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FOREWORD

In presenting this printed report of convention to the members of the sorority, it is the wish of the Grand Council that each one should read it carefully, and that each chapter should discuss all important questions and take action on all suggestions.

To all the delegates who helped to make convention the success that it was we wish to express our thanks and appreciation.

The Council wishes also to express its appreciation of the honor that the convention bestowed upon it in unanimously reelecting its members for a second term. The greatest wish we can express is that the succeeding term may be as pleasant and as profitable as the last, and to this end we assure you of our earnest endeavor.

With the best of wishes for the future success of all chapters,

Yours sincerely,
CARRIE E. MORGAN,
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST CONVENTION OF GAMMA PHI BETA

FIRST SESSION

The thirty-first convention of the forty-third year of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was opened with the regular opening exercises by the Grand President, Carrie E. Morgan, at Baltimore, March 28, 1917.

Roll call of chapters by secretary and presentation of credentials by delegates. Nu, Milwaukee, Seattle, Portland, and Denver Alumnae Chapters were unrepresented.

The following delegates presented credentials:

Alpha—Johannah Potter, Irene Cuykendall, Florence Murray.

Beta—Pansy Blake.

Gamma—May Westcott, Helen Davis.

Delta—Thelma Hollander.

Epsilon—Jane Kendal.

Zeta—Emily Ellinger, Helen Codling, Helen Richmond.

Eta—Margaret Boveroux, Barbara Bridge.

Theta—Helen Strauss.

Kappa—Audrey Borden, Grace Ferguson.

Lambda—Shirley Skewis, Janet Alexander, Christine Thomas.

Mu—Herva Dunshee.

Xi—Catherine Christman.

Omicron—Lillian Woerman, Alida Moss.

Pi—Eleanor Frampton, Katherine Helzer.

Rho—Nina Louis.

Sigma—Marie Hostetter.

Tau—Dorothy Martin.

Upsilon—Anna Campbell.

Phi—Lois Keim.

Chicago—Mrs. Margaret McCauley Taylor.

Syracuse—Mrs. Louise Klock French, Mrs. Kate Gardner Cook, Emily Price.

Boston—Mary Wellington, Constance Flanders.

New York—Mrs. Blanche Shove Palmer, Mrs. Laura Latimer Graham, Mrs. Edna Stitt Robinson.

San Francisco—Mrs. Lillian Parker Allen.

Minneapolis—Mrs. Katherine Silversen, Margaret Nachtrieb.

Detroit—Mrs. Abigail Cooley.

Baltimore—Mrs. Grace Howard Smith, Elizabeth Brown, Mary T. McCurley.

Emily Ellinger, Zeta, extended the greetings of Zeta and Baltimore Alumnae to the delegates and visitors.

Miss McCurley, acting vice-president, took the chair while the president, Miss Morgan, gave her report. It was regularly moved and seconded that the report be accepted with thanks. Carried.

The vice-president, Eleanor Sheldon, sent no formal report. The report of the A. C. A. Fellowship will be found in the March CRESCENT.

Miss Richardson read the report of the Grand Secretary, Adah Grandy, in her absence. It was regularly moved and seconded that the report be accepted with thanks. Carried. Report of the Grand Treasurer by Mary F. Richardson. Accepted. Auditor's report by Augusta Krieger was read by the Secretary. Report accepted.

The reports of Miss Nachtrieb, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. Graham were postponed.

Report of Editor of CRESCENT, Lindsey Barbee, read by Mrs. Graham. Report accepted.

Report of Business Manager of CRESCENT, Ella K. Smith, read by Miss Thompson. Report accepted.

Moved and seconded and carried, that meeting adjourn for five minutes' recess.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the report of last convention be omitted.

Report of the Committee on Expansion given by Miss Nachtrieb. In last three years five new chapters have been added to Gamma Phi Beta. Notification of petition sent to all chapters. Miss

Nachtrieb presented a map showing status of expansion of Gamma Phi Beta in United States.

Moved and seconded and carried that report of Expansion Committee be accepted.

Miss McCurley took the chair while Miss Morgan reported on conditions in University of Pennsylvania, as a supplement to Miss Nachtrieb's report. Report accepted.

Report on Scholarship Committee from Miss Thuner. Report accepted.

Report on uniform examinations from Mrs. Taussig, read by Miss Strauss. Report accepted.

Report of committee on Songbook from Miss Lowd, read by Mrs. Palmer. Accepted.

Moved, seconded, and carried that a vote of thanks be sent Miss Lowd for her efficient services as chairman.

Report on Endowment Fund read by Mrs. Palmer. Accepted.

Report of Committee on Cookbook by Juliet Lita Bane. Accepted.

Report of Committee on Directory from Mrs. Coerper, read and accepted. Discussion of binding for the directory must occur during this convention.

Unfinished Business.

Moved by Mrs. Allen of San Francisco Alumnae Chapter, that the matter of copyrighting the badge be laid upon the table. Seconded and carried.

New Business.

Eta proposed the following amendment to the constitution, Art. 3, Sec. 1, should be changed to read:

"Women who have been matriculated in any College or University where a Chapter has been established, and who do not belong to any other national sorority, shall be eligible to initiation provided that the matter of initiation is not settled by College administration or Panhellenic ruling." Seconded. Lost.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that meeting adjourn.

SECOND SESSION

March 29, 1917. A. M.

Moved by Miss Nachtrieb that opening exercises be dispensed with; seconded and carried.

Roll call by Secretary. Emma Wootton from Nu, and Miriam Phillips, Boston Alumnae Chapter, presented their credentials.

Moved by Miss Wellington of Boston Alumnae Chapter that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with until the closing session.

Theta sent an invitation to the sorority to hold its next convention at Denver. The invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Report of CRESCENT Editor of Chapter Letters by Mrs. Laura Graham. Report accepted.

Report of Visiting Delegate given by Miss Nachtrieb. Report accepted.

Report of the Historian, Miss Williams, read by Miss Wellington. Report accepted.

Report of chairman of special History Committee by Miss Wellington of Boston Alumnae Chapter. Report accepted.

Miss Thompson spoke about compilation of Gamma Phi Beta History. The following are suggestions she gave each chapter for the compilation of its history:

1. Account of university or college—brief, breezy statistical, picturesque.

2. Tell about founding of chapter—date and circumstances.

3. Exciting events in its history.

4. Brief accounts of most interesting and famous alumnae.

Report of Social Service Committee by Miss Heermans—read by Mrs. Graham. Report accepted.

Miss Morgan appointed the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions

Mrs. Allen (Chairman)

Miss Moss

Miss Dunshee

Committee on Nominations

Mrs. Palmer (Chairman)

Miss Wellington

Miss Thompson

Miss Christman

Miss Skewis

Committee to obtain suggestions from reports

Mrs. Silverson (Chairman)

Mrs. Elston

Mrs. Cooley

Report of Survey Committee given by Miss Thompson. Miss Thompson urged that most of data be kept secret but studied diligently by the various chapters.

Mrs. Palmer of New York Alumnae moved that Miss Thompson's report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks. Seconded and carried.

Miss McCurley of Baltimore Alumnae Chapter moved that session adjourn, seconded and carried.

THIRD SESSION

March 29, 1917. P. M.

Miss Boveroux of Eta proposed the following resolution:

"The recommendation of a girl sent in the name of a chapter and signed by the corresponding secretary shall receive all possible consideration. Individuals may write their opinions favorable or otherwise. A two-thirds majority should decide an unfavorable recommendation." Seconded, discussed, and carried.

Miss Codling, Zeta, proposed the following addition to pledge service:

"Let us lay hold of friendship. To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring: to be a friend is to have a solemn education of soul from day to day. A friend gives us confidence for life. A friend makes us outdo ourselves. It takes a great soul to be a friend—a large, catholic, steadfast, and loving spirit. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs to be a friend, or to have a friend: it not only costs time, affection, strength, patience, love, sometimes a man must even lay down his life for his friends. There is no true friendship without self-abnegation, self-sacrifice. Love does not have to be tethered either in time or eternity."

This quotation, which Zeta Chapter for many years read at pledge service, is to be read by the Presbyteria after the pledge in pledge service and before the Presbytata steps from behind the altar.

Proposal seconded and lost.

Mrs. Allen, San Francisco Alumnæ, moved that a committee be appointed to consider the matter of addition to pledge service which will report Friday, March 30. Seconded.

Mrs. French, Syracuse Alumnæ, moved that there be an informal discussion in regard to matter of giving aid to entertaining chapters. Seconded and carried.

Following suggestions were given.

SUMMER CONVENTION

Summer convention with railroad fares paid from National Treasury and board bill made a chapter matter.

Miss Wellington, Boston Alumnæ, moved that the discussion be closed. Motion carried.

Miss Wellington moved that the Biennial Convention of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority be held in the summer. Seconded and carried.

Miss Thompson moved that the board bill and incidentals be borne by each chapter for its own delegates. Seconded and lost.

Mrs. French, Syracuse Alumnæ, moved that the National Treasury contribute one-half expenses for the next convention, providing sum does not exceed \$500. Seconded.

Miss Nachtrieb proposed the amendment that National Treasury pay one-fourth expenses of convention provided this quarter does not exceed \$300. Seconded and carried.

Miss Thompson completed her report on General Survey.

Mrs. Palmer gave the report of committee on consideration of Miss Barbee's resignation as Editor of CRESCENT. Mrs. Palmer recommended on behalf of the committee that Miss Barbee be asked to reconsider her resignation, also that she be allowed \$250 instead of the \$100 now granted.

Miss Smith, Baltimore Alumnæ, moved that recommendation of committee be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Palmer moved that the President send a night letter to Miss Barbee asking her to reconsider her resignation. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb, Minneapolis Alumnæ, moved that meeting be open to discussion of Kappa Alpha Theta Service Board. Seconded and carried. Opinions favorable.

Mrs. French, Syracuse Alumnæ, moved that discussion be closed. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wellington, of Boston Alumnæ, moved that the matter of appointment of board be left over until tomorrow, Friday, March 30. Seconded and carried.

Moved, seconded, and carried that session adjourn.

FOURTH SESSION

March 30, 1917. A. M.

Miss Nachtrieb, of Minneapolis Alumnæ, moved that the regular opening exercises be dispensed with. Seconded and carried.

The following Committee on Addition to Pledge Service was appointed by President, Miss Morgan.

Miss Nachtrieb

Miss Strauss

Miss Hollander.

Miss Barbee has reconsidered her resignation.

Miss Wellington moved that Gamma Phi Beta establish a service board similar to that of Kappa Alpha Theta. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb gave report on rushing, stating methods found satisfactory by different chapters.

Miss Campbell moved that this report be accepted. Seconded and carried with the understanding that the report is to be the basis for a rushing booklet to be gotten out by National Board.

Miss Nachtrieb gave a report on "bringing up Freshmen" giving the plan as worked out by Lambda.

Mrs. Graham of New York Alumnæ moved that this report of Miss Nachtrieb be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Palmer of the New York Alumnæ moved that the National Council give a scholarship coffee-urn to the chapter with the highest scholarship during the year. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb of Minneapolis Alumnæ moved that each sorority be compelled to subscribe for some sorority magazine other than our own. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that we have a new songbook to be published as soon as possible. Seconded. In discussion following suggestions were given:

1. Prize be given for best songs with original music. Miss Nachtrieb, Minneapolis Alumnæ.
2. Songbook be given as a prize for the person who writes best song with original music. Miss Potter, Alpha.
3. That there be a general index in front of book as well as one according to chapters in back. Miss Ferguson, Kappa.

Motion carried.

Miss Wellington moved that this be declared the fourth biennial convention of Gamma Phi Beta held in the forty-third year and that hereafter the conventions be reckoned in this way, from this date. Seconded. Discussion. Letter read from Miss Whitford of Alpha. Miss Wellington with the consent of her second withdrew her motion so that it might be reworded and brought up again.

Miss Thompson read letters received from Mr. Newman, the sorority jeweler, concerning badges.

Mrs. Graham, New York Alumnæ, moved that this convention give Mr. Newman an indefinite appointment as official jeweler. Seconded. Under discussion Miss McCurley took the chair while Miss Morgan spoke of matter of Hebrew on the pin. It has been declared that Hebrew on Newman pin is perfect. Vote was taken by chapters. Motion carried.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that any chapter with a complaint concerning Newman, file complaint with Mrs. Palmer. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wellington moved that this convention be called the Thirty-first Convention of the Forty-third Year of Gamma Phi Beta, and that hereafter conventions be so called. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wellington moved that the valuable letter of Miss Whitford be given to Gamma Phi Beta Historian. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that meeting be open to discussion on matter of grading chapters according to efficiency. Seconded and carried.

Suggested that this grading system be applied to alumnæ chapters as well as active chapters but that they should be graded separately.

Miss Price, Syracuse Alumnæ, moved that discussion be closed. Seconded and carried.

Miss Hostetter, Sigma, moved that hereafter Gamma Phi Beta establish a system for grading chapters according to efficiency. Seconded and carried. Grading to be sent to chapters this year for use of next visiting delegate.

Miss Nachtrieb spoke on expansion into University of Pennsylvania. General discussion.

Mrs. Graham moved that Dr. Handy, former Zeta, be given privilege of floor. Seconded and carried. Dr. Handy spoke of conditions of women at University of Pennsylvania as obtained from her experience.

Mrs. Graham moved that Miss Wetherall be given the privilege of floor. Seconded and carried. Miss Wetherall spoke of conditions of women at University of Pennsylvania.

Miss McCurley took the chair while Miss Morgan stated conditions as to the status of women at Pennsylvania.

Miss Skewis, Lambda, moved that the matter of expansion into University of Pennsylvania be put into hands of Expansion Committee. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Silversen, Minneapolis, gave report of committee on reports.

Mrs. Graham moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wellington moved that suggestions contained in Mrs. Silversen's report be voted upon the first thing in the afternoon session. Seconded and carried.

Moved, seconded, and carried that session adjourn.

FIFTH SESSION

March 30, 1917. P. M.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that the opening exercises be dispensed with. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that the report of Committee on Reports be taken up by sections. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wellington moved that the first section of the report concerning the cookbook be adopted. Seconded and carried. (See report page 267.)

Miss Potter moved that the clause regarding Report of Business Manager of CRESCENT be adopted. (See page 256.) Seconded and carried.

The chapter roll was called to find the opinion concerning a loose-leaf directory. The general opinion was for loose leaves with as inexpensive binding as possible.

Mrs. Smith of Baltimore Alumnæ, moved the recommendation of the committee in regard to the binding of the directory be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that the directory be deferred for three weeks, until April 20, 1917, in order to obtain the corrected lists from each chapter. Seconded and carried.

Miss Skewis, Lambda, moved that the recommendation regarding the Endowment Fund be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Potter, Alpha, moved that the recommendation in regard to social service work be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Potter, Alpha, moved that the recommendation of the Visiting Delegate as to uniform president's book be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Moss, Omicron, moved that the recommendation of the Visiting Delegate concerning initiation be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Hollander, Delta, moved that the clause concerning the budget which is to be sent to the Visiting Delegate at the beginning and financial statement at end of each scholastic year, be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Murray, Alpha, moved that the clause concerning the expansion committee be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Ferguson, Kappa, moved that the recommendation concerning rushing and freshmen given by Miss Nachtrieb, be typed and sent to each chapter. Seconded and carried.

Miss McCurley took the chair while Miss Morgan presented a robe designed to be used in tableaux.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that the convention adopt robe designed as model for tableaux. Seconded and lost.

Miss Nachtrieb moved that a robe be adopted similar to the one designed but much simpler. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Graham presented the report of the committee on the results of the Alumnae Council. Report accepted.

It was moved that the convention send a vote of thanks to the designer for sending the lamp to convention, for her work and design. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Palmer, Chairman, gave the report from the nominating committee. The following were presented for reelection:

Grand President	Carrie E. Morgan
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Miss Wellington moved that the report be accepted and that the acting secretary cast one vote. Seconded and carried.

Miss Morgan announced the following appointments:

Lindsey Barbee	CRESCENT Editor
Ella K. Smith	Business Manager of CRESCENT
Mrs. Graham	Editor of Chapter Letters.

All chairmen of standing committees except Miss Heermans and Miss Lowd are reappointed, the latter having tendered their resignations.

Mrs. Smith of Baltimore Alumnæ, The Chairman of the Social Service Committee.

A member of the Syracuse Alumnæ will be appointed as the Chairman for the Songbook Committee. Chapter is asked for suggestions.

Miss West will be the Alumnæ Representative, to succeed herself, from Boston Alumnæ Chapter.

Mrs. Graham will do likewise from New York Alumnæ.

Miss Thompson moved that inasmuch as the next convention will be held in Denver, the Grand Council shall work in some Denver Alumnæ to prepare for concentration of government in that city.

Report of the committee on addition to the pledge service given by Miss Nachtrieb. It was recommended that this matter be held over for later settlement. Miss Potter moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Moss, Omicron, moved that there be a five-minute discussion on a recognition pin. Seconded and carried.

Miss Skewis, Lambda, moved that Gamma Phi does not have a recognition pin. Seconded and carried.

Motion to adjourn for five minutes' recess. Seconded and carried.

Report of the committee on resolutions given by Miss Moss, in absence of the chairman. The following were the resolutions presented:

I. Be it resolved that we, in Gamma Phi Beta Convention Assembled, be admired by all, and which testify to their sisterly appreciation for the loving welcome, hospitality, and entertainment extended to us, at this, our Thirty-first Convention in the Forty-third year after the founding of the sorority. We wish also to assure our President, our officers, and our chairmen of committees, of our gratification and appreciation of their loving, untiring, and successful efforts to further the interest of Gamma Phi Beta in all departments.

II. Be it resolved that we express to Kappa Alpha Theta our enjoyment and pleasure in their beautiful gift of flowers which have been admired by all, and which testify to their sisterly appreciation of the ends and aims of true sorority organization.

III. Be it resolved that we, in Gamma Phi Beta Convention Assembled, in loyal and loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary A. Bingham Willoughby, continue in ever-increasing fidelity, loyalty, and consecration to this order, of which our sister was one of the four honored founders.

The report was adopted.

The convention minutes were reviewed and corrected.

The convention was closed with the reading of the nineteenth Psalm by the Grand President.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Thirty-first Convention in the Forty-third year, after the founding of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority be adjourned.

ELIZABETH A. FEHL,
Acting Secretary.

MINUTES OF ALUMNÆ COUNCIL

The Alumnæ Council was called to order at 10:15 A. M., March 28, by Miss Morgan. Representatives from all the alumnae chapters but Denver, Portland, and Seattle, were present. As chairman of the Endowment Fund, Mrs. Palmer reported that \$425 had been received, \$300 of which has been placed at interest: Moved, seconded, and carried that this report be accepted.

The report of Miss Juliet Lita Bane on the cookbook was read and accepted. A discussion as to the advisability of publishing the cookbook followed. It was suggested that Miss Bane obtain copies of various cookbooks that have been successfully placed on the market, and follow such arrangement as she may see fit. It was also suggested that the publication of the book be postponed until the prices of paper and labor become normal. The committee's attention should be drawn to the fact that suits can be brought against the sorority, if recipes are copied without giving proper credit to the originals. It was suggested that the type be left set up, for later editions of the book. Moved by Mrs. Palmer that \$1.00 be charged for the cookbook. Carried. Moved by Miss Wellington that the question of publication be settled by the Executive Board. Carried. Moved by Miss Thompson that the individual chapters be asked to pledge a stated amount for the cookbook. Carried.

Moved that we have advertising in the cookbook. Carried.

Estimates are to be sought from various firms, but Mr. Banta is to have the first chance to make a bid for the work.

Moved that we accept the suggestion of Denver Alumnæ in regard to lessening the per capita tax in alumnae chapters. Lost.

Moved that the report of Mabel L. Williams, the Historian, be accepted. Carried.

Moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the History, and report in the afternoon. Carried.

Moved that alumnae and active chapters support any social service work of the sorority. Carried. The chair appointed Mrs.

Graham, Mrs. Silverson, and Miss Flanders, to report on the council to the convention.

The council discussed the matter of automatic membership in *alumnæ* chapters, and decided that it would prove very useful in advancing national spirit. *Alumnæ* chapters are urged to send letters, as well as the active chapters, so that a large number may be kept in touch with the national organization.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

LAURA L. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT

March 16, 1917.

To the Officers and Delegates of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled.

Greetings:

As we assemble once more after a period of nineteen months to discuss the problems of our sorority, it is perhaps fitting that we should begin our work with a brief review of the things that the Council has accomplished during that period and some mention of the things that have been undertaken, but which have not been completed.

The present council has had two aims in view; first, to carry to a successful completion the many excellent things which were begun by the former council; and second, to inaugurate such other changes as conditions seemed to warrant and our resources would allow. We have tried to be constantly on the alert to learn the needs of Gamma Phi and have, insofar as our time and strength would allow, carried out such plans as seemed to be for the best interest of the sorority. If we have failed in any points, it was not for lack of interest or good intentions, but our judgment may not always have coincided with the opinions of others.

The unfinished business left over from last convention has, I believe, received attention in all of its details. There is one matter upon which a report should be made at this time. It was left with the present officers to see that the badge and name were copyrighted. Inquiries at the patent office elicited the information that the name could not be copyrighted, but that the badge might perhaps be. Your president was loaded down with pamphlets on the subject of patent laws, which she has never had time to read in detail, and she was advised by our jeweler, Mr. Newman, to consult a patent lawyer. As we knew that this would be expensive, we did not feel like spending the money on that sort of thing without further sanction of the sorority; we did, however, learn from a young lawyer who had Gamma Phi affiliations, that it would be most expensive and were advised not to go into the matter, as very few fraternities had patented their badges. If it is the wish of convention that we go ahead with this, we shall be very glad to take the matter up again.

The report on the subject of badges will be given by the Secretary, as this matter has been in her charge during the past months.

A report on the pledge pin might be given here to the effect that two styles of pledge pin may be obtained, the one which is in common use, gold filled and sold at \$1.00 each, and the solid gold, eight or ten karats fine, which is sold at \$2.50.

While on the subject of jewelery, we will also state that the new es-cutcheon may be used on rings, table silver, and in household decorations as well as on stationery.

After considerable time had been spent in looking for a satisfactory official stationer, it was decided to try Castle-Pierce Co. of Oshkosh, who have a reputation as fine printers. The chapters have all received samples of this stationery and have learned prices. We should be very glad to have an expression of opinion from the delegates in order to know whether we shall go on with this project. In speaking of prices, it must be borne in mind that prices on all kinds of paper have reached the high-water mark this year and that no stationery, even of poor quality, can longer be called cheap.

The board inaugurated the custom of sending out printed forms for reports this year, believing that better and more uniform reports could be obtained in this manner. The results have been highly gratifying, but it may be that in some cases these blanks could be improved upon, and your criticisms and suggestions are invited.

The system of sending out circular letters to the chapters, which was begun by the preceding administration, we have followed up, giving a report of all council proceedings, and endeavoring to keep the chapters and interested alumnæ informed of all important proceedings. We have in connection with these letters sent out numerous sheets, giving instruction on the purchase of badges, the schedule of taxes, and kindred matters, also rules for breaking a pledge and for procedure in cases of discipline.

The following special services have been prepared and sent to the chapters: Opening exercises, affiliation service, pledge service, and installation ceremony.

The following books are in process of preparation: Handbook for chapters, President's book, a new Directory and a Cookbook. Steps have also been taken to enlarge and publish the history of Gamma Phi Beta which was presented at the last convention. Our next undertaking will have to be a new songbook, as our supply is completely exhausted.

Our committees upon Scholarship and Uniform Examinations have both done excellent work, but they need the hearty coöperation of all the chapters in order to secure the best results. The work is most discouraging if the chairmen have to work single-handed.

The two big pieces of work that our sorority has undertaken were placed before you at our last convention: the Endowment Fund and the A.C.A. Fellowship. These pieces of work will be reported upon by the committee chairmen. That we have great need for an endowment fund, the present board can testify. So often a little money to be expended in chapter help would tide a chapter over a very critical period, but the especial use for which we would like this money is to send transfers to assist a new chapter, or even an old one that may for one reason or another find itself in need of special help.

About the best innovation that Gamma Phi has ever instituted was that of appointing a visiting delegate. What this officer has meant to our sorority can only be realized by the members of the Council to whom the reports of her visits are made. We have through her been able to become acquainted with each and every chapter, to learn of their strength and their weaknesses and to plan help for each of such kind as it needs. When our endowment fund has grown to usable proportions we shall, indeed, have a combination which will be most useful to Gamma Phi. It is most gratifying to note the improvement that our chapters have made during

the past three years in promptness and business efficiency and these things are certainly due to the efforts of the visiting delegates in that line.

As a supplement to the efficient work that our delegate has been doing, Miss Thompson has prepared a survey of our chapters, which will indeed be an eye-opener and will enable us to see at a glance just where our strength and weaknesses lie. We feel that it will be one of the greatest aids that we have ever presented to our chapters.

While we have been growing in strength during the past few months we have also grown in numbers. Sigma and Tau Chapters, for which the preliminary work was done by the preceding board, were installed early in the present administration at Kansas and Colorado Agricultural College. Since that time our numbers have been augmented by the admission of Upsilon Chapter at Hollins College and Phi Chapter at Washington University, St. Louis. The chairman of our expansion committee will speak at greater length upon this work.

Three things that the Council has endeavored to establish have not worked out to the satisfaction of the board. It was urged that chapter letters be sent each year by the active or alumnae chapters to all outside members as well as those who were active in chapter life. A number of these letters, some of which have long been in vogue with our chapters, were received by the president and thoroughly enjoyed. But judging by the few that came to hand not all chapters have yet started the plan. We can assure you that there is nothing like these letters to inspire interest in absent alumnae.

Another matter that has disappointed us is the automatic membership in alumnae chapters. Some chapters report that they have never been furnished with lists by the active chapters, although this request was made of the chapters early last fall through our circular letter and the pages of THE CRESCENT.

Another criticism that we must make is in regard to the chapter reports that are sent to the president at the end of the year. This last year all but two chapters sent in their reports, but some were deficient in that some lines were left blank or incomplete, and we learned to our regret that one chapter treasurer had been very negligent in keeping her books, so that the officer could not give the desired report. In one or two other instances, we felt that the chapter in reporting chapter honors had been over zealous to fill up all spaces and had reported a number of insignificant offices, which could scarcely be classed as chapter honors. Our object in sending out these blanks is to get at the truth of the situation in each chapter, so that we may know where help is needed or stress should be put.

The Council has endeavored to establish the following policies among our chapters: No knocking of other sororities, a systematic boosting of Gamma Phi, the training of freshmen in sorority work, and a general business efficiency. As an aid in the work of rushing we wish to prepare a rushing booklet.

The Council has proposed for discussion the establishment of a service board, the giving of a scholarship cup, the subscribing for another sorority magazine, the promotion of closer acquaintance by the gathering at house parties of near-by chapters.

We have some suggestions in regard to the installation and initiation ceremonies, which it seems best to present at this time. It has been the pleasure of your president to be present at four installations during the past few years, and as a result of her observation at these ceremonies and a subsequent talk with the visiting delegate and other council members, these suggestions are made.

1. The first observation made was that each installation being put on by a different chapter varied from the others in both minor and important details. This led the Council to appoint a national installing officer to be present and oversee each ceremony. The person appointed was the visiting delegate who is also chairman of the expansion committee. Her expenses are paid by the national treasury. This does not take away from our neighboring chapters the privilege of doing the installing. A delegate from one of our chapters performs this work, as before, but an effort is made to see that our installations are uniform and that little local differences do not appear.

2. Recent observation has made it plain that both the installing officer and the near-by delegate should be on hand at least a day before the ceremony is to take place, in order to go over all the details and make the necessary preliminary preparations. Our service is so long that if this is not done beforehand the candidates are worn out with waiting before the ceremony begins.

3. The robes that have been bought by the different chapters have been such an eye-sore to the officers and visiting alumnæ that the Council feels that the time has come for the Council to own robes enough for the tableaux, which shall be properly taken care of and taken to each installation. To this end we have had one model prepared by a Chicago designer and it will be shown at this convention. If each chapter could own six of these robes for tableau purposes alone, our tableaux would gain much in beauty and impressiveness. A cotton robe of like design has been prepared as a model for all visiting Gamma Phis to wear at the installation, and also for all chapter members at a regular initiation ceremony.

4. White sandals and gold filets should form a part of the costume.

5. The use of candles as footlights during the tableau is a menace to life and property, and we suggest a string of electric bulbs set in a wooden or metal tray that can be easily attached to a near-by light. Candles may be carried in the processional, if they are properly guarded and we are looking for a shield to be placed around the same.

6. A Gamma Phi Beta lamp that can be furnished at a reasonable price has been designed by a Kappa member and will be shown at this convention.

7. Where a black background has been used for the tableaux instead of a white one it is said to be much more effective, and in the place of using sheets which are hard to fix and take much time, we would suggest a background of black canton flannel, to be stiched and properly hung for background and floor.

8. No fewer than ten people should attempt to put on an installation and twelve or fifteen are desirable, at least eight of whom are good singers. All of our installations have shown a decided lack in music.

All of these suggestions have the hearty approval of visiting alumnæ who have been present and have seen our shortcomings. Why spoil an otherwise beautiful ceremony by lacking the proper accompaniments?

I cannot close this report without expressing my appreciation of the work that our chairmen of committees have done. Our one drawback has been that we have had to change chairmen so frequently, but circumstances over which these people had no control have made it necessary. I wish also to express to THE CRESCENT staff our sincere appreciation of the excellent magazine of which our sorority can boast. Those of us who have the privilege of reading other sorority magazines know that it occupies a high place in the list of the best.

To the chapter officers and many interested alumnæ I wish to express the sincere thanks of the board for their hearty coöperation. And last I wish to express my personal appreciation of the very loyal support and hard labor which the members of my council have put into the work. The perfect harmony and accord which has existed in this Council has been a wonder to me, but it has made my work as president of Gamma Phi Beta one of the pleasant experiences of my life.

Very respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. MORGAN,

President of Gamma Phi Beta.

REPORT OF THE VISITING DELEGATE

To Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled:

Greetings:

Since I was appointed Visiting Delegate in September, 1915, I have visited seventeen of our twenty active chapters, met with seven of our twelve alumnæ chapters and two of the associations, besides attending three of the Council meetings.

Delta, Zeta, Upsilon, and the rest of the Alumnæ chapters I hope to visit before my trip is over. I tried very hard to have a complete report to give to convention, but examinations and vacations in the universities upset my plans.

The National Treasury has advanced \$550 this year for expenses of the Expansion Chairman and Visiting Delegate. I have spent \$510 for the year's work.

I realized that my work would simply be a following-up of Mrs. Silverson's plans to see how well they had been carried out. It is but natural that our first step should be to organize and strengthen the active chapters, for as their reputation changes, so fluctuates the national reputation in that vicinity.

1. Greater care was urged in the election of officers. I believe that every chapter has conscientiously tried to bestow this care. I have found the officers uniformly eager to take suggestions and to carry them out to the best of their knowledge. Not all chapters had adopted the plan of upperclass meetings, nor do they all sit by classes in meeting. Both points I feel are necessary to well-conducted impressive meetings.

The officers are realizing their duties, with the aid of typed instructions. In every case, some kind of a president's book had been established. We now want to make this book of uniform size, as well as of permanent value. Besides the original suggestions of

1. Opening Exercises
2. Order of Business
3. Duties of Officers
4. Duties of Committees
5. By-laws of Chapter
6. Customs of Chapter
7. Suggestions of Visiting Delegate
8. Suggestions to Chapter President

I wish to see included in the book:

1. Pledge Service.
2. Affiliation Service.
3. One Copy of Initiation Ritual with blank pages for Signatures.
4. Constitution and Rules and Regulations.
5. Breaking of a Pledge.
6. Rotation of Panhellenic presidency and copy of P. H. Rules.

The advantage of this plan is that everything is together in compact convenient form. That statement cannot now be made of this same material which is in the active chapter. It is also the duty of the president to see that the material is up to date. It may be interesting to know in this connection that only three chapters, Alpha, Beta, and Kappa, had kept the Constitution up to date with all the amendments adopted at the last convention in their proper place. A few chapters had a few amendments in, but only three out of nineteen were perfect.

The Treasurer in each chapter was instructed in the system of chapter bookkeeping we are adopting for uniformity. In the spending of money the girls seemed to go ahead blindly until the end of the year, when they were confronted with a deficit and a special tax or a very slim surplus. Accordingly each chapter received a lesson in budget-making. I tried to impress upon the girls the need of making their income cover their expenses.

The corresponding secretary's file was examined and cleared of unimportant notes. Typed instructions to be pasted on cover of file were left with each secretary. In only two cases did I find a complete record of letters written, to whom, contents and date being listed. But the important thing here is that all letters had been answered with increasing promptness, and that two chapters had kept a complete record with no vivid law laid down by the Grand Council. When the next Visiting Delegate pays her visits, she ought to find every chapter in line.

The committees have improved, I believe, both in uniformity and activity.

There is a scholarship committee in every chapter, which is striving honestly for better scholarship, but the room for improvement there is very great.

The Fraternity Examination Committee needs more instruction in how to help the chapter study for the examination throughout the year. Mrs. Taussig tried to help by sending out a list of ten subjects to be taken up at as many meetings. Unfortunately, these lists were late in arriving and proved of little use to some chapters. But I feel they could be made very successful if the chapters could receive them early in the college year.

Upperclass meetings often took the place of executive committee meetings and those chapters seemed to be in good condition.

The duties of the finance committee resolve themselves into helping prepare the budget and auditing the books each semester if the treasurer is capable. The chapter money was distinct from house money in all but two cases.

The activity committee has been worthy of its name. THE CRESCENT, the chapter letters, and especially the spring elections, will show better than words the result of our awakened interest in campus life.

Every chapter has a social service committee, if it is only one person who sends the chapter tax to Miss Heermans. In many chapters this committee arouses and maintains interest in local social service, as well as corresponding with the national chairman.

We have tried to establish a social culture committee or its equivalent in each chapter, whose duty it would be to remind the members in chapter meeting of any laxness of social observance or carelessness of appearance. In some chapters this has been successful—in others it has failed. Our plans are yet embryonic, but clearly something ought to be done to bring before the girls the little courteous things which they know, but too often forget. If the mentor's report was true to the original type, it would do this, but in only one chapter have I found forceful reports. Too often they degenerate into weak phrases or absolute vacuity. What course shall we follow?

A standing initiation committee lasting the year, I feel is a necessity. With our uniform initiation properties comes the need for care of them. It would be the duties of this committee to

1. Keep initiation properties and robes in order.
2. Take complete charge of the ceremony, sending notices to initiates, alumnae, and planning for spread after the service.

This committee might be separate or under the social committee.

I was slightly dissatisfied with the result of the model initiation held at the last convention, because so few chapters remembered the exact posing of the tableaux. To obviate this difficulty and to ease the path of our new chapters, I have had Eta photograph each tableau. A set of these photographs will be sent to each chapter as soon as possible.

Since we are establishing committees with definite work and defining duties of officers and other committees, it seems there ought to be some means of checking up on these lines of work after each visit, and thus showing the chapters where they stand in the eyes of the national. This would be done by the Visiting Delegate, one copy of the report to be left with the chapter and one kept in her file. These reports might furnish an incentive to the chapters to keep up their organization where it was good, and to make it better where it was weak.

The chapters, I feel, need especial help in three lines: finance, rushing, and freshman organization. I have told what I have done with the finances already. To be effective, this move ought to be followed, and I would suggest:

1. The chapter budget be sent to the Visiting Delegate at the beginning of the college year.
2. A financial statement at the end of the year showing how carefully the chapter has lived by the budget.
3. A semester report from each chapter-house, showing income and expenditures. In this way we may be able to save chapters unnecessary debt and worry.

Our rushing is exceedingly well organized in some chapters, and unfortunately weak in others, but each chapter can find a flaw in its scheme and that flaw is what we hope to dispose of. For that reason, I have asked for a discussion of rushing at this convention at which we will take up the matter from the time a chapter hears of a girl until it has taken her through the parties, given her knowledge of $\Gamma \Phi B$ that has been prepared by experts, and finally put the pin on her as a result of a fine local chapter and a well-organized rushing season.

Freshman organization is another matter requiring immediate attention. The six-months pledge period which our freshmen undergo has caused a revision of our former conception of pledge days. We must keep alive the enthusiasm of the first week of pledging by consistently increasing the freshman's knowledge of the sorority and campus life. I found only one chapter successfully meeting this changed condition and I suggest a serious consideration of their plan.

The freshmen show the promise of the sorority, the other classes the gradual development, while the alumnae are the completion. Whether they will or not, they are the models which we look to. What do they need? The task of analysis is harder for we can only generalize. They need greater interest in the alumnae organizations, but that will come when they realize that working to raise a fund that will allow from ten to thirty girls to finish college and enjoy sorority life, is something worth while. Then we all need to work for something big, but tangible, that takes us out of ourselves and a step nearer our ideals.

In closing I wish to compare "Our Faults" of 1915 with the present conditions as I see them.

1. A great lack of national interest shown by both active and alumnae chapters.

The active chapters have some interest and at least a fair knowledge of national officers and national movements which is in great contrast to the conditions four years ago. That knowledge may have been inspired by fear lest the Visiting Delegate catch them uninformed, but the result was wholesome, and the alumnae chapters are developing an active curiosity over these national matters.

2. A lack of national responsibility which is reflected in local organizations.

This responsibility to the national is improving steadily, because the national is striving to keep in touch with the chapters.

3. A lack of interest in other sororities both national and local.

College Panhellenics are trying to meet this situation by an exchange of dinner dates, but one or two of our chapters still remain rather bored at the thought of seeing anyone but themselves at dinner. Why will we always look only at the obvious commonplaces and not try to find the interesting, though hidden unusualness of our associates?

4. A great loss of interest on the part of the alumnae.

Since the automatic membership was established, several alumnae chapters report a decided increase in interest and members. Others report no change, but I consider the fact that two have benefited of great significance.

5. Insufficient interest in college activities throughout our entire chapter roll.

Interest is being stirred up. It has reached a high mark in seven of the chapters I have visited. The new chapters are falling into line beautifully. A few of the others are still sluggish.

6. Knowledge of national Panhellenic is still at low ebb, although every chapter knew who our Panhellenic delegate was.

7. Lack of organized social service.

That point has been discussed by so many others that I will not take your time now.

8. Insufficient chapter organization.

We are acquiring strong chapter organization and I feel that two more years will see it well established.

We have not advanced in some things but we have in others, so that I feel justified in saying that the work of the last two years was well spent. But we cannot stop here. We have barely finished oiling the machinery, now we must keep it in good running order that $\Gamma \Phi B$ may maintain her place socially and nationally and do all in her power to call forth the best efforts and highest purposes of her members.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET NACHTRIEB,

Visiting Delegate.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

March 21, 1917.

To the Members of $\Gamma \Phi B$ in Convention assembled.

Greetings:

The first, though not the only duty of the Grand Secretary, has been to act as recording secretary for the Grand Council. Eight meetings of the board have been held, all of them in Chicago, except one held in

Appleton with the Grand President September 30, and October 1, 1916. The doings of each of these meetings are familiar to all of you, for the Grand President, early in her term established a precedent of sending a letter to each chapter after each meeting, in order to keep the entire sorority informed on the work done by the National Council. To that end the Secretary wrote up the minutes of each meeting in full, filed one copy in the Secretary's book, for a permanent record, and sent a duplicate copy to the President to be used as a framework for her chapter letter. The work of the Secretary has been greatly lightened by the exceeding efficiency and the untiring energy of the President whose work every member of the National Council feels has been most unusual. She has stinted neither time nor energy to further the interests of the sorority and on every detail—whether of great or little import—the entire Council has been consulted, by a system of round-robin letters which go the rounds of the members in an almost steady stream. In this way the entire Council is informed on every issue at all times, so that between board meetings every member knows exactly what is transpiring.

The second duty of the Grand Secretary has been the issuing of pin certificates, as under the present régime the Secretary is also the chairman of the pin committee. A strict account of the badges sold has been kept, and of what jewelers the pins were bought. This was necessary since we were, in all fairness to our former official jewelers, trying to relieve them of the stock of our pins which they had on hand at the time of the ruling for one official jeweler, August, 1915. Those jewelers who complied with our request and sent us a list of their stock, we have been able to help very materially; the others by their failure to comply, forfeited the right to any such consideration. One jeweler, A. H. Fetting & Company, has been relieved of all but his most expensive, handsomely jewelled pins and this the Council was glad to do.

The third duty of the Grand Secretary has been the issuing of membership certificates, and the fourth duty, the sending out of announcements of newly installed chapters.

The figures in regard to these various duties follow in tabulated form.

PIN certificates issued,	
For the year 1915-1916	324
For the year 1916-1917 to date	240
Total to date	564
Membership certificates from October 1915 to date	178
Announcements sent out	
For the year 1915-1916	200
(One set of 100 for Sigma and Tau Chapters. One set of 100 for Upsilon Chapter)	
For the year 1916-17	100
(One set of 100 for Phi Chapter)	
Total to date	300

If it is the wish of the convention, the Secretary can furnish a tabulated list of the pin certificates issued to individual chapters by years, 1915-16 and 1916-17.

The money paid in to the Secretary for pin certificates, one cent each, and membership certificates, twenty-five cents each, has been barely enough to carry the petty expenses of the office—postage, telegrams, express, supplies, and occasionally a stenographer for addressing announce-

ments and getting out circular letters. The figures given above indicate that postage is the chief item on the list—as is the case.

There is now on hand a balance of \$1.91 in the petty cash fund. Sometimes it happens that the money for pin certificates is not enclosed when the request for the same is made; in such case it has been the custom of the Secretary to make no mention of the fact, but to send the certificates regardless. May she ask at this time that each delegate ask her chapter to give attention to this seemingly petty detail.

An effort is very evidently being made by the chapters to send their letters and blanks in good form, though not all do so even yet. Some are still improperly folded which makes them harder to file; however, the improvement is commendable and the new standard should be maintained.

In closing, the secretary wishes to express her very sincere regret at not being able to attend the convention and to send greetings to all those members whom she has come to know so well on paper.

Respectfully submitted in II K E,

ADAH GEORGINA GRANDY.

GAMMA PHI BETA FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 1, 1916,
to MARCH 17, 1917. Mary F. Richardson, National Treasurer.

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Dues received from Active Chapters

Alpha	\$168.00	Lambda	\$ 00.00
Beta	140.00	Mu	185.00
Gamma	267.00	Nu	00.00
Delta	68.00	Xi	294.00
Epsilon	265.00	Omicron	228.00
Zeta	101.00	Pi	102.00
Eta	36.00	Rho	143.00
Theta	76.00	Sigma	319.00
Iota	00.00	Tau	302.00
Kappa	188.00	Upsilon	256.00
		Phi	218.00

Total \$3356.00

Dues received from Alumnae Chapters

Chicago	\$ 35.00	Baltimore	\$ 66.00
Syracuse	118.00	Seattle	63.00
Boston	68.00	Portland	00.00
New York	55.00	Los Angeles	00.00
Milwaukee	30.00		\$582.25
San Francisco	65.00	Individuals not affiliated with	
Denver	42.25	any chapter	2.10 2.10
Minneapolis	40.00		
Detroit	00.00	Total	584.35

Subscription from Alumnae Chapters to Endowment Fund

Chicago	\$ 25.00	Baltimore	\$ 00.00
Syracuse	25.00	Seattle	25.00
Boston	63.00	Portland	25.00
New York	90.00	Los Angeles	00.00
Milwaukee	00.00	Interest on Bond	3.00
San Francisco	00.00		
Denver	00.00	Total	\$256.00
Minneapolis	00.00		
Detroit	00.00		

Subscription to A.C.A. Scholarship Fund—Active Chapters.

Alpha	\$ 00.00	Lambda	\$ 00.00
Beta	00.00	Mu	00.00
Gamma	00.00	Nu	00.00
Delta	15.50	Xi	00.00
Epsilon	00.00	Omicron	00.00
Zeta	00.00	Pi	11.00
Eta	00.00	Rho	00.00
Theta	00.00	Sigma	00.00
Iota	00.00	Tau	00.00
Kappa	00.00	Upsilon	00.00
		Total	\$26.50

Subscription to A.C.A. Scholarship Fund—Alumnæ Chapters

Chicago	\$ 00.00	Minneapolis	\$00.00
Syracuse	00.00	Detroit	00.00
Boston	00.00	Baltimore	10.00
New York	20.00	Seattle	00.00
Milwaukee	00.00	Portland	00.00
San Francisco	10.00	Los Angeles	00.00
Denver	00.00		

Total	\$40.00
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Totals brought forward	\$ 4262.85
Refund of Loan to CRESCENT	100.00
Balance to our account August 1, 1916	6942.53
Interest	73.35
Grand Total	11378.73
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DISBURSEMENTS

Auditor's Expenses	\$ 1.50
Board Meeting	173.56
Bonds Purchased	302.83
CRESCENT Subscriptions	1049.00
(Active and Alumnæ)	
Exchange charged on checks	1.96
Expenses Alumnæ Editor of CRESCENT	18.83
Expenses Directory	10.58
Expenses Visiting Delegate	603.21
(Including Misses Grandy and Krieger's visit to Urbana, Ill.)	
Loan to CRESCENT	100.00
National Panhellenic dues	10.00
Postage, telegrams, telephones, etc.	30.25
Premium on bond for M. F. Richardson	25.00
Refunds to various chapters	36.00
Stationery	50.27
Typewriter rental (M.F.R.)	7.50
Grand Total	\$ 2420.49

Expenses to August 1-1916	4157.25
Expenses from August to March 1917	2420.49
Total Expenses	6577.74
Receipts	\$11378.73
Expenses	6577.74
Cash on Hand, March 1, 1917	4800.99

ASSETS

Bonds	\$1800.00
Cash on Hand	4800.99
	\$6600.99

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CRESCENT

The report of an editor can be little more than a Table of Contents—with a possible Exhortatory Preface—and a Book of Lamentations as an appendix. The Table of Contents must necessarily be an old story to readers of the magazine; the Exhortatory Preface certainly does not possess the quality of novelty; and the Book of Lamentations, being designated as an appendix, should properly be cut out. Accordingly, conscious of such a handicap, the editor submits the following account of THE CRESCENT's career since its last appearance at Asilomar in August of 1915.

Naturally, the October issue of that same year was given over to the festivities, associations, and achievements of the memorable California convention. In addition, Rho, Sigma, and Tau were joyfully hailed as new chapters and were duly welcomed, described, and photographed. Three new chapters at the same time! What other number of THE CRESCENT has had such distinction—and incidentally, such wealth of copy! Truly it might have been called Expansion Number. The germ of social service with which Gamma Phi Beta became inoculated at the 1915 convention was discussed in the January, 1916, issue, while the altruistic work of our sister sororities was also exploited. Gamma Phi Beta children held sway in March of 1916, and for once in her life, the editor had no dearth of material and was not forced to send out a second set of frenzied appeals. Chapter Number gave a résumé of the year's events and honors "from Alpha to Tau"; and our fair southern Upsilon was made headliner in the October, 1916, contents. Many good articles from our sister journals found a place in the Exchange Number—chiefly in regard to chapter letters, college news, and Panhellenic survey. Statistics are never thrilling—but they are necessary—and the object of the staff in compiling the March, 1917, issue has been to present facts to be used in rushing and to give each chapter specific data. The June CRESCENT will of course be given over to the business and the events of the Baltimore gathering.

In addition to the material appropriate for these special numbers, three departments have been inaugurated—one given over to words of wisdom from the various deans of women, one for articles from alumnae chapters, and one for contributions from active chapters. The first dean of women to advise us was Mrs. Lois Kimball Mathews of the University of Wisconsin, whose article, "Neglected Fraternity Opportunities," was copied from the Delta Gamma *Anchor*. Our own Miss Guppy followed with "Preparedness"; Mrs. Eustace H. Brown of the University of Kansas chose as her subject, "Woman and Religion"; Miss Anne Shuler of the University of Denver told of the "Big Sister Movement" in her western institution; and Miss Ethel Hunley Coldwell of the University of Washington contributed "The Case for the Defense"—an interesting study upon the cost of living in sorority houses. The first of the alumnae articles was printed in June of 1916, "The Modern Stage" by Margaret Packard Taussig of the Denver chapter. In January of 1917, Laura Page Flick of Syracuse Chapter followed with "The Human Side of Internationalism." For the January issue of the present year, articles upon any subject pertaining to college or fraternity life was asked from Alpha, Beta, Delta, Zeta, and Omicron. Beta and Omicron responded promptly; from the others came no acknowledgment of the request. For the March issue, Gamma, Kappa, Xi, Pi, Rho, Sigma, and Upsilon were petitioned, and all but Upsilon responded. Epsilon, Eta, Theta, Lambda, Mu, Nu, and Tau are expected to contribute to the June CRESCENT.

During this time, those upon the editorial staff have been asked to contribute to other publications; and THE CRESCENT has been quoted in many Greek-letter journals. The classic bit—

"Remember you're in *college* not in *school*, my dear,
That *frat* and not *fraternity* sounds very queer.

That *Panhellenic's* written as it's written here."

perpetrated by us, has proved the favorite vehicle for impressing these facts upon the youthful mind. The good alumna who declared that courtesy is a running mate to efficiency has flashed her personality over many pages. "This has been a great year for the chapter" has often pointed its moral in the proper way; and the question "Is it an epitaph or a tribute?" has found its place in many columns, although only *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma has chosen to answer it.

The Book of Lamentations might contain the record of the editorial letters which are never answered; of the material which never comes; of the copy which is unpardonably late; of the chapter letters which go to Denver instead of to New York; of the article which is written on two sides of the paper; but as we have said before, an appendix in these days has no right and proper excuse for being. Rather let us substitute our gratitude and appreciation for the splendid coöperation, the fine enthusiasm, and the kindly words which come our way.

In closing, may the editor ask a favor—that a portion of some business session be devoted to a discussion of THE CRESCENT—so that we may obtain those suggestions which will undoubtedly be of value. The staff is aware of many defects; the editor is conscious that she has often "left undone the things she ought to have done," but in spite of all this, we are glad to say that, each year, there is a marked improvement and a steady growth. With best wishes for a splendid and inspiring convention.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDSEY BARBEE.

March 24, 1917.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF CHAPTER LETTERS

To Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled,
Greetings:

When I was asked by the Executive Board, four years ago, to take the position of Alumnae Editor of THE CRESCENT, I was told that it was merely supervisory, and that it would take little time. I entered on my work with great timidity, for I had read and heard so many criticisms of chapter letters in general. The first copy that reached me took me hours and hours to arrange, but as time has passed, a great deal of that has been improved.

From an early time, I have had the feeling that the ideal chapter letter should contain items of interest that concern the chapter life and its development, events of interest in the college, and the other sororities, and a fair number of personals. I have also had the idea that the chapter letter should have no slang, no gushing, and no fairy tales of achievements. Proper spelling, correct English, proper phrasing, writing on one side of uniform size paper, were some of the mechanical parts of the letters that I expected as a matter of course; but I was occasionally disappointed, though we are improving.

These ends I have worked for with greater or less success, which leads me to hope for the future. I would like each delegate to impress upon her chapter the fact that greater publicity, and coöperation on the part of all the members, would tend to improve the letters.

I read many other magazines, and usually find that our letters are as good, and sometimes better than those of some of the others. If we want people to know that Gamma Phi is a vital influence in our lives, we must let some reflection of that appear in our quarterly reports in the magazine.

My expenses this year have been higher on account of the high cost of paper. They are as follows:

Paper and envelopes	\$7.25
Copying letters	4.00
Printing instructions	2.10
Postage	5.48

\$18.83

I want to say in closing that I have come to have a warm interest in each active and alumnæ chapter, and have made a number of delightful friends through this correspondence. Let us all, then, work hard to make our magazine one of the best of the sorority and fraternity publications, as we certainly have our share of ability among our members.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA L. GRAHAM,

Editor of Chapter Letters.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE CRESCENT

Chicago, Ill., March 26, 1917.

To the Grand Officers and delegates of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled,

Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to be able to announce at the beginning of my report that *THE CRESCENT*, after years of careful nurturing, during which it was a source of great expense and anxiety to the Executive Board and the former Business Manager, has at last, due to their wise management, grown up and become self-supporting—in fact, has been for three years—and if it keeps on gaining in the future at the same rate that it has during the past three years, it will soon not only be able to support itself in a much more expensive style than ever before, but may even be able to help out the National Treasury.

At the present time I am able to report that, after paying all of our bills up to date, including the bill for the March, 1917, *CRESCENT*, and after paying in advance \$200 for the paper upon which to print the June and October, 1917, *CRESCENTS*, we still have a balance in *THE CRESCENT* treasury of \$400.94—and many chapters have not yet paid their 1917 dues.

"How did it happen," do you ask? Three things are largely responsible; first, expansion, giving us a large number of new members; second, five-year subscriptions from all initiates, insuring at least a one-year subscription from each girl after leaving college; and third, a greater effort than ever before on the part of our alumnæ chapters to get all Gamma Phis who have recently left college to join the nearest alumnæ chapter.

Our subscription list now consists of 1277 paid-up subscribers and 170 exchange subscribers, as against 987 paid up subscribers and 160 exchange subscribers, two years ago—a gain of almost 300 paid-up subscriptions.

The following is a detailed report of our receipts and disbursements since last convention:

FOR THE YEAR JULY 15, 1915, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1916

RECEIPTS

Alpha Chapter	\$ 65.
Beta Chapter	45.
Gamma Chapter	124.
Delta Chapter	17.
Epsilon Chapter	85.
Zeta Chapter	21.
Eta Chapter	77.
Theta Chapter	68.
Iota Chapter	5.
Kappa Chapter	80.
Lambda Chapter	80.
Mu Chapter	39.
Nu Chapter	69.
Xi Chapter	25.
Omicron Chapter	37.
Pi Chapter	30.
Rho Chapter	36.
Sigma Chapter	3.
Tau Chapter	95.
Chicago Alumnæ	28.
Syracuse Alumnæ	49.
Boston Alumnæ	23.
New York Alumnæ	29.
Milwaukee Alumnæ	15.
San Francisco Alumnæ	40.10
Denver Alumnæ	40.
Minneapolis Alumnæ	53.
Detroit Alumnæ	33.
Baltimore Alumnæ	30.
Seattle Alumnæ	29.
Portland Alumnæ	37.
Los Angeles Ass'n	9.
Cleveland Ass'n	2.
Madison Ass'n	0.
Moscow Ass'n	0.

Total from Chapters	\$1,418.10
Individual subscriptions	92.50
Interest on life subscriptions	4.26
Advertising	35.
Balance on hand July 15, 1915	594.65
Total receipts	\$2,144.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Geo. Banta. Pub Co., Oct., 1915, CRESCENT	\$423.86
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., Jan., 1916, CRESCENT	263.03
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., Mar., 1916, CRESCENT	289.45
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., June, 1916, CRESCENT	408.38
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., for pa- per for January, March, June, and October, 1917, CRESCENTS	391.14
Lindsey Barbee for ex- penses	100.00
Mrs. W. J. Graham for expenses	15.00
For stationery and Supplies	12.95
For postage stamps	6.50
For exchange on personal checks	1.10
For transfer to life subscrip- tions	2.
Total disbursements	\$1,913.41
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1916	\$231.10

FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 1916, TO MARCH 24, 1917

RECEIPTS

Alpha Chapter	\$ 20.
Beta Chapter	0.
Gamma Chapter	58.
Delta Chapter	12.
Epsilon Chapter	0.
Zeta Chapter	19.
Eta Chapter	15.
Theta Chapter	0.
Kappa Chapter	53.
Lambda Chapter	1.05
Mu Chapter	65.
Nu Chapter	0.
Xi Chapter	100.
Omicron Chapter	60.
Pi Chapter	21.
Rho Chapter	45.
Sigma Chapter	113.
Tau Chapter	121.
Upsilon Chapter	82.
Phi Chapter	0.
Chicago Alumnæ	17.
Syracuse Alumnæ	62.50
Boston Alumnæ	33.
New York Alumnæ	28.
Milwaukee Alumnæ	11.
San Francisco Alumnæ	32.
Denver Alumnæ	21.
Minneapolis Alumnæ	19.
Detroit Alumnæ	0.
Baltimore Alumnæ	33.
Seattle Alumnæ	29.
Portland Alumnæ	45.
Los Angeles Ass'n	4.
Cleveland Ass'n	0.
Madison Ass'n	0.
Moscow Ass'n	0.

Total from chapters	\$1,119.55
Individual subscriptions	97.65
Interest on life subscriptions ..	9.47
Balance on hand September 1, 1916.	231.10

Total receipts\$1,457.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Geo. Banta Pub. Co., October, 1916, CRESCENT ...	\$426.45
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., January, 1917, CRESCENT ..	258.85
Geo. Banta Pub. Co., March, 1917, CRESCENT	244.31
Mary F. Richardson, Treasurer, for money advanced to Lindsey Barbee for expenses ..	100.
Stationery and supplies	7.82
Typewriter rental	5.75
Postage stamps	12.40
Exchange on individual checks	1.25
Total disbursements	\$1,056.83
Balance on hand March 24, 1917	\$ 400.94
	<hr/> \$1,457.77

LIFE SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT

Received from July 15, 1915, to September 1, 1916 (less 5c exchange) \$	66.95
Received from September 1, 1916 to March 24, 1917 (less 75c exchange)	149.25
Balance on hand July 15, 1915	269.
Total receipts from life subscriptions	\$485.20

It is easy to see from this statement that our greatest source of income is from five-year subscriptions from initiates. While it has been left with each chapter to decide whether it will collect a one-year or a five-year subscription from each girl initiated, I am pleased to announce that this year all but two of the active chapters have adopted the plan of collecting five-year CRESCENT subscriptions from each girl upon initiation. This means that each girl will be kept in touch with her chapter and the national organization for at least five years, whether she remains in school or not; and it is hoped, as a result, that she will become a permanent subscriber to THE CRESCENT and a permanent worker for her sorority.

Another source of increase in income is the increased membership in *alumnæ* chapters. At the last convention, each chapter secretary was requested to see that each Gamma Phi who left college after 1915 became a member of the nearest *alumnæ* chapter. Many *alumnæ* chapter secretaries have worked faithfully to bring about this result, and have enrolled in their chapter the majority of the Gamma Phis in their locality who have left college during the past two years, and have also enrolled a large proportion of the older *alumnæ* who are in their locality. Syracuse, Minneapolis, Boston, Portland, Baltimore, San Francisco, and Seattle are to be complimented for their efforts and success in this respect. Syracuse leads the *alumnæ* chapters in membership, having seventy-one members as against forty-six two years ago. Portland and Minneapolis come next, with forty-five and forty-four members each as against twenty-four and twenty-seven two years ago; Baltimore has thirty-nine instead of twenty-four; Boston thirty-seven instead of twenty-four. But some of the *alumnæ* chapters have secured practically no *new* members, although there are many in their territory whom they should have enrolled. A greater effort should be made by these *alumnæ* chapters next year. A greater effort should also be made by the *Alumnæ Associations* to increase their membership, and to secure CRESCENT subscriptions from each member. Very little has been done by them in this respect during the past two years. And can we not also have more *alumnæ* associations.

It seems to me that our greatest CRESCENT effort this coming year should be to get upon our mailing list the isolated Gamma Phis who are not now subscribing—and there is an appallingly large number of such. Without an up-to-date directory this task has been almost impossible; but with the publication of our new directory, the Business Manager of THE CRESCENT and the secretaries of the *alumnæ* chapters should conduct a vigorous campaign for new subscribers and new members. An isolated Gamma Phi who is not a CRESCENT subscriber is not only losing interest in her sorority, but is getting entirely out of touch with what Gamma Phi has been doing recently, is doing, and hopes to do, and is, therefore, of very little help to the sorority. Each Gamma Phi can do much to aid the Business Manager and the *alumnæ* secretaries by urging Gamma Phis with whom she comes in contact, who are not CRESCENT subscribers, to subscribe to the magazine. May I again suggest that a one-year or a five-year subscription to THE CRESCENT makes a very acceptable gift to a Gamma Phi who is not a subscriber, and may be the means of reawakening her enthusiasm and efforts?

Our life subscription fund is not growing so fast as we could wish, due, possibly, to insufficient effort on the part of the present Business Manager. It was suggested two years ago at convention that each chapter take out a life subscription to THE CRESCENT for the chapter file. Gamma and Mu have already done this. Will not all the chapters do likewise? It was also

suggested that each active and alumnae chapter try to secure three new life subscribers each year. Little has been done in this respect—only six new life subscribers have been added during the past two years. We have at the present time thirty-six life subscribers, nine of whom have paid in full. Gamma is the banner chapter, with nine life subscribers; Beta comes next, with five. Eight chapters have no life subscribers. Convention is always a good time to work up life subscription enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that several new life subscriptions will be secured at Baltimore; and that the life subscription fund will soon become large enough to be of value as a building loan fund.

A word about advertisements as a source of revenue. At the present time our annual income from advertisers is about thirty-five dollars; and we cannot expect to have it much more under the present system. Firms do not care to advertise in a magazine which reaches only fifteen hundred people. At the last Panhellenic Congress a committee was appointed to look into the matter of syndicating the advertising in all sorority magazines. The committee's idea is to have each sorority carry the same advertisements, so that a firm may reach say 15,000 people with its advertisement instead of 1,500. The committee suggests having an advertising manager appointed, who will solicit advertising, collect the accounts, and take entire charge of the matter, paying to each sorority her proportion of the net income. Mr. Chester Armstrong, of the Minneapolis Bureau of Engraving, has been suggested as a good man for the position of advertising manager. He will work in conjunction with the Banta Publishing Company, which publishes a large proportion of the sorority magazines. Mr. Armstrong thinks that each sorority magazine could expect to receive at least \$3.00 per page per issue for each one thousand subscribers; which would mean that *THE CRESCENT*, with its present subscription list of about fifteen hundred subscribers could expect to receive at least \$4.50 per page per issue, or \$18.00 per page per year; and if it carried ten pages of advertising, it would receive \$180 a year, from which it would have to pay Mr. Armstrong a 25 per cent commission, or \$45, and the Banta Publishing Company a small amount to cover the increase in cost of each issue. I am herewith attaching a letter which I have recently received from Mr. Armstrong and a letter which I have recently received from Mr. Banta, our publisher. They think they have the plan worked out so that several pages of advertising will be ready for the sorority magazines by next fall. The question for us now to decide is whether we want to mar the beauty of our magazine by carrying ten or more pages of high-class advertising, or whether we would prefer to go without the \$125 or more additional revenue that this would bring us. I should be glad to have the opinion of the convention upon the matter of joining the syndicate. To me it seems to be the simplest way of solving the advertising problem; and an easy way of adding one hundred dollars or more to our treasury annually.

One thing more, and that is about the duties of active and alumnae chapter secretaries to *THE CRESCENT*. The mailing list of *THE CRESCENT* is largely at the mercy of the accuracy or the inaccuracy and the promptness or the tardiness of chapter secretaries, since they are the Business manager's chief source of information as to the names and addresses of subscribers. *THE CRESCENT* is published four times a year—in October, January, March, and June—and the mailing list has to be completely revised before each publication. Four times a year, by the first of October, January, and March, and by the fifteenth of May, each chapter secretary must send the Business Manager a report of the additions to her chapter since the last issue of *THE CRESCENT*, the withdrawals from the chapter,

the changes in address of any members and the changes in both name and address of members, if any have married. This list must be either type-written or written in a perfectly legible hand, it must be absolutely accurate—without any guess work as to the spelling of names or the street number of residences, it must have no omissions, it must be alphabetical, and above all, it must be in the Business Manager's hands by the first day of October, the first day of January, the first day of March, and the fifteenth day of May. All chapter subscriptions expire with the October number of *THE CRESCENT*, and all names not reported to the Business Manager by January first as members of active or alumnae chapters, are taken off the list January first, and are not put on again until they are so reported. This, of course, does not apply to five-year and life subscribers. Those are kept upon the list until their subscriptions expire; provided, of course, that the Business Manager is kept informed as to the present address of such subscribers. Chapter secretaries must instruct their five-year subscribers to promptly report to the Business Manager any failure on their part to receive *THE CRESCENT*. Five-year subscriptions start with the January number of *THE CRESCENT* of the school year in which the girl is initiated, and expire with the October number five years later. For example, if a girl is initiated in October, 1916, in January, 1917, or in May, 1917, her five-year *CRESCENT* subscription will start with the January, 1917, *CRESCENT*, and will expire with the October, 1921, *CRESCENT*; and the chapter treasurer should give her a receipt to that effect, and make a similar record upon the books of the chapter.

We are trying to keep the mailing list of *THE CRESCENT* as accurate as possible; but with one-year, five-year, and life subscriptions, and with the constant changing of secretaries and treasurers, it is not an easy task, and requires the help of every subscriber. If you do not receive your *CRESCENT* promptly, or if you know of any subscribers whose *CRESCENTS* are not going to the proper address, will you not promptly notify the Business Manager?

And now a last word. We have on hand a large number of back numbers of *THE CRESCENT*, which we should like very much to dispose of. Will you not urge each member of your chapter to complete her personal file of *CRESCENTS* as far as possible, and will you not see that your chapter file is made complete? We shall be glad to sell these back numbers to individual Gamma Phis or to chapters for ten cents a copy; and I hope we shall receive many orders in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA K. SMITH,

Business Manager of THE CRESCENT.

REPORT OF THE EXPANSION COMMITTEE

When a committee has as much activity to report as the Expansion Committee has at this convention it is customary to plunge into the heart of the subject with glowing terms, but one member of this committee has so keenly felt a vague fear in many chapters that the sorority was dashing into a reckless career of expansion that it was decided to emphasize this report with a bird's-eye view of the past. Until 1913 we had expanded very slowly and deliberately with intervals of two to eight years between the admission of chapters, so that our chapter roll was scattered. Then Omicron was added to the chapter roll. But we had the reputation by that time of being conservative. Only the greatest effort on the part of the expansion committee resulted in the addition of Pi to our chapter roll

a year later. The following fall we revised the constitution and the last three years have seen an addition of five chapters to Gamma Phi Beta. Rho Chapter was the first to come in under the new Constitution. Sigma and Tau were voted in at the 1915 convention and were installed by the present Expansion Committee on October 9 and 15, respectively. Upsilon was installed June 1, 1916, by Zeta, and Phi Chapter on February 23, 1917, with Omicron acting as the installing chapter. The Chairman of Expansion was present at both installations.

I wish you to pause and consider what looks like a too active growth. We have tried to maintain the high standard set by our older chapters both in the class of girls now wearing our pin and in the institution itself. In several cases we contrasted the past with the present and foresaw a big future. With the girls we wanted already there, we asked ourselves why we should wait until "our friend, the enemy" had proved the value of the field and then bemoan our short-sightedness in not entering earlier. In the other cases we ought to have entered years ago. We have now come to the point where it is customary to begin with, "The Expansion Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the establishment of five new chapters since last convention." Behold our chapter roll as it is!

Visits in the interest of expansion have been made by National officers to Columbus, Ohio; Miami University at Oxford, Ohio; Beloit, Wisconsin; Ames, Iowa; and to Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in each case it seemed best not to encourage the girls. In the case of Beloit, Ames, and Coe College visits have been paid by neighboring active chapters.

So much for the past and the present. We cannot prophesy truly about the future but it is only natural that we should speculate about where we should like to be. You see where we have:

Randolph-Macon—the barometer of southern rating of sororities.

North Dakota—a growing institution, yearly attracting finer girls.

Columbus, Ohio—a university with a big future but no opening for Gamma Phi Beta.

University of Pennsylvania.

Cornell University—great improvement in status of women, three locals good.

Ames, Iowa—a good field but the right girls have not applied to us.

Texas—worth watching, fine girls.

Arizona—worth watching but we cannot push the matter.

Corvallis—in two years we will know whether we want to enter.

Vancouver—a big future but now is no time to pursue the matter.

As a result of my two years' experience on the Expansion Committee I would like to suggest that all chapters be notified when a petition is before the sorority. Let only the voting chapters receive the petition but let all chapters be told of the petition, the college, and the girls. Let it be understood that the Expansion Committee would be glad to hear from anyone who knows anything about the field. It must be rather disconcerting to a faraway but interested Gamma Phi to know nothing of expansion moves until installation announcements arrive. The Expansion Committee is in need of an entire set of initiation properties, including robes, hangings, and lights to be used for installation services. If the National had those properties they might be sent to every chapter as a model by which to compare and correct, thus insuring uniformity. The plan of having a member from each district on the Expansion Committee ought to be a good working plan and deserves development. I am very sorry that I was unable to do very much with that committee but I strongly recommend it.

The biggest thing the Expansion Committee does, of course, is to care for wise addition of chapters. I asked one of our founders if she were not amazed over the growth of Gamma Phi Beta and she answered, "A good thing deserves to grow." So it does, and with care, thought, and wisdom bestowed upon it, the growth of Gamma Phi Beta ought to be as certain in the future as it has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET NACHTRIEB.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN OF GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

I am very sorry not to be able to give my report in person and to greet each and every Gamma Phi present. So I have asked Miss Nachtrieb to extend to you my very cordial greetings.

It is a very wholesome experience just to stop once in a while and take stock of ourselves. In my work, as Scholarship Chairman, I have tried to get each chapter to stop for a moment and take a look at itself. As I understand it, the Scholarship Committee was appointed for that reason. In the hurry and rush of our daily existence, we are apt to cover up or lose sight of the vital issues, which become immersed by the daily detail.

The system of inaugurating a scheme of semester reports was planned so that each chapter could see exactly what every girl in its group was doing in her college work; to see where they were weak and to try and strengthen that spot; to see how each chapter stood in relation to every other chapter. I am just the mouthpiece of your results but too often, I am afraid, just getting the reports to me means final attainment. I admit it has been a great struggle to get those results down on paper but what those results mean and show is the important point, for the filling out of the blanks is primarily for your benefit and edification.

Do not think for a moment that I am discouraged with the results. I do begin to feel a certain sense of response. There has been a very noticeable gain, in the effort of almost every chapter, to do what the scholarship chairman requested. We have labored over the problem of obtaining percentages for the reports, but I think every chapter now knows how to do this correctly. All the mechanical part of the task is now becoming more familiar to the chapter chairmen, and I find a marked improvement in the rapidity with which they answer my letters and other communications I send out from time to time.

Miss Nachtrieb has helped immensely to lessen the distance between the chapters and the scholarship chairman, and also to imbue us all with a spirit of coöperation, which is absolutely necessary to any success. Please, sister delegates, do try to get every girl to ask herself, if she, personally, is doing her share and if she is really giving up a little of herself for the sake of strong coöperation, which experience will help her as well as help Gamma Phi? I do think you are trying, but I refuse to believe that you have yet reached that goal. I have sent out special recommendations from time to time, and they contained all my suggestions and advice. But I should like to ask the delegates to carry home the urgent request to follow all instructions closely, and that all put their shoulders to the wheel of progress, and make up their minds to push hard and together, for the sake of a stronger and better whole and do not forget that every link counts in the strong chain.

Again I extend to you my most sincere greetings.

Respectfully submitted by your Chairman,

EDNA THUNER.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF GAMMA PHI BETA

March 27, 1917.

Dear Sisters of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled:

It was my hope to present this in person, but again I am disappointed.

The last convention took no definite action as to permanent plans for general sorority work along the lines of social service. They did, however, decide to raise before the next convention, an experimental fund of \$500 to be used in giving to some young woman a year of training for social service in some school of good standing. This is to be administered by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, who will award it as "The Gamma Phi Beta Social Service Fellowship," to the most satisfactory young woman who applies for it and who can meet the following requirements:

1. She must hold a Bachelor's degree from a college on the A.C.A. list.
2. She must have had at least one year of graduate work.
3. She must have taken some work in the social sciences.

The financial status of the fund is as follows:

Totals paid during the two years by the chapters:

Alpha	\$30.00	Sigma	30.00
Beta	00.00	Tau	25.00
Gamma	15.00	Phi	00.00
Delta	29.50	Chicago	00.00
Epsilon	30.00	Syracuse	25.00
Zeta	21.00	Boston	18.00
Eta	17.50	New York	20.00
Theta	00.00	San Francisco	10.00
Iota	00.00	Denver	20.00
Kappa	35.00	Minneapolis	00.00
Lambda	00.00	Detroit	00.00
Mu	10.00	Baltimore	00.00
Nu	15.00	Milwaukee	00.00
Xi	00.00	Seattle	00.00
Omicron	25.00	Madison Group	00.00
Pi	11.00	Moscow Group	00.00
Rho	00.00	Los Angeles Group	00.00
		Portland Group	00.00

Total \$387.00

This leaves still to be paid \$113.00. This amount will be met if the remaining chapters, active and alumnae, do their share, as each will surely wish to do in this noteworthy beginning. It is only fair to say that some of the chapters that have not contributed are giving largely toward local enterprises. It is, however, to be hoped that every chapter will pay something.

The personal account of your committee stands as follows:

Cash on hand date of last convention,	\$3.46
Paid for typing	\$2.00
Paid for stamps and postal cards	1.46
	3.46
	3.46

Balance March 27, 19170.00

The Committee believes that the report of the local social service work will be more interesting and complete if given by the chapter delegates. We are anxious, however, to commend those chapters which have reported such local activities.

There remains only a question of what to do next and how to do it. The idea of a social service fellowship has been enthusiastically approved by many outsiders as well as by many Gamma Phis. If we continue it, it must be in one of two ways—either by the laborious raising of a \$10,000 fund, which then must be invested and for the administration of which a board of trustees must be created; or by the raising of \$500 each year or each two years, by a per-chapter or per-capita tax. The Committee recommends the latter scheme as more simple and as being of more lasting interest to future Gamma Phis.

May the convention be a most helpful and joyous one.

Yours faithfully in II K E,
FLORENCE HEERMANS.

REPORT OF PIN CERTIFICATE COMMITTEE

PIN CERTIFICATES BY CHAPTERS

1915-1916

Alpha	22	Mu	9
Beta	10	Nu	15
Gamma	44	Xi	7
Delta	14	Omicron	12
Epsilon	28	Pi	14
Zeta	10	Rho	4
Eta	13	Sigma	15
Theta	15	Tau	43
Iota	1	Upsilon	12
Kappa	13		
Lambda	23		
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PIN CERTIFICATES BY CHAPTERS

1916-1917

Alpha	6	Mu	13
Beta	4	Nu	10
Gamma	8	Xi	21
Delta	5	Omicron	11
Epsilon	19	Pi	13
Zeta	9	Rho	6
Eta	17	Sigma	8
Theta	11	Tau	11
Iota	--	Upsilon	11
Kappa	14	Phi	21
Lambda	22		
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ADAH G. GRANDY.

REPORT OF SONGBOOK COMMITTEE

March 26, 1917

To the Members of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled,
Greetings:

Herewith is submitted the final report of your Committee on the Song-book.

The last edition is exhausted. It remains for the new National Council to provide for another edition.

Receipts from the sale of books have made it possible to repay the loan made by the sorority, and to pay all current expenses such as postage, stationery, wrapping materials, storage of books and plates, and insurance.

Attention is called to the two recommendations in the report made at the last convention.

After more than twenty years service on this committee, I have tendered my resignation to our Grand President.

May I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all with whom I have had business transactions in the sale of books, for their uniform promptness and for their kindly forbearance.

Respectfully submitted in Π K E
EMMA F. LOWD.

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

March 24, 1917.

To the Grand Officers and Delegates of Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled,

Greetings:

It is with sincere appreciation for the prompt response from the alumnae chapters that today a report can be made that \$428.45 have been collected toward the establishment of the Endowment Fund.

Considering that according to the Constitution our convention would regularly occur next November it is a matter for congratulation that in so short a time the above amount has been received for the fund.

The work really began at the Asilomar Convention. Several delegates made pledges for their chapters and one individual pledge of twenty-five dollars was received.

On the return trip to San Francisco "the hat was passed" on the train by our hostesses of Mu Chapter with the result that the first eleven dollars in actual cash was paid into the fund. All the alumnae chapters have been heard from except one, and two more individual pledges were made.

The following is an itemized account of the sums received and paid to the National Treasurer.

Collected on the train	\$11.00
Miss Guppy	25.00
Mrs. Brittingham	25.00
Mrs. Silversen	15.00

Chapters

Milwaukee	25.00
San Francisco	11.00
Denver	25.00
Minneapolis	25.00
Baltimore	10.00
Boston	63.00
New York	90.45
Seattle	25.00
Syracuse	25.00
Portland	25.00

Chicago	\$25.00
Interest on bond	3.00
Total	\$428.45

It is to be hoped that the alumnæ association will help the alumnæ chapters to bear the responsibility in raising this fund.

Respectfully submitted in II K E,
 BLANCHE SHOVE PALMER,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

March 20, 1917.

To Gamma Phi Beta in Convention:

In December last I accepted the chairmanship of the cookbook committee. Since that time most of the time I had to spend in the work has been spent acquainting myself with plans already made and adding to them the few ideas which I had to contribute.

Up to date there have been 97 recipes submitted, and two cookbooks sent to me with suggestions as to some recipes which they contain. I should say we have at present some 115 recipes from which to choose. Alpha has responded with 42 recipes. If the other chapters would do as well we should soon have enough material to begin serious work in sorting, classifying, and choosing. I have received practically no suggestions excepting those coming from Miss Morgan and Miss Elliot. I feel sure there are many more of you who can contribute valuable suggestions. I assure you they will be greatly appreciated.

My present plan is this. By the first of May I should like to have at least three or four hundred recipes. I should like to make the introduction to the book something regarding the classes of foods and their functions in the body. This would not be technical. I should like to group the foods according to the classes in a general way. I believe that the suggestion that we include recipes and suggestions for serving to large groups is a good one and I plan to include that material. I want to spend the month of April in receiving and sorting the recipes and May in getting the material ready for the printer. Please send in all material before the first of May.

I shall appreciate having the material come in promptly. Please do not forget to sign the recipes, giving chapter and class. Any suggestions that you may offer will be appreciated.

1722 B St., Pullman, Wash.

Respectfully submitted,
 JULIET LITA BANE.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

To the Fortieth (Fifth Biennial) Convention of Gamma Phi Beta:

The following report is submitted with the recognition that it is a record of beginnings rather than of accomplishments.

The History which was placed in my hands at the close of the Thirty-ninth Convention is a brief survey of Gamma Phi Beta from its founding in 1874 up to a period immediately preceding the Convention, August 25-28, 1915. It was compiled by Mary Whitford, at that time Historian, who recognized its imperfections. These defects were due largely to lack of adequate time in which to assemble the data for so important a work

which properly should require the consulting of many sources and verifying of many statements.

The Grand Council took no action upon the best method of revising the History to prepare it for publication until the latter part of 1916. While awaiting instructions to proceed with the work, my duties as Historian consisted of sending information about the history of Gamma Phi Beta to a Gamma Phi in Nashville who wished material for a paper to be read at a Panhellenic meeting, and communication with Delta, Iota, Kappa, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho, and Sigma in regard to obvious mistakes or ambiguous statements in their histories. These concerned chiefly dates or classes of charter members which had been omitted from the record. Replies were received from all chapters to whom letters were sent.

In the case of Iota, I sent a copy of the history of that chapter and asked whether it would be considered a satisfactory final account; also whether a more complete statement of the matter of withdrawing sororities from Barnard would be desirable. I received in reply a letter saying that the final statement in Iota's history was misleading, that the matter had been misrepresented through lack of information, at times in *THE CRESCENT*, and that it was most advisable for Gamma Phi Beta to know the facts and properly place the responsibility for the withdrawal of sororities. As this incident and the movement to which it belongs is one of importance to the life of the sorority and the first and only case of the loss of a chapter, it seems advisable to the Historian that a full and correct statement of the matter should be included in the history of Gamma Phi Beta. Therefore upon later receiving instructions that chapter histories should be revised and rewritten, I returned the explanatory letter and clippings to Iota as valuable data to use in her history.

In January, 1917, as instructed by the Grand Council, I sent to each chapter a typewritten copy of its history as it stands in the present record with the request that it be revised, corrected, or enlarged, or even entirely rewritten at the chapter's discretion. I asked that every effort be made to have ready for convention a complete and accurate history not only of the beginnings of the chapter but also of interesting and significant events in the life of the chapter since installation. These letters with typewritten inclosures of the history of each were sent to all chapters from Alpha through Pi. As Rho, Sigma, Tau, and Upsilon had not been granted charters at the time the History was compiled, I wrote these chapters giving instructions for the writing of their histories.

Epsilon, Iota, Nu, Omicron, Pi, and Eta responded that instructions were being carried out. Rho and Tau sent their histories, which accompany this report. All chapters were requested to send the completed history to convention, March 25, if possible. For the younger chapters this has surely not been an impossible task, and the Historian hopes that care has been taken to comply with this request. In the case of the older chapters, the time may not have been sufficient to consult alumnæ and verify records, and to these it may be necessary to give an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL L. WILLIAMS, *Historian*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

To Gamma Phi Beta in Convention assembled:

This committee recommends that the history of Gamma Phi Beta be prepared. The time and arrangements for publication shall be decided by the Grand Council. The material already prepared shall be put into

the hands of one person to be known as the Historian to be revised upon a general plan. The committee recommends that the Grand Council appoint Mrs. Lillian Parker Allen, of San Francisco Alumnæ, as the historian. The committee recommends that the historian adopt some such plan as the following:

I. The history shall begin with an account of the growth of our national government.

II. a. The history of each chapter shall begin with a brief description of the university, its resources, and interesting customs—not to exceed about five hundred words.

b. It shall then contain an account of the founding of each chapter and the interesting events which have occurred in its history.

c. It shall close with a brief account of its distinguished alumnæ.

III. The history shall close with an account, furnished by the Grand Council, of the main lines along which the sorority is working at the time of the publication of this history.

MARY J. WELLINGTON,
LILLIAN W. THOMPSON,
MARION E. JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS

The Committee on Reports recommends to convention the adoption of the following:

I. COOKBOOK

1. The compilation of a Gamma Phi Beta Cookbook to be published later, when prices of labor and materials are normal.

II. CRESCENT

1. Increase of life subscriptions.
2. Adoption of syndicate advertising.
3. The more efficient coöperation of active and alumnæ chapters in developing automatic membership in alumnæ chapters.

III. DIRECTORY

1. The immediate printing of the directory, the binding of which shall be as cheap as is practicable.

IV. ENDOWMENT FUND

1. Continuance of, by yearly voluntary contributions by alumnæ chapters or individuals.

V. SOCIAL SERVICE

1. Acceptance of resignation of chairman of committee.
2. Continuance of the A.C.A. Scholarship of \$500.
3. The work to be supported by active and alumnæ chapters by annual assessment.

VI. VISITING DELEGATE

1. Adoption of a uniform president's book as outlined by visiting Delegate.
2. Initiation
 - a. Complete initiation properties owned by the National Board to be used as models for installation of new chapters or as samples to chapters.

- b. Photographs of tableaux of initiation to be placed with each chapter.
- c. Standing initiation committee in each chapter.
- 3. Finances
 - a. A budget to be sent to the Visiting Delegate at the beginning of each year.
 - b. Financial statement at the end of each year.
- 4. Strong freshman organization as best way of caring for new members before initiation.

VII. EXPANSION

- 1. When a petition is before the sorority notify all chapters, giving information about petitioners to non-voting chapters.
- 2. An expansion committee from each district.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHARINE T. SILVERSON,
TELLULAH LeCONTE ELSTON,
Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALUMNÆ COUNCIL

To Gamma Phi Beta Convention:

The Alumnæ Council recommends the following action: further support of the Endowment Fund; the continuance of the National Social Service work; the enforcement of automatic membership, as provided in the convention of 1915; the compilation of the Gamma Phi Beta Cookbook, but postponement of its publication until labor and prices become normal. The Council also wishes to remind the members that Gamma Phi Beta is a sorority, not a fraternity, and advises the Greek pronunciation of the chapter names.

Respectfully submitted.
LAURA L. GRAHAM,
KATHERINE T. SILVERSON,
CONSTANCE FLANDERS.