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## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

To the Chapters of Gamma Phi Beta:

It is a matter of great regret to me, that I could not be present at the California convention to get into closer touch with individual chapters. The decision of the delegates as to raising a Central Fellowship Fund for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to administer, told me, however, that you are agreed upon the necessity of doing some one thing as a sorority, in addition to the work of the individual Chapters. It remains only to decide upon a plan of action.

For the sorority to do, means for each member to do. It will require immediate action if we are to report the work done at the end of the year.

From the classics down to our modern poets we learn that,

"Every little added to what you have  
Makes just a little bit more."

You have just spent your last cent on Christmas preparations, without doubt; but now that that is over, let us gather together our remaining resources of wit and energy for a successful midwinter campaign. If every chapter will take the responsibility for raising \$25.00, we shall be sure of the amount needed with a nest egg left.

May I suggest that we devote a week—say the one in which February 14 falls—to Social Welfare work? There is inspiration in

concerted action. Appoint your most enthusiastic and able girls as a committee for making plans for raising money on every day of that week. A valentine party with original valentines auctioned off; sales of homemade candy; a bazaar; a play—any or all of these would be effective money raisers. A hundred other suggestions can be made by clever people. Possibly, judicious advertising will result in offerings from outside friends.

Here is another plan—nagging, but effective. Let every Gamma Phi save five cents per week for one college year and enough will be collected for a Fellowship. Are you willing to make the effort to be monotonously systematic to that extent? This demands little sacrifice and no strenuous outlay of energy; just the sustained thought of the end in view. There is a chance here for nice bits of self denial—the saving of a carfare, the passing of a soda fountain, the eschewing of a midnight luncheon.

No more need be said than has been said by many of you already about the necessity for the Fund. No more need be said of our theoretical willingness. The accomplishment waits on deeds. Browning gives us our word:

“Enthusiasm’s the best thing, I repeat;  
 \*\*\*\*\* belief’s fire, once in us,  
 Makes of all else mere stuff to show itself.”

Yours faithfully,

FLORENCE HEERMANS.

Chairman, National Social Service Committee of  $\Gamma \Phi B$ .

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## SOCIAL SERVICE WORK DONE BY CHAPTERS

### ALPHA

I am sorry not to be able to give you a report of Alpha’s social service work; but, although our committee has several plans, none of them has as yet been carried out. However, many of the girls are interested in the work. Marian Whitford, a senior and president of Woman’s League, spent several weeks at Altamont, New York, a summer Y. W. C. A. camp, as Counsellor among about three hundred girls. Flora Judd, another senior, as president of the college Y. W. C. A. comes in touch with a great deal of social service work. Two of our sophomores, Alice Kenyon and Marguerite Woodworth, are leaders of the “Quantico Club” composed of about fifteen working girls and organized for social and educational purposes. During the Sunday campaign, many of the girls

worked in collaboration with Mr. Sunday's party. We trust that we shall soon have a report upon the social service work of Alpha as a chapter.

#### EPSILON

I regret to say that Epsilon, as a chapter, has not been active along the line of social service work except in sending out Christmas baskets to the poor. However, some of the girls have done things individually.

The Northwestern Settlement in Chicago is the one which is most familiar to us and here Margaret Ross and Alice Boyd have assisted by teaching sewing classes on Saturdays.

Ray Latimer has given much time to the kindergarten work at the Christopher House in Chicago and to the teaching of Polish girls at the Deering International Harvester Co.

Grace Corlett, who has returned to college this year, went to the Northwestern Settlement two days a week last semester. She took care of the children who were left by the mothers during the day and also helped to take charge of the Mothers' Club there.

Gladys O'Connor has had charge of the work carried on by the Woman's Club among the Italians in the Ghetto. Helen Ward has been active in the same work.

Helen Paddock, who still seems a big part of Epsilon, although she graduated a year ago, is spending her Saturdays at the Association Settlement in Chicago, teaching sewing classes.

#### ZETA

The only Social Service work which Zeta does at Goucher as a chapter or individually is through the Social Service League of which Kathleen Jennison, Gamma Phi Beta, is president. All the College Settlement work is done through this league.

#### ETA

Eta has not done very much this semester along the lines of social service. There have been two campaigns conducted on the campus for the relief of the Belgians—one, a request for clothes to which we contributed and the other a tag day for which Florence Macaulay sold tags in the house. The wife of one of the professors, who is selling lace for the benefit of the Armenians, visited the chapter house one night and several of the girls made purchases. We have also had talks from members of the faculty in regard to Red Cross and have subscribed to the magazine.

Imra Wann, '17, is the only member of the chapter who has done anything individually. She is very much interested in Y. W. C. A.

work and is one of the student laborers of the Social Service Study Classes conducted there.

#### THETA

As a chapter, Theta does no combined work except at Christmas and Thanksgiving or in the summer charity flower sales.

At Thanksgiving we pack a box for some needy family containing clothes and provisions for some time. At Christmas, we serve dinner, in conjunction with Denver alumnæ, to Craig Colony. This is a great pleasure to every one for Craig Colony is a Charity Consumptive Colony, living in tent houses near Denver and the annual feast of "turkey and fixin's," combined with the short program, is a pleasurable change for the poor men and a splendid opportunity for the girls to give of themselves with their goods.

A number of our girls have served as workers in the big charity campaigns for the Children's Hospital, Humane League, and the Saturday Hospital Association.

Two of our members have settlement Sunday Schools and one has had a Saturday class in the factory settlements. She taught sewing and told stories.

Some of our girls have volunteered to serve the City Board of Charities by visiting or taking classes but as yet have not been called upon.

#### LAMBDA

This long, and yet so short season before Christmas is surely the busiest of all. We, here at Lambda, have been making more than one hour do for two lately. I believe this letter is to tell you about Lambda's contributions toward Social Service work this season, and we certainly have had a grand, definite goal this fall toward which to direct our efforts. The Alumnæ are giving a Fair and Musicales December 11, which is enthusiastically supported by the active chapter. Each girl has promised her support by giving three gifts, to be on sale at the Fair. So you see that for the time being, our chapter house has turned into an industrious sewing bee. Every spare moment is utilized in dressing dolls, embroidering towels, and in making every kind of dainty or practical gift which may entice the desperate Christmas shoppers. We are all surely interested in boosting this big event which will mean more money in Gamma Phi's National Social Service Fund.

Besides being busily occupied with the Fair many of us are diligent workers on Campus Social Service committees. The Y. W. C. A. at college opens up numerous opportunities for girls to get interested in Social Service work. Gamma Phi Beta is strongly

represented in Y. W. C. A. work. Six of our girls are doing committee work for Social Benefit.

One committee takes charge of all the Oriental girls who register in the University. One of our girls is active on this committee.

Another committee, supported by one of our girls, provides old clothes for various cases of poverty.

There is also a Gamma Phi on the Y. W. C. A. office work committee. Its duties pertain both to college and to outside Social Service work. One of our girls is on the Visitation Committee. This committee is responsible for the care of all lonesome freshman girls.

The Big Sister Movement—you have surely heard of it—is being strongly presented to Washington girls this year and we are taking it up very eagerly. Several Gamma Phis are now Big Sisters to some small orphan or lonely girl.

Besides these Y. W. C. A. committees, there are other channels open to girls interested in Social Service work. The Sophomore Christmas Tree, now a Washington tradition, is a very helpful way of furthering Social Service. Every Christmas the sophomore girls give a large "tree party," for youngsters who otherwise would have had no Christmas. Work on this Sophomore Christmas Tree committee affords a wonderful opportunity for a girl who wishes a start in Social Service work; and this year, as always before, Lambda's sophomores are represented on the committees.

Aside from college benefit work, several of us do individual Social Service. One of our girls teaches Sunday School down in the Mayflower Settlement. Some of us do individual visitation work among the poor wards of the city.

So you see Lambda is wide-awake in Social Service work this year, and we feel that every year we are becoming more interested in, and getting a firmer grip on this problem, so big and broadening. We hope that next year some new undertaking in this line will render us even more capable of doing something for Gamma Phi Beta's National Social Service interests.

## Mu

### *Belgians*

Mu chapter has done much in behalf of the Belgians. A Belgian market was held in Palo Alto, at which our girls were very active; some were guides, others were in charge of booths, and one made about twenty dollars guessing weights.

A great number of the girls give monthly contributions in money to the Belgians. We have also sold several dollars' worth of meal

tickets. Many old clothes have been collected and donated to the Belgians.

#### *Armenians*

The Armenians had a sale of laces which our girls patronized very generously.

#### *Student Loan Fund*

Once a week, we make sandwiches for the Rest Room; the proceeds from the sale of these go to the Student Loan Fund.

#### *Lone Clinic*

A certain contribution is made each semester for the Lone Clinic in San Francisco. This clinic gives free treatment to the poor, and keeps in touch with the families of those under treatment.

#### *Maud Booth Home*

We gave a great number of lunches to the children of the Maud Booth home, so that they might attend the Exposition.

#### *Poor Families*

Mu chapter is preparing a Christmas box for a family of six in San Francisco.

Contributions and gifts are being made toward a Christmas tree for the poor children in Mayfield.

### INDIVIDUAL WORK

Pauline Gartzmann, a graduate student, is at the head of a Y. W. C. A. committee, organized under the Information Department of the National Y. W. C. A. This committee has for its object the investigation of the employment there will be for the women who are dismissed at the close of the Exposition.

Gladys Knowlton, a freshman, is doing playground work in the Maud Booth Home.

Mary Calloway and Marion Crist, freshmen, are doing non-denominational Sunday School and moral training work among a colony of Italians and Portuguese of the poorer classes in the vicinity. This is called the Campus School.

Dorothy Womack, a senior who will be with us next semester, is in the auditing office of a large department store, preparing to become a social settlement worker. She is doing uplift work through her classes in gymnasium and girls' clubs.

### NU

At Thanksgiving, Nu chapter always contributes four baskets filled with provisions for a Thanksgiving dinner to the Panhellenic association which distributes them to needy families.

Just before the holidays we give an annual Christmas party for poor children. Each girl invites one child to the party as her

guest. She personally goes to the home of the child and becomes acquainted with its needs. Then she puts on the Christmas tree one useful gift and one plaything suited to the age of her guest. We usually invite every child in a family from the age of about two to that of twelve or fourteen, and bring the children to our house in automobiles, lent by friends for the occasion. We have a decorated Christmas tree and a Santa Claus who distributes the presents. Then we take the guests to the table and serve for dinner the things which a child likes best. We escort them home at about half-past eight or nine o'clock.

The chapter employs two university students who would otherwise be unable to remain in college, to act as janitor and to serve the table.

Sara Barker, a sophomore, teaches a class in the Presbyterian Sunday School.

Nu chapter contributes twenty-five dollars every year toward a Women's Building.

#### XI

Moscow is a small, middle-class town, surrounded by prosperous farms. There are practically no poor here, and yet the Associated Charities and the churches have scoured every part of town to find them. Last year Xi chapter worked in connection with the Associated Charities in preparing the municipal Christmas tree, but there is really no opportunity to do more. The same condition exists almost all over the state and our girls as individuals have not found anything of this kind to do.

Nevertheless Xi's sympathy and good will are with the social service movement, and she wishes the other chapters the best of success.

#### OMICRON

Omicron chapter is planning to do much social service work, especially now in the Christmas season. One of our regular customs, and one which we shall continue this year, is to contribute five dollars to the United Charities. Our most recent venture is in behalf of a home for working girls. We are helping to raise the money for the equipping of such a home by taking orders for candy which the girls will make. We feel sure that our effort will be a success, because homemade candy is always in demand, particularly in a college town. Our essentially Christmasy social work will take the form of a Christmas party for poor children which will be held at the chapter house on December 18. We had a similar party last year, and the youngsters enjoyed themselves so whole-heartedly that we intend to try it again.

Individual members are also showing their interest in social service work. Alice Carter, an alumna of last year, is assistant pastor of the Students' Presbyterian Church. In this capacity she meets a great many students. The experience she gained last year as Y. W. C. A. president, has fitted her excellently for the position. Ruth Fox, our untiring social worker, and Dorothy Cawthorne, a pledge, are working in the United Charities. Alma Gerlach and Dorothy Cawthorne are going to prepare and send Christmas baskets to some orphan children. Clara Tillotson, another of our pledges, and Ruth Fox, intend to do volunteer work at Hull House during the Christmas vacation. A great many of the chapter are dressing dolls for the Y. W. C. A. doll show. After the doll show the dolls are sent to poor children in Chicago.

The girls are always much interested in any form of social service work and are always eager to do what they can to make Omicron of Gamma Phi a social force in the community.

#### PI

In connection with the local charity organization which oversees all the needy of the city, one of our girls assists in the office every Saturday morning. Four of the girls have poor families in charge and see that they are provided for through the winter, always working with the charity organization in this.

Then, every other week two of us spend a half day at the Orthopedic Hospital, reading and playing with the youngsters; and when the weather permits we take them for a walk. Thanksgiving eve, we popped corn and took it over to them.

Although our work is rather limited, we feel that it is best to do a few things well and to be depended upon for them than to undertake a great many and do none regularly.

#### RHO

Rho has made plans to carry out some social service work before Christmas. The State University Hospital has many homeless children who are ill. We have sent for the names and ages of as many children as we have members, in order that we may buy inexpensive gifts for each one. We had hoped to read to hospital children each week, but we could not get permission to go among them without a doctor or nurse accompanying us. Perhaps this plan will develop later.

#### SIGMA

Social Service work is not as well organized in Lawrence as it is in other cities of this size. However, some of the Sigma girls, as Christmas approaches, are doing special work of that sort. Gail

Hall, Mary Louise Leonard, Opal Plank, Mina Canfield, Doris Roebke, Marion Le Suer, Margaret Davis, and Opal Holmes are dressing dolls or giving toys for children here in Lawrence. Isabel Gilmore is doing some work along this line in the Congregational church. Lucille Hildinger has had charge of an organization of Campfire girls during all of this year. Helen Greer is to teach English to a class of Mexican girls and women, which class is now being organized and promoted by that department of the university.

#### TAU

Tau chapter was unusually fortunate this year in her social service work for she was invited to take charge of a tag day for the Fort Collins Mission, the object being to raise funds for the annual Thanksgiving dinner for the poor.

The Saturday preceding Thanksgiving was chosen for "Tag Day" and the girls worked all through the business section of town. They met with a very kindly response from the townspeople and were able to raise a hundred and seventy-nine dollars. A committee for the chapter was then appointed to work with the Mission people and assist in the distribution of this money. A dinner was given to about one hundred and ten people and to twenty-five more, who were unable to come to the dinner, substantial baskets were sent. In addition to this, some clothing was provided for several needy families.

The girls felt highly honored at being invited to assist in this work for they were chosen by a committee of Fort Collins business men and they felt that it reflected their kindly feeling for the chapter.

#### CHICAGO

The Chicago alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta during the winter of 1914 and 1915 practically supported a family living in the stockyard district, consisting of a widow and six children. Mrs. Geo. Waterman was in charge of this work and gave most generously of her time and money. Too much praise cannot be given her for her enthusiasm and devotion to this enterprise. Since the mother of this family has now been granted a mother's pension it was decided not to continue this work on the part of the chapter as a whole. A number of members, however, have become so much interested in the work that they pledged themselves to supplement this small pension by their own contributions.

The new president of the Chicago alumnae chapter, who was elected at the last meeting, December 4, in place of Miss Mary Richardson who has resigned, Miss Augusta Krieger, has taught

classes in the evening school at Highland Park in addition to her regular work in the High School and has become very much interested in the problem of instructing foreigners in the ideals of American citizenship. The chapter is now at work raising a fund in memory of Mrs. Robert Preble (Alice Hosmer). This fund is to form a contribution to a larger fund to be raised by various societies of which Mrs. Preble was a member and which is to be devoted to some work of social service in which Mrs. Preble was particularly interested.

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1908-1911. Secretary of Good Fellowship Club at Eli Bates House, Chicago, (Social Settlement).

1911-1913. President of Good Fellowship Club.

October 1911-May 1912. Resident of Archer Road Settlement, Chicago.

1908-1913. Taught in Chinese Mission at Episcopal Cathedral, Chicago.

February 1912-February 1913. On regular staff of Legal Aid Society, Chicago.

Since February 1913. On substitute list of Legal Aid Society.

1909-1915. Visitor at Home for Incurables. Chicago.

Since December 1, 1913. Chairman of Philanthropy Committee of Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. The work is providing rent, clothing and other comforts for a widowed mother and seven children.

SYRACUSE

Yesterday, at the alumnae meeting, held at the home of Brigetta Moran Farmer, we spent much time in the discussion of plans for social service. As I looked around the circle of earnest faces, I thought "There is not an idler here." Some of us are very busy mothers, very busy—some are teachers and each one is working in church and civic organizations—yet we declared unanimously to crowd something more into our busy lives—something that should speak for Gamma Phi.

At our next meeting, reports of civic and charitable organizations are to be given and we shall then choose the one we wish to help. Then, in order to raise our money, we intend to have an old-fashioned entertainment, the kind dear to the hearts of some of us twenty years ago—in other words, a show, a dramatic presentation suitable to our talents. Then we shall invite our friends and relatives and expect to make a goodly sum.

While we are looking backward as to our money raising methods, we are looking forward and out into the world, realizing that growth and progress comes only from helping others.

## BOSTON

As an organization, Boston chapter undertakes no definite social service activity. As individuals, all the members do more or less work along the line of social service, serving as directors of charitable organizations, interesting themselves in civic problems, working in boys' and girls' clubs, giving time and energy to the common good. As an example, may be cited the activities of Augusta N. Putnam of the class of '91. She is director of the Aid Society of the Lynn Day Nursery and pledged to furnish fifty dollars yearly to its support; she is a member of the Vacation School Committee, contributing member of the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, contributing member of the Lynn District Nurse Association, contributing member of the Every Day Club, a philanthropic organization, and in addition does social and philanthropic work in connection with a Sunday School Class.

Of those who had made social service a life work, one of the most successful is Helen Osgood, in full charge of the Executive Department of the Associated Charities of Lynn, Massachusetts, a city of nearly 100,000 people. In Boston, Katharine Hardwick fills a similar position. Dora Smith is enthusiastic over her work in Cambridge as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Florence Barbour until recently was engaged in social service work. At various times, Boston chapter has considered the matter of undertaking some social service enterprise but has each time decided that each member can use to better advantage in her own community the energy and time at her disposal.

## MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee is quite proud of the social service work she has been doing as a chapter for the past two or three years. As we have told you all before, we all sew at the Gamma Phi monthly meetings for the Maternity Hospital and the Children's Free Hospital. We have also offered our services to the Juvenile Protective Association—to this we have just added the biggest effort we have made so far. We have bought a seat at the Central Council of Social Agencies. This council consists of delegates of various local social organizations. Thus the work is organized and centralized through a few officials, and made more effective than the old hit and miss efforts of the various scattered organizations. Miss Marie Leavens is to represent Gamma Phi Beta. Fortunately we have two other members in the council—Mrs. McLenegan, who represents A. C. A., and Miss Gertrude Ross, her alternate.

Miss Ross is also doing a great deal of individual social work with "The Girls' Club," an organization for working girls. Mrs.

Kieckhefer is vice-president of "The Girls' Club" and Miss Rost an active committee member.

Miss Rost is a prominent member of the Wisconsin Drama Club which is headed by a Gamma Phi, Mrs. Laura Sherry. Mrs. Coeper is also active. This organization aims to put better plays before the public and also aims to encourage Wisconsin play writers.

Mrs. Kieckhefer is a member of the board of directors of the Maternity Hospital, which has done wonderful work for the poorer classes especially.

Mrs. Arthur Bartell and Miss Rost are good workers in the suffrage league. While this may not be considered social service work, at the same time it will eventually bring public good.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco alumnae have done no social service work along regular or suggested lines but we have worked out a little plan which has resulted in a great deal of good fun and pleasure to us, and will, we hope, bring happiness and joy to some twenty-five to fifty kiddies. Throughout the year, we have been making gifts and expect to have a tree at the chapter house, the day before Christmas. We must tell you about the gifts for they are quite in a class by themselves in that they are altogether utilization of waste product. No money has been spent so far. Paper doll houses, animal books, baby picture books, ship and bird collections are among the things made from magazine clippings and left over bits of paper and muslin. Doll beds, bags of all sorts, French bouquets and Indian headgear have been made from the scraps of pretty materials, flosses, ribbons, flowers and feathers. Fascinating poppy shows have been made of boxes with little scenes and figures arranged inside and a wee peep-hole to look through. Odds and ends of beads have been combined to form attractive strings. Bright, happy pictures have been artistically mounted on wall paper samples. Each child is to have a good-sized box decorated with cheery pictures, as a trunk for the gifts.

Everything has been prepared with a view to cheer and loveliness and in such a way that the child will have occupation. For instance many pictures and paper dolls are supplied but all the cutting and pasting left for the child. Rolls of pretty pieces and bits of ribbon will be given each child.

Discarded frames have been retouched and joyous pictures put in them and all sorts of favors have been renewed, a bit of cleaning here, a little pasting there, and a stitch somewhere else.

The idea has been in all the work to give only that which is fresh and new appearing and which bears an uplifting or a cheering thought. The girls have brought their discarded odds and ends to one place and there things have been planned and combined so that groups of alumnæ have had happy afternoons working on the things. Much, of course, has been done individually. There has been no "money talk" but a bank was brought to the meetings and amply announced as there. With money eagerly contributed we hope to have for each child a doll or a boy's toy, a pair of scissors, paste and crayons, in other words, quite a complete working outfit.

One of the alumnæ has given the tree and trimmings and we expect to gather in the kiddies, who have been found by the alumnæ and are now being invited, in the machines of the girls and to give them a few happy hours with popcorn, candy and ice cream cones to eat, and a fund of happy occupation for the coming weeks. And incidentally San Francisco alumnæ expect to have the time of their lives. If anyone is interested in our little play plan we will be glad to explain the details of making the articles and obtaining the materials.

#### DENVER

From its beginning, Denver alumnæ chapter has planned definite social service work as a part of its regular program. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, baskets are always sent to poor families; one winter, the members, by turns, served at the Children's Hospital; another year, they served at the Saturday Y. W. C. A. cafeteria where all help was volunteer; one year, they furnished candy for the Christmas celebration of the Day Nursery. Two years ago the alumnæ furnished the Christmas dinner for the Craig Colony of Denver while the active girls served it and gave an attractive Christmas program. Such real satisfaction was gained from this special activity that again, this Christmas, both Theta and Denver will give the dinner while the talented active chapter will present an attractive program afterwards. This Craig Colony is so unique in its service and so worthy of all assistance that in another part of the magazine will be found a detailed account of its history and its splendid results.

Denver is proud and gratified to announce that, already, her yearly pledge to the Gamma Phi Beta scholarship and that to the Endowment Fund have been met—due to the successful Fête au Bon Marché, held in November. In addition to its Social Service work the chapter is paying a subscription to the college endowment fund and is helping toward the running expenses of the Lodge.

## MINNEAPOLIS

We have a social service committee this year, the chairman of which is Ella T. Morse. The committee is at work and, I believe, will soon have more girls in active Social Service work.

At present Dorothy Jones assists once a week at the Associated Charities office. Rhobie Sagen, Grace Muir and Margaret Gillespie go to the University Hospital once a week and entertain the children, telling stories, etc. Agnes Bohmbach teaches sewing to a class of girls at the Pillsbury Settlement house.

The chapter gives a Thanksgiving and a Christmas dinner, and intends to provide for a poor family as long as there is need.

## BALTIMORE

The following members of Baltimore alumnæ chapter are actively engaged in Y. W. C. A. work—Mary Sawyer Baker (vice-president and at present acting president), Bell Baker Treide and Nell Watts (factory work on the extension committee). Those actively interested in the Federated Charities are Helen Dingle (secretary of Eastern district), Virginia Merritt (substitute assistant secretary in North Eastern district) and Marian Jones (volunteer worker in Northern district).

Florence Ochen is interested in the Newsboys' Club.

Margaret Handy, a fourth year medical student of Johns Hopkins, has had charge of the children at the Crittenden Home since June first.

Margaretta Williamson, a field agent of the Federal children's Bureau, is at present working on the Infant Mortality Survey of Baltimore which is being made.

Jeannette Wilnot is superintendent of the Junior department of Brown Memorial Sunday School.

Mrs. Eugene R. Smith gives a course in philanthropy at Morgan College—a college for negroes. She is also board chairman of the Northwestern District of the Federated Charities and does a great deal of work in the districts. She is a member of the committee, under the auspices of the Social Service Corporation, that arranged for the course of lectures now being given in Baltimore by Dr. Scott Nearings, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania.

Josephine Chapman is a volunteer worker in the Patterson Park District.

Marie Ohle is a member of the Board of the College Settlement at Locust Point, Baltimore.

Mary T. McCurby is making a study of cases referred to the Children's Aid Society with a view to discovering the primal causes of the dependency.

## SEATTLE

*General Activities*

Belgian and Red Cross work.

Charity Organizations.

Mayflower Settlement House (Individual).

Fruit and Flower Mission (Diet for Sick).

Missions of Congregational Church (Individual).

*Persons Concerned*

Cor. Sec.

Prosch, Edith, 621 Ninth Ave., Treas. Seattle Fruit and Flower Mission, Seattle, Washington.

Sander, Helen McDonald, Member State Board of Missions of Congregational Church of Pacific Coast.

Dixon, Florence Finch, Member as above, and works in Mayflower Settlement.

Crowder, Katherine Kerr, Y. W. C. A. Also work with girls in Congregational Church.

Gallup, Mary S. (Mrs.) (Theta) Mayflower Settlement.

Pennypacker, Mrs. (Beta) Musical Settlement—Jews and Italians.

## PORTLAND

Portland alumnae chapter has done little as yet toward organizing plans for social service work. We have found ourselves very busy getting our chapter organization into running order and working out our plans for the routine of chapter meetings, standing committees and the humdrum activities connected with the establishment of a new organization. However, at our last meeting on December fourth, we planned to undertake to give Christmas cheer to a few poor families here in our city. Through the Associated Charities we will have no difficulty in finding the families; the choice of them and the number to take care of are the only problems. After Christmas, we hope to find ourselves in a position ready to undertake new work in the line of social service. Miss Mildred Whittlesey of Nu chapter is giving her energies in a sewing school for slum children.

Miss Faye Myers of Zeta chapter is permanently connected with the Associated Charities here in Portland.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

By SARAH GERTRUDE POMEROY

Editor of *The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*

Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is a lonely mountain hamlet sixteen miles from a railroad and infinitely removed from the comfortable chapter houses of American college fraternity girls. But on the hillside is a settlement school and well-fitted cottage where the four teachers live who try to make it a model mountain home and who give their help freely to the sick and afflicted throughout the rugged country. They are there as the accredited representatives of a national woman's fraternity, supported by its alumnae under the care of a general committee. The fraternity women who attended the dedication of the new modern school building last July and saw the eager throng of American highlanders who had walked five, seven and even ten miles to be present on that occasion felt that this effort of their organization had been truly worth while, and when the proposed hospital is a reality the plant will be a still more striking evidence of the spirit of the Greek-letter societies.

It is largely from scattered alumnae of Pi Beta Phi that the contributions come for this settlement, for those who are grouped in local clubs are, in common with most fraternity alumnae, busy with their own local service.

Definitely organized philanthropic work is a part of the program of most of these fraternity associations. Several help in flower missions or have furnished and maintained rooms in hospitals, free kindergartens and "homes" of various descriptions. Instances of civic work include the founding and maintaining of libraries in small towns, the conduct of working girls' clubs and, in suffrage states, organized efforts to influence legislation.

Chi Omega is foremost among the fraternities laying stress on civic work and the activities of her alumnae in public service have been recognized in various cities. For some years this fraternity has had a department in its quarterly journal devoted to Educational and Social and Civic Service. It has also legislated that each of its chapters offer annually a prize to the women of the college where it is represented for the best essay, article or thesis on a subject related to social service work. The upperclassmen of each chapter are required to be identified with some form of civic or social work.

Realizing that the choice of a lifework is becoming a more and more complex problem for the college girl who is preparing to earn

her own living, the fraternities are all endeavoring to aid her in its solution. Delta Delta Delta has an employment bureau and a department in charge of a competent woman of broad experience for the express purpose of advising them how to "train for service." The secretary of the Tenement House Committee in New York City is a member of Alpha Phi and she with other specially trained members stands ever ready to launch young college women in the vital movements of the day. For the past five years, the majority of the fraternity magazines have been issuing vocational numbers devoted to articles written by experienced women. The avowed purpose of this editorial policy is "to show the younger girls possibilities other than teaching after leaving college."

It is significant that while all the national fraternities have records of many kinds of altruistic work done by their undergraduate members purely for the joy of service, only two of them declare that they require any work of this kind. Yet the majority of college chapters maintain certain definite philanthropic work and generally cooperate with local charitable organizations, so as to make their efforts effective.

But if this vigorous participation in service outside the college is the most picturesque part the woman's fraternity program, service within the walls is no less important. College fraternities for women were founded for mutual help in the days when a college education for women was regarded as an experiment. Then the brave girls who coveted a degree needed all possible incentives which cooperation and mutual understanding could furnish. Now when a college education is too often considered a fashion rather than a privilege, the college fraternity has become a defender of the old traditions of scholarship, and recent statistics concerning the scholastic records of fraternity girls prove that the combined efforts of local and national scholarship committees are bringing excellent results.

The earlier fraternities were founded in the West and South and the organizations are now particularly strong in the great state universities; but many chapters numbering several thousand members are located in the East. National fraternities for women have never existed at Vassar, Smith, Mt. Holyoke or Wellesley and whatever Greek-letter societies exist or have existed at those colleges are subject only to local conditions. Many of the national fraternities antedate these colleges by several years and had carried on their own individual work for more than thirty years before the National Panhellenic Congress was formed. At present this congress is composed of eighteen fraternities representing a combined membership of 50,000 women, about 8,000 of whom are undergraduates in ninety

different colleges and universities. This organization is a clearing house for ideas in the fraternity world and is regarded as a legislative body of authority on college standards. The Biennial Conference of Deans of Women has three times invited the congress to send delegates to one of its sessions and has put itself on record as being in sympathy with its work. Those women deans, who have been in closest touch with the Panhellenic Congress since its founding, declare that its investigations have covered many fields, have uncovered many interesting conditions and that its methods have been scientific and of a scholarly character.

There are numerous instances where local scholarships or money prizes are furnished by individual chapters for the benefit of all the women in the college where they are located. Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Kappa in particular have offered money prizes for scholarship in two colleges where the recipients are chosen by the faculty, irrespective of fraternity affiliation. Special incentives also are offered for graduate study. Pi Beta Phi for three years maintained from its national funds two undergraduate and one graduate scholarship, but for the past five years has substituted a graduate fellowship with a value of \$500. This is open to any Pi Phi who has received her bachelor's degree and may be used at any university either in this country or in Europe. Kappa Alpha Theta has a fund designed for a traveling fellowship which will soon be available and the Panhellenic Congress, realizing the value of the Collegiate Bureaus of Occupations, which aim to help college girls to find their places in the economic world, has been giving financial support to the Chicago Bureau during its pioneer period. And, by the way, the popular fallacy that fraternity membership is possible only to the girl in prosperous circumstances is dispelled by the fact that fully half of the organizations composing the Panhellenic Congress have found it necessary to establish student aid funds. These funds are available to those members who need special loans to help them finish their college course.

Unique among the scholarships offered by the national organizations is the Alpha Chi Omega Studio in the artists' colony at Peterborough, N. H., where, under the rules and regulations of the McDowell Memorial Association, the fraternity furnishes free a workroom for an artist in ideal surroundings for creative work.

"There are colleges," the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* declares, "where fraternities are adroitly used as a spur to scholarship and right living," but "it all depends on the attitude and tact of the faculty." This incident is illustrative. The women students in a certain coeducational university showed a general disregard of true college spirit by abusing their privileges and breaking rules. The

dean confided this condition of affairs to the visiting delegate of a national fraternity who endeavored to influence the girls to institute a reform. Almost immediately there was a change in student sentiment. The spirit of the whole student body improved as the majority followed the leadership of the few. Months later the dean again welcomed the visiting delegate, saying: "I am glad of this opportunity to thank you personally. Sometimes blessings come from unexpected quarters and certainly we never expected ours to come from a fraternity, but you have been a blessing and a benefit to us."

The fraternities have always stood ready to lend their enthusiasm and aid to stem any financial crisis which an individual college might be facing. Two years ago all the chapters of Alpha Phi voluntarily contributed toward the endowment of Goucher College, Baltimore, which was in special need. This is only one instance which shows how this principle has become ingrained in the minds of undergraduates.

Of the more personal service of the fraternities to their members it is not the purpose of this article to treat. The facts are familiar. The training in executive responsibility afforded by the fraternity offices, the guidance which the upperclassmen exert, the social discipline involved in the numerous hospitalities of the fraternity house, the strong bonds between colleges and between alumnae and their own college, are keenly appreciated by the eight thousand undergraduate members. But if the privileges of a fraternity life were only those which attract the average undergraduate it would be strange that thousands of older women—and the fraternity alumna is as a rule a woman of affairs whose time is well filled—should find time to attend alumnae clubs and national conventions and share the administrative responsibilities. The leading workers in all the national organizations are mature women. What is the bond which holds them?

Simply stated, it is this: The fraternity idea today spells opportunity. The combination of Greek letters on her symbolic pin is a constant reminder to the fraternity woman of a social privilege, broadly defined. She recognizes in the fraternity a power in her own development which she can make influential in the lives of the present and coming generations of college women, and through which she may apply her own energy in the upbuilding of the community.—From the *Independent*.

## THE BELGIAN RELIEF WORK

By Lois McCoy, Mu, '15

Gamma Phi Beta may well be proud to claim as one of its members Mrs. Charlotte Hoffman Kellogg, whose splendid work for the relief of the suffering in Belgium deserves the highest praise. She has been the chairman for over a year now of the Stanford Belgian Relief Committee and under her guidance, the territory covered and the results obtained have been truly remarkable. Recently a state committee has been organized in California and Mrs. Kellogg has been appointed to act as secretary.

Just a word about Mrs. Kellogg herself before telling of her work. She is the wife of Professor Vernon Lyman Kellogg of the Entomology department of Stanford University, who is one of the world's greatest authorities on the subject of natural science. Charlotte Hoffmann was her name before her marriage. She graduated from the University of California in 1900 and was a member of Eta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta while there. She was married in Italy in 1908 and came to Stanford in 1910. Within the last few years, she has been closely associated with Mu chapter. Her lovely home is always open to its members and in spite of the busy life she leads, she finds time to help them with their entertaining and to give them much valuable assistance and advice.

Her work as chairman of the Stanford Belgian Relief Committee has not been purely local as the name might seem to indicate, but has covered a vast territory. The alumni all over the country have taken up the work under her direction and she has had charge, as well, of the organization of committees of disinterested people throughout the whole vicinity of San Francisco.

Her appointment was made directly by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, the chairman of the American Commission which has its headquarters in London and is the only organization that is allowed to take food into Belgium, either for gratuitous distribution or for sale. Mr. Hoover has had charge of large business interests in London for many years and was chosen because of his efficiency by Ambassadors Page and Whitlock, the American ambassadors in London and Brussels, respectively, when the Commission for Relief in Belgium was formed, chiefly by Americans in London.

He has been ably assisted by his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, both abroad and in America. Mrs. Hoover is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a graduate of Stanford, as is Mr. Hoover, and a close friend of Mrs. Kellogg. Her intimate and first-hand knowledge of affairs in Belgium makes it possible for her to tell us here in

America the true conditions as we could not know them otherwise because of the German surveillance.

Professor Kellogg went to Belgium last May to become the director of distribution to all Belgium. He has found it a great opportunity for study and it is said that he is soon to go to Poland to study conditions there.

It will be seen, under these circumstances, that Mrs. Kellogg is in a position to know the true condition of affairs in the stricken country and also to know that the money and supplies which are sent by her committee, reach the people for whom they are intended.

Last September she received a number of gifts which would prove this. They were sincere expressions of gratitude, ample reward for any sacrifice made by those in America who gave money. The women of Belgium, having no means but their nimble fingers to make their thanks known, took the sacks in which flour had been sent from America, transformed them with beautiful embroidery and handmade lace, and made them into laundry bags, aprons, and pillows. Some bore the Belgium coat of arms, others combined the Belgian and American flags, and all had some expression of gratitude—"America has saved us from starving," for example. This is humble but convincing evidence of the character of this worthy people who will not submit to the stagnation that conditions would force upon them.

Mrs. Kellogg has carried out a number of plans for raising money for the Relief Fund. First, there was the direct appeal for money and clothing. A sum of nearly twenty-five hundred dollars was raised in less than three days and hundreds of people gave warm clothing.

Then Mrs. Kellogg realized that in order to do any good at all there must be a continuous fund to help to carry the people through the winter. So a campaign for monthly subscriptions was organized—a fifty cent campaign, it was called—whereby those who did not care to give a lump sum could pledge any amount from ten cents a month up. Fifty cents was the popular amount. By this means, an average of seven hundred dollars a month was sent over from November, 1914, to October, 1915. October, 1915, brought twelve hundred and the November subscriptions reached fifteen hundred.

Another plan for adding to the fund has been the European markets which have been held on the main street of Palo Alto. People from all over the state have participated in and contributed to these markets—famous artists have given pictures, pottery workers have given their wares, society women their services and students and professors and their wives have dressed in foreign

costumes to sell the products of the countries they represented. A sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars was cleared by the first market and three thousand three hundred dollars by the second.

All of this is splendid but Mrs. Kellogg says, "Belgium and North France will be naked unless we cover them!" Because winter is coming on, the people are worse off than they were before because they have used up all the supplies that were on hand last year and all manufacturing is at a standstill. Therefore, the tireless workers of the commission must redouble their efforts.

Perhaps a few extracts from a recent talk by Mrs. Hoover will explain why there is such dire need.

"There are about 11,000 square miles in the area of Belgium, and a population of about 8,000,000 people, which makes a population of 652 to the square mile, the highest average of any white nation. Under ordinary circumstances, Belgium imports about eighty per cent of her foodstuffs. . . . There is absolutely no open door for foodstuffs to enter Belgium. The condition of Belgium today is that of a country with no imports, except through the commission, no exports, and no internal traffic. Very few factories can remain open, and one great mass of people is without occupation, and must spend their time in idleness. Under these circumstances the number of the destitute, or those who are unable to pay for their food, is increasing very rapidly. Today there are three million who would be hungry with no way of getting food if the commission did not provide. . . . The actual distribution of the food is done by the Belgians themselves. Practically every man, woman, and child in Belgium is anxious to use his or her entire capabilities for the good of the country, and there is no lack of tireless, intelligent workers.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report sometimes met that the food from the United States is going to Germany. . . . The military and civil heads of the German government in Belgium agreed to take no food brought in by the commission from its inception. Later on, they made a special agreement not to touch this year's Belgium harvest. And to all of these promises they have adhered most loyally.

"A word about clothing. Last year the situation was more than met—their own shops were well stocked, the people had their preceding year's supply to fall back on—and besides, they received over 3500 tons of clothing from America. The coming year they will need much more. There is little left in the shops to buy, and there are two or three million more people who will not have the wherewithal to buy anything. Rubbish is not wanted for them, but

any amount of good, warm, well-mended second-hand clothing they can use. Better still would be bolts of serviceable cloth for inner and outer garments which could be made up by the women themselves. . . ."

Surely you have all read President Wilson's appeal for the support of the commission and Mr. Hoover's call for a nation-wide contribution of cloth or clothing. Does not your heart go out to these thrifty, worthy, and capable people who are literally forced into idleness and starvation?

Gamma Phi Beta stands for social service work and what better work could she do than to lend support to one of her members who is working night and day to save her fellowman from death?

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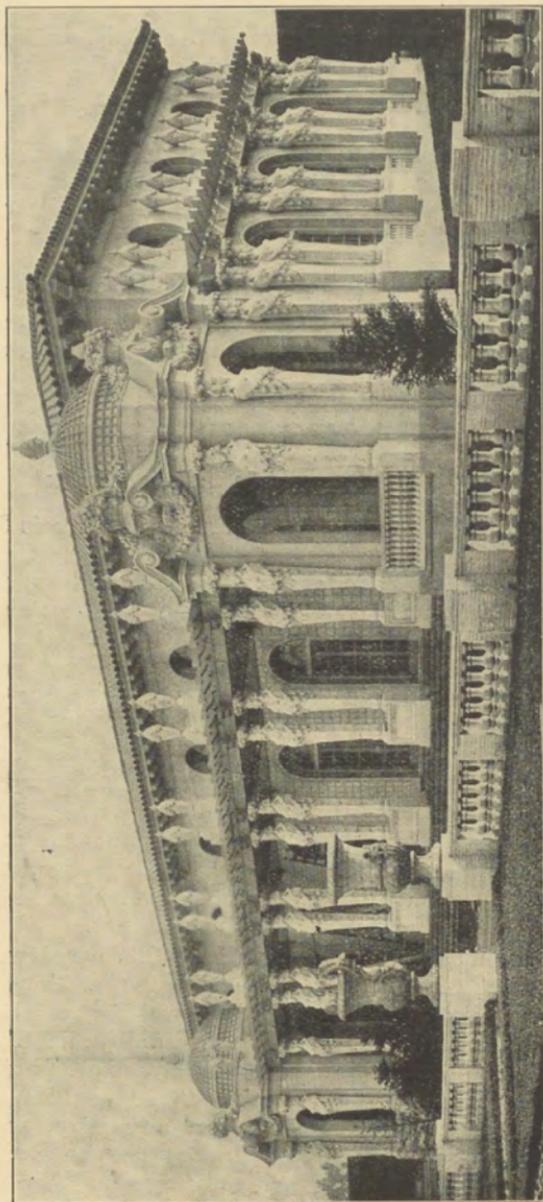
## A SOCIAL SERVICE POWER PLANT

### THE Y. W. C. A. AT THE EXPOSITION

Take from your library shelf your volume of *Alice in Wonderland* and a copy of the *Arabian Nights*. Read again the stories of cabbages and kings, dream palaces and magic gardens, and you will think, not of the days of your childhood, but of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which has just closed. It was such a fairyland of radiant colors, such a wonderful playground and nine-months' carnival, that one was apt to forget that, after all, it was a work-a-day world. Only upon second thought did one remember that hundreds of men and women did prosy work there day by day. They were busy meeting people, directing, amusing and instructing the crowd of sight-seers.

After a long day of walking from one place to another until feet ached and muscles were weary, one was in a mood to remember that there were thousands of other visitors who needed the common comforts, such as food, quiet and a place to rest.

The Exposition officials realized all of this over two years ago when they invited the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association to erect a building which could be headquarters for all women, whether visiting or employed. The National Board responded by placing in the South Gardens the building which was a center of comfort and hospitality through all the Exposition months, "A Social Service Plant." An attractive, well-managed lunch room, where meals could be had at reasonable prices, was deemed the best way of letting the public know of the existence of the organization in so an unusual a place as a big international fair. People must eat wherever they are, and while they wait to be



EXPOSITION BUILDING, Y. W. C. A.

served they are likely to turn their attention to the most obvious things. Consequently, ways were devised to let them know about the other kinds of service that this building stood for. A writing room and reading room on the main floor offered comfort to tired folk; a rest room, where women could lie down and relax utterly, was provided on the upper floor, away from the noise and rush of things; and photographs, pictures and exhibits in cases around the lobby called attention to the work of the associations scattered over the country. Over 5,000 people a day passed through the building, and an average of 800 questions were answered.

Before the Exposition opened it was stated that about three thousand girls and women would find employment in its palaces, State Buildings and Amusement Zone. Many of these came from San Francisco and had friends and connections in this region, but a considerable number hailed from long distances, drawn here by the idea that it would be possible to make a generous living in a place where there must be so much work to do. In the matter of employment alone, the Y. W. C. A. was constantly appealed to by girls who were unable to get work and who needed to be helped until they could find some way to return to their homes. In many cases employment was secured for them; in other cases, where illness or some other misfortune had overtaken them, they were tided over and cared for. Considerable actual protective work was done. Whenever a girl is especially attractive there is always temptation in the form of some stranger waiting to escort her home at night or invite her out to dinner. Nine times out of ten when she accepts these invitations it is because she is either lonely or hard up. If, at this point, there is some wise friend at hand, the girl is safe. One of the young women who worked on the Zone went down to live in what proved to be a disreputable part of town because she was trying to live cheaply to save money to get back to her mother. When she found that one of the Young Women's Christian Association secretaries cared enough to get her a good home she said, "It would be mighty easy for any girl to keep straight if somebody cared enough to help her out."

Probably more heart-to-heart talks were held in the employment office than in any other spot on the grounds. The girls were quick to recognize the genuine interest that was felt in their welfare, and, not only did they tell their troubles, but they were ready to take advice. Sometimes a casual question and answer revealed a desperate state of things which the mere request for employment had not suggested.



TWO LINES REACHING TO THE LAGOON, WAITING FOR A CHANCE IN THE LUNCHROOM, ON MAY 31

"You will hear from me very soon. The first moment any opening occurs I will send for you for I know your need of work is urgent."

"When will you send? Tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow if possible—the very minute I can find a suitable place for you. I have your telephone number."

"Don't bother—I won't be there—I can't wait for it—there's only the gas route for me!"

This was just one of some of the thrilling responses made in a seemingly ordinary conversation. An hour later the understanding employment secretary had placed this despairing young mother in the hands of a "Big Sister" who had skill and resources. She made a place for the girl to work in her own home where she could keep her child until a better position offered. Back rent was loaned her, clothes pawned by a drunken husband, replaced; and new courage to face life aroused.

A discharged employee on the Exposition Grounds brought a note to the employment bureau from the secretary of her former employer, which read:

"This poor soul is in sore straits. She has planned her life none too wisely. She does not fit into our work and has nothing to fall back on. Feed her on our credit—cheer her up if you can—and love her a little. This morning her baggage was seized for rent. A square meal will give her new courage."

The order was filled in all its details and a job less taxing to an untrained middle-aged woman provided.

The employment office kept careful track of all positions open to women on the Exposition Grounds, and, by wise handling, usually succeeded in fitting the woman to the job. Employers were not asked to take inefficient workers or those unsuited to their needs. As a result of this the employment secretary was able to place in positions from fifty to seventy women every month. In anticipation of the closing of the Exposition on December 4, a careful canvass was made, building by building, to ascertain just how many women belonged here in San Francisco, and what proportion of these must be provided with work. No one was considered who, by any chance, worked for pin money. But, reduced to its lowest terms, there were three hundred women who were either entirely dependent upon their own resources or who, added to this responsibility, had the care of some other person, an old mother, an invalid father, a younger brother or sister. An appeal was made to the business men of the community to take on an extra worker rather than to use that money in donations to such benevolences. They were urged that if there was a choice of two workers, comparatively equal in efficiency, and

one desperately needed the work, and the other did not, to see that the one who needed it got it. After each one of the previous expositions, the charges have been brought that large numbers of women and girls have disappeared, supposedly lured or driven into an immoral life. Through the combined efforts of the Travellers' Aid, the Young Women's Christian Association and related agencies the girls employed at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition were comparatively safe.

Perhaps the most picturesque piece of work which the Young Women's Christian Association did at the Exposition was that which centered around the Club House on the Amusement Zone. This club house was a comfortable summer cottage with a club room furnished in rattan, a rest room, kitchen and lunch room, and best of all, an abundance of hot water, with foot baths for weary feet and tub baths for those girls who had been missing them because they were obliged to live on the Amusement Zone. From the moment that it opened the girls adopted it as their own. "Are you going to the club this afternoon?" one girl would say in much the same tone as a man would say to another man, "Shall I meet you at the club tonight?" It was their "House of Friendliness"—and they came to it from long distances. A hot lunch was served at from twelve to seventeen cents at any hour in the day. Instantaneous hot water in the bathrooms, magazines, flowers and a piano in the club room, a trained nurse who looked after any ailment that might put a girl temporarily below par; and a friendly atmosphere that made one come again.

Nobody had so little time to see the Exposition as the people who worked there. So, for the busy demonstrators, and saleswomen and chasiers a series of noon time talks were arranged, talks on the architecture and sculpture and meaning of the great Fair. Every Wednesday noon, at ten minutes after twelve, and then again at ten minutes after one, somebody, who was especially qualified to explain one of the courts or buildings, or statues, gave a brief talk to any of the girls who chose to come. They brought their lunches, the Y. W. C. A. sent over thermos bottles of hot coffee; and the whole affair was a picnic, a lecture and a very good time.

As the work developed each member of the employed staff was responsible for making the acquaintance of, and establishing friendly relations with, the women in a palace. Simple, homelike parties were given, followed by fun and frolic and opportunity to get acquainted. Over half of the girls who came to these entertainments registered from states outside California. One evening, when the roll call was made of the states of the Union, in response to the word



DOROTHY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY—NURSERY, PANAMA BUILDING



A GOOD TIMES EVENING FOR EXPOSITION EMPLOYEES

"Massachusetts," nine girls rose in different parts of the room, each of whom worked in a different building, and no two of whom were aware of the other's existence. In less time than it takes to tell it, those nine girls had picked up their chairs, and, carrying them over to a secluded corner of the room, had sat down, and, with their heads together were getting acquainted. In the various state parties, Massachusetts, Illinois, New York and Ohio, carried off the palm for the greatest number of representatives present. On one evening there was a little girl from Belgium, two from Norway, one from Japan, one from Switzerland, twelve from Hawaii, two from Canada and one from Australia. One of these girls said afterward, "You can't possibly know how much that frolic meant to me. Why, it's the first party I've been to in five years." She was a twenty-two year old girl who had been supporting herself since she was fourteen; she was working for one of the telegraph companies and studying stenography and typewriting at night to make herself more proficient; but she was a girl, young and pretty and wholesome, with a perfectly natural love for fun, and she was fairly starved for the lack of it. The Young Women's Christian Association, through the social side of its work, has tried to banish loneliness from the hearts of the girls employed at the Exposition, who found themselves far away from home and strangers in a western city.

Off at one side of the main building was a little annex which housed the Y. W. C. A. day nursery. Surrounding it was a playground, with sand piles, and slides and swings. Somehow, in the early days of the Exposition nobody thought about "Baby." Everybody expected somebody to do it, and so nobody did. Poor little chubby folk, with short legs, trudged bravely after mother and father, though they were just too tired to stand up another minute; or weary mother carried baby about until she, in turn, was frazzled, and the joy of the day was gone. There were times when the rest room (which was meant as a place for tired women to lie down and sleep) was so swamped with babies that the room lost its original purpose. As time went on the Exposition Y. W. C. A. became convinced that the conduct of a day nursery was a very necessary piece of work. Its popularity fully justified this decision. An average of fifty children were cared for day by day from the time it opened. On some days over one hundred were left there in the care of the graduate nurses and the trained kindergartners. The youngest baby to be entered was two weeks old. A minimum charge of 25 cents a day, or 15 cents for half a day was made. Each child was given a brief physical examination to insure the others against

contagion of any sort, and then they were put to sleep, or fed or played with, or allowed to sprawl in the sand pile, as the case might be. Most of the children belonged to tourists who were here for a short time, but some of them came back day after day; and there were some little folk who felt as much at home at the Y. W. C. A. nursery as though under their own roof. One mother brought her little girl of five on the child's birthday. It was the only day the mother had to see the Fair, and not wishing her little daughter to miss all the joys of her birthday, she brought a huge cake with six candles, five to blow on and one to be good on. The kindergarten laid a long table. All the babies and youngsters sat down to the "party." The little golden-haired hostess, very conscious of her five years, was as happy as a little queen.

There was opportunity for some very wholesome religious work in connection with the day nursery. The children were told Bible stories, they colored Bible pictures and a small grace was said at table when they had their meals. Inexperienced mothers, too, learned better ways of caring for their children. The story was long told of the mother who brought a large chunk of brown coffee cake for the luncheon of her seven-months baby. It is to be hoped that there will be less indigestion and less colic in the homes of some of the inexperienced young mothers by reason of what they learned in the Y. W. C. A. nursery.

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## A COLLEGE WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY IN A CITY ASSOCIATION

Any young woman with ideas and ideals wants to do something that will count for some kind of good and help this world and its people along if it's only a crack ahead. And any girl with energy wants to know that what she does do really gets somewhere. Well do I remember the first time I broke into "settlement work" as all social work of any sort was called. They set me at counting cards for a little library of very grubby books which some equally grubby little foreign children took out and in. I couldn't see how that was "settlement work" and especially could I not see that it was doing good to anybody and that it was worth the half day and long street car ride in all sorts of weather it took to do it. But that was just about all the opening my eyes had got. I was looking through the small end of the glasses only.

If I had that job *now!* Each little boy and girl would be a *living person* with a family and a home behind him and a life of



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Playgrounds  
and Outings  
For Children

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Board of Health  
Stimulated  
Health Conditions  
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Conditions Among  
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Improved

HOUSING  
Labor Conditions  
Investigated

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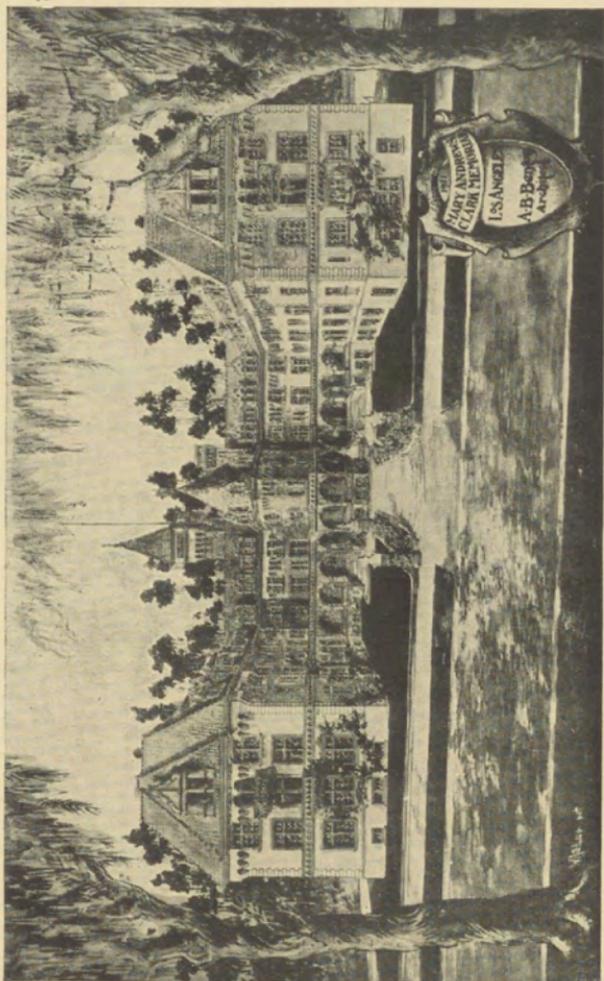
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infinite possibilities ahead! To get acquainted, to get them to *like* me, to *be* something that would call out their genuine childish admiration, to get invited to visit them or to play with them just as beloved "teacher" is—to share up on all the things I had as a matter of course because I happened to be born into the particular home I was—to become a friend in the truest sense of that splendid word—that was an opportunity of a lifetime, only I really was too green to sense it! If I had read only a little, if I had taken the trouble to get ready for it, to see what it was people who knew actually did, to catch a glimmer of what it was all about—"things w'uld hev' ben diffrunt" for me and perhaps for those boys and girls too! There lies the pity of unseen opportunities, of untaken chances. What you lose you lose for the other people! But I know quite well that had any one showed me where my work could count I would have stuck.

"To know is to care, and to care is to work, and to work is to sacrifice." Yes and I would add to that to care and know is to work joyously with sacrifice! I do not believe one can permanently *care* unless one *knows*. If you don't know the problem wherewith you would deal, the misery the existence of them makes *for people* because they are allowed to remain on the "problem" shelf, its odds against you that whatever you are set doing will fail to have any meaning and so any importance for you. And it won't be long before you will decide that you really weren't "built for a philanthropic career" after all.

There is so much to do that any person with half a brain, if only she has a whole heart, who goes at her stunt *progressively* can be serviceable. If she approaches it with the determination of all the time *learning* more about the big things underneath, whatever she does will count. The realm of opportunity for social helping in our big national housekeeping is broad. And yet there is no particular form of efforts, organization of efforts if you will, which offers itself to a college woman more universally, in so many different spots, in so many different communities, except it be the school, the libraries, or the church, as the Young Women's Christian Association. It is always to be found back home. In big cities or small ones, in towns and now also in the country itself is some form of this national Christian organization. If you don't find it there you can get it there. That is the beauty of its being a national one.

The city variety of a Young Women's Christian Association is a highly organized, many-sided kind of a proposition. It is safe to say that no one unassisted can get to the bottom of all that a city association actually does in a year of visits to "the building." You



Y. W. C. A. BUILDING—LOS ANGELES, CAL.

have to sit down with somebody who *knows* and invite her to open up and just tell you what is going on and what it's all about. And at that you'll require an extra session. It wasn't my idea in this short article to try to describe one either. But I do want to describe some of the places where this association in a city uses college women who have the determination to "stick." And to tell you that the work and influence radiating from it is worthy of all you can put into it, and that college women are needed.

First there is membership. Membership! What is there in that? To *be* a member and an intelligent one takes quite a bit of anybody's time. Because the organization is *meant* to be a democracy and to be run by as well as for its members. Now where it actually isn't, it is because the members aren't being members at all. Only "bargain hunter" members as one man put it of this sort of an organization. Pay your dollar and see what you can get for it is no sort of principle for growing a democracy on. As a matter of fact this organization stands for some pretty clear-cut, sharply significant ideals and a member who is *being* a member has a road ahead to travel as well as work at hand to do.

If you are ready to invest your time concentratedly for a money wage in return the Young Women's Christian Association offers positions with salaries attached for about every bent of interest that touches the life of girls and women, and almost every type of mind, provided only the mind is capable of making good on its own type. The one universal requirement is that the interest must be essentially *human* and the mind capable of thinking *straight*. Mental honesty, the will to face things and facts and conditions as they *are* and a genuine love of people as people make you good stuff for a position. Executive of a big industrial organization, leader of a democratic one, club secretary, industrial work, religious work, employment and vocational guidance, immigration and foreign community work, girls' worker, community worker, teacher of all sorts of subjects, gymnasium and play director, house manager, business manager, student secretary, country community secretary. . . . The list lengthens and lengthens, and covers positions stationed in all sorts of communities, and positions on traveling staffs of the eleven national field committees and the headquarter's staff. Anybody anywhere can find out about all this by writing to the National board headquarters which is known from coast to coast as "600 Lexington." That means 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Right now there are some eighteen hundred women of college education and its equivalent who are proud to belong to the "Employed Officers Association" of this Young Women's Christian Association.

They are continually stepping off into matrimony, however, and pursuing their work as committee members and board members, so there is lots of room. More workers are needed every year because the organization is multiplying itself at an astonishing rate.

But it's the people who cannot or won't, the "won't" being put in by the family, invest their time and abilities in work that earns an income, to whom this article is especially addressed. For workers who will work and forgetting they are "volunteers" will go at their jobs with the loyalty of "regulars," there is always demand.



SWIMMING IN THE "FRONT YARD" OF AN ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER COTTAGE

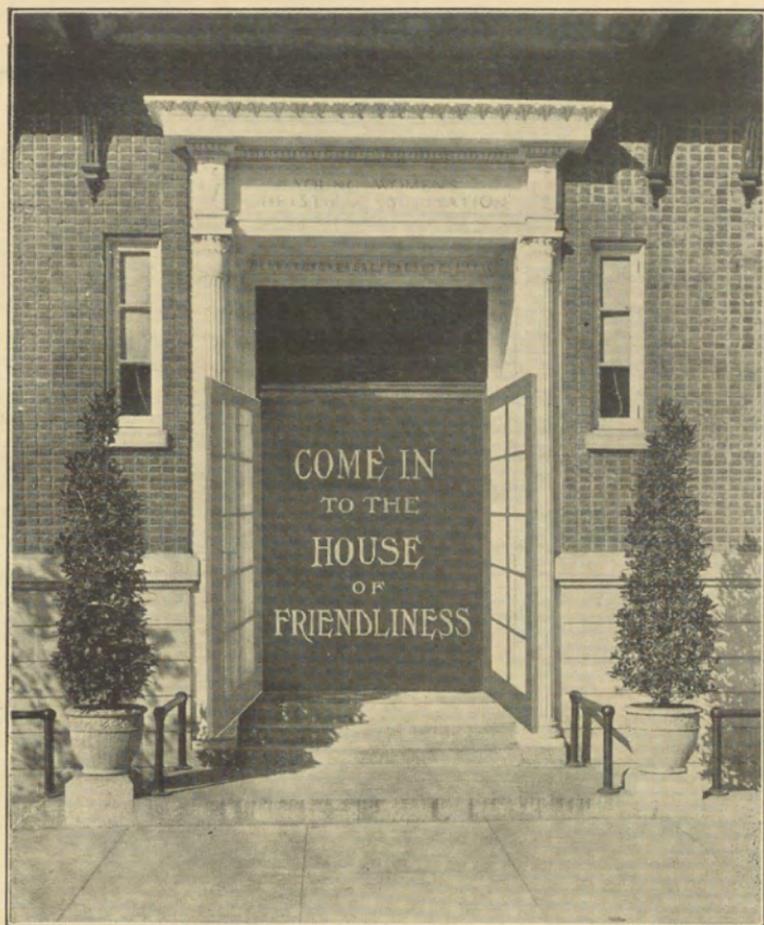
To be a member of a committee, which is responsible, say for the plans which prompt the splendid clubs and federations of clubs which young women of industry are running, and sit and hear what some fine energetic young woman no older than yourself is doing through them, is not as much fun to be sure, as yourself being that young woman and doing that work. But as a committee member you have the chance to show your power for teamwork in helping on that secretary and that work to the utmost. Work on a committee of any sort is not to be sniffed at. There is a college woman who is chairman of the Industrial department in a big mining town. She has made a survey of the economic conditions of her city, has studied the industrial problems from the girls' own standpoint and in doing it has become an authority on social problems of that region. Another girl is chairman in a big western city. Through the work in

industrial clubs she began to discover that there was a huge chunk of the population which nobody knew anything about and everyone, city officials, churches and social workers, completely ignored. She started with her committee to find out some facts. She found that foreign people had been coming to the city in a steady and increasing stream for some five years back. Before she knew it she became so deeply interested that she set out to make a scientific study of the situation. The result is going to be work in foreign communities by the Young Women's Christian Association, city night schools open for foreigners, Italian, Polish, Hungarian books in the public libraries, and a series of lectures in a school for social workers.

Now it must be remembered that we are all working for exactly the same things—better *people*, better *life* for people, fairer opportunities at every point which means better work, better conditions of work, better pay for work, better houses, better schools, better churches, better cities, better government. And it means justice, real democracy in work as well as in government, and more of the kind of religion which acts as the power current which irresistibly draws men and women to their Best and keeps them true to the Best.

And there are as many different ways by which one may work for this end as there are people with ideas. One way is to fight against abuses, to stamp out injustices to win the force of law to compel men to stop doing that which is crushing out the souls of other men. Another is to produce facts which compel attention to the sure results in human lives, of conditions which now are permitted to prevail. Another is "educational," which means to everlastingly spread abroad the idea that things are wrong and can be righted. Ideas are dynamic in themselves. If people can only be exposed to a great *idea* something happens to them which they can't help. That is one reason why the mere study of the Bible, whatever your faith or lack of any may be, does things to people. It exposes you to the greatest ideas that ever got started down the centuries. And still another way is to work amongst *people* themselves. It is my belief that none of the other ways are effectual if they get far from people themselves. And on the other hand, this working with and amongst people themselves is very limited unless the other big collective, "social" ways are to go with it.

But some people possess special aptitude for working at the big collective problems and others for working with and for people direct. The fascinating thing about working in a settlement and a city Young Women's Christian Association is that one has every chance to know and work amongst *people*. To be the leader of a



COME INTO THE HOUSE OF FRIENDLINESS

club is worth a college education. A club of girls whose outlook on life is different than your own because their opportunities have been less, opens the chance to give back all that you have had which they have not. The giving won't be all on your side, however. Far from it! Or a leader of a younger girls' club. School girls, high school girls, young girls just out at work because their folks cannot afford to let them go on in school offer the right club leader work which is as truly creative as if she had been asked to paint a picture.

Suppose, however, that you are the kind of person who believes she couldn't possibly manage to any good result a group of bubbly or wild young girls, or a club of clear headed outspoken young women who take pride in the fact that they earn their own living in shop or factory and are interested in the great labor movement and may consider you with some pity or else with envy, because you "do nothing" as it seems to them. Then you can join the group of members whom the Association is now increasingly depending on for friendly visiting. Everybody knows what it means to strange or lonely girls to have some person who "belongs" to the place take the trouble to come and make a friendly call.

One southern city has a big employment agency. Their members pledge themselves to report at a certain hour each week. And they, under direction, investigate in the same way a regular state investigator would and make reports on regular schedules which are becoming of immeasurable value to the various social agencies in the city. Also another group of people who have the "friendly" gift are continually calling on girls at their boarding houses and also in their own homes. Another city in the east has sectioned off their entire town and have it so planned that every girl will have received a call by the end of the year. The point of much of the calling is simply that the Association is really meant for everybody to use and comparatively few women actually understand that. But a great deal of real need for companionship and protection and "big sistering" has been discovered by this quiet visiting.

Any person with a talent in music, in "speaking," in dramatics, in getting up parties, in leading study classes either in one of the artistically written Bible courses of which there are so many in print today, or in problems of the day in our own country or any other corner of the globe, or in parliamentary procedure, or in any of a host of things which college women have at their finger ends will be whisked into a job before she has a chance to explain that she really couldn't manage a club.

And then there are the "piece work" jobs, which vary from simply minding the telephone and playing hostess to all comers in the lobby

to attending a court hearing where some girl is concerned and it needs to be shown to the "gentlemen of the jury" that somebody cares, or dashing off in a taxi to get somebody to a hospital or meet somebody at a train or to help a marriage license. The "piece workers" provide a most important force to the busy staff of "regulars." You pledge yourself to report for duty at a certain hour of a certain day and to stick at it for an agreed length of time and you keep that appointment as you do an expensive music lesson or a specialized dentist who is going to charge you for every minute you don't show up. And the secretaries see that you are kept busy all right.

But this is only half. It is truly a wonderful thing that the way to attract the real sort of American girl is to show her what she can do to help. She doesn't come half so quick if you only show her what she gets out of it. Yet I've got to, because the story isn't half outlined if I don't. A college woman gets a whole lot, whether she gives very much or not. Sometimes it seems as if a college girl could get more than others because the Association is so strongly tintured with the flavor of college life. There is the same sort of spirit. Girls who have not been able to go to college find there the echo of what they have missed. Athletics, joyous spirit of rivalry in games, club spirit which is the little sister of the college spirit, circuses, plays, fun of all sorts that you create and run yourself, the luxury of managing things for yourself which college is so full of and not every girl finds at home when she gets back there. She promptly gets managed and doesn't realize what it is that makes her unhappy. The chance for steady, continuous mental growth which is the thing beyond all else which gives the zest to college experience, and the subtle but sure spiritual growth without which life, no matter how comfortable and well amused, is bound to get greyer and grow flat and stale.

And then there is one other thing and it is this: the majority of men and women who go to college step out of comparatively well-guarded lives into another circumscribed and rather rarified atmosphere which is college. All the classroom and library education they can absorb can not make up the experience of stepping clear out from their up-bringing environment into worlds wholly different. Too many college people go through life believing that as go the college men and women, so must go the world. Today that belief is being challenged. After college one's mental energies must continue at tension—or all the screws imperceptibly loosen up. Nobody stands still. To get into contact with other kinds of people, with other conditions of life, with other "levels" of thought, than our own is the surest way of pursuing one's education into life. A city

Young Women's Christian Association can be the "commons" wherein girls and women of all different environments can rub elbows in crowds, and through work and play together learn to know each other. To really know other worlds than your own is what it is to be educated.

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## GAMMA PHI IN Y. W. C. A. WORK

[The following article was written by Mrs. Dyer who has so efficiently served as chairman of the Hospitality Committee. Alice Hoyt (San Francisco), Florence Cleveland (Nu) and Pauline Gartzmann (Mu) have also been active in the Y. W. C. A. work at the Exposition.]

*Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:*

One of the outstanding features in social service work for 1915 and for years to come, was that which was carried on at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition by the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association. When you hear, that of the two thousand girls employed on the grounds, each was known personally, her comfort, happiness and immediate future provided for, you will say I know, "How did they undertake this stupendous and comprehensive task?" and when you hear that four Gamma Phis were regular active helpers, you will say "Do let us hear about it." And that is just what I am going to tell you.

When the plans were under way for this great Exposition, the directors themselves appealed to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., asking them to come on the grounds to look after the welfare of the employed girls. The National Board was waiting for just this opportunity to forestall the dire results to girls which have followed in the wake of all great expositions. Accordingly, at their own expense, they erected a building (the cost was forty-three thousand dollars) equipped to meet the needs of the employed women and the visiting public. The building included a cafeteria, at which the girls received their meals at a reduced rate, a rest room in charge of a trained nurse, every sanitary convenience, an employment office where the girls went to the sympathetic, judicial minded secretary with their problems of lost positions and want, and the information desk, devoted to the needs of the general public, which, on account of the questions asked (three hundred a day) was at once the delight and despair of the building.

This main building became a centre for the girls working in the palaces but it was soon found that it was too far away to meet the needs of the show girls and waitresses on the Zone. And here it was needed, oh, so badly, for life may become very dark and grim

in a dancehall and the problem was to protect the girls, no matter what the odds. And how did they solve it? By appealing again to their comfort and youth, by building near the centre of the Zone, the Club House," the prettiest little building you could wish to see, with its chintz-hung living room, its wicker furniture, piano, sewing machine, books and plants; its grill where these girls, many of whom earned but eight dollars a week, could get a twelve cent meal which was both hot and nourishing; its little rest room and the series of baths which were its essential feature. They filled the request of the girls themselves, who badly felt the need of hot water, and so there were installed tubs, lavatories, showers, and foot baths for the dancers.

With these attractions, the Club House easily became a centre of friendliness and good cheer. The girls came between shows (on an average of one hundred a day) in their costumes and make-up. If you could have seen them together around the pianos! There were twenty-nine nationalities represented on the Zone.

As you can see, much help was needed here at the Club House. A trained nurse looked after the food, and administered first aid; two highly trained secretaries visited the concessions continually and grew to know the girls, their histories, temptations and needs; and other workers remained at the Club House.

Pages could be filled with individual stories of these girls, full of such pathos, realness and courage, but I must tell only of the plans made to provide for their welfare at the close of the Exposition.

Think of the prospect of two thousand girls thrown out of work on the same day in a great city. Early in the spring, evening classes were organized at the main building and here courses in stenography, typewriting and store salesmanship have been given under the most efficient leadership, so that the girls might be better equipped to meet the situation. The Y. W. C. A. workers are now facing the task of placing these girls, seven hundred and fifty of whom are to remain about San Francisco Bay. Every effort is being made to send the remainder of the girls home; those who have not the money for their railroad fare will be supplied with a loan from the Emergency Fund, and the Travelers' Aid notified to insure their safe passage en route.

How I wish you could know of the many features of the work, the happy supper parties where the girls came to eat and dance and sing; of the tours about the grounds and buildings where the girls, with a guide, were shown the beauties of the Exposition; of the Sunday vespers; of the employment problems, the model Day Nursery,

which proved a boon to tired mothers; of the happy things, the sad, the funny; of the volunteer help that was given so freely and the sisterly friendliness which perhaps was the greatest of all.

If you could but know, would you not agree that the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. has, this year and for years to come, rendered a rare service to women?

ZOE RILEY DYER.

## “HOME WORK”

BY HARLEAN JAMES, *Executive Secretary of Baltimore Civic League*

We still hear that “The place for woman is in the home.” In these days, since work of all kinds is carried on out of the home, we hear it never oftener than in the good old days when every woman was occupied from early morn until dewy eve in cooking, baking, brewing, spinning and sewing or in directing these activities. There was a time when water, light, drainage, transportation, even roads, were the direct responsibility of the owners of premises. Today those, who live in cities, are furnished by the municipality or by private corporations with water and sewage systems, light, telephones and sometimes heat. Streets are built and cleaned by the city and street cars or motor buses furnish cheap transportation. Food and clothes are manufactured in factories.

Women, who care to control the conditions under which their food and clothes are manufactured, the rules under which their refuse is collected, the treatment of the street in front of their houses, the service of the transportation companies can no longer do so by staying at home. They must join with their neighbors in organizations if they would improve conditions within the home.

Homemakers can no longer provide comfortable quarters for their families by remaining within four walls. They may prefer the old-fashioned method of conducting all kinds of manufacturing at home; but they must face the fact that they cannot successfully compete with factory-made articles in the way of food and clothing. As for those services rendered by public utilities, they must submit to inconvenient or unfair rules so long as they stay at home accepting, but not controlling the service that is given them, whether it be good, bad or indifferent.

Women now have only the duty of “light housekeeping” which occupies less time and energy than the old “heavy housekeeping,” un-

doubtedly responsible for many untimely deaths. Hospitals have lightened the burden of bearing children and kindergartens, schools and playgrounds have lightened the burden of rearing them.

Entirely aside from the "career-making motive" women are thus face to face with the duty of looking after their housekeeping in a public way. They have a leisure which few business men can command. They are fitted to undertake the social and civic activities needed to safeguard their own interests and those of unprotected workers.

Social and civic endeavor, therefore, can properly be termed "home work" though it often cannot be attended to in the home. It is *for* the home which is vastly more important than that it be *in* the home.

The family is the unit basis of our Anglo-Saxon civilization. The relation of a man or woman to the family is the most humanizing, illuminating and inspiring relation in life. The family is preserved by means of the home machinery. Today the home machinery depends on a multitude of public services, and the woman who would make the most efficient home for her family must interest herself in municipal problems which, after all, are mostly home problems.

So much for the home. Now for the woman. Leisure is probably one of most dangerous possessions for any class of people. Overwork may kill the body and deaden the soul. Too abundant leisure often corrupts the soul. Human beings, including women, need duties and need work, if they are to realize their full development.

The home needs improving. Women need the work of improving it. Why let an old fetich keep women from leaving their homes to engage in wholesome efforts to properly environ their families?

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## THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNÆ TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO VOLUNTEER SOCIAL WORKERS

By MARGARET A. FRIEND

An enterprise of interest to college women, especially to those not engaged in regular paid occupations, is that which the *Association of Collegiate Alumnae* has recently initiated, in organizing a National Committee on Volunteer Service. The committee will endeavor to establish local committees in the branches to act as placement bureau for volunteers, that those wishing to do volunteer social work may find the proper opportunity for service.

College women should be leaders in the movement for social welfare. They have had four years of hard, mental training, which

should fit them to bring the intellectual factor into civic and social work. But the untrained social worker, especially the girl just out of college, needs personal guidance if her work is to benefit either herself or the community. She must have pointed out to her the particular way in which her ability and preference may be put to good use. The needs of the community, the aptitude of the volunteers, and the willingness on the part of the city department, or other social agency, to use part-time volunteer service, must all be taken into consideration.

To accomplish an intelligent coöperation between the city government, different social agencies and the volunteer, the central committee should have the coöperation of local committees throughout the country, these local committees to act as placement bureaus for volunteers. They will make surveys and directories of social welfare agencies in their communities; they will compile lists of specific work which A. C. A. members and other volunteers can do in each community; and will supervise the work of individuals and groups of volunteers. The central committee plans to circularize bulletins and pamphlets among the branches and affiliated alumnae associations, suggesting topics for discussion and bringing possibilities for useful service to their attention.

Any of these following town activities could, for instance, be established, or where already established, could be vitalized and extended, through the help and guidance of the volunteer college graduate:

#### *Public Schools*

Health care of pupils; special classes for defectives and delinquents; over age and retarded pupils; vocational training and guidance; wider use of school plant; folk dancing; gymnastics; playgrounds; school gardens; decorations; school lunches; open air classes; visiting teachers; superintendents' reports; attendance problems; publicity about school work; coöperation with libraries and museums; mothers' clubs; parent-teachers' associations, etc.

#### *City Beautiful*

Standards for public buildings; city planning; boulevards and parks; art exhibits; smoke abatement; shade trees; bill board regulation; home gardens.

#### *Public Recreation*

Dance halls; moving picture shows; vaudeville theatres; amusement parks; bathing beaches; public baths; playground supervision; music in parks.

### *Public Health*

Baby saving campaign; milk station and infant clinics; prenatal work; free dispensaries and dental clinics; social service work in hospitals and dispensaries; visiting; nursing; inspection of milk, meat, water, food; patent medicine abuses; free hospital treatment; control of contagious diseases, including tuberculosis.

### *Weights and Measures*

Legal requirements; local inspection; destruction of false weights and measures; coöperation of dealers.

### *City Cleaning*

Streets, alleys, yards; clean-up days; disposal of garbage, ashes and sewage; anti-fly campaign.

### *Housing*

Building regulations; inspection for congestion, safety, and sanitation; model houses for workmen; tenements.

### *Labor Conditions*

Laws restricting hours of women and children; welfare work for employees; minimum wage; employers' liability; factory inspection; department stores; work certificates for children.

### *Public Charities*

Relief work in homes; mothers' pensions; coöperation with private charities; placing out of children; orphan asylums; poor farms; care of aged, insane; boards of control for public institutions.

### *Correction*

Juvenile courts; courts of domestic relations; reformatories for boys and girls; probation work for adults and children; prison farms; prison industries.

### *City Budgets*

How estimates are made; budget exhibits to show needs of city departments; publicity and public hearing for citizens.

The Boston branch of the A. C. A. has for the past three years been doing work in the placement and guidance of volunteer social workers. Other placement bureaus have recently been established in New York and Philadelphia.

It is the earnest desire of the committee on Volunteer Service that those willing to help in the organization of local committees write to Margaret A. Friend, 424 Kane Place, Milwaukee, Wis.

Many of you may feel the need for guidance of volunteers. Start the movement and make it a success in your community!

## THE ASSOCIATION OF PEDAGOGICAL SORORITIES

October 25, 1915.

*To the Greek Press:*

On September 4, there was organized in Boston, what is known as the Association of Pedagogical Sororities. It was the intention of the originators that this association should bear the same relation to professional sororities in the pedagogical field that the National Panhellenic Congress bears to the strictly collegiate orders.

As the Professional Pedagogical Sorority is a relatively new idea, and as the field in which it works is markedly distinct from every other, the Association had not expected to come into contact or conflict with any organizations whatever. Certain events of the last two weeks, however, have seemed to make it necessary for the Association to state its position to the Greek World generally, as well as to set forth plainly what it deems to be its inalienable rights as a special agency in a special field.

We ask of you, therefore, a careful perusal of the accompanying sheets, which are being sent out to all fraternity and sorority editors, as well as to the National Officers of all Congress Sororities.

In Hellenic bonds,

IDA SHAW MARTIN, Chairman.

MARGUERITE C. HEARSEY, Secretary.

It is not definitely known when the first pedagogical sorority was established, but there are records to show that one at least existed as early as 1870. Like many another, it did not have a Greek name, but in all other ways, it was a frank copy of the ever-popular college fraternity. Those that followed it in the same field used Greek Letters, or fanciful names, as most appealed to the founders in each case. Later, when the collegiate sororities began to extend and to become better known in consequence, many pedagogical sororities sought affiliation with them, but, barring a chapter established by Pi Beta Phi at the South Iowa Normal School in 1881, and maintained until 1885, none succeeded in securing the coveted charter. As the pedagogical sororities desired growth, together with all that the term implies, they found it necessary to branch for themselves.

This they did in two ways. The organizations that had originated in New York, Michigan and Missouri remained wholly in the pedagogical field, while those founded in Virginia established chapters wherever they discovered the type of girl they wanted, whether

in college or finishing school. This plan of carrying a mixed, or "hybrid," roll worked out very well for a number of years, but shortly after the organization of the National Panhellenic Congress in 1902, and especially after its rulings in 1905 concerning admission to its roll, the Virginia Sororities were made aware of the fact that their chapters in collegiate institutions were laboring under a decided handicap. These chapters had learned to their sorrow that such of their rivals as were on the roll of the Congress were able to offer desirable "rushees" something more than could the "hybrid" sorority. A congress badge was invariably accepted as proof that its possessor was "college bred." Since a "hybrid" badge did not carry with it that enviable distinction, the Virginia sororities soon realized that something had to be done.

Two of them, Zeta Tau Alpha and Kappa Delta, recalled the charters of chapters in noncollegiate institutions, and thus qualified for membership in the National Panhellenic Congress. The other two, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha, concluded, after very careful thought given to every phase of the subject, that an entirely different course was the wise policy for them. These two organizations had become convinced, after their experience at the Virginia State Normal School, that there was a decided need for the strictly Pedagogical Sorority, in order that women students in the Normal Schools and Teachers Colleges might enjoy the very manifest advantages of membership in a Greek-letter society. Moreover, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma thought that they had indubitable proof, after many conferences with leaders of Congress sororities, that the National Panhellenic Congress was irrevocably opposed to permitting anything on its roll to enter any professional field. A careful study of Congress records had also revealed the fact that membership in the Congress had been persistently and consistently denied to every kind of professional sorority, whether medical, musical, or merely "hybrid" with only one chapter in a pedagogical institution. The only natural inference, then, was that every Congress sorority was equally debarred from entering any professional field whatsoever, and that the Professional Pedagogical sorority would not only be meeting the needs of women students in Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges, but would also have that field entirely to itself.

There was an important additional fact taken into account by the two organizations. During their study of Congress records, they had come to the realization that, though the Congress had refused membership to all "special" sororities, it had never presumed to say that a college of medicine, or music, or pedagogy, was not a

"bona fide" college, or that the sororities in these institutions might not be considered as of "collegiate" rank. It had merely classed these same colleges as *professional*, since they bent their energies in one particular direction, i. e., toward preparing matriculates to enter the medical, musical, or teaching professions, whereas the Congress sororities had elected to enter only such institutions of collegiate rank as might be called "cultural," and which were in reality *nonprofessional*, since the courses given by them tended toward a general, instead of toward a special education. The establishment of a professional pedagogical sorority, therefore, would mean no lowering of the rank previously attained by entrance into the "cultural" field on the part of a "hybrid" society, but rather a marked improvement over the old order of things, since, in being professional, the pedagogical sorority would necessarily be classified as "collegiate."

After due consideration had been given to all these various facts, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma decided to release all their chapters in colleges of the purely "cultural" type, and to aid them in every way possible to affiliate with strong Congress sororities. This decision opened the way for the Mother Chapter in each case to become the parent of the pedagogical sorority. Since both of these two Virginia sororities had carried on operations in the collegiate field, and since the officials in both were in almost every instance college women, it came to pass quite naturally that Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma had unusually high ideals and rather unusual conceptions of what a professional pedagogical sorority should be and what it should attempt.

A careful survey of the field in which they had decided to operate soon showed the two organizations that there were in all about 300 Normal Schools and Teachers Colleges, of which one-fifth were under private control, and the remainder under state or municipal jurisdiction. Some had been in existence for nearly a century, while others, especially those under private control, had only a few years to their credit. Some had an annual income of over \$200,000, while others had less than \$2000. Some counted their students by thousands, others by scores. Some required for matriculation a diploma from a four years' high school, others admitted students directly from the grade schools and gave a certificate after one year's training. Some offered courses demanding a four years' residence and leading to a bachelor's degree that was accepted by leading universities, others granted only diplomas. It was very clear, then, that there must be some agency that should do the same service for the professional pedagogical field, as was being done by the National Panhellenic Congress for the nonprofessional.

With this purpose in view, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma held a preliminary conference in Cincinnati last July and a final meeting in Boston on September 4. The result was an organization known as the Association of Pedagogical Sororities. According to the Constitution and the By-Laws adopted at the second conference, the Association Sororities may not enter any institution that does not offer a two years' course at least in Pedagogy, nor may they extend the privileges of membership to any but graduates of a four years' high school. It is their present intention, therefore to confine their grants to high class Normal Schools and Teachers Colleges, to be worthy in every sense, of the word "professional," and to endeavor by their example and influence to bring every other similar organization to an understanding and appreciation of the dignity of the position taken by the Association of Pedagogical Sororities.

With this latter idea in view, active operations were begun by the Association toward disseminating its ideals through published statements to be sent out, not only to the general membership of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma, but to officers and chapters in other pedagogical sororities as well. Before a month had passed, however, and before any of the plans were perfected, the Association found itself face to face with a most unusual situation. Two Congress sororities, one founded in the South and the other in the North, had opened negotiations with groups in Normal Schools, and one had all its plans made to establish a chapter. This was wholly contrary to assurances given to Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma by leading officials in Congress sororities on occasions when the question of relative fields had been under particular discussions. Moreover, a careful study of Congress minutes showed that the contemplated charter grant to a Normal School group would be a direct violation of certain fundamental Congress rulings. The Association, therefore, confident that its position was absolutely impregnable, promptly crossed swords with the society that was on the point of establishing a Normal School chapter, and sent its ultimatum to the one that was entertaining a petition.

As a result of this action on the part of the Association, both Congress sororities ceased operations at once in the pedagogical field. The Association regrets exceedingly that there arose any necessity for a clash between itself and anything on the roll of the National Panhellenic Congress. It would have preferred to put all its strength on its own development. Since the issue, however, was forced upon the Association, and quite irrespective of any arguments that could be advanced to show that the establishment of a

chapter in a Normal School by any Congress sorority would be a direct violation of several fundamental Congress rulings, as well as an open defiance of certain sorority conventions maintained for more than a quarter century, the Association believes it is well at this time to lay a few self-evident facts before Hellas, as further proof of the unquestioned justice, as well as the practical wisdom, of the Association's course in preëmpting the entire Pedagogical Field for the sole use of the strictly Pedagogical Sorority.

I. The Pedagogical Field is a peculiar one and needs peculiar treatment.

No matter how experienced may be the Council of a Congress sorority, it cannot do all that it should for its chapters in "cultural" colleges and at the same time do justice to others in professional schools. The two types of chapters are essentially different and need entirely different handling. Just as it would be the height of folly to call in a lawyer to diagnose and prescribe in the case of a physical malady, even though the lawyer were in every sense the equal, or even the superior, in mentality of the best available physician, so would it be a grievous wrong to entrust the welfare of one or more chapters in professional schools to those whose training and experience had been wholly confined to college life as found in nonprofessional schools.

2. Chapters in professional schools differ in character, viewpoint and objective, from those in nonprofessional schools.

It ought not to be necessary to enter into particulars to prove the foregoing statement, since the fact is so very well known. Consequently, all that is called for at this time is to point out that chapters which are essentially different in any way, even though their ideals may be identical, cannot be wholly congenial, and cannot be expected to work together harmoniously. Each, to be at its best, must needs have opportunity for self-expression, and such self-expression would be impossible where the necessity for it was not generally understood and acknowledged. Just as the physician, the artist, the musician, receive inspiration and mental stimulus from the close association with kindred spirits whose thoughts are concentrated on like interest, so the chapter in a professional school would gain greater good for itself and be more of a force in a strictly professional fraternity than it could be as one of a group of heterogeneous chapters with widely different interests.

3. Simple justice demands that a girl who may later enter a "cultural" college shall not be committed to any special Congress sorority prior to matriculation.

The experience of years has shown that pledging prior to matriculation may be the gravest injustice to a girl. One of the earliest

Congress rulings was made to preclude such a possibility, yet the entrance of a congress sorority into a pedagogical institution would mean not merely pledging, which carries with it the possibility of an honorable withdrawal later, but actual initiation and the closing for all time of every road leading into any other Congress sorority. It would mean also the enforced abrogation of all social life, should a girl enter where her sorority had no chapter, or where there was one that refused, for any reason, to affiliate members from other chapters. With the entire pedagogical field in the hands of the purely professional orders, there would be absolute freedom for a girl to become associated elsewhere with any other type of sorority. Similarly, members of nonprofessional sororities matriculating at pedagogical institutions could be extended the privilege of membership in a professional order. This is the present practice of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and other pedagogical sororities.

4. Simple justice demands that the girl who is never to have an opportunity for advanced work other than that to be obtained in the pedagogical college shall be connected with a professional sorority only.

Affiliation during professional training with a Congress sorority, the majority of whose chapters are in nonprofessional schools, would mean that member's lot would be forever cast with an organization where few chapters would be in hearty accord with her own. Her future happiness demands that she be associated with a sorority everyone of whose chapters is deeply interested in the line of work that she has selected as her profession, and every one of whose members has the highest regard for that same calling.

5. The entrance of a Congress sorority into the Pedagogical Field would precipitate a crisis in the Congress that must necessarily result in its entire reorganization.

Sororities that have maintained a distinctive character for many years and whose badges have come to stand for a certain type of education will not lightly forego desiderata attained through decades of earnest effort. Such organizations may be ready to work with others of their kind, for the purpose of establishing standards of excellence in their chosen field, but they would never consent to membership in a meaningless organization, and that is most certainly what the Congress would be, if any sororities on its roll were to enter professional schools. A Congress sanctioning the presence on its roll of a sorority that made a charter grant to a Normal School or Teachers College could not logically deny membership to sororities that carried this same Normal School or Teach-

ers College on their rolls. A Congress composed of *all* collegiate orders, professional as well as nonprofessional, would be wholly lacking in character and purpose, would have no excuse for being. A reorganization must inevitably follow with sharp lines of demarcation drawn between the professional, the nonprofessional, and the "hybrid."

6. Failure to effect an immediate reorganization, in the event of any Congress sorority entering a professional school, would mean the insistent demand from all professional sororities for Congress membership, as well as the prompt flooding of the "cultural" field with pedagogical sororities, of which there are quite a score.

Should any Congress sorority grant charters to groups in the Pedagogical Field, there could be but one result. Professional sororities would no longer regard the "cultural college" as the peculiar and exclusive property of the Congress sorority, but would promptly place chapters in territory never before entered by them. The Pedagogical Sorority of 1915 is not the Pedagogical Sorority of 1905. A decade has made as much difference in it as in any of the Congress sororities. The Pedagogical Sorority today is an endowed, well-managed organization, full of dynamic possibilities. It could enter and hold its own in the "cultural" field, and it would not hesitate to do so, were it forced into such a course by being brought into competition with Congress sororities in the professional field. The Pedagogical Sorority, however, wishes to confine its activities to the Teachers College, and to the Normal School of high grade, believing most earnestly that there is imperative need for professional orders in that field, and confident that within those confines lies its greatest destiny as an educative force.

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## THE NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

One who is manager of a Teachers' Agency must necessarily, we argue in Sherlock Holmes manner, be thoroughly businesslike, with a painstaking regard for details, possessed of an infinite and everlasting patience and a veritable dynamo of efficiency. From reports, Ella K. Smith fulfils all these conditions and brings to the office of business manager of THE CRESCENT every characteristic to make her work a success.

Miss Smith was born in New Richmond, Wisconsin, of New England ancestry and parentage, received her preparatory education in the New Richmond public and high schools and Carleton College academy. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1898 and was a member of Gamma chapter. After teaching for five



ELLA K. SMITH

years in the Wisconsin High Schools, she spent two years in California and other western states and for the past ten year has been engaged in Teachers' Agency work—one year in California, eight years in Minneapolis and the past year in Chicago as one of the managers of the Albert Teachers' Agency. She is a member of the Chicago branch of the A. C. A., is active in the Minneapolis chapter of Gamma Phi, and belongs to the Association of Wisconsin University Alumnae and to the College Club. "I am a very busy lady," she writes, "with thousands of teachers depending upon me each year to find them positions; but I am never too busy to do what I can to help Gamma Phi Beta sisters and I always love to see and hear from them."

And so we know that she is just what we want and we are grateful to Gamma Phi Beta for such a nice New Year's gift!

## REPORT ON PI BETA PHI SETTLEMENT SCHOOL 1912-1915

DONNA, TEXAS.

January 7, 1916.

*My dear Miss Barbee:*

Your letter finds me in bed with a severe attack of grippe, and I therefore cannot get out for you the article you ask and which would give me much pleasure to prepare. The current number of *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha has a very pleasing notice of our school. I regret my inability to comply with your request, but will enclose with this the retained copy of my report to the convention last July, which will give you an idea of what has been done, and will say that since that report we have put in a good manual training outfit which is already proving a source of revenue to our young boys and awakening in them a new hope. The barrenness of the lives of these people is apparent when I tell you that our manual training teacher, Caroline McK. Hughes, wrote that a big Barnum & Bailey circus could not have drawn a bigger crowd for miles and miles away than did the news of the arrival of our manual training outfit, and the crowd of apathetic, quietly excited men as well as children to see the new and curious tools, filled the standing room throughout the day the equipment was being put in place! Our looms have all the orders for future work that we can manage for several months to come and the product is very pleasing. We are trying to give them a means of earning a livelihood to keep them happy and contented at home, not suggesting or leading them to think of leaving their native surroundings. This weaving is done entirely by us. We buy the raw wool and do everything ourselves to the finished cloth.

I regret that I am unable to do the work justice for you at this time. Later, after I am well again, I would be happy to write for your CRESCENT a full account of the work and sketch of the people and conditions. It is very fascinating and we feel that it is a good work for the alumnae of the fraternity. When the new residence or settlement house is built the present cottage will be converted into a hospital which is sadly needed in the mountains. As *Themis* is having this article so recently, possibly you might prefer waiting until some future date. Better still, we would be so very happy to have you visit our settlement at Gatlinburg, Tenn. The trip over the mountains is a wonderful one and well worth the cost and fatigue in making it.

Very sincerely,

ELIZABETH A. HELMICK.

[The Pi Beta Phi Settlement School is certainly one of the best proofs that the sorority does not exist for itself. The following report of Mrs. Helmick reads like a fascinating story and we are truly grateful to her for giving us this opportunity of becoming familiar with Pi Beta Phi's great work and for taking this personal interest in making our Social Service Number a success. Mrs. Helmick's accompanying letter is given as a preface to her article.]

At the twenty-second National Convention, it was voted to place the management of the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in the hands of the Chicago Alumnae Club. I was made chairman and treasurer of the committee, which was composed of Kate B. Miller, Iowa Beta, Lulu Alvord Barrett, Michigan Alpha, Dema Harshbarger, Illinois Delta, and Lucy Hammond Von Holst, Colorado Beta. For one year this committee met every week and gave much time and thought and study to the school business.

In August, 1912, the school's second session opened with Miss Martha Hill, as recommended by the retiring committee, our teacher, working with Calvin Ogle, the native county teacher, until December, when (the county funds having become exhausted), we sent our first Pi Phi, Dell Gillette (now Mrs. T. B. Morgan), Illinois Zeta, to assist Miss Hill. Miss Gillette was a very earnest, charming young woman. To this day, "Miss Dell" is lovingly spoken of, and there is not a person in Gatlinburg who doesn't hope she will come back to visit some day. This session, which began with seventy-two (72) pupils, closed with one hundred and thirteen (113) scholars, some of whom had moved to Gatlinburg in order to attend our school and others were walking ten miles daily to attend. Cooking, sewing, mothers' meetings, boy scout movement, football and occasional entertainments were attempted during this session.

In July, 1913, Miss Miller and I went to Gatlinburg to persuade the people to give us land, and we came away with the deed for

thirty-five acres, under the promise that the Fraternity would maintain a school for ten years and that we would build a new school house and provide good teachers. On the land were the following buildings: (1) a three-roomed cottage, (2) old school house at the junction of Baskins Creek and Little Pigeon River, (3) an old store. The last two were put in good repair during the year and are in excellent condition now.

In August, Abbie B. Langmaid, Minnesota Alpha, assisted by Helen Bryan, New York Beta, opened the Pi Phi School in our own building, upon our own land, and since then we have been independent and with only Pi Phi teachers. In September, Miss Langmaid resigned, and on October 1, Mary O. Pollard, Vermont Alpha, succeeded her. Our school room was very crowded and our teachers worked under a heavy handicap.

In November, it seemed necessary that one of the committee who had the work in charge should go down to hasten the building of the new school house for which plans had been accepted. I went, and the contract was let to C. R. Williams, of Sevierville, with A. J. Huff as his bondsman, and a promise secured that the work would begin at once. The lumber was already sawed.

In December, our work having increased to such proportions, Miss Pollard requested two additional teachers, and Leah Stock, Michigan Alpha, and Edith Wilson, Indiana Alpha, volunteered their services, and reported for duty January 1. We closed this session on April 3, with 127, and a feeling that the year had been a very satisfactory one.

About the middle of April the new school house was finally completed. It is a fine six-room building, heated by hot air furnace, and with plenty of windows and ventilation. The total cost came to \$3,735.30.

Miss Pollard didn't care to leave Gatlinburg during the spring and summer, and remained on, organizing the first Tomato Club of the county and with the state hookworm specialist at the school, waged war against this ever present pest among these people.

During the first week of July the Grand Council were the guests of the school, and on July 9, 1914, with proper ceremony, the new building was dedicated in the presence of eight Pi Phis and several hundred people. With one exception, it is the largest school building in the county.

In June, 1914, I ceased to be a resident of Chicago. On the fifteenth of June the Chicago Alumnae Club asked me to "retain the directorship of the Settlement School regardless of residence," and since that time I have managed the school practically alone.

On August 10, 1914, the fourth session of the school opened with Miss Pollard as head resident and Edith Wilson and Marie Ditmars of Indiana Alpha and Margaret Young of Illinois Epsilon as assistants, with 134 pupils. For the first time, the Sevier County School Board voted to turn over to the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School the district's appropriation for schools for the year which amounted to \$375. On April 2, 1915, we closed the most profitable session in the history of the school, with an enrollment of 158 scholars. This spring, at the state teachers' examinations in Sevier County, out of 107 who took the examination, only thirty-five passed, and out of those from our district only seven passed, among the seven being three of our students—the only ones who tried.

In May, Caroline K. Knight Hughes, Minnesota Alpha, a graduate from the University of Minnesota in '94, from Cooper Union School of Art in '95, from Prang Normal in '97, was engaged to take charge of the business and industrial work and she is now at the school. This will make Miss Pollard free to give all of her time and thought to the duties of the school room, where she has shown herself so very successful. Miss Ditmars will return in charge of the younger children and a fourth teacher will be engaged before school opens.

It is gratifying to report that many Pi Phis have offered their services and that we have never suffered for want of Pi Phi workers or for money support.

Today, we have one very urgent need and that is a new teachers' residence. This necessity so eclipses every other need, we must concentrate all our money-getting energies upon it. During the past winter Miss Pollard slept in the cottage where all cooked, ate and lived, while Miss Wilson, Miss Ditmars and Miss Young slept in one of the unused school rooms. This arrangement was not pleasant nor comfortable. The Misses Wilson, Iowa Gamma, members of the New York Alumnae Club, have drawn working plans for a new residence, which will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000, completed, and this residence should be built this coming year without fail. We owe it to our Pi Phi workers there.

The community needs a hospital and a trained nurse. It is planned, when a new residence is built, to convert the three-roomed cottage into a small hospital, to be known as the Jennie Nicol Memorial Hospital. For this purpose the founders have already contributed \$200, and when the cottage is available they plan to contribute enough to complete the furnishing as a memorial to their beloved co-founder Jennie Nicol. If Miss Celeste Janvier is available at that time, she has expressed a willingness to become our first Pi Phi nurse in charge.

I have spoken of the industrial work. It must be apparent to every serious thinking Pi Phi that we assumed when we went among these people a heavy obligation to them. We are teaching them to read and write; to play and sing; to dress better; live better; to think and to hope. Our Pi Phi teachers have been a model to them; we have aroused in them ambition. Our young men and our young women will not be contented living the vacant and ambitionless life of the indolent and the door-step gossip. Only a very few may become school teachers. We must provide for them a means of earning a livelihood at home and we must make every effort possible to keep them from going away by developing their home industries and resources in such a way that they will be pleasing, profitable and acceptable. To this end, we are to be congratulated upon securing Miss Hughes, a woman of strong, sterling qualities, a southern woman and familiar with southern life and traits, well equipped and qualified to restore many lost arts and industries of the mountaineers, and above all a Pi Phi and a good example of Pi Phi virtues. She hopes in time to win for Pi Phi a reputation in the world of arts and crafts and home industries which will create a demand for all that our people can make. She knows how to do it and I have faith that she will succeed. This will in a measure fulfill our duty to these isolated people and tend to make them happy and home loving.

I cannot speak with too much appreciation of our Pi Phi workers at Gatlinburg during the past three years. Each teacher has had her special strong point and mission, and every teacher has performed her duties faithfully and cheerfully many times under very trying conditions. Zeal, earnestness and untiring effort have characterized their daily life. There is not a single teacher whom we have sent among them who would not be welcomed back by them. We have reason for being proud of our Pi Phi teachers.

The foregoing is a brief account of what the Fraternity has done thus far through her representatives. It is recognized that it is only a beginning; it is recognized also that in the beginning results appear greater in proportion to the efforts put forth than during later periods of a work. Enthusiasm is kindled with the very newness of the work and with the realization that we, as a Fraternity, are pioneers in this field. From now on the Settlement School should cease to be considered as an experiment. It should be looked upon, in part, as a reason for our existence as an organization—as a means for preserving and strengthening the life of the alumnae as a body.

## DR. W. T. JACKSON

[It is with great regret that we learn of the death of Dr. W. T. Jackson, father of our Mrs. Carson who has been so instrumental in establishing Rho chapter at the University of Iowa. THE CRESCENT is glad to print this beautiful tribute, which appeared in the *Daily News* of Mount Pleasant, Iowa.]

St. Michael's Episcopal church was far too small to hold the friends who wished to pay a last tribute to the memory of the beloved rector whose funeral services were held this morning. The altar and chancel were literally covered with flowers and the services were very impressive. The services were in charge of Bishop Morrison of the Iowa diocese and Assistant Bishop Harry S. Longley, and other clergymen present were Doctor Rudd of Ft. Madison, Rev. George W. Hinkle of Waterloo and Rev. Thos. Horton of Marshalltown. The clergy and the vested choir assembled at the rectory and headed the procession as it marched slowly to the church. The beautiful ritual for the dead of the Episcopal church was said and as the funeral cortege proceeded up the aisle the burial sentences were read by the bishop and Chopin's Funeral March was played by the organist, Miss Blanche Thorson. The funeral chant, "Lord, Let Me Know Mine End," was sung by the members of the vested choir. The scripture lesson was read by Bishop Longley after which the choir sang that beautiful hymn, "For All the Saints." The creed was then recited and the prayers read by the bishop, the choir then singing "Peace, Perfect Peace." The organist played the funeral march and this ended the services at this church.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Edgar Lines, H. L. Timmerman, W. A. Sternberg, J. M. Burd, T. O. Thorson, and E. John Richards. The remains were then taken to the depot and left on the 1:10 train for Burlington, where a special train was in waiting to take the funeral party to Iowa City, where interment took place late in the afternoon.

William Taylor Jackson was born on October 25, 1839, at Willoughby, England. He landed in America when a lad of fifteen and worked his way through Western, later known as Leander Clark College, then located at a small inland village some ten miles south of Cedar Rapids. For a number of years he followed the profession of teaching. In 1875 he graduated from the Divinity School of Yale University and five years later completed a post-graduate course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, securing his degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Along educational lines he had a very wide experience, having taught in Western College, Westfield College, University of Indiana, Cornell College, Iowa Wesleyan College and several academies.

He was also superintendent of the city schools at Fostoria, Ohio, and Iowa City.

In 1893 he was ordained by Bishop Perry of the Diocese of Iowa and for nearly seventeen years was the rector of Trinity church at Emmetsburg in Palo Alto county. In 1909 he left Emmetsburg and became rector of St. Michael's church in this city, remaining in active work here until called home to his reward on Sunday morning, September 12, 1915. He was perhaps one of the best known Episcopal clergymen in the diocese, serving as rector for nearly twenty-three years. When he was in northern Iowa he succeeded Doctor Cornell of St. Thomas, Sioux City, as Dean of the Sioux City Deanery and has been a member of the standing committee of the diocese for upwards of ten years as well as being one of the examining chaplains.

He was a great student of philosophy, history, ancient and modern languages, as well as theology and will be greatly missed in the standing committee where he was a distinct power.

Doctor Jackson is survived by his widow, Virginia E., and five children, Fred T., of Vernon, British Columbia; Lester T., of Toulon, Ill.; Cora J. Carson of Iowa City; Grace J. Alston of Warrenton, N. C., and Herbert C. of Mt. Pleasant. Ten grandchildren also survive. Two children, William S. and Bessie B. preceded him in death and a pathetic fact in connection with his "passing" at this time is the fact that in the course of a few more months the good old man and his devoted wife were planning to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

To know Doctor Jackson was to love him. Those who knew him best, loved him best but throughout his ministerial labors whether in northwestern or in southeastern Iowa everybody who came in contact with this "Grand Old Man" loved him irrespective of creed or denomination.

He was indeed a true "Servant of God" and we who have known him for twenty continuous years, feel all the better for having enjoyed that great privilege.

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## FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Delta Gamma—Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—St. Lawrence College, Canton, N. Y.

Zeta Tau Alpha—University of Pittsburgh.

Alpha Xi Delta—Albion College, Albion, Mich.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.



Social service as a field for the sorority has been fully exploited; Gamma Phi Beta as a whole and by chapters has declared itself a part of the uplift movement. Perhaps—apropos of our special number devoted to this subject—it will be interesting to our readers to know a particular phase of philanthropic work in which Denver and Theta have become interested—a work which, for climatic reasons, is restricted to our own state and which, on account of its object and its administration, is said by a noted physician to be “The only institution of its kind in the world.” This institution is known as The Brotherly Relief Colony—A Ministry of Love for Destitute Consumptives—and is commonly spoken of as the Craig Colony, from the name of its leader.

Seven years ago, Frank M. Craig, himself a tubercular sufferer, invited one penniless dying stranger to share his tent; and then another, until the number grew beyond his control. Friends, churches, organizations became interested in the unselfish aim of the man; the little colony grew until it counted forty tent houses, an assembly hall, a dining room; until physicians and nurses gave gratuitous services, until generous subscriptions and benefits made a hospital possible. This hospital, which is almost completed, will care for twenty patients, is equipped with all of the most sanitary and improved methods of caring for the sick—and will be a memorial to the beloved leader who passed away a year ago. A Board of Directors gives personal attention to the economical expenditure of funds entrusted to them, by careful supervision bringing the expense per month for each patient within ten dollars. This is made possible by general coöperation—for the stronger patients aid the weaker, thus emphasizing the spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness for which the colony stands and living up to its motto, “I was hungered, and

ye gave me meat; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me."

Perhaps few outside of Colorado realize how many hundreds of persons afflicted with tuberculosis come to Denver each year, many with resources exhausted and hopes of health unrealized. Crowded hospitals do not provide for convalescents. Where can they go—what can they do? The Brotherly Relief Colony in its threefold object solves the problem:

(1) To furnish a refuge for destitute, homeless consumptives; to provide for them sanitary conditions, medical attendance, wholesome food, out-door life, and all that can assist them in their eager search for health—all absolutely free.

(2) To isolate them as a protection to others.

(3) To render to those who must give up the struggle, loving ministrations, that they may not die alone and forsaken.

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The Young Women's Christian Association wishes to bring its activities prominently before college girls as part of the fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1916, and has given the Sorority magazines a choice of four prepared articles. This is a splendid opportunity, not only to enjoy the articles and to become acquainted with the great work of the Association, but also to give our coöperation to this wonderful organization and to urge upon our members the real joy and satisfaction to be found in this particular line of social service.

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We have steadfastly refused to write Iota's epitaph, still clinging to the hope that at some future time she would again be active in our administration. Perhaps it is a vain hope—but, according to reports, affairs at Barnard have not been radically improved; and although we politely refrain from saying "We told you so," we take much interest in quoting the following article from the *New York Times* of October 31:

After taking a prominent part in the suspension of sororities at Barnard College two years ago, Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve is now willing to acknowledge that the secret societies filled a place in the college life of the girls for which it is now very difficult to find a substitute.

Fewer opportunities for the girls to form wholesome and intimate friendships are found now that the sororities are gone, Miss Gildersleeve finds, and she is casting about for some form of social organization which will do away with the objectionable features of the secret society and yet retain its many good points.

This problem is set forth by Miss Gildersleeve in her annual report of the work at Barnard, which has just been made public. Two years ago sororities were suspended, after a crusade led by Miss Frieda Kirchwey, daughter of Professor George W. Kirchwey of the Columbia Law School, who has recently announced his intention of retiring from that Faculty. The secret societies were not abolished, but they were forbidden to take in any new members for a period of three years. Two years are now up, and the students who are working to get the sororities reinstated to full standing are finding solace in Miss Gildersleeve's report. Many predict that sororities at Barnard will again come into their own next year.

The report in part follows:

"The second year of the experimental three-year period during which the fraternity chapters are not allowed to elect new members has passed without any very definite development in our system of social organizations. Contrary to the expectation of the Faculty, no new organizations have grown up to take the place of the fraternities; nor has there been any notable increase of interest and activity in the departmental clubs and other existing organizations. The omission of fraternity elections has brought a welcome relief from the agitations of 'rushing' and 'pledge day' and from some undesirable forms of college gossip.

"On the other hand, the lack of some such social organization makes close acquaintance between students in the different classes far less frequent, and results in fewer opportunities for informal social intercourse and the formation of intimate and congenial friendships. An administrative office notices also some lack of that beneficial influence of older students on younger ones and that aid in the development of a sound public opinion in the college which the fraternities sometimes felt the responsibility of contributing."

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THE CRESCENT is very grateful to Miss Harlean James and to Miss Margaret Friend for their aid in compiling this particular issue. Miss James is secretary of the Woman's Civic League in Baltimore and is a young woman of great ability who has achieved much in her chosen career. Miss Friend is associated with our own Gertrude Ross in philanthropic work.

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As a result of the Editors' Conference at N. P. C. in Berkeley last August—

Remember you're in *college*, not in *school*, my dear;  
 That *frat* and not *fraternity* sounds very queer;  
 That *Panhellenic* should be written as it's written here.

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It is with regret that the colony of sorority editors says farewell to Louise Fitch, for ten years editor of *The Trident*, who now assumes the responsibility of national president of Delta Delta Delta. Miss Fitch during her service of editor never lacked a chapter let-

ter and her energy, cleverness and efficiency have meant much to her magazine and to her sorority. Happy indeed must be the sorority officer to whose lot falls so beautiful a tribute as the one from the *Trident*, which we quote:

Ten years of service—ten years of thought-life—ten years of living with and for fraternity ideals.

We have laughed with her and wept with her—we have evaded her but to obey her in the end—we have marveled at her memory—her tact—her versatility—we have shuddered at her energy—crawled before her persistence—bowed to her tyranny and loved her for our very own—"Louise."

With no thought of self she has given her all to the work—time—strength chances for personal gain in money or fame. No effort has been too great for her strength, no detail too trivial for her painstaking attention. Her sympathies, tender and true, have reached out into the great Tri Delta world and touched many an aching heart and her energy has inspired countless girls to high endeavor. With chapters and alliances, with actives and alumnae, her name has become one with which to conjure—her personality, a vivifying influence.

As National President we greet her but for our *Trident* Editor, trusted and true—we can but mourn.

Behold what ten years in Tri Delta hath wrought and then bow your heads in tribute to the spirit that could grant the gift.

From north to south—from east to west, Tri Deltas treasure the memories of her service.

May the years be long that she labors with us—may the rewards some day, some way be hers—sufficient for the great service rendered.

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Miss Heermans, chairman of our Social Service Committee, gives you many good suggestions—act upon them and especially set aside a Social Service Week as she advises. Gamma Phi Beta will appreciate this kind of a valentine.

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Your new business manager makes her bow to you. Welcome her in the way she will most appreciate, by making her burden as light as possible and by giving her your hearty coöperation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Perhaps it will be interesting to know what response the editor had to her communications to the chapters regarding social service. Epsilon answered almost by return mail. Mu and San Francisco sent their articles before the date allotted them. Lambda sent a special delivery rather than have her letter delayed a day. No response whatever came from Beta, Gamma, Delta, Kappa, New York and Detroit.

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Some time ago Miss Alice Graves (Alpha) announced through the pages of the magazine that a Gamma Phi Beta badge had been found in Oak Park and had been sent to her in hopes that she could find the owner. The pin has been identified by Mrs. Bertram Cleal (Agnes Bassett, Epsilon) as hers and has been sent to her in Chicago.

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Miss Ella K. Smith (Gamma), 623 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, is the new business manager of *THE CRESCENT*; Miss Gertrude Ross (Gamma) succeeds Mrs. Baldwin as chairman of the committee upon directories; Miss Margaret Lydecker (Beta) is chairman of the cookbook committee; Miss Augusta Krieger (Omicron) will serve as auditor; Miss Ethel Garbutt (Gamma) will be an assistant to Mrs. Silverson.

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*Please* do not send chapter letters to any person but Mrs. Graham. Everything else goes to the editor.

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The October, 1915, number of *THE CRESCENT* should be marked Vol. XV, No. 4, instead of Vol. XVI, No. 1. This mistake is due to the publication of the convention report under the name of *THE CRESCENT*.

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Lost: At Asilomar on August 28, a Gamma Phi Beta pin, set with whole pearls, raised setting and marked U. A. W.—I, 1902. Una Winterburn Harsen, 53 Arthur St., Yonkers, N. Y.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

The members of the Grand Council wish to send greetings through this department to all members of the sorority that they were not able to reach through their first circular letter. The new officers assumed their duties on October 1. On October 9 the president and secretary met in Chicago for a conference to inaugurate their work, but it was not until October 13 that a full meeting of the Council could be held. On that date a meeting was held at the Blackstone in Chicago at which all members of the Council were present, besides Miss Margaret Nachtrieb, the new chairman of the committee on expansion, and Miss Ethel Garbutt, who is to assist Mrs. Silverson in her work as visiting delegate. Much routine business was transacted, and after this meeting the president sent out a circular letter to all active and alumnae chapters, to all officers and chairmen of standing committees, and to some other members of the sorority, who, although holding no office, have shown a keen interest in the welfare of the national sorority and have been of inestimable aid to some of our new chapters.

It may be of interest to some of you to hear that at the last convention J. F. Newman, 11 John St., New York City, was appointed sole official jeweler to Gamma Phi Beta. All members desiring to purchase badges must first secure a pin certificate from our grand secretary, Miss Adah Georgina Grandy, Highland Park, Ill. The cost of the certificate is one cent. Membership certificates with the seal and colors attached can also be obtained from Miss Grandy at the cost of twenty-five cents. The board granted the period of one year for our former official jewelers to dispose of their stock on hand. Lists and description of such badges have been sent to all active chapters.

The president wishes to announce the following appointments:

Miss Ella K. Smith, 623 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, will serve as the new business manager of THE CRESCENT. Miss Smith is assistant manager of the Albert Teachers' Agency and has had several years of business experience, which will fit her well for the new work.

Miss Augusta Krieger, of Omicron and Chicago alumnae, will serve as the new auditor.

We regret to say that Miss Margaret Lydecker, who was appointed as chairman of the cookbook committee, has just resigned and the Council has not as yet been able to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer, chairman of the endowment fund committee, is sending out a letter to each alumnae chapter regarding this fund, the interest on which is to be used to further the work of the

national sorority in any way that the executive board deems necessary. This fund is entirely separate from the social service fund, the work on which belongs to the committee on social service, of which Miss Florence Heermans is chairman.

The chairman of the committees on scholarship and uniform examinations have each sent letters to all active chapters, regarding their work. Reports upon these matters will doubtless appear in a later issue of *THE CRESCENT*.

The national treasurer requests that secretaries answer all questions definitely. Much unnecessary correspondence could be avoided, if this care were taken.

At the convention in California it was voted to require each Gamma Phi leaving college to affiliate with some alumnae chapter. We wish as far as possible to make this retroactive and we urgently request each Gamma Phi who reads this to affiliate with the nearest alumnae chapter. By writing to the corresponding secretary of that chapter, whose name appears in this number of *THE CRESCENT*, you can learn about the matter of dues and other obligations. From those living at a distance very little will be required, but we do want your interest and coöperation to build up a strong national, whose presence in any community can be strongly felt. The success of a sorority cannot and does not depend upon the amount of work that some one individual or group of individuals does, it depends upon concerted action, and if you are a weak or indifferent sister, your influence is just as surely felt, as is the strong work of the one who is devoting her time and interest to the sorority. The national is judged by the members of which it is composed, so let us all rally to create new interest in our particular section of the country, that the force of our combined efforts shall be felt from coast to coast.

Very sincerely yours,

CARRIE E. MORGAN.  
*President.*

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The Grand Council is grieved to announce that word has just been received of the death on January fourteenth of one of our beloved founders, Minnie A. Bingham Willoughby, at her home in Utica, N. Y.

No details have yet been received, but a full obituary will appear in the March issue of *THE CRESCENT*. We know that all members of the sorority will wish to join us in our expression of sorrow at the loss we have sustained.



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

#### ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Alpha has certainly had a most successful year so far. After some strenuous rushing, we pledged fourteen girls. They are: Charlotte More, Walton, N. Y.; Helen Moore, Ausable Forks, N. Y.; Alice Ives, Kingston, Penn.; Florence Murray, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; Norma Barney, Iliion, N. Y.; Thirza Hatmaker, Schenectady, N. Y.; Leila Evans, Utica, N. Y., and Doreen Lyman, Norma Brannock, Louise Buckley, Marion Wood, Emma Dibble, Louise and Margaret Mellen of Syracuse. The Mellens are our second set of twins.

Several girls are active on the hill. Marion Whitford is president of Woman's League, and was also a delegate at the Student Government Conference; Flora Judd is president of Y. W. C. A.; Dorothy Buck is secretary of Woman's League; Pansy Stone is secretary of the Athletic Association; Joie Potter is Swimming Representative; Alice Ives is president of the freshman class; two girls are candidates for the sophomore prize speaking contest; we have four girls in Eta Pi Upsilon, the women's senior society, and nine of us on the glee club.

This year the rules prescribed by Woman's League are very stringent. No girl is allowed out after ten without signing a slip, and special permission by chaperon or house president must be given to functions after eleven. On Sunday, men callers are permitted from 2:30 to 5 in the afternoon, and from 8 to 10 in the evening. In regard to remaining out over night or going out of town, special permission must be obtained from the Woman's League President. Only two eleven o'clock dances are granted a semester.

We had a delightful surprise on Tuesday, September 21, when we assembled in chapel, on the first day of college. After Chancellor Day's address, we were awarded the Scholarship Cup for the highest average in the university, and it was a very proud and happy crowd of girls that almost danced out of chapel.

Wednesday, October 13, we had our upper class dance, and on Thursday the freshmen and sophomores gave theirs. Both affairs were a great success. The initiation of Marian Wood, a junior, and Louise Buckley and Charlotte More, sophomores, was held on October 29.

Friday, November 12, we had our annual fall banquet. The scheme of the toast list was a novel one, and very appropriate for the time. It is as follows:

The Warfare of College Life..Major Florence E. Trowbridge, Toastmaster  
 The Dum-dum Bullet.....Private Marion Wood  
 The Shrapnel.....Sergeant Marguerite Woodworth  
 The Poisonous Gases.....Lieutenant Dorothea Keeney  
 The Zeppelin.....Captain Jeanette Leete  
 The Wireless.....General Blanche Knapp

The next day, Saturday, was a gala day in the history of the university. Our wonderful football team beat Colgate's crack players with an overwhelming score of 38-0, and even Billy Sunday's restraining influence couldn't keep the boys from celebrating the great event. Mr. Sunday and his party have been with us here in Syracuse for seven weeks, and the big tabernacle has been the scene of some stirring revivals. Syracuse has surely been bettered by the movement, and Mr. Sunday has labored unceasingly to make the city one of which we may all be proud.

Flora Judd is "brightening the corner" wherever she goes by sporting a shining new Phi Beta Kappa key, which some of us gaze at longingly and with a certain amount of awe.

You may be interested to learn about our New York State College of Forestry in connection with our university. In 1911, bills were passed in the Legislature, creating the college, which should carry on such special research in forestry as will help in the solution of forest problems confronting the state. The college has acquired 100 acres of land south of Syracuse for the Experiment Station, 1,800 acres in the Adirondacks on which is located the state Ranger School, and 100 acres in the Catskills. Aside from the general course in forestry, there are courses in pulp and paper making and arboriculture, or city forestry. A museum, and a rapidly growing Forestry Library offer splendid opportunity for general and specialized work. The total enrollment this fall is 275, the largest in the country. In 1913, the State appropriated \$250,000 for a State Forestry Building which is now being constructed on the campus.

On Friday night, December 17, after chapter meeting, we had the chapter Christmas tree, and presented each other with appropriately ridiculous gifts.

Saturday afternoon we entertained twenty-five little boys and girls collected from the Juvenile Court. Games were played and at five o'clock the children were given a really truly turkey dinner, after which Santa Claus appeared in all his glory and distributed the gifts consisting of toys, mittens, candy and oranges, for each child. It was a delightful afternoon and we were all glad that we had given up our Christmas dance for it. Our social service committee is making plans for some more good times.

Everyone in the chapter house is bustling around, preparing for Christmas. College closes on the twenty-first and we're all just waiting for the chance to dash home.

Alpha sends the merriest of merry Christmases to her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

DOROTHEA SMITH.

#### PERSONALS

Dorothy Reimer, ex-'18, has taken a certificate for first honors in scholarship and deportment in St. Mary's Episcopal School for Girls in Knoxville, Illinois.

Esther Potter Darby, '14, is entertaining several girls from New York and vicinity, at a tea to be given January 3.

Anita Kelly, '17, of Beta chapter took dinner at the chapter house, December 16.

Helen Buckman, '15, is teaching in Edwardsville, Pa.

Helen Leete has been visiting at the chapter house.

Jeannette Leete spent her Christmas vacation with her aunt, Gertrude Leete, at Richmond Hill.

Josephine Potter visited her sister Esther Potter Darby during the holidays.

#### MARRIAGE

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Mace announce the marriage of their niece, Bertha May Dodson, to Mr. Francis Carr Preston on Wednesday, December 15.

#### BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters:

I suppose you have all been just as busy as we have since we last wrote. How time does fly, and how much does happen!

We worked very hard in rushing this year and were beautifully rewarded by eight splendid girls. They are, Helen MacDonald, Margaret Kerr, Florence Vivian, Eleanor Trueman, Helen Hughes, Dorothy Durfee, Annis Jewell, and Ruth Ely. Our rushing was more complicated this year as the new dormitories were opened. They are truly wonderful buildings. Newberry Residence has fifty girls, while Martha Cook Building takes in about one hundred and twenty-five. The latter is an imposing Gothic building and is most luxuriously finished. With these two and our huge Science Building we flatter ourselves we are quite fine indeed.

Miss Taylor, our new chaperon, was introduced by the chapter at a large tea. We were very happy to have the friends of Beta meet Miss Taylor who is doing so much for us this year.

Helen Ely, '16, was elected to Mortar Board this fall and Adele Crandall, '17, to Wyvern, the honorary junior society.

I wonder if you all have as "corking" a time at your Christmas tree as we do. Our freshmen trim the tree and Santa Clause deals out beautiful ten cent presents with most beautiful verses on them. Then our freshmen give us the grandest refreshments (not always peanuts and olives) and there is much laughter and song.

Speaking of what our freshmen can and do do, they entertained all the other sorority freshmen at a Halloween dance and party.

Then we entertained them by a house-dance wherein we formally introduced them to society.

With all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Year.

Faithfully yours,

WINIFRED I. ROEHM.

#### MARRIAGES

Wanda Marie Seemann, '14, to John I. Lippencott, '14, Δ Ψ.

Edith L. Benson, '14, to John D. Lynch, '12.

#### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wernicke, née Maleta Moore, '14, a son.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Ida Ely, Helen Ely, '16, and Ruth Ely, '19, have moved from Tarrytown, N. Y., to Ann Arbor.

Vivian Kerr, '16, who has been out of college for more than a year has returned.

Anita Kelley, '17, was a guest over the Cornell game.

## DEATH

The death of Alice Hosmer Preble came as a sad blow to all the Gamma Phis. She was one of the most devoted, loyal alumnæ Beta has ever had.

## GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(No Letter)

AGNES DURRIE

## DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(No Letter)

EVA M. SADLER

## EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters:

Just to show that "our hearts were in the right places," we celebrated the increasing of our ranks by giving a tea for the freshmen on October 16 at the Narcissus Room of Marshall Field's in Chicago. I know the girls must have had the usual good time, but some of us were compelled to miss it on account of a play rehearsal. Ray Latimer, Leila Nagle, and Mildred Ross had been taken in the Dramatic Club, or "Campus Players," the week before, and naturally this spurred us on to try out for the next production. We were mighty glad we had done so when it was announced that Mildred Ross, Leila, and Frances Phelps had made parts in it. The play, Barries' *The Admirable Crichton* was given at the Ravinia Theatre on November 12, and proved to be a big success.

Perhaps some of you have heard of the exciting time which the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon had on November 2, when a spark from their grate fire tried to see what it could do. In spite of the fact that the new fraternity houses are fire proof, considerable damage was done on the first floor, but the men have been able to remain in the house while the repairing is being done. But we are having some brand new buildings. Our Harris Hall, on the south end of the campus, will be ready for classes after Christmas and we are all crazy to get in it, as it is such a good looking building. May we hope for another before very long! But we do not want to seem ungrateful, for the day is not far off when our Woman's Building will be a reality, and not a dream. Besides the amounts pledged by the sororities, each girl in the University is earning her individual dollar for the "cause."

The visiting delegates of Alpha Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma and one of Kappa Alpha Thetas Grand Officers have been in Evanston recently, and those of us who were fortunate enough to meet them voted them all "regulars."

I won't be able to tell you all I should like to about the stunt which Gamma Phi "put on" in the Circus on November 20. Silver loving cups were given to the groups of women producing the best stunt, another to

the men, and a third to the sorority whose team won the sorority relay race. Will you be surprised to hear that we were awarded the cup for the best stunt? It seemed almost too good to be true, but if you had seen it I feel almost sure you would have thought we deserved it. We gave what we called "The Evolution of the Dance," putting on in costume an Indian War Dance, a Puritan Stiff Walk, the Minuet, the Dixie Two-Step, Modern Dances. Marguerite Stokes danced a solo dance to the Star Spangled Banner and perhaps it was her ankle bouquet of red, white and blue matching her costume, which won the cup for us. Anyway, we are the first sorority which has had the honor of winning it and that means a lot to us. If any of you get hold of our *Syllabus* in the spring you will find that it contains a large picture of the girls in costume.

As for parties, we held the one dance which is allowed us each semester at the New Evanston Hotel on November 19, and it really was as pretty a party as we have ever given. The hotel had just been opened that week and we quite startled everyone by securing it. People had the idea that we must have paid a fortune for it, but we really didn't. The Evanston and Chicago girls have planned for a dance during Christmas time, with lots of good stunts for getting acquainted, etc. While talking about dances I mustn't forget Junior Prom. It was given in the gymnasium as usual on December 10 and, as usual, we all had a lovely, lovely time, but of course, being a senior, I must confess that I think the one last year was a little better.

It would seem strange if we hadn't begun to feel the "Christmas spirit" at Northwestern, wouldn't it? We have, though, in spite of the fact that we all feel dumpy from colds and grippe. Gamma Phi is glad that she can join the rest in giving baskets, making stockings for candy and dressing dolls for the Settlement. We haven't forgotten ourselves, either, for we had our Christmas party last Wednesday night at Helen Paddock's. As for myself, I spent a "very pleasant evening" in bed, but I have my silk stockings from it and that is some consolation.

Now I am sure you will all be glad to have me cease, but as I write this letter on the last day before vacation, after all my classes are over and I am about to pack up for home and a good rest, I cannot help wishing for each sister of mine everywhere the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

FRANCES M. PHELPS.

#### PERSONALS

Several of the girls have been fortunate enough to visit Omicron recently. Alice Boyd, Frances McCarty, Mildred and Margaret Ross, Ruth White, and Florence Stallwood were at Illinois for the Illinois-Northwestern football game.

Irmgarde Zethneisl had the time of her life over the last week-end, attending a Sigma Chi house party and Junior Prom at Illinois.

Epsilon has been unfortunate in losing Esther Stoffel, one of our pledges, who had to leave school because of her health. We are hoping to have her with us again in February.

We had many visitors at fraternity meeting on December 13. Mary Richardson, Agnes MacDonald, Ruth Clarke, Jessie Vawter, and Thelda Clafford were with us, and Miss Porter of Theta.

Marie Donnelly came up from Peoria for the Gamma Phi party.

## ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Zeta is happy to announce the results of a most successful rushing season. On pledge day, November 13, we pledged seven freshmen, among them the president of 1919, since then two more. They are Mary Ely, Elizabeth Fehl, Margaret Lukins, Katherine Manning, Ruth McCulloh, Katherine Redmond, Augusta Stuart, Florence Welles and Agnes Wilbon.

Our rushing season this year lasted through three weeks, preceded by five weeks of strictly non-rushing. During rushing season we were allowed three parties, with fraternity an open question. Our parties were well worked up and seemingly very successful. Our choice was a country fair at Ethel Shriner Dulaney's attractive home in Roland Park; the following week we gave an elaborate formal dinner and dance at Clara Wagners, and our last party consisted of a trip down the Chesapeake on a private yacht with "stop offs" at various points of interest.

Rushing closed on Wednesday, November 10. Until pledge day on the thirteenth, fraternity was a closed question. Our rushing rules somehow seemed inadequate this year and the Panhellenic of the college with outside aid is endeavoring now to formulate some new system for Goucher, whereby evident faults of our present rushing rules may be avoided in the future.

After pledging, Zeta spent the week-end on a house party at Belair, in real country. We had a lovely time getting acquainted with the freshmen all over again and came home very enthusiastic about our chapter of twenty-three now.

During the summer, the whole of Goucher Hall was redecorated, new electric fixtures were installed, and five new classrooms were made. This fall we have the largest freshman class in our history, and ten new faculty members. The Biology Laboratories have been moved from a very inadequate space to larger quarters in Alpheim Hall. The Library has been enlarged, and fifteen hundred new books have been added. Fences have been torn down, paths made, and hedges planted, so we begin to feel that we have a real campus.

At the Goucher alumnae meeting in June, where they were to discuss "Fraternities or no Fraternities at Goucher," the question was dropped, due to the suggestion of our president, Doctor Guth, that the question would settle itself in four or five years. We are glad over this recognition, and hope the subject will never cause more discussion.

Zeta extends her best wishes to all of you for the coming year.

KATHERINE TREIDE.

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It does not seem possible that the fall term is almost over and that we are practically through with our finals. So many, many things have happened this semester that one hardly knows where to begin to tell about them.

First there was convention at Asilomar, the banquet in San Francisco and all the joys attendant upon it. Next, the Exposition with its wonderful opportunities for enjoying oneself over there. No one who did not see it can imagine how ideally beautiful and fairylike it was. It is hard to comprehend that it is all over and nothing but a memory now. Nearly all of us went over the last day and wept a few bitter tears at the thought of saying good-bye to all our good times spent there.

Owing to the fact that two of our upperclass pledges were initiated at convention, we had only one girl at our next initiation, Elizabeth Putman, a junior from Vassar. On next Saturday, December 18, we will initiate our splendid freshmen, Jeune Fiske, Olive Mills, Genevieve Tully, Isabel Faye, Dorothy Clark, Eunice Barstow, and Ruth Anderson, and one junior, Anne Sherman from Bryn Mawr.

Next semester we are going to try a new rushing system instituted by Panhellenic in order to do away with the abuses of the present system. Before this we have had personal bidding on registration day, which is, for the freshmen, a Friday. Now written bids are to be sent out on the Monday following the Monday after registration day. The week between registration and bid day will probably be one of very strenuous rushing. We are all waiting in fear and trembling to see how this will work out, for it has not been tried here before.

In October, Treble Clef, the women's choral society, gave an opera called *Keeping it Dark*. Ellendar Wills, '17, participated in it.

Friday, November 26, was Junior Day. The *Farce* and *Curtain Raiser* were a great success. Irma Wann represented Gamma Phi in the *Curtain Raiser*. In the evening came the Prom which all the juniors said was the best dance ever.

This year, for the first time, at our "Big Game," we did not have Stanford's familiar scarlet facing us from the other side of the bleachers. Intercollegiate relations were broken off between the two universities because they could not agree on the Freshman Ineligibility Rule, so now we have the University of Washington as our deadly rival. We celebrated the return to American football, after nine years of Rugby, by a defeat of 72 to 0, administered to us by Washington. However, the next Saturday when our team went up to Washington we retrieved ourselves by almost winning as can be seen by the score 13-7.

In regard to social service work I am sorry to say that we have not been doing very much. We have had warm clothes campaigns for the Belgians on the campus, and a "Tag Day" for them also. We bought Armenian lace for the sake of the poor Armenians and I think that is about all we have accomplished so far.

Eta sends her love to all with best wishes for the happiest New Year possible.

MURIEL CAMERON.

#### MARRIAGE

Carmeleta Woerner, '12, was married to Arthur Leland Piper,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , in October, and is now living in Berkeley.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Penelope Murdock, '12, has announced her engagement to Metcalf Simonsen, '12.

Nora Buell,  $\Gamma$ , has just announced her engagement to Mr. Stewart of Seattle.

#### PERSONALS

Elizabeth Ruggles, '17, was elected to Prytanean, the women's honor society.

Gertrude Wells, '17, has taken out a leave of absence.

Jeanette Dyer, '15, one of our new girls from Western Reserve University, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Phyllis Ackermar, '14, is an assistant in the philosophy department here.

Mrs. Buell, formerly housemother in Washington is now with us.

Lesley Williams, '18, of Xi, is now affiliated with us.

Lurita Stone, '13, former star in campus productions, is now touring with Margaret Anglin playing second to her.

#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

(No Letter)

CELESTE PORTER

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters:

The biggest and best event that has happened since the last letter is the pledging of a round dozen of freshmen, ten on October 4, and the other two a little later. I will present them to you without further ado: Alice Gall, Mercedes Kinney, Jessie Scott, Louise Brace, Olga Frank, Pauline Schwartz, Doris Leach, Louise Arosin, Margaret Gillespie, Jeanne Rounds, Marion Parsons, and Leona St. Clair. Then too, we have three recent initiates: Rhobie Sargent, Ruth Nickel, and Marion Gall.

Now that the introductions are over I can proceed to tell of the other things that have helped to mix pleasure with the round of classes and text books. On November 5, the active chapter entertained the freshmen at a formal dance at the house, topped off with a supper at midnight. A week or two later, we had the annual alumnæ spread with such a turn-out that it seemed a true family reunion. November 13 brought the Chicago football game and after a splendid victory, we had an enthusiastic throng at Open House where we celebrated with tea and the customary trimmings. On the next Monday came Louise McGilvra's wedding to Howard Devey, and we were delighted to have a wedding take place in our house. The ceremony was in the sun-parlor which was banked with palms, chrysanthemums, and lighted with stately cathedral candles. After the wedding breakfast,—oh, I forgot to say that the ceremony was at ten thirty in the morning—the bridal couple departed for Duluth, and the Chi Psi brothers and Gamma Phi sisters had to go back to business and classes.

November 20 found all but nine of us yearning to be in Madison for the Wisconsin-Minnesota game. Need I say that the nine others were then treading the Wisconsin campus with their Gamma sisters? Well, they were, and they had a most joyous time, and will never forget the hospitality shown them. Friday, December 10 came our annual bazaar at the Leamington Hotel. The sale of the many lovely articles began at twelve at noon and was a profitable and pleasant affair. There were tables for bridge both afternoon and evening, and there was dancing also in the evening. We are ever so grateful to our alumnæ who each year make the bazaar possible and wish to thank them once again for all the hard work they did. Last Monday after meeting and spread we had a Christmas tree, and a Santa Claus composed of Elizabeth Odell and a humorous, bulging costume. The numerous five and ten cent stores were well represented among the elegant gifts, made thrice valuable by the artistic and poetic dedications attached. Christmas will be but a memory when this CRESCENT appears, so instead of Merry Christmas, I shall wish you a Happy New Year and a successful passing of mid-year finals.

MARY MOSHER.

## PERSONALS

Harriet Ahlers, Enid Wilcox, and Gertrude Prescott Pidgeon were among the out-of-town guests at the McGilvra-Devey wedding. Alice Westley, '18, has returned from studying music in Boston.

## LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters in  $\Gamma \Phi B$ :

Just at present Lambda is bubbling over with Christmas spirit. We all wonder if every other  $\Gamma \Phi$  is wrapping up mysterious bundles in white tissue paper and merry Santa Claus stamps.

Lambda has been the most mysterious place for weeks. Secrets laugh at us from every corner. But tonight, before we all go home for vacation the freshmen, those dear, loyal pledges, will admit us to the tree which they have worked on so diligently all day. Then we will see what each girl has hung on the tree for dear old  $\Gamma \Phi$ . We can hardly wait for this to be  $\Gamma \Phi$ 's own tree. However, the faithful fir won't be taken down tonight. Tomorrow it will smile fondly at a happy group of little settlement children as it helps add one more real Christmas to their memory. We are terribly excited about it and surely will try to make their gifts mean as much to their childish hearts as  $\Gamma \Phi$ 's gifts mean to ours tonight.

We're so full of Christmas, in fact, that it's almost impossible to settle down and tell you about anything before or after. Nevertheless, there are ever so many things to say.

We have all been working in a unit this fall to promote a higher scholarship. We feel we are succeeding. When we study we have the best scheme. We hang out our "busy sign," which consists of a white piece of cardboard with a threatening "b-u-s-y" printed upon it. This means absolutely no admittance, so we bar ourselves behind our "busy sign" and concentrate. But we have taken a bigger step than this. Alas—each girl has been put on a certain scholastic standard, with her own consent, and if she falls below, she must accept her chosen punishment, that of remaining home from our formal, next semester. Do you wonder that we work? Many a time when we feel most dangerously near "going easy" we imagine seeing our sisters "tripping on their light fantastic toe" to the perfect beats of delightful music, and we again pick up our books and plunge into them with renewed effort and resolve. It's really fun. It's a game worth winning, a goal worth striving for. We have big hopes of surprising each other by all being present.

Our pledges certainly deserve mention. Never was there a more interested nor better organized freshman class at Lambda. Their every interest is for  $\Gamma \Phi$ , so we are certainly anxious to initiate them soon. One illustration of their  $\Gamma \Phi$  kindred spirit was the songfest with which they surprised us all. It gave us funny, little thrills to hear how much love and spirit those sixteen freshmen put into their voices as they sang one  $\Gamma \Phi$  song after another. They are all working hard at their studies, in athletics and social affairs. Some of them are A students. Three of them are on the hockey team and one won the swimming contest.

Three of our upperclassmen are on the hockey team and one of our seniors is captain of the girls' crew.

You surely must want to hear about the outcome of the fair our alumnae gave. It was a wonderful success. The active girls helped all day. Everything sold so quickly that by evening not a trace of a sale was left. We made nearly three hundred dollars. Part of the money is to be given

as a scholarship for some University of Washington girl. Twenty-five dollars will be given to the Memorial Fund for Dean Austin, our beloved dean of women who died suddenly last summer.

We have in Doctor Suzzalo a wonderful new president. He is not only a splendid scholar and a thoroughly capable man, but has by his great personality gained the admiration of the students. We have also a splendid new dean of women, Miss Ethel Caldwell, who succeeds Miss Austin.

Plans have been completed, and work is soon to begin on a new Women's Building to house our rapidly growing Home Economics Department, the Girls' Gymnasium, Lunch Room, and a number of club rooms.

You may be interested in knowing a little about the relation between the different sororities at Washington. Panhellenic has organized a plan for getting the different groups acquainted with each other. Every other Wednesday night, we have intersorority exchange dinners, which last from six to seven-thirty. Each time each sorority sends six girls to one group, and receives six from another. These dinners do much towards promoting good feeling, and bringing us out of our own four walls.

After vacation, we shall probably use our "busy signs" over time, as mid-years will be approaching.

To every Gamma Phi in the wide world the very best of Happy New Years, and every kind of good luck.

CHRISTINE THOMAS.

#### PERSONALS

Emma White, '18, who has been East since September, has returned to Seattle and will be with us again at Lambda the coming semester.

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

Christmas vacation has come and the Stanford chapter house is empty for a much needed rest. Final examinations are a thing of the past and the girls have scattered to their various homes after a very happy and successful semester.

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of this semester's life has been the visit of so many other Gamma Phis. We thought we met at Convention all those who had found their way to California this year but we were mistaken, for several others have come to Stanford to see us. We are sincerely sorry that Convention and the fair are over, because there will probably be fewer visitors now, but we hope that all those who do come will be sure to come to Stanford.

Rushing season closed on October 2 and we now have six new girls on our chapter roll: Marion Crist, Frances Martin, Mayowen Edwards, Gladys Knowlton, Marion Boeks, and Mary Calloway. On the evening of pledge day we gave a dance in their honor. Initiation was held on October 11 for the transfers and at the end of the semester for the freshmen.

Our football game with Santa-Clara University was played on November 13 in San Francisco. The day was ideal and, of course, we were very proud of our team as the score was thirty to nothing in our favor. Thanksgiving vacation marked the end of the festivities around the campus, as final examinations began early in December.

Only one of our girls graduated this semester, Luella Behrens, and since she lives very near the university we hope to see her often in spite

of the fact that she has graduated. We feel very fortunate because two girls who did not come back to college in the fall are coming in January.

We had our annual Christmas party on December 6. The table was decorated with holly berries, and every girl received a little present intended to commemorate her previous deeds or actions. All were accompanied by verses which produced great merriment. Our house-mother presented us with a very artistic tea set, which has been constantly in use since. It became quite customary during examination week for the girls who were not busy to serve tea for the rest.

Panhellenic has just drawn up a new rushing contract for next year. There are very few rules and most of the rushing will take place in the summer and during the week before college opens in the fall. Registration day is to be bidding day, and this will eliminate the necessity for a rushing dinner every night and two or three all-day picnics which formerly occupied the first four or five weeks of the semester. This will not affect rushing the second semester as that has always been unrestricted. We hope registration day pledging will be a success. Ruth Bacon, one of our juniors, is to be Panhellenic president next year.

There is now a proposed change in the scholarship standard of the university. The plan is to raise the entrance requirements and also raise the passing grade in all courses, because the present enrollment exceeds the number which the trustees of the university desire. The enrollment of women is already limited to five hundred so this will be a means of limiting the number of men also.

Dr. Branner who has been the president of the university during the past two years, since the resignation of Dr. Jordan, has resigned and Dr. Wilbur, formerly at the head of the medical department, is to take his place in January.

Part of our spare time this semester has been spent at the fair, which some of us saw close on December 4. We are sorry it is over but there is so much to look forward to on the campus next semester that we expect to have another happy and prosperous semester next year. We wish you may all have the same.

GENEVA STEWART.

#### NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Nu chapter is just ready to disband for the holidays and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thursday evening before we left college we had our annual Christmas party for poor children. We entertained about thirty children with a tree, a Santa Claus, numerous presents and a dinner from about half past four to half past seven.

The collegiate alumnae of Portland gave an entertainment at the Ice Hippodrome, Friday evening, November 26, to raise money for the women's building of the university. The entertainment was very successful and they cleared more than five hundred dollars. This is the fund to which Nu chapter contributes twenty-five dollars each year. The fund is growing rapidly and it is possible that the building will be erected within a year or two.

Nu held the annual birthday party, November 11, to celebrate the national and chapter birthdays. Forty-one Gamma Phis were present at

the dinner. Each class and the alumnae of Portland, Salem and Eugene presented a gift to the house.

We held initiation for Dorothy Collier on Friday, December 10.

HELEN JOHNS.

### XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

To paraphrase an old and out-at-the-elbows classic of Sunday School Christmas tree fame:

'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the school

Not a girl had her history, or knew a French rule.

Excuse me!—that's bad poetry, but I had to unburden my soul in some way. For even we girls who live in town can't be immune to the excitement of leaving for Christmas vacation. There's scarcely a girl in the house who can talk intelligently of anything but special trains, berths, tickets, or baggage, and the orations that have been delivered from the tops of half-packed trunks are quixotic. You see, Christmas vacation begins tomorrow!

Xi chapter's girls have a right to go home happy and proud, though, because again we have had the highest scholastic standing of any fraternity or nonfraternity group at Idaho in the past year. We've made a good start towards keeping up our standard this year, too, and I hope we may continue in the way we should go.

We are the proud possessors of—no, I'm not going to say "twins," although we do still have our Hays twins, but—of seven pledges. We did have eight, but like the untimely ends of the ten little nigger boys, one got initiated and now there are seven. Here they are: Bernadine Adair and Myrtle Sampson of Moscow, Grace Eagleson and Malinda Shurtz of Boise, Marion Mansfield and Anna May Bonneville of Coeur d'Alene, and Katharine Chrisman of Panama. We initiated Belle Willis of Moscow, who is a sophomore. It's trite to say that "words fail me" in describing them, but unfortunately trite things are often true. I'd hate to begin saying nice things about them, anyway, because I could fill a whole CRESCENT in no time if I did, and perhaps the editors would object. Two of these pledges have already distinguished themselves about college: Grace Eagleson is secretary of the freshman class and Bernadine Adair has appeared several times in assembly and other places, pleasing everybody with her rich alto voice.

We gave a dance for our pledges early in the fall, and I've heard that it was a real success—of course, we are not supposed to have an opinion on the matter. There is a new ruling that all college and fraternity dances must be held in the Gymnasium, and at the same time the "powers that be" have put a ban on elaborate decorations. So we confine ourselves to good music and good punch, having just as much fun with a great deal less trouble.

For a number of years we have had only one national sorority, Delta Gamma, to reckon with during the rushing season. But times are changing, and next fall there will be a new national and a new local "in our midst." I think everybody was glad to see Kappa Kappa Gamma come into Idaho, for the Omega Pi girls, who have won the key, are as a whole a good, strong club. Soon after the good news came to Omega Pi, a group of Ridenbaugh Hall girls petitioned the Committee on Student Organizations for recognition as a sorority. Their request was granted and the girls are wearing

their pins, although they have not yet found a chapter house. They are all fine girls, especially strong in scholarship.

I don't know whether in my last letter I mentioned the fact that Sigma Nu was installed at Idaho last spring? Well, it was, and the members have just moved into a beautiful new chapter house. So we have four national fraternities at Idaho now.

We are planning to give the Kappas a luncheon or some kind of an affair after vacation, and our reception will probably come soon after examinations. Then we have the Christmas party to look forward to, and we are confident that the freshmen are going to give us a wonderful time, for we had a sample of their entertaining at a Sunday evening spread not long ago, and we know that they're all right.

Let me say before I close that Xi wishes for every Gamma Phi a good New Year, and as Tiny Tim would say: "God bless us every one."

CAROL RYRIE.

#### PERSONALS

Constance Gyde, '16, is president of the Home Economics Club for this year.

Ola Bonham, '17, is assistant literary editor of *The Gem of the Mountains*, the college annual, which is published by the junior class every year.

Charlotte Lewis, '17, and Carol Ryrie, '18, are both, for their second year, doing the work of Home Economics reporter and society editor on the *Argonaut*.

Belle Willis, who was pledged in the spring of 1914 and who attended the National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C., last year, has returned to Idaho for her sophomore year. She was recently initiated into Xi chapter.

Elizabeth Hays, '14, who has been doing extension work for the department of Home Economics throughout the state, will take up special work at Columbia University next semester.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Charlotte Lewis, '17, announced her engagement to Donald Eagleson, a member of the Idaho chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

#### MARRIAGES

Dorothy Selby, pledged the second semester of last year, and Carter Wood of Beta Theta Pi, were recently married.

Dulcea Terrill, who was pledged in 1914, was married to Dexter Van Ostran early this fall.

### OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

With the new sisters safely within the fold, we have settled down into the conventional, well-beaten track of school activities. The freshmen are finding college more difficult than high school; the sophomores are discovering that second year work is a different proposition from the freshman "snaps"; and the juniors and seniors, between managing the chapter and attending to their scholastic duties, are hunting as futilely for spare time as Diogenes did for the honest man. We have "fallen to" with a will, imbued with the laudable determination to make Gamma Phi again stand first in scholarship at Illinois.

But grinds we aren't, and never will be, if we can help it. Our good times are frequent and we enjoy them with all the Gamma Phi spirit

that is in us. A member of Gamma Phi Beta from Epsilon visited at the chapter house when the Northwestern football game was played at Illinois. Girls from other chapters are a rarity at Omicron, and we were glad of every minute of their visit. About fifteen of our old girls came back for Home-coming, October 30—not more eager to see us than we were to welcome them. In the morning the pledges gave their annual stunt—as usual “bigger and better” with each ensuing year, and replete with the latest thing in the musical, dramatic or terpsichorean art. In the evening we held our first alumnae banquet which we intend to make an annual function. Old girls, older girls, and new girls all came together in a grand reunion. The night of December 3, saw our second informal. In the trite but true phrase, “a lovely time was had by all.”

The approach of Christmas found us in the midst of the preholiday rush. The chapter did a little philanthropic work by helping to earn money for the furnishing of a home for working girls in Champaign. Our girls took orders for candy and made all sorts of sweetmeats to sell for the good cause. We repeated our Christmas party for poor children which we had last year, and met with the same fine success. The greater part of the afternoon was spent in romping with the little folks, but the culmination and climax of it all came when the tree with its colored lights was lit and Santa Claus appeared, to gladden the hearts of the youngsters with his gifts. Their happiness was more than a recompense for any time we might have spent in planning the party for them.

Just before the girls scattered for the vacation, we had a spread at the house—one of those delightfully informal affairs where everyone sits about in a kimona and bedroom-slippers and talks for the mere joy of saying something. Each girl had drawn the name of some sister and had brought a “five and ten cent” gift for the allotted person. Gifts were selected for the express purpose of “hitting” each girl’s particular foible or hobby.

We are looking forward to frolicking in a strictly feminine dress-up party sometime before the end of the semester. Dignified seniors are metamorphosed into little girls in pig-tails—unassuming sophomores become swaggering young gallants, with curling mustaches much in vogue—pledges and freshmen don wild costumes normally not suited to their age and dignity. Hilarious fun has always been our experience at our previous masquerade parties, and we can anticipate something gay before the semester closes.

FLORA HOTTES.

#### PERSONALS

Florence Hildebrand of Epsilon chapter was a guest at the chapter house during Teachers’ Conference.

Alice Moss, Ella Brown, Lillian Savage, Marie Scott, Augusta Krieger, and Nina Gresham were back in Urbana for the Teachers’ Conference.

Mary Franklin Savage, '17, paid the girls a short visit after Thanksgiving.

Elsie Suppes, '17, visited at the house during Thanksgiving vacation.

#### MARRIAGE

Ruth Dickinson was married to Dr. White in May last year.

#### HONORS

Agnes Helmreich, '16, was leading lady in a production of *Alt Heidelberg* by the Deutsche Verein.

Doris Holloway, '16, Senior Council.

Harriette Dadant, '17, Athletic Association.  
Lucile Peirson, '18, Illiola Literary Society.  
Flora Hottes, '18, president of Sophomore Illinae.  
Martha McCammon, '18, and Lillian Johnston, '18, Advisory Board of Sophomore Illinae.

## PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

We girls at Nebraska have been busy since we wrote our last CRESCENT letter, and we will try to tell you some of our activities as they will tell you something of our everyday life.

We have been having Faculty Teas on Sunday afternoons from five to seven, and have already had three. A member of the Faculty gives a short talk, after which tea is served, thus giving us an informal and delightful way of becoming acquainted.

Founders' Day was celebrated by the girls with an indoor picnic at the chapter house. Rugs and pillows were spread out in front of the lighted fireplace, and we had a very jolly time. Gamma Phi spirit and enthusiasm was at its best—and we did not forget the peanuts and olives either!

Mid-semester pledge day came November 20. Nell Morrissey was pledged to Gamma Phi and we are very proud of her.

Thanksgiving was upon us before we knew it. Most of us took the "first train for home" but even those who were left behind didn't seem to mind it so much after all. Wednesday evening they popped corn for the children at the Orthopedic hospital. The rest of the week they spent in being real "ladies of leisure."

The Saturday following vacation we gave our big dance of the semester at the Rosewilde Party House. It was a great success. Several of the parents from over the state were with us so we invited those from Lincoln, too, and it was lovely to have them meet each other in this way, for of course we want them to feel that they belong to each other, too.

On the afternoon of December 11, Betty Dysart, Lucile Coates, Heila Ligenbroadt, and Marie Carlson were initiated into the mysteries of Gamma Phi Beta. It seems splendid to see four more girls wearing the crescent.

Amidst all these jolly times we must not forget to tell you of what we have accomplished in the way of student activities this year. Doris Weaver was elected into the Latin Club and Carol Kimball into the dramatic club in the fall. In the former you are invited because of high scholarship, and in the latter you gain membership by try-outs so we were pretty proud when the girls succeeded in making them.

We feel that our two seniors are especially honored this year. Mildred Peery was chosen treasurer of her class. Aileen Eberman was given a place on the *Nebraskan* staff and Mildred is on one of the senior committees.

Then Lois Hardy is treasurer of the Mystic Fish, a freshman society made up of a representative from each sorority and several nonsorority girls.

The all-university mixers which were started last spring have taken the students by storm. There have been five or six this year and one or two of our girls have served on committees almost every time.

And last of all you must hear of our annual Christmas party which we had the Thursday before vacation began. All the girls were at the

chapter house for dinner and afterwards we had a regular old-fashioned Christmas tree with candy and a "toy" for everyone, with a bit of "poetry" attached. After we had enjoyed our playthings to our heart's content we put them all together and took them to the children of the several families for which our girls are caring this winter.

The freshmen, as their part of the program, gave a "stunt" which was greatly enjoyed by everyone, especially the upperclassmen.

As the old year draws to a close and brings with it the holiday festivities, Pi chapter sends to each of you greetings and her very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CAROL KIMBALL.

#### PERSONALS

Margaret Nachtrieb, Kappa, spent a day with us on her way home from Denver this fall.

Kathryn Davenport, Alpha, of Omaha, visited at the chapter house over week-end several weeks ago.

Marion Townsend, Pi of Tecumseh spent a few days with us at the time of the football game between Notre Dame and Nebraska.

Nena Lewis, Vera Dutton, Katherin Sims, Rho, were guests of the chapter for the Iowa-Nebraska football game.

Doris Weaver and Marjorie Cobb spent thanksgiving vacation with Carol Kimball at Hastings.

Mildred Rees of Norfolk visited with the girls a few days on her way home from Omaha.

Helen Leigh Haines, Omicron, who is now teaching at Fall City was our guest Saturday, November 20.

Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa, spent Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving vacation with the girls of Pi chapter.

Eleanor Frampton, Pi, who is attending Wellesley this year arrived home December 18, to spend three weeks with her parents here in Lincoln.

Harriet Peery, Pi, leaves the latter part of December for San Diego, California, where she will spend the winter.

#### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Christmas vacation is only three days away, so the girls of Rho can scarcely think of anything else but the fine times they are to have at home. However, rushing keeps us from thinking too much about home.

I have probably mentioned before that we are allowed two parties during rushing season. We had our first party on December 16, from five o'clock to seven. An elaborate party was not allowed, so we made the affair as informal as possible. Christmas decorations were carried out throughout the downstairs rooms. The Christmas tree with all its tinsel and presents stood in one corner of the chapter room. Flakes of cotton strung from the ceiling produced the effect of falling snow. This room was kept for a surprise until after refreshments were served. Esther Petty acted as the Gamma Phi Beta Santa Claus. We were very happy to have Mrs. Lafferty with us at this time, as she is a fine rusher, and more than one freshman fell in love with her. We count our first party as a success, and we hope our last party, February 14, will be even more successful.

On December 11, we held a reception in honor of Mrs. Rogers, our chaperon. The wives of the faculty members, town ladies, and all the sororities were invited. We felt very happy entertaining that afternoon.

We hope we will not be boasting if we say that our house looked very nice. It was snowy and disagreeable outside, so we made the inside as cheery as possible with a fire in the grate. Our neighbors are very good to us, and on this day several sent us some lovely baskets of flowers. Then, too, our Christmas present of a victrola for the house arrived just in time to be useful.

Two of the university parties have taken place. The sophomore cotillion held at the armory was unusually pretty with its decorations of lattice work draped with Southern smilax. The freshman party met with as much enthusiasm as usual. Everyone likes this party because it is not formal, and it seems a change from the cotillion, junior prom, and senior hop.

A chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was installed here recently. Many Alpha Taus from other chapters were here making everyone aware of their rousing spirit. Their formal dance, given the night after installation, is reported to have been the prettiest party ever at Iowa.

Pi chapter invited us to visit them during the Iowa-Nebraska game. Two of our girls, Nena Lewis and Vera Dutton went, as it was a fine opportunity to get acquainted with our near neighbors, and the girls were very royally entertained.

Some of you probably know that we have been very unfortunate in football this year, but we have not given up all hopes of victory in the future. Mr. Jones, of Yale, has been hired as Iowa's football coach for next year, and we are expecting to regain our lost reputation.

I have said very little about our honors. We cannot boast of many. However, our girls are very much interested in activities other than their school work. Mildred Whealen is Hesperian Literary Society representative in the Iowa Woman's League. Esther Petty was elected as treasurer of the Iowa Woman's Athletic Association this fall. Several of our girls went out for hockey this year. Everyone is keeping up her school work. None of the members and only one pledge has been reported.

Rho wishes every chapter a Merry Christmas.

HERMIONE ELLYSON.

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Lafferty, Gamma, of Davenport, attended our Christmas party, December 16.

Hazelle Parker, who is teaching at Scranton, spent her Thanksgiving vacation at the chapter house.

Esther Petty and Beatrice Rogers were Rho's representatives at the Panhellenic banquet given at Des Moines, November 19.

Rho enjoyed a pleasant visit from Mrs. Crosby, Theta, of Grinnell, Iowa, and her little daughter Anna Ruth.

Edythe Fletcher, Gamma, of Des Moines, visited us during Homecoming.

Nena Lewis and Vera Dutton went to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Iowa-Nebraska game.

Edythe Fletcher entertained Esther Petty and Beatrice Rogers at her home in Des Moines, November 19.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

I hardly believe it would be possible for you to imagine a happier group of girls than we were on Tuesday, November 2, when we wore our

pins on the campus, for the first time. We had all felt that we were Gamma Phis before, but they were the cinch knot, it seemed, and we were absolutely sure of it when we felt the crescents pinned securely on us.

To begin with we felt that we were very fortunate in getting so good a start, under the directions and suggestions of Margaret Nachtrieb, who remained with us until the Tuesday following our installation. We have gained a great deal, we feel, by having with us three old Gamma Phis: Mina Canfield, of Omicron, and Anita and Marie Hostetter, of Theta. Mrs. Simons, of Alpha, and Marie Goodman, of Beta, have also given us so much help and many valuable suggestions.

Perhaps you would like to know something of our house. It is two and one-half stories high, rather small, but very cozy and comfortable, nevertheless, made of stucco and shingles (in true Gamma Phi colors), and has nine rooms. It is located on the north brow of the hill upon which the university is built, and overlooks the athletic field, the golf links, Potter lake, and Dean Templin's beautiful home.

On Friday evening, November 13, Marjorie Templin entertained the chapter at her home, "Point O' Pines," with a novel little supper. It was celebrating the anniversary of the day upon which a Gamma Phi Beta pin was first worn. At that time the four founders had a little banquet all their own. Their menu was copied exactly and Helen Hoopes read, later in the evening, an account of their feast and celebration from an old CRESCENT.

Saturday, November 20, local Panhellenic gave a reception for us at the Kappa Kappa Gamma House. Our delegates to Panhellenic, Margaret Davis and Anita Hostetter, have attended the two meetings since, and the principle subject under discussion at present seems to be upon the revision of rushing rules. This fall the rules were frequently ignored or disobeyed. Penalties, such as taking away the date of the offender's exclusive and having to hold back bids until after the hour of acceptance is past, were voted upon and passed.

We had our Christmas dinner on Monday night before our two weeks of vacation began. We were so glad to have Marie Goodman here to enjoy it with us. After dinner we had a Christmas tree and the house was given some lovely and useful presents. Among them were a picture, which Miss Goodman bought while in Holland, and a basket of canned preserves and jelly which Helen Hoopes' mother sent. To each other we gave little toys and these were afterward sent to any little poor children who might be forgotten by Santa Claus.

The Tuesday following our dinner we gave a tea for Miss Goodman, inviting sororities, faculty, and fraternity matrons. Quite a large number called during the afternoon.

Most of us will go to our homes for the holidays, except those who live in Lawrence. Mrs. Simons has asked all who are able to, to come to her home in Kansas City for a luncheon, which is to be for other old Gamma Phis, who are living in or near Kansas City. Several are planning to go and are sure of an enjoyable time.

We are not doing a great amount of entertaining, as yet, but may do more after next semester begins, and will then have more material for our letter.

Sigma sends her very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, to all her sisters.

OPAL A. HOLMES.

## TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Since the excitement of installation has somewhat subsided, Baby Tau has been very busy, just learning to be a Gamma Phi, and so she has done little to record. Immediately after installation, football season opened, and as we had a championship team (may I humbly add—the first in our history) you can imagine that duty and pleasure both called us to the football field. The Gamma Phis are noted "fans" and, almost en masse, followed the team to Boulder and many of us went to the championship game at Colorado Springs.

We held a day's celebration, after Thanksgiving, in honor of the team and at the same time christened the Women's Athletic Field, calling it the Field of the Green and Gold, which will be shortened to "The Green." The christening speech was made by one of our girls, Henrietta Paulsen, who is the president of the Women's Athletic Association.

Our only social activity was our Christmas party which was held last Monday night, and at which we entertained our mothers and the sorority patronesses. Santa Claus visited us and brought us many beautiful gifts among them being some silver and table linen, a beautiful sign for the house and a die for our chapter stationery. He also brought us a tree, loaded with gifts for everyone, all bearing the stamp of the local 10-cent store and with appropriate rhymes accompanying them which added greatly to their value. The reading of these, which was insisted upon, caused some of the girls, especially the freshmen, great embarrassment at having thus to expose their heart secrets as well as some of their characteristic failings.

The freshmen had charge of the program, which followed, and we were indeed proud of their effort. One of the numbers was a song "Farewell to Thee" with ukelele accompaniment. The lights were put out and in the soft glow of the open fire the song was doubly effective. Then there was a debate on woman suffrage, in which our little English girl as a militant suffragette completely overwhelmed her opponent, an exponent of the "eternal feminine."

After the serving of light refreshments, the party had to close for it was nine o'clock and college rules forbid us to frolic later on school nights.

We are all looking forward to initiation, which will be held about the latter part of January. The freshmen are working hard to prepare for the sorority examination and they have already contributed two original songs to our collection.

The Christmas spirit reigns supreme over the campus this week and everyone is impatient to be home. School closes today, Friday, the seventeenth, and all of the girls go home tomorrow. The girls, who live in town, surely hate to see the chapter house closed, even for two weeks.

With best holiday wishes to all Gamma Phis, I am

KATHLEEN TULLY.

## MARRIAGE

Irene Winslow, '17, to Mr. William Warren Brown, at Fort Collins, Colorado, December 15, 1915.

## CHICAGO

Dear Sisters:

Chicago Alumnae Chapter has hardly gathered itself together after the shock of the tragic death of Alice Hosmer Preble (Beta) and her mother, this fall. Mrs. Preble was so much a part of the Chicago chapter, that we

feel stunned and incapacitated by her removal from among us. The first meeting which had been postponed for a week, occurred on the day of the double services at Trinity Church, which the chapter attended in a body. The meeting afterward was purely informal, no business being transacted. The next meeting was given over to the consideration of a Memorial fund which the College Club has under consideration for Mrs. Preble and the proposed social settlement work of the sorority.

Ethel Virgin O'Neil, prima donna soprano of the Lucerne Switzerland Opera Co., has been giving a series of concerts and recitals in our neighborhood this summer and fall. She has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Andrew Agnew of Milwaukee. News of a personal nature seems to be entirely lacking this fall, but we hope to send a "newsy" letter for the next issue.

BEULAH HOUSTON.

#### ALICE HOSMER PREBLE

Mrs. Robert C. Preble (Alice Hosmer) died in the Henrotin Memorial Hospital Thursday morning, October 7, as the result of injuries received in a fall from the third story window of her home, 1518 North Dearborn Parkway, which was partially consumed by flames on Wednesday, October 6. Her aged mother, Mrs. Hosmer, was found dead in the hallway, having been suffocated by the smoke. On Saturday, October 9, the funeral services for mother and daughter were held in Unity chapel.

Mrs. Preble was a member of Beta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta and was extremely active in the Chicago Alumnae chapter. For two years she was president of the Chicago College Club. She was also interested in the Bureau of Occupations for College Women. As a member of the Chicago Women's Club she was noted for her activity in philanthropic work. Mrs. Preble's family consists of her husband, Dr. Preble, a daughter, who is completing her senior year at Vassar, a son in business in Detroit, and a young daughter in school in Chicago.

The death of Mrs. Robert Preble (Alice Hosmer) in its tragic intensity of horror will never be forgotten by Gamma Phi Beta. It seemed impossible for the imagination to conceive that the fire could take as its victims Mrs. Preble, who was the embodiment of all that is lovely in womanhood, and her beautiful aged mother. It is characteristic of Mrs. Preble's lovely spirit that she had that very morning canceled an engagement in order to help her mother finish some garments for the poor. If it had not been for this act of filial devotion she would still be with us.

It would be impossible to enumerate the good works with which Mrs. Preble's life was filled. No one could have been more modest than she in letting them be known, so it is difficult to estimate fully the great amount of good with which she is to be credited. With this love for her fellow creatures Mrs. Preble possessed in a remarkable degree a clear perception of what was to be aimed at in charitable work, which prevented her from being imposed upon. No one better than she knew how to give assistance with discrimination.

As to Mrs. Preble's wonderful executive ability, her colleagues in the College Club can testify. As President of the College Club she was distinguished by her quiet, effective administration of affairs; so efficient was she in her quiet way that only those who worked with her realized how smoothly the wheels of administration ran under her management.

Mrs. Preble's devotion to the interests of Gamma Phi Beta is so well known that nothing more needs to be said.

As a mother, a daughter, a clubwoman, a sister of charity and a sorority woman, no tribute could be composed in her honor which would be adequate to express the reverence in which her memory should be held by all of her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

### SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters:

Those who attended the October meeting at the home of Florence Reed Munro, at Camillus, enjoyed the out-of-town trip and the hospitality of Mrs. Munro but most of all were delighted with the convention report given by Blanche Knapp.

At the November meeting with Florence Palmer Baker, the cry of the age, social service, was taken up. Syracuse alumnæ has joined the great army of workers that is trying to do something definite to make the world a pleasanter place for the many unfortunates to live in.

At the December meeting we again talked social service and formulated plans that when carried out, we hope will bring us a considerable sum that will be used to help some worthy charity in the city. Birgitta Moran Farmer was the hostess at this meeting. It is good to go to Mrs. Farmer's when we cannot visit great art galleries for on her walls are copies of famous paintings that she made in Europe before that land of art was torn to pieces by the monster, war. Plans were made for our Christmas party and we said good-bye, wishing each other a happy holiday season.

Laura Page Flick.

### PERSONALS

Marion Scott Brace is making her home again in Syracuse.

Luella Palmer Ford visited her family and friends in Syracuse.

Martha Schultze Chandler entertained her Gamma Phi sisters in her own witty way at the fall banquet.

Our president, Louise Klock French, has been called to Kansas City on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. A. S. Armour.

Jessie Hurlbut Hodge spent a day in October with Laura Page Flick. As many Gamma Phis who were in college with Mrs. Hodge, as could be reached, were gathered together and had a wonderful visit about old times.

### BIRTH

To Lua Noyes Williams, a son, born September 24.

### DEATH

The Syracuse alumnæ chapter sympathize with Sarah Veeder in the death of her father and with Blanche Stevens Daman in the death of her mother.

### BOSTON

To the Sister Chapters of Gamma Phi Beta:

Boston chapter sends most cordial greetings and best wishes for a very happy new year. That introduction has to be polite! Now listen to the real sentiments of this erstwhile humble scribe: Of all the beastly-barbarous times to ask for a chapter letter, December 20, is I hope!—the limit (Note—Have some sympathy for the alumnæ editor who had to take

in these effusions and copy half of them in the blessed holiday season!). I was roused from a pleasing heap of tissue paper and ribbons by a courteously firm demand for a chapter letter, the possibility of which had passed from a mind already over-stocked with Christmas lists, Belgium funds, literature notebooks, and gripe-interned friends. Now I put it to anyone, who habitually puts things off till the last possible moment, how can I gather together wits that have been exercising exclusively in teaching the young idea how to shoot in more or less scannable meter, and in sorting out the pink scarf I meant to give one from the lavender shawl destined for another, and fix said scattered wits firmly on what Boston chapter has done, is doing, and aims to do?

There is a vague but pleasant memory of a select gathering in October at Edith Everett Hewin's home. At the November luncheon at the College Club, many of us had the great pleasure of seeing Bess Moulton Thorndike, and Anne Moulton Heywood. The elastic table in the window stretched to even its limit, and still we came to see—so many, and so many, and oh, such glee! Poor Bess expected a business meeting, which alone would show how long she has been away from Boston chapter, but I think we convinced her that in spite of that depravity in matters of business, our hearts are warm and answer readily to the call of Auld Lang Syne.

What secret of eternal youth preserves all Gamma Phis? They leave us and are gone years and come back as fresh and fair and young as when they departed. Why?

Before this letter gets into print, there will be the Christmas spread with the Hardwicks as hostesses. It is one of the bitter regrets of the correspondent that she is always away at that time, and has to come home to remarks like: "Oh, how we missed you at the spread—it was such a shame—we certainly did have the best time ever—I never saw so many of the girls—just everybody was there." It's perfectly true, and one can only sigh, "All these good times, and me not in 'em!"

Another delight missed is seeing Mary Beiler, who has been staying for a month with the Brants, and has now left for the School for Missionaries at Hartford, Connecticut.

Well, if one will leave thirty-two notebooks to correct, and many other things as well, one may only sigh enviously, and wish, as doth the present scribbler, that all the chapters may have the things they most need, and then the things they most desire!

KATHERINE WHITING.

#### NEW YORK

Dear Sisters:

We have had two meetings at the University Club this fall, and have found the arrangements a bit unsatisfactory in several ways. The girls, who were so very much in favor of the central meeting place, have not taken advantage of its nearness to the shopping district, and have been conspicuous for their absence. Then, we have missed the home atmosphere of the luncheons of former years, so we have decided to return to the homes for the rest of the year. Accordingly, the hostesses will be, on January 15, Mrs. Ben Witt Key, 7 West 49th St., New York; on February 12, Mrs. William J. Graham, 380 Ninth St., Brooklyn; and on March 26, Mrs. Roy S. Richardson, 387A McDonough St., Brooklyn. Some time in April, we are to have a tea at Mrs. E. J. Palmer's, 103 West 86th St., New York, to which we wish to invite all Gamma Phis who can possibly come.

The Iota girls, all of whom are graduated now, have formed an Iota club, and are keeping up Gamma Phi interest by frequent meetings together. Most of the girls who are near enough have joined the alumnæ chapter, in which they will gain the broader sorority membership. Iota can still claim two members in college, as Fredericka Belknap, '15, is taking graduate work in Columbia, and Helen Doyle, a sophomore from Nu, is in Barnard.

On November 20, Dorothy Dean had a shower for Jean Barrick, whose engagement to Mr. Roy Crane of Boston, was recently announced. Jean was asked to go fishing over some ornamental screens in the parlor, and was rewarded by various packages, tied suggestively with white ribbons. There were many queer looking fish with most startling rhymes that mingled with the packages, but the towels, handkerchiefs, and centerpieces were not at all injured by the contact.

One Sunday in October, Mrs. Palmer had a few of the Gamma Phis in to meet Miss Jeannette Perry of Lambda, who was traveling in the East. Everyone was charmed with the western visitor, and our pleasure was greatly increased by Miss Gibson, who sang several of her operatic selections.

On December 30, Mrs. Graham asked some of the alumnæ to meet some of the active Alpha girls, who were in town for the holidays. Luncheons, matinées, and other festivities claimed all but one of the college girls, so that we could only judge the rest from the one fair sample who came, Mary Delavan. Judging from said sample, we shall be glad to welcome these girls into our alumnæ chapter when they have become eligible.

The plans for social service work by the chapter, are still somewhat indefinite, but a great deal of work is being accomplished by many of the individuals.

New York wishes all of the chapters a most successful New Year.

ISABELLE D. WHITE.

#### MARRIAGE

Miss Louise Kimball, Iota, and Dr. Everett R. Ulrich were married on December 14, 1915 at Warsaw, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Ulrich are making their home at present at Claypool, Indiana, R. F. D. No. 3.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Haight (Helen Worrall, I '10) a daughter, Edith Darlington, on November 6, 1915, at Franklin, N. J.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pease Maxfield (Millicent Harrison, Δ '14), a daughter, Katherine Hayward, on November 6, 1915, at Maplewood, N. J.

#### MILWAUKEE

(No Letter)

MARIE LEAVENS

#### SAN FRANCISCO

(No Letter)

MRS. EPHRIAM DYER

## DENVER

Dear Gamma Phis:

Denver alumnæ has had a splendid beginning this year. The convention in California sent the girls home full of enthusiasm, and they wanted to do something; and then, we had Mrs. Palmer for a week, and you know what that means, and Miss Nachtrieb, to help in the installation of the new chapter at Fort Collins. Mrs. Taussig gave a delightful little tea for Mrs. Palmer, and before breaking up, we sang all the Gamma Phi songs we could remember, and some new ones I had not heard before. Mrs. Holt entertained a few days later for Miss Nachtrieb, and those of us who could not go to the installation had the pleasure of meeting her, and sharing her enthusiasm.

We began our winter's campaign with a tea at Daniels' and Fisher's, to which all the members who had drifted away in years past were urged to come. Fifty were present. We made plans for a fair, which has actually happened with great success, and for many literary and intellectual stunts which probably never will—but I must not anticipate the future! At the fair, which we called a fête, Mrs. Clark was head manager, and that always means a happy outcome. We had beautiful pieces of lingerie, towels, embroidered handkerchiefs, bows, and doilies in the afternoon, and after all these had disappeared, there was dancing in the evening at five cents a dance, and cards, and refreshments, showing a gradual crescendo in fees. We cleared over \$125, with which we can meet our pledge to the Gamma Phi endowment fund and to our college. Theta has made a pledge to the university to help secure the \$300,000 which would insure a gift of \$100,000 from Rockefeller. Lindsey Barbee was elected president of the university alumni, and the rest of Gamma Phi helped on the campaign teams. We hope, with its new endowment, Denver University will enter a new era of achievement. We were glad to know of the Gamma Phi endowment fund and of the purpose for which it is to be used. Though we are no longer bound together by the associations and mutual helpfulness of our college life, we can still feel that we are not without the altruistic motive which would make perpetuation worth while.

The girls of the active and alumnæ chapters are giving a Christmas dinner to Craig Colony, a home for tubercular invalids. The girls will help to serve it, and will decorate the rooms in Christmas colors. On the twenty-seventh, the alumnæ is invited by the active chapter to a Christmas tree, in the late afternoon, followed by a dinner. We always enjoy going out to the chapter house, and I know we shall not be disappointed this time.

Denver sends love and greetings to every sister in Gamma Phi.

Faithfully yours,

RUTH WALLACE.

## MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Gamma Sisters:

With the Christmas party at the chapter house very fresh in my mind, together with all the joys the reunion brought, it seems more good than ever to be a Gamma Phi. There were forty of us at our annual gathering; and after Christmas jewels and furs had been openly admired and the handsome chair which the Welch girls presented to the house, how fascinating it was to listen to accounts of what various original spirits had been doing. The time passed all too quickly; but we hope that next year will find us together again.

If you had visited us at any time during the past three months, you would have found just one subject upon which every Minneapolis alumna would have waxed enthusiastic. In that time our universe had just one little "Hut," our small room to which all  $\Gamma \Phi$  roads led—our Christmas bazaar.

Now that we have five hundred dollars jingling in the pockets of our house fund—you must know that our purpose was to help raise the mortgage on our "near new" house, I feel like a second "Ancient Mariner" in my desire to tell you all about it, and perhaps you may feel tempted to go and do likewise. Seattle, under the direction of Clara Taney Will, one of our alumnae, made two hundred and fifty dollars at their bazaar this year, a noble initial performance.

Now I must go back to the beginning of things. This fall our loyal but all too small chapter of twenty-two appointed a committee of three to plan and superintend preparations for the Fair. To these three, belongs much credit, for they organized, directed, labored; moreover they advanced money for the purchase of materials, reimbursing themselves later from the proceeds.

Once every week all-day meetings were held, of which more anon. At these meetings the girls sewed industriously on articles they thought would have ready sale. Each girl was to contribute five articles having an average selling price of fifty cents each, or two dollars and a half wherewith to buy material of which others might make objects at the weekly meetings.

The plan just outlined was set forth in written form, and sent to each alumna, resident or nonresident, while individual girls made determined efforts to bring others into the circle. The girls of the Twin Cities were notified of the meetings by postal. And with these weekly gatherings and the good-fellowship they induced, together with the spur of the publicity campaign, interest deepened, until before we realized it, our membership had increased from twenty-two to forty-six!

That all important date, December 10, was fast approaching. Our advertisements appeared in the papers, but more effective still did we find the soft gray announcement cards, with envelopes to match, ten or more of which were sent to each girl, to be mailed with her personal card to as many friends. These cards also gave the information that there was to be bridge in the afternoon, and dancing in the evening.

And now for the bazaar itself. As has been our custom for several years, we gave it in the lobby and lounge room of the Leamington, the largest and handsomest apartment hotel in the city. At one end of the lobby were spread the tables of fancy work and candies, while the lounge room was used for bridge at fifty cents for the afternoon, or twenty-five cents for eight hands; and in the evening for dancing at seventy-five cents per man. Did I tell you that in marking the articles we aimed to double the cost of the material? also that among our most interesting pieces were some beautiful embroideries sent us by Anne Hull Wall, who is living in Porto Rico?

The financial result of the bazaar you have heard; the gain in chapter spirit, I have gloated over. Surely you cannot blame us for feeling, to a perfectly healthy degree, that we are very much worth while.

And now, true to promise, I shall tell you something more about our all-day meetings. Contrary to all precedent they are to continue throughout the spring, because, so great has been the enjoyment of those able to

attend, they are unwilling to give them up. A committee consisting of a certain per cent of the membership, takes charge of a meeting, a different group for each one. This committee plans the food, each girl bringing a portion, prepares it for serving, and arranges for entertainment. When we met with Catharine Taney Silverson, she entertained the chapter at luncheon, which was quite an event. Of course the Bazaar Committee had charge of the work at these gatherings, and the executive officers, of the business.

Following in the footsteps of Alpha and Gamma, and acting on the advice of convention, shortly after the first of the year our alumnae chapter will issue a circular letter, setting forth in detail the aims of the active and alumnae chapters in their various efforts of the year, the success they have met with; the financial situation, showing what has been done with the money contributed last year, and the proposed channels for this year's output; as well as any other information that will serve to bring the alumnae in closer touch with one another and with the active chapter.

This sounds like an all work and no play session; however, the result predicted in the adage has not been forthcoming because of the joy in the work. Even the Bridge Club, our pet dissipation, has not been missed, though it may be revived in the spring.

And now I must be bidding you farewell, with my best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SARA MARSHALL.

#### PERSONALS

Margaret Nachtrieb, chairman of the Expansion Committee, has returned from the installation of chapters at Kansas, and Colorado Agricultural College. She has also visited Pi and Rho chapters; and later spent a month in Buffalo.

Harriet Allers, '15, recently spent several weeks visiting friends in the Twin Cities.

Enid Wilcox, '15, was in Minneapolis for two weeks during November.

Eleanor Sheldon, National Vice-president, was in Minneapolis for the holidays.

Mrs. William D. Kerr (Ethel Works) is in Minneapolis for the month of January.

Among the out-of-town guests at the alumnae party were Gertrude Hagy, '15, Mary Rhodes, Ruth Fagundus, Lorena McFarlane, Constance Davis, Mrs. Robert Keyes (Helen Hendricks) and Dorothy Bell.

Dorothy Bell is physical director in the Westport High School, Kansas City, Mo.

Jessie Phillips is teaching music in the public schools of Bemidji, Minn.

Louise Hatch is teaching in Winnetka, Ill.

Mary Jones is doing kindergarten work in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Morton E. Hall (Eva Wilkinson) spent the month of December in Minneapolis.

Julia Bell is attending Simmons College, Boston. She is studying to become a private secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ide (Florence Millspaugh), spent October in Boston.

Nettie Munro visited in Des Moines, Iowa, during the holidays.

Dean and Mrs. John F. Downey spent the last three months of 1915 in Cambridge. During January and February they will be in New York.

The local  $\Gamma\Phi\beta$ s are sending their magazine subscriptions to Mrs. Claude Krause (Ellen Brooks) as a means of raising Kappa chapter's portion of the national  $\Gamma\Phi\beta$  endowment fund.

## ENGAGEMENT

Gertrude Hagy, '15, has announced her engagement to Arthur Allen.

## MARRIAGES

On October 2 Blanche Wilcox was married to Stanley C. Way. They are living in Virginia, Minn.

On November 15 Louise McGilvra was married to Howard De Vey of Duluth, a Chi Psi at Minnesota. It was an occasion of peculiar interest to the chapter, as it was the first marriage ceremony to be performed at the chapter house. They have made their home at Buhl, north of Duluth.

Helen Little was married to Irvin Salzer of Minneapolis, on December 28.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Keating (Grace Wilcox) a son, October, 1915.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy M. Hall (Pearl Weston) a daughter, Florence Weston, December 15, 1915.

## DETROIT

(No Letter)

ELSIE GRACE ANDERSON

## BALTIMORE

An account of our individual activities might fill a volume, but as a chapter we can be very, very brief. If we were not such busy *individuals*, perhaps there would be more to tell to the sorority at large, but it is difficult to get the crowd together even for an hour, for there is never an afternoon when somebody is not having a committee meeting, or raising money in a campaign, or substituting for the nurse on her "afternoon off," or going to a Peabody recital or a Johns Hopkins lecture. And at the present moment, during the holiday rush, it is not possible for the secretary to even phone the members for news, for everybody's "line is busy." Gamma Phi lines are so chronically "busy" that they must have an organization of their own, though not a union, for there is no eight hour limit to their buzzing.

The chapter was entertained at luncheon on December 4, by Mrs. Wm. G. Baker. It was a most enthusiastic meeting and there were a number of interesting discussions, though few conclusions! The next convention in Baltimore, proved to be an absorbing topic. That may seem a long way off to most of you, but in the south we move slowly—and long ahead.

It may seem a platitude to wish all Gamma Phis a happy New Year, but unlike most platitudes, it is not from the head, but the heart. There will be no delightful common meeting ground of California for us this year, so perhaps only a few of us may meet, but at least we can live on memories, and prospects, and may the year between the two be a busy and satisfying one.

NELLIE SNOWDEN WATTS.

## SEATTLE

(No Letter)

EDITH PROSCH

## PORTLAND

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Merry Christmas to you all. Portland chapter is looking forward to a most happy Yuletide for our beloved Nu chapter is going to give a Christmas dance during the holidays, to which we all, with our husbands and beaux, are of course invited. Then, too, with the help of Faye Meyers of the Associated Charities, we have found some families to whom Christmas cheer would be a hollow mockery unless some help could be given toward bearing burdens of want, poverty and disease. We are planning to stock these lean larders for at least a little while, and we shall try to gladden chill hearts with some simple toys and to cover poor little thin bodies with some warm clothing. We can do very little but it will help toward bearing the heavy burden of need and distress our city has on her shoulders this winter.

In November, on the occasion of the Oregon-Oregon Agricultural College football game, the University had a Home-coming Day. Nu chapter sent letters to all of us asking everyone to come back for the week-end. Although the response was very hearty, the hospitality was so generous and the entertainment was so delightful, the overcrowded condition did not detract one whit from the occasion. The girls have come back prouder than ever of our nearest chapter, which is mother chapter to most of us, rejoicing in her success and prestige, and pleased beyond measure in her chapter life, the splendid new freshmen, the improved chapter house, and the joyous welcome and open hearted greeting given everyone.

Taking toll of our members, both those here in Portland and those affiliated with us throughout the state, we are most pleased to find our number forty. So far our meetings have had about twenty in attendance but we hope to have about thirty with us each time after the beginning of the year. The question which agitated us at our last meeting—a luncheon on December 4 at the Benson Hotel—was the advisability of withdrawing from Panhellenic here in Portland. Alpha Phi has withdrawn from the Portland organization and is urging a disbanding of Panhellenic, giving as a reason that she feels the work of the collegiate alumnae duplicates that of Panhellenic and is wider in scope because her membership list is so very much greater. It is understood that two or three other sororities are about to follow her lead. However, the consensus of opinion in our chapter was that with so much state legislation against fraternities the time might come here in Oregon when we would need a strongly organized association of sorority women who could justify their existence in the face of opposition and investigation and be able to work together perhaps for the very life of state chapters. We should like to know if this question has been brought up in any of the other cities.

Portland chapter sends heartiest New Year greetings to you all.

RUTH HANSEN WORD.

## ENGAGEMENT

Anne Taylor, Nu ex-'13, has announced her engagement to Ormond Rankin, a Phi Gamma Delta from the University of Oregon. We are looking forward to the wedding in the early spring.

## DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 117 Euclid Avenue.
- BETA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house, 1520 S. University Avenue.
- GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house, 428 Sterling Court, Madison, Wis.
- DELTA meets every Thursday afternoon at 4:45 in the chapter rooms, 196 Washington Ave., Boston, Mass.
- EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 p. m. at the sorority rooms, fourth floor, Willard Hall.
- ZETA meets every Saturday evening at 23rd and Calvert, Alfhelm Hall.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 2732 Channing Way.
- THETA meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the chapter house, 310 10th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, 4524 17th Street, N. E.
- MU meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1316 Alder Street.
- XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1002½ California Ave., Urbana, Ill.
- PI meets every Monday at 7:00 at the chapter house, 3008 O Street.
- RHO meets Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 227 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- TAU meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, 121 West Olive.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a. m. at 284 Dartmouth Street.
- CHICAGO meets the first Saturday of each month at the Chicago College Club Rooms—Fine Arts Building. Luncheon at 12:30.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of members.
- DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of members.
- DETROIT meets the third Saturday of each month for an informal luncheon at the College Club.
- NEW YORK meets for luncheon at one, at the Women's University Club, 106 E. 52nd St., New York City, on October 23, November 20, January 15, February 12 and March 26. April banquet to be announced later.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Wednesday of one month; third Saturday of next month.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Saturday of every month at the homes of members.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR SEPTEMBER—*Purple, Green and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon.

FOR OCTOBER—*Beta Theta Pi*; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Quill* of Sigma Delta Chi; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Phi Alpha Gamma*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

FOR NOVEMBER—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Tomahawk* of Alpha Sigma Phi; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta.

FOR DECEMBER—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Quarterly* of Phi Chi.

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Those of us who enjoyed Asilomar this summer will appreciate this clever bit from the *Trident*. You will remember that Delta Delta Delta also convened at Asilomar:

### A SORORITY UTOPIA

One night an asthmatic train wheezed up to a secluded station called Asilomar. Almost before the wheels had ceased their convolutions a swarm of girls escaped from the clutches of the panting monster and infected the surrounding space. There ensued frantic confusion and a babble as of nations in conflict. The scene was a blur of feathers, plumes, light suits, dark suits, etc., *ad infinitum* and beyond it.

A rainy mist pervaded the atmosphere and the eastern delegates were about to raise their umbrellas when the California girls assured them that this climatic diffusion was only a form of sunshine peculiar to the state. The whole crowd was then ushered into an immense room where a log fire protested against this strange dampness caused by the Western sun. Here, also, everyone was introduced to everyone by everyone; and then the whole riotous number were conducted to their tent bedrooms.

Now these airy rooms were received in various ways by different temperaments. The nervous girl felt symptoms of pneumonia as she sat on the extreme edge of her damp cot and looked ruefully at the swaying canvas flaps, realizing that they were little protection. The girl who was specializing in literature pecked out gingerly at the murky chilliness and confessed that this Burrough-esque and Thoreau-esque life wasn't so inspiring after all unless a radiator could be lodged beside every tree in the woods. The fastidious girl surveyed her diminutive mirror and dreamed of home and princess dressers. Finally each soul set in its cold clay body

lay in its bed with its snub nose turned up to the bare rafters and wondered at the strange complexity of existence and temperatures.

The very next thing to arouse the universal consciousness was the peal of a harsh, impolite bell at the very moment when all were enjoying oblivion to the utmost. Simultaneously each cozy Unit of the sublime Whole stretched her arms and realized that she was happy, hungry, and a Tri Delta; simultaneously everyone decided to turn over for one farewell snooze even at the risk of being late for breakfast. There followed a frantic clutch at tantalizing shoe laces, an absent-minded dab of powder on a nose presaging coffee, and a run for the dining hall. Here quantities of food and quantities of announcements were consumed. One bit of news forced ecstatic tremolos from each lip. It was the gigantic information that hot baths were in order after the period of total abstention on the train.

Then followed the routine of the days. The majority were determined to enjoy a plunge in the Pacific. With grim resolution and many a goose pimple they marched themselves forth to the briny deep. They assured their shivering bodies that this was invigoration and fun. They reminded their wavering judgments that they must use their bathing suits now that they had hauled them from the loose ends of the United States of America.

Some girls had a mania for sight-seeing. The sad sea waves would start them off on Byron as promptly as a fire cracker explodes. Some romantic ones were always reminding the more frivolous of trips which should be tripped; of educational sights which should be investigated. There were dusty missions, worm-eaten houses and dingy fishing hamlets to be haunted. Especially, was a certain "Seventeen Mile Drive" on every lip—a drive to be mentioned with bated breath and plaintive sigh. The more skeptical ventured to question the charm of this journey and they were straight-way scorched by hot lava beds of wrath. And be it said that even those who undertook this tour with irony lodged in one valve returned with hair, hat, and emotion so stirred as to be unable to utter anything intelligible for a week. Many were seen wandering about abstractedly tearing their psyches.

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The Eastern girls had heard thrilling stories of the rivalry of the Leland Stanford and the California chapters, and on the night of the beach supper they were horrified to observe one group settled around the fire hurling belligerent songs at the other group. The other members of the sorority held conference at once and decided to prevent any violence between the two bunches. In self-righteousness they resolved to remember that a soft answer turneth away wrath, but that there were many loose pebbles on the beach.

Only once during the convention did any anxiety overshadow the elect, and only once did a fixed stare contort their visages. On the evening of the official picture, however, hair was stubborn, pug noses turned obstinately skyward, etc. There was an agonized instant as the camera revolved upon the just and the unjust, and it was over—for better or worse.

Ultimately, finally, and conclusively, it was a great convention and a great rest for the weary—had there been any.

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The following quotation from the University of Colorado correspondent in the *Delta* of Sigma Nu will be amusing and interesting to Gamma Phi Beta. "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," of course—and we well know that flattery is one way to a man's heart (aren't *food* and *flirtation* the other routes?)—but we have not.

as yet, mapped out our expansion campaign with one eye on the procedure of other Greek-letter societies and a "go thou and do likewise" policy. Especially will Theta and Tau be thrilled by this revelation—for this is Colorado, we have equal rights, and Tau, being Theta's baby sister, must accordingly echo her slogan, "Be original or die!"

We have been hearing very favorable reports from Fort Collins, where the baby chapter is located at the State Agricultural College. The college year has just started and from what we hear, the boys seem to have a line on the best men entering the school. We have chapters of twelve national fraternities here in Boulder and nearly all of them have complimented us upon the placing of the chapter at Aggies. The sororities feel the same way about it and some of them very keenly, owing to the fact that Gamma Phi Beta placed her second Colorado Chapter in Collins immediately upon the knowledge that Sigma Nu had entered the field.

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My, but you get off easily. You members of Gamma Phi! Read what other editors would do to you:

Κ Κ Γ requires one article a year from each chapter—the chapter to choose its own subject—and the chapter is fined if the article is not in. These articles form the Parthenon department.

Κ Κ Γ publishes the names of chapter editors and the nature of deficiency—even if the paper on which the material is sent in is not of regulation size.

Α Χ Ω has the same system.

Κ Α Θ requires one thousand words from each chapter during the year; a list of the topics are given out in the fall.

Χ Ω has a system of collect telegrams if material that has been asked for is not in.

Φ Μ returns every special delivery letter—*will not print any*.

Δ Δ Δ has a system of collect telegrams.

Α Ο ΙΙ has a system of assistant alumnae editors, from whom material is solicited.

From report of Editors' Conference in *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

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From the Syracuse correspondent in the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega we quote:

In order to permanently encourage the work, Chi Omega last year offered two prizes of (1) fifteen dollars, (2) ten dollars, as an incentive to the women of the university to enter a field where so many constructive and democratic helpers are needed. We decided *not* to make the basis of the award a literary production for which it would be necessary to spend a great deal of time in research work; rather, we choose a practical basis involving the comparative achievements of the competitors—upperclasswomen students only—with respect to the following points.

1. Grade of work as shown in class averages and examinations.
2. Amount of work taken in the Sociological Department.
3. General interest manifested in sociological work.

4. To a limited extent, the character of work done in other departments of the university, especially in departments of History and Economics.

The prizes were awarded in June to Helen Alymer, '15, and Ethel G. Moyer, '16.

We believe that when the plan becomes fully established it will act as an incentive to the women from the beginning of their freshman year to the end of the senior year.

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From the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

As Gamma Phis nationally are talking a great deal about Social Service work, I must tell you what our chapter is doing in this line, even though it is not a great deal. In the first place, we have for several years supported a scholarship and are, I believe, the only sorority at Wisconsin which does so.—*Wisconsin*.

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From an article by Martha Foote Crow (a founder of Alpha Phi), "The College Woman in Social Service," published in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*:

The question we felt we must ask was this: What are the college women doing in the field of social service? Does the world look to them for any special example, any active participation in the struggle for social betterment that is now upon us? Professor Nearing seems to think it does. He says that the eyes of the world are upon the college woman; that women that have not had the opportunity to go to college are looking to her for ideals and for help; that the woman of the future will consciously or unconsciously take her cue from the college trained woman.

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The biennial meeting of the National Federation of College Women was held July 20 on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Twenty-five colleges and universities from all parts of the United States were represented. The meeting consisted of a morning session of speeches, a buffet luncheon at the Ohio Building, followed by a business session and election of officers. The speakers were David Starr Jordan, Newton W. Miller, Commissioner for Ohio at the Exposition, and Dr. Jane Scherzer. The officers elected were: Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, San Francisco, Honorary President; Miss Anne Mumford, South Pasadena, California, First Vice-president; Mrs. Ida Callahan, Corvallis, Oregon, Second Vice-president; Mrs. Roger J. Sterrett, Hollywood, California, Secretary; and Miss Edna Armstrong, Columbus, Ohio, Bursar. The date of the next meeting has not yet been decided upon.

Dr. Scherzer is from Beta chapter and is the president of the Oxford College for Women.

## SORORITY CHARTER GRANTS.

(Since the 1913 Edition of *The Sorority Handbook*.)*Alpha Chi Omega*—Kansas, Oregon Agricultural College.*Alpha Delta Pi*—California, Colby, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas Agricultural College, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Southern Methodist, Wittenberg. Omit Wesleyan.*Alpha Gamma Delta*—California, Illinois, Wesleyan.*Alpha Omicron Pi*—Southern Methodist, Syracuse, Washington State. Omit Barnard.*Alpha Phi*—Oregon, Washington State. Omit Barnard.*Alpha Xi Delta*—New Hampshire, Vermont.*Chi Omega*—Cincinnati, Coe, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Stanford, Utah. Omit Barnard.*Delta Delta Delta*—Alabama, Brenau, Butler, Drury, Hollins, Kansas Agricultural College, Michigan, Missouri, Mount Union, Wooster. Omit Barnard, Wesleyan, Wooster.*Delta Gamma*—Lawrence, Washington.*Delta Zeta*—California, Kansas Agricultural College, Lombard, Washington State. Omit Baker.*Gamma Phi Beta*—Colorado Agricultural College, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska. Omit Barnard.*Kappa Alpha Theta*—Cincinnati, Lawrence, Newcomb, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Washburn. Omit Barnard.*Kappa Delta*—Bucknell, Denver, Millsaps, Wyoming, change New York Normal to Hunter College.*Kappa Kappa Gamma*—Cincinnati, Oklahoma, St. Lawrence. Omit Barnard, Wooster.*Phi Mu*—Iowa Wesleyan, Lawrence, Millsaps.*Pi Beta Phi*—Drury, Kansas Agricultural College, St. Lawrence. Omit Barnard.*Zeta Tau Alpha*—California, Pittsburgh, Southern Methodist, Trinity. Omit Wesleyan.

## JUNIOR SORORITIES

*Beta Sigma Omicron*—Colorado Woman's College. Omit Brenau, Christian, Crescent.*Eta Upsilon Gamma*—Centenary. Omit Christian, Judson.*Phi Mu Gamma*—Middlebury. Omit Brenau, Christian, Newcomb, New England Conservatory.*Sigma Iota Chi*—Hardin. Omit Cincinnati.

## MUSICAL SORORITIES

*Delta Omicron*—Denison.*Mu Phi Epsilon*—Cincinnati, Mount Union, Northwestern, Pennsylvania Musical College, Von Unschuld University of Music, Washington State. Omit Brenau.*Sigma Alpha Iota*—Cincinnati College of Music, Cincinnati Conservatory, Lincoln (Neb.) University School of Music, New England Conservatory, Washburn.

## PEDAGOGICAL SORORITIES

*Alpha Sigma Alpha*—Missouri State Normal (Kirksville), Pennsylvania State Normal (Indiana), Miami University Normal Department. Omit Brenau, Hamilton, Mt. Union.

*Sigma Sigma Sigma*—Colorado Teachers College, Pennsylvania State Normal School (Indiana). Omit Hollins.

N. B. Sororities have been ruled out of Christian and Ward-Belmont.

## FRATERNITY CHARTER GRANTS

*Alpha Chi Rho*—Allegheny.

*Alpha Sigma Phi*—Colorado, Pennsylvania.

*Alpha Tau Omega*—Pennsylvania State College. Omit Wooster.

*Beta Theta Pi*—Colorado College, Idaho, Kansas Agricultural College, M. I. T., Utah, Whitman, Williams. Omit Boston, Iowa, Wesleyan, Wooster.

*Delta Psi*—Purdue.

*Delta Sigma Phi*—Rensselaer.

*Delta Tau Delta*—Kansas, Pittsburg, Oregon. Omit Wooster.

*Delta Upsilon*—Iowa State College, Purdue.

*Kappa Alpha (S)*—Maryland Agricultural College. Omit Centenary, Southern.

*Lambda Chi Alpha*—California, Dartmouth, De Pauw, Georgia, Knox, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Union, Washington State College.

*Phi Delta Theta*—Denison, Whitman.

*Phi Gamma Delta*—Omit Wooster.

*Phi Kappa Psi*—Colorado, Washington State.

*Phi Kappa Sigma*—Minnesota, Stanford.

*Phi Sigma Kappa*—Michigan.

*Pi Kappa Alpha*—Kansas, Kansas Agricultural College, New Mexico, Pennsylvania State College, Washington State.

*Pi Kappa Phi*—Georgia, Georgia Technical, Nebraska, North Carolina, Trinity.

*Psi Upsilon*—Williams.

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon*—Beloit, Florida, Oregon Agricultural College, Washington State College.

*Sigma Chi*—Alabama, Brown, Colorado, New Mexico, North Carolina. Omit Wooster.

*Sigma Nu*—Colorado College, George Washington, Idaho, Nevada.

*Sigma Phi Epsilon*—Lawrence, Missouri. Omit Wooster.

*Sigma Pi*—California, Pennsylvania State College.

*Tau Kappa Epsilon*—Iowa State College.

*Theta Chi*—Richmond.

*Theta Delta Chi*—Pennsylvania.

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