural colleges of the Middle and Far West have grown up, in some cases, apart from the so-called State Universities. Engineering courses for men and domestic science for women have brought a class of students equal in every respect to the Science, Literature and Arts students, and the Academic standard maintained is beyond cavil. To question the curriculum of such schools as Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, or Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins, is merely to display the provincialism of the inquirer. In those State Universities where all the colleges are combined on one campus, domestic science students are often welcomed into Gamma Phi Beta; as for instance at Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota,—a fact which should prove that girls of "our kind" (whatever that mystic term, *our kind*, may mean) are to be found pursuing these courses. Then too, these schools are new fields; we could enter them without being the very last. Some of the best sororities are entering schools like Ames, Iowa, Pullman, Washington, Manhattan, Kansas, etc. As I write this report, I am separated from data which would enable me to tell you just which ones are already established in which schools, but the general fact is certain—while a few are going in, the field is not crowded. If you desire further and more accurate information ask Miss Morgan, who is in your midst—and who is *Baird's Manual* and the *Sorority Handbook* combined and revised up to August 25, 1915.

To conclude the entire subject of agricultural colleges, it is the earnest desire of the extension committee that the Sorority shall adopt the definite policy of going into such schools as opportunities offer. Here is an open field. Let us avail ourselves of the chance.

Now a word further about our prospects. We have made efforts which are as yet uncrowned by success, to enter Washington University at St. Louis, the University of North Dakota, and the State College of Iowa at Ames. These possibilities may develop into realities before the year is over. We continue to cast longing eyes in the direction of Toronto, but the hard times and depression which the great European war has brought upon Canada make any definite action there ill-advised. The possibility of forming a chapter at the University of Missouri has been carefully considered and abandoned because of the already crowded condition. Moreover, we

are fully satisfied with our present pace. If this 1915 Convention grants the two petitions which are to come before it, we will have gone fast enough to satisfy the most ardent expansionist. To add three new Chapters in one year means that the visiting delegate or some one connected with expansion must keep a protecting eye upon the new infants to see that their toddling steps be guided safely in the way in which they should go. Such fostering care the Sorority is glad to bestow within the limits of her power, but it does not seem wise to expand any faster.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) ELEANOR SHELDON.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

I have asked Mrs. Silverson to read my report to you because you know her and because she and I have already gone over so many of these questions together.

You can not know how deep is my regret at not being able to attend Convention; I had so wanted to meet you, to hear all your criticisms and suggestions, and to discuss with you all the pros and cons in this new venture of Gamma Phi Beta. Because I can not be with you, I ask you all to be just that much more frank and suggestive and constructive, that this may be a really epoch-making Convention for our Committee.

In this first fifteen months of the work of the Scholarship Committee, there is little tangible evidence of much that has been done; 167 letters written does not sound very formidable, and Miss Newbold's report will show that only \$8.00 has been spent, but I do feel that I have come to know the Chapters, most of them, in a very personal way, and until such a time comes, there can be no real understanding and helpfulness on either side.

In my letter of April 22, sent out to each Chapter, I said that the way had been paved for greater things, and the spirit of this new year and the way in which this work will be regarded, depends largely upon the earnestness and the sincerity and the determination of each one of you.

At the Madison Convention only five of the returning delegates assumed any responsibility in their Chapters for receiving, explaining or filling out the first blanks called for. Will not each one of you realize that your Chapter and Gamma Phi Beta both need your utmost attention to this business—here at Convention and afterwards in your Chapter meetings? You who hear the discussions, which I hope will be very frank, can catch the spirit and appreciate the necessity—therefore you have a great trust.

I have one query: Why is Gamma Phi seemingly unable to secure much of the data as to comparative standings of the sororities that the other organizations secure and publish regularly in their magazines? I would suggest that in each college or university where the authorities decline to give such data to an undergraduate, that an Alumna who has done good work, be asked to go as the Chapter's representative, and make clear the purpose in having comparative data. In one case I suggested that the local Pan-Hellenic take up the matter so that the University would be convinced of the sincerity of the request. Having the grade of any Chapter is of little value unless I can also have the grades of other sororities. In several instances where the University has declined, each Pan-Hellenic representative has given the grade of her own sorority; Alpha, for instance, sent me the Pan-Hellenic list of grades of all sororities at Syracuse.

I am convinced that if each one of you is determined in your efforts, you can fill out the "Additional Data" side of the blank forms.

No grades are given at Goucher, but I am assured by the Dean of Women, that in addition to no conditions having been given to any Gamma Phi, there is some really fine individual work being done by Zeta girls.

Xi, Nu, Theta and Omicron hold the honors in the order named for high Chapter grades and high comparative grades with the other sororities. In showing these gradings for the three semesters, I have tried to show only essentials;—the four columns chosen are really understandable by each one of you and they give an adequate idea of the gains or losses in each Chapter. I did not want to send my files to Convention, because much has been discussed in confidence so it would be unfair; then too data without accompanying explanations can prove or disprove almost anything.

In chronicling our Phi Beta Kappa elections, I feel that some have been forgotten. Mrs. Silverson and I both asked each Chapter to notify us of any honor elections made on scholarship basis, but the names which follow are the only ones sent to me, and of course it is never wise to publish mere numbers without names.

Beta	Evelyn Roehm
Delta	Helen Farwell
Epsilon	{ Mary McClear
	{ Helen Paddock
Eta	{ Marion Nowell
	{ Emily Stewart
Lambda	{ Emma Schmitz
	{ Lois McBride

No mention was made of Sigma Xi from any Chapter.

One girl wrote not long ago and asked me why I had changed to type-written letters which seemed so "impersonal." My reply to all of you is, that in addition to keeping a record for all my letters, such as I have asked you to do, I have found it necessary to keep a carbon copy as I have been charged with saying or leaving unsaid so many things, it is wise to have proof and end controversy.

I shall repeat here the requests I have made to each Chapter:

Keep a record of all letters.

Use return envelopes and sufficient postage.

Use envelopes large enough for report blanks.

Date your letters and at the top,—filing is easier.

Fill your blanks neatly;—some are scarcely legible.

Read and discuss the reports in meeting before sending.

Be more careful with your arithmetic;—I had to make corrections in many reports and in nine cases all the additions of the number of hours were left for me.

The very differences in the filling out of these blanks show to a large degree which Chapters have been merely perfunctory and which care deeply for the aims of this new committee. Some of the letters are eager with suggestions and offers of coöperation. The Reporting Officer of one of our newest Chapters, accompanied her very adequate report with a detailed letter covering the work and activities and reasons for success or failure of EACH girl in the Chapter. That meant much to her in time and interest and was invaluable to me.

I hope you will discuss the question of aids to scholarship. My impressions from various sources as to awards of cups, money prizes, scholarships, etc., are confused, and I personally am not yet convinced of the advisability of any such methods, except scholarships. The aim of any individual Gamma Phi as a part of a whole body of college women, to whom the eyes of the whole country are now turning, would seem to me a bigger incentive to fine effort than anything that could possibly be devised.

The following suggestions which have proved a great success in different Chapters, should, I think, be considered by each one of you.

1. The limiting of social engagements for all who are doing mediocre work, regardless of class. The Senior, who has by her carelessness or indifference, proven to be a delinquent student, needs supervision and restriction quite as much as an unknown Freshman.

2. An upperclass advisor to be chosen by each incoming pledge to have supervision of class work and adherence to all rules, study hours in particular.

3. The keeping of an accurate card catalogue: a card for each girl, open to inspection at all times. The cards to be taken at regular intervals to the professors to record the grades, by someone qualified to discuss the work of the student and find out where difficulties lie.

A most interesting fact has come out and from many sources. The houses where there is absolute adherence to strict house rules as to study hours and social engagements, show the best scholastic records and the best general "Campus standing."

There is one vital question we must all ask and be honest in our answers. In our investigations are we showing that Gamma Phi Beta is standing for those things that place us above reproach?

Let each of our Chapters enforce stringent rules to safeguard our scholarship. When any sorority is known to stand for real mental grasp as well as an abiding interest in all the best associations at each college or university, its right to exist can never be questioned.

Loyally,

MABELLE LEONARD DOUGLAS,
Chairman Scholarship Committee.

Ann Arbor, July 19, 1915.

FIRST SEMESTER—1914

Chapter	Highest	Passing	Below	Comparative grades
Alpha	17%	75%	6%	7th among 15 soror.
Beta	14%	82%	3%	7th " 11 "
Gamma	15%	79%	5%	No data given
Delta	13%	85%	1%	Univ. declines
Epsilon	No grades given on account of Music Students			
Zeta	Goucher College gives no grades			
Eta	30%	66%	3%	4th among 13 soror.
Theta	67%	33%	—	Tied for 1st among 5
Iota	3%	93%	3%	College refuses
Kappa	20%	76%	3%	3rd among 10 soror.
Lambda	53%	46%	1%	7th " 13 "
Mu	No report received			
Nu	45%	54%	—	1st " 7 "
Xi	49%	50%	1%	1st " 3 "
Omicron	29%	69%	—	2nd " 11 "

No fractional percentages are given.

No excuses are recorded.

The 3 columns are the same as on the report blanks.

SECOND SEMESTER—1914

Chapter	Highest	Passing	Below	Comparative grades
Alpha	18%	64%	6%	7th among 11 soror.
Beta	11%	88%	—	7th " 11 "
Gamma	8%	91%	1%	No data given

Chapter	Highest	Passing	Below	Comparative grades
Delta	16%	83%	—	Univ. refuses data
Epsilon	16%	82%	1%	12th among 12 soror.
Zeta	Goucher College gives no grades			
Eta	27%	72%	1%	5th " 13 "
Theta	Reporting Officer not able to duplicate lost cards			
Iota	13%	87%	—	College refuses data
Kappa	25%	74%	1%	No data
Lambda	46%	49%	4%	No data
Mu	No report received			
Nu	45%	54%	—	1st among 7 soror.
Xi	56%	43%	1%	1st " 3 "
Omicron	41%	58%	1%	2nd " 11 "

No fractional percentages are given.

No excuses are recorded.

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FIRST SEMESTER—1915

Chapter	Highest	Passing	Below	Comparative grades
Alpha	20%	77%	3%	7th among 15 soror.
Beta	19%	81%	—	7th " 11 "
Gamma	No report received			
Delta	13%	86%	1%	Univ. refuses data
Epsilon	8%	88%	4%	No data
Zeta	Goucher College gives no grades			
Eta	23%	72%	4%	6th among 13 soror.
Theta	53%	44%	3%	1st " 4 "
Iota	18%	82%	—	College refuses data
Kappa	37%	59%	4%	No data
Lambda	Report sent but not wholly complete			
Mu	No report received			
Nu	6%	92%	1%	1st among 7 soror.
Xi	45%	53%	1%	Data not ready
Omicron	42%	57%	—	2nd among 11 soror.
Pi	26%	57%	16%	Data not ready
Rho	No blanks have been sent as yet			

No fractional percentages are given.

No excuses are recorded.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS

Asilomar, August 25, 1915.

Madam President:

Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled:

The Committee on uniform Fraternity Examination submits the following:

The Committee has issued two (2) sets of questions: one in 1913-1914, another in 1914-1915. The questions were on General Fraternity History, Special History, Pan-Hellenic, Constitution, House Management, Books to be used were *Bairō's Manual*, *Sorority Handbook*, *CRESCENT*, *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The Chapter which stood highest in 1914 was Xi with an average of 98. For 1915 the Chapter of highest rank was Nu with an average of 96.

The number who took the "Ex" was 315, including Postgraduate Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen and specials. All Chapters responded except Iota and this was on account of conditions at Barnard.

The papers of 1915 were certainly an improvement on those of the previous year. Still there are criticisms. Chapters can do better in promptness, in neatness, composition and general appearance.

The Chapters Alpha, Beta and Mu, while showing a general improvement, still can do better in their English Composition. Gamma is to be commended for her promptness and carefulness in details. Zeta, Delta, Omicron, Kappa for papers excellent in general expression, preparation and appearance. To Nu belongs the honor of having the best papers in English and papers which showed the best general knowledge of all subjects brought up for examination.

The Committee suggested that some should be excused from the examinations and that voting on Chapter matters should be denied until the "Ex" has been taken. When members are excused, the Committee thinks it best to leave the closed envelope system entirely in the hands of the Chapters. The Committee agrees that there should be a separate set of questions for the Freshmen and that there should be questions on parliamentary law. A matter of great importance is that classes should be held during the entire year, with informal examinations at stated times.

Hoping the Chapters will appreciate the importance of fraternity knowledge in these uncertain and turbulent days in the history of fraternity life.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) M. RUTH GUPPY,

Chairman Fraternity Examination Committee.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The following lines of work have been suggested as possible for Gamma Phi Beta to undertake as a Sorority:

Work for Poor Whites.

Farm School for Backward Children.

Camp for Poor Children.

Immigrant Work.

Rural Nurse.

Scheme similar to Eleanor Clubs of Chicago.

Scholarship Fund for Needy Students.

Training of Gamma Phi Beta for Social Work.

Fellowship given through assisting collegiate alumnae.

We ask for a discussion of this question.

Activities engaged in by Chapters as a whole:

Red Cross.

Belgian Relief Work.

Y. W. C. A. Ailomar named by Mu girl in Y. W. work.

Club Work.

Big Sister.

Infant Welfare.

Public Hygiene.

Settlement and Hospital Work.

Social Service League.

Associated Charities.

Playground.
 Legislation for Women.
 Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners.
 Raising of funds for University.
 Raising of funds for Scholarships.

ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

In addition to the aforementioned:

Camp Fire.
 Teaching Mountain Whites.
 Women's Clubs.
 Civic League.
 Boards, Members of Relief Organizations.
 Church and Mission Work.
 Penny Lunches.

From the very incomplete list of activities given on the cards in the file, we have found that members of Gamma Phi Beta are presidents and vice-presidents of Y. W. C. A., Women's Clubs, Settlements, Civic organizations and all kinds of associations engaged in social work. They also occupy all kinds of positions which demand the expenditure of much time and money and many personal sacrifices.

Mrs. Kellogg, Eta, is President of the Stamford Belgian Relief organization. This organization has sent out \$500.00 each month besides many barrels of clothing and supplies for the relief of war sufferers. Mr. Kellogg has spent the summer in Belgium as head of the work there, supervising the feeding of 2,000,000 people per day, and Mrs. Kellogg has financed the work.

Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, Alpha, has for the past year given a course in Philanthropy at a Colored School in Baltimore. In this class are gathered the most progressive negroes in the city and to Mrs. Smith belongs the credit of being the first woman in Baltimore who has really intelligently tried to educate the negroes upon social lines. Besides this work, Mrs. Smith is most active in the Federated Charities.

These are merely two of the many examples of valuable work being done by Gamma Phi Beta and which show that even if we have done nothing as a sorority, we have been doing much necessary work as individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RUTH GUPPY.
 ELLA TILLOTSON.
 MARY T. MCCURLEY.

REPORT OF PIN CERTIFICATE COMMITTEE

For Year

August, 1914, to July, 1915

Issued 129 Certificates.

Received

Payment for certificates.....	\$2.65
National Treasury	3.05
	<u>\$5.70</u>
	\$5.39

Paid Out

Postage	\$2.31
Printing and Stationery.....	3.05
	<u>\$5.39</u>

Balance on hand

.31

Palisade, N. J., July 8, 1915.

(Signed) ESTHER POTTER DARBY,
 (Mrs. S. E. Darby, Jr.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORIES

1,000 Directories—Original Cost		\$298.78
Amount collected for Directories sold	\$141.15	
Outstanding	26.50	167.65
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Amount Outstanding		\$131.13
Directories delivered but still unsold, 35.		
Over 400 Directories on hand.		

(signed) LUCY BALDWIN.

August 1, 1915.

REPORT OF SONG BOOK COMMITTEE

August, 1915.

TO THE MEMBERS OF $\Gamma \Phi B$,*Greetings:*

During the past two years about forty-five books have been sold. The demand is not so great as it should be.

A small supply of the last edition is still on hand.

The amount of \$50.00 which was advanced from the Sorority Treasury to help pay for the issue of the last edition of the book has been repaid. There is no expense account other than this to be rendered. From the payments for books, the storage of plates, insurance, postage, and expressage have been paid.

Last fall, in order to place the book plates in permanent, safe custody, they were sent to Mrs. Baker of Syracuse.

Books may still be obtained from Miss Lowd. Please send money orders or checks for \$1.60. The exchange rate on each check is ten cents. The postage for a single book is twelve cents.

The Committee recommends that each initiate be required to own a song book.

New songs written for any chapter should be published in THE CRESCENT, so that each person owning a book may be able to add the new songs. If a sufficient number of such songs could be collected, a supplementary pamphlet might be published, containing only the words, with the airs indicated.

Respectfully submitted in $\Pi K E$,EMMA F. LOWD, *Chairman*.SUGGESTIONS DRAWN FROM REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES

From Report of Visiting Delegate:

1. To increase interest of active chapters in national affairs:
 - a. Literary exercises shall be insisted upon and these exercises shall relate chiefly to college and sorority questions, including a careful study of THE CRESCENT (both articles and letters), Pan-Hellenic questions, $\Gamma \Phi B$ history and constitution, instruction and practice in parliamentary law and a study of fraternity magazines. This work shall be in charge of a fraternity examiner who is to communicate with Miss Guppy in regard to sorority examinations.

- b. Each initiate shall send to the Grand Secretary a registration fee of twenty-five cents. The Grand Secretary shall then file the initiate's name in a card catalogue, and send to her a membership certificate, with seal and colors.
2. To increase national interest of alumnæ:
 - a. All active members on leaving college shall automatically become members of the nearest alumnæ chapter. They shall be in duty bound, as members in good standing, to pay two (2) dollars per year for a period of five years to the national treasury.
 - b. Each active chapter shall send to all members who have left college a yearly letter containing points of interest in regard to the progress of that chapter. This letter may be sent out through the alumnæ chapter or through the corporation when that is possible.
3. To secure strong chapter organizations:
 - a. Chapters shall foster a spirit of willingness to coöperate with college authorities.
 - b. Nominating committee shall be appointed four weeks before the close of the college year; election shall take place one week later and formal installation of officers two weeks before close of year. (See form.)
 - c. Officers shall be carefully chosen and when possible reëlected for the second semester of the college year.
 - d. Upperclass girls shall form policy of chapter.
 - e. For careful supervision, freshmen shall be organized under the direction of an upperclass girl for instruction in college activities, $\Gamma \Phi B$ standards in scholarship and sorority life, $\Gamma \Phi B$ history and house rules.
Each freshman shall have an upperclass adviser and an alumnæ adviser.
The supervisor of freshmen shall act in conjunction with the scholarship committee and the activity committee. She and the advisers of freshmen should make an effort to discover and develop the personality of each freshman.
 - f. The books of the chapter shall be formally closed by officers, and reports read in meeting two weeks before college closes.
 - g. The outgoing President shall at the close of each college year make out the following report, one copy of which shall be placed in the chapter files, the other sent to the Grand President by July 1.
 - a. Number in chapter first semester.
 - b. Number in chapter second semester.
 - c. Amount of money paid into treasury.
 - d. Deficit or balance in treasury.
 - e. Amount of National tax.
 - f. Number behind in dues.
 - g. Mention of all scholastic honors.
 - h. Mention of all honors in activities.
 - h. A complete membership file shall be kept by corresponding secretary of each chapter.

COMMITTEES:

1. *Scholarship committee*, composed of an upperclass girl and a sub-chairman who shall succeed to the chairmanship the following year. The duties of this committee shall be:
 - a. To correspond with the National Scholarship Committee.
 - b. To report on class work of freshmen.
 - c. To report in meeting all delinquents or those in danger of failing.

- d. To take charge of scholarship blank—to fill it out neatly and correctly and return it to Mrs. Douglas.
 - e. To send comparative statement of sorority scholarship standing to National Chairman.
 - f. To report all scholastic honors in THE CRESCENT and to the National Chairman.
2. *Fraternity examination committee* of one person and a sub-chairman who shall become her successor.
3. Local Committees:
 - a. *Executive committee*, President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, (See *Robert's Rules of Order*) which shall meet weekly for the discussion of business to be considered in chapter meetings.
 - b. *House committee* to consist of House Manager, Treasurer, Chaperon, and an Alumna. (This is not to be binding on chapters that are already well organized in this respect.) This committee shall publish the house rules.
 - c. *Finance committee*, Treasurer, House Manager, an upperclass girl, and one active girl not living in the house. This committee shall prepare the budget, regulate chapter expenditures, audit bills, and report monthly.
 - d. *Activity committee*, to interest girls in college activities.
 - e. *Social committee* (Vice-president as chairman).

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL POLICY OF CHAPTERS

1. That dean of women and faculty members be entertained at dinner, etc.
2. That alumnae be entertained by active chapter at tea, etc.
3. That visiting officers of other sororities be shown special courtesy.
4. That intersorority courtesies be encouraged.
5. That the utmost cordiality (with no spirit of patronage) be shown to nonsorority girls.
6. That we favor moderation in social functions.
7. That chaperons shall be approved by deans of women, and receive the support of the chapters in matters of house discipline.

SUGGESTIONS DRAWN FROM THE REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1. From report of Committee on Expansion:

That three auxiliary committees on expansion, one from each district, be appointed by the Executive Board to act with the National Committee on Expansion.
2. From report of Committee on Scholarship:
 - a. That the National Board send a letter of inquiry to the Recorder's Office in each college where $\Gamma \Phi B$ is located, asking for comparative standings of sororities there.
 - b. That the President of a chapter may appeal to the National Scholarship Committee for assistance in case of delinquents.
 - c. That the local Scholarship Committee notify parents of any members whose work is unsatisfactory.
 - d. That a copy of the scholarship report of each member be kept on file with each chapter.
 - e. That accuracy, promptness and neatness in reports be insisted upon and that special attention be given to "Remarks and Additional Information."
3. From report of Committee on Fraternity Examinations:

That examination be divided into two parts, one for freshmen, and one for upperclassmen and that all members take examination.

4. a. From report of Business Manager of CRESCENT—That all lists of members be sent to Business Manager of CRESCENT by October 1.
- b. That the Corresponding Secretary whose term is expiring send the name of her successor to the Grand Secretary immediately after her election.
- c. That each chapter try to secure three life subscriptions to THE CRESCENT.

BLANCHE KNAPP, *Chairman.*

SUGGESTIONS FROM ALUMNÆ COUNCIL

1. Meeting of Alumnæ Chapters:
 - a. Meetings are held once a month in form of lunch or afternoon meetings. Meetings at homes of members are generally more successful than those held in club rooms.
 - b. Officers are elected in January.
2. Dues:
 - a. Dues range from \$2.50 to \$5.00.
 - b. Chapters having the smallest dues have the largest membership.
 - c. Expenditure of money:
 1. Social service work.
 2. Wedding presents from chapters (this was discouraged).
 3. Scholarship for active chapters.
 4. Parties and presents for active chapters.
3. Membership:

Membership varies from 20 to 50.
4. Methods of Creating Interest and of Increasing Membership:
 - a. A wise interest in the active chapter fostered by:
 1. The offer of scholarship.
 2. Meeting once a month in a purely social way with active chapter.
 3. Keeping an alumna active in the nearby college chapter.
 4. Inviting one or two active girls to each alumnæ meeting.
 - b. An interest in raising money for social service by means of:
 1. Fairs and Bazaars.
 2. Cake sales.
 3. Ten cent teas.
 4. Lectures by some prominent Gamma Phi or outsider.
 - c. Personal effort by telephone and calls is found to be the real reason for growth in membership and increase of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET S. CARMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT CONVENTION

To Gamma Phi Beta in Convention Assembled:

The National Social Service Committee of Gamma Phi Beta has no definite accomplishment to report, since it is necessary to have Convention action before very much can be done.

We have sent out two circular letters to the Chapters, one to ask information concerning the work of Chapters or individuals in those Chapters, the other to present a scheme for beginning at once a national fund.

The information gathered from the answers to the first set of letters has been recorded in a card catalogue, together with some suggestions for the use of a general fund.

The response was very general and shows a large amount of work being done by our members in varied lines.

The Committee wishes to thank the corresponding secretaries for their good reports. It is a question whether some of the Chapters could do any more or better work than they are doing. We would suggest that the different activities could be unified under local Chapters' Social Welfare work so as to be reported more easily, by the appointing in each Chapter a committee on some such plan as the following:

Committee of Five, to consist of:

(1) General Chairman.

(2) Chairman of sub-committees.

- (a) For assisting in College activities along Social Welfare lines, or for the upbuilding of the College.
- (b) For coöperating with local city or town organizations and committees—such as United Charities and Y. W. C. A.—for the public good.
- (c) For independent work to be undertaken as a Chapter—such as raising funds for local scholarship for undergraduates.
- (d) For raising the Chapter contributions to a general fund for the sorority at large to administer.

The members of the Chapter can then be divided to form the sub-committees. This will organize the whole Chapter for work in such a way as to be efficient and easily reported to us through the minutes of the various sub-committees.

May we ask the delegates to present this plan to their respective Chapters?

As to the work of the Sorority at large:

There seems to be a general agreement, with the exception of one alumnae chapter, that the raising of a general fund of, say, \$10,000.00 is a good plan to start with.

As to the use of such a fund, there are various suggestions by the Chapters, aside from a cordial approval of some of the suggestions of your Committee. Some of these are: (1) the supporting of a rural nurse amongst the mountain whites; (2) the establishing of a school for (a) mountain whites, (b) immigrants; (3) the supporting of a teacher in such a school. (Other suggestions can be found in card catalogues).

The Committee believes that the expenses of a school would be more than we could undertake at present and that the other objects are appealing ones for the local Chapters to work for.

After considerable study of the question and consultation with various people, we wish to submit the following as the plan approved by a majority of the members of the committee: Use the interest on the \$10,000 to train young women—probably one each year—to do work for Social Welfare intelligently and efficiently, thus giving to the country many women capable of becoming centers for work along these lines in any places they may choose to live, even though they may not make it a profession. Such training can be given in the many schools for the purpose or in working in company with such women as Jane Addams, who are able to direct their work. If this plan is adopted, we suggest asking some women such as Katherine Bement Davis, Jane Addams, et cetera, to act as an Advisory Board.

The use of such a fund for advanced academic work is another possibility, but seems to lend itself less to the general good than the use outlined above.

Another suggestion made originally by the Committee, that of a farm-school for backward and anaemic children, is recommended to the individual chapters as a line in which they can accomplish much by arousing the interest of wealthy people who would undertake the work. This might result in several schools where we could supply barely one. We can furnish more information as to needs and methods of accomplishment in this matter in the Social Service number of THE CRESCENT which we hope to have this fall.

Nothing is impossible if enthusiasm and a spirit of coöperation accompany effort. One Chapter has already set a good example of turning things to account by making and selling sandwiches once a week in their Women's Building. "\$10,000.00 in three years" can be accomplished easily by an earning of \$4.00 per year per member. The "four" on our pin will help us to remember. Talk it! Do not let it interfere with other Chapter work. Do it! Anything from writing a book to doing the family laundry work for a month will pay for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours for success

(signed) FLORENCE HEERMANS,
Chairman.

Disbursements

For paper and printing	\$4.50
For typing letters	1.00
For stamps54
For card catalogue50
Total	<u>\$6.54</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Receipts

From National Treasurer . . .	\$10.00
Total	<u>\$10.00</u>
Disbursements	6.54
Cash on hand	\$ 3.46

(signed) FLORENCE HEERMANS.