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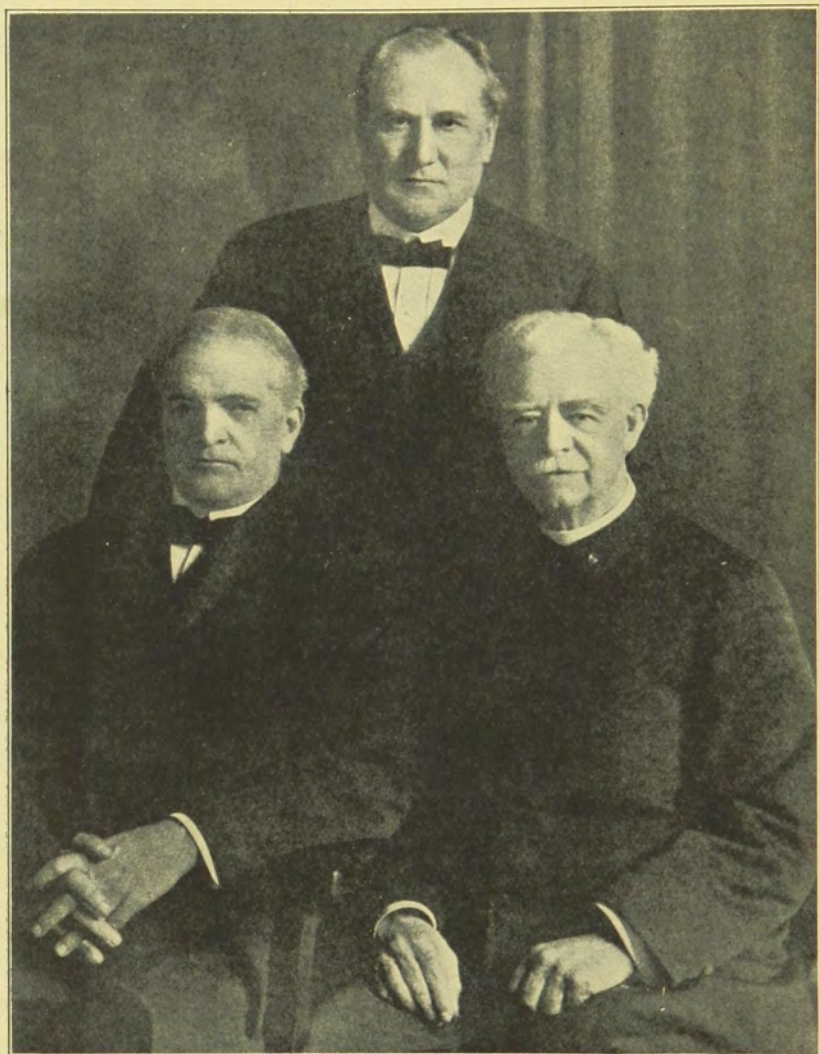
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CONVENTION

With the date all settled and arrangements for entertaining delegates and visitors under way, the Gamma Phi Beta Convention "in Baltimore in 1917" is gradually assuming a form of realism. The time is the last week of March, the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, and thirtieth, and the place is the Hotel Stafford. Goucher has its spring vacation at that time and we hope many of the other colleges have a similar schedule.

We want so much to have you of the West, and anything beyond the Mississippi is West to us, and you of the North get a peep at "the Gateway of the South." Since the advent of Upsilon we have been wary of calling ourselves Southerners. In "old Virginny" no one thinks of Baltimore as being in the South, while in New York we are always so considered. We'll not designate ourselves but ask you to name us. We promise you oysters, for March is a month with the letter r in it, and with Easter only a week away Lexington Market will be so filled with flowers that those of you who were so fortunate as to be at Asilomar will imagine yourselves once more in delightful south-



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ern California with its myriad of blossoms. Close to our headquarters is Walters' Art Gallery, one of the finest private art collections in the country, and after a particularly strenuous business session we'll beg for a few minutes off so as to give you a cursory glimpse of its wonders.

Like all true Baltimoreans we might describe at length the attractive features of our city, and like loyal Gamma Phis we can think of a dozen reasons why you should attend the convention. It is not necessary though to say anything about the latter for we are sure you will come if it is possible, and we prefer to show you the former. Our aim is to make the Fortieth the best convention Gamma Phi has ever held, and we invite you one and all to help us. Come prepared to work and play and we shall do our utmost to make your visit a very pleasant one. The Grand Council promises hard work and we shall fill in the odd moments with hard play.

THREE CHANCELLORS AND THREE GAMMA PHIS

The University of Denver has had but three chancellors—and a daughter of each chancellor has chosen to wear the crescent. This fact may not be regarded as a college tradition; nevertheless it has brought much joy and pride to Theta of Gamma Phi Beta, and it justifies a brief sketch of the three splendid men who have helped to make the University a power in the west, and of the three daughters whose pledging has linked our chapter so closely and so strongly to the very heart of the institution.

On March 5, 1864, the territorial legislature of Colorado granted a charter to "an institution of learning to be styled the Colorado Seminary" and in the fall of that year the work of instruction began, thus establishing what was henceforth to be known as "the pioneer school of higher learning in this state." In 1880, the Colorado Seminary became the University of Denver and Dr. David Hastings Moore was called from Cincinnati to assume the chancellorship. He brought great energy, great enthusiasm, and great faith to the new university; he gave a camaraderie and a sympathy to the student body which made him one of them; he laid the foundation of what has become a great and powerful structure. A



MARION MOORE (Theta)

many-sided man was Dr. Moore—magnetic in personality, fervent in exhortation, gentle in spirit, and determined in execution; possessed of a broad and catholic humanity which received its sweetest tribute years afterward when he—the “fighting bishop,” the ardent northern soldier—was bidden as the honored guest at a reunion of Morgan’s Men of the Confederacy. With the vision of a prophet, he saw what was to be; without his labor and his courage, the University of Denver would never have achieved the glory of the present; and his love for this western institution and for this western country is beautifully expressed in the University Ode which he wrote while Chancellor and which is still chief among college songs.

Under the slopes of the mountains,
And bright with the sheen of the sun;
Where the Platte from its sparkling fountains,
Leaps forth its long journey to run:
Where winter kisses the summer
On Evans, or Pike’s Peak or Gray,
And the frosty breath of December
Is sweet with the odors of May.

At the base of the foot-hills nestled,
On the sands of a long lost sea;
Where Tritons and Titans wrestled
For the old time mastery:
There reigneth our queenly mother—
The proudest of subjects are we—
On all the round globe not another
Hath half so much beauty as she.

In 1889, Dr. Moore became editor of *The Western Christian Advocate* at Cincinnati, and in after years was made Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the time of his departure from Denver, Bishop Henry White Warren asked the President of Boston University to suggest someone for the vacant position—and without a moment of hesitancy the name of Dr. William Fraser McDowell (who was then holding a pastorate in Ohio) was presented. Bishop Warren acted upon the suggestion—he saw and was conquered—and in 1890, Dr. McDowell made his first speech to the student body of Denver University, closing with these few words, “Will you take me in?” uttered in that direct, sincere, and impressive way which was so characteristic. From that moment he had the love and loyalty of each college man and each college woman and from the very first of his administration he was associated with every phase of educational



MARY BUCHTEL (Theta)

work in Denver. It was he who planned the first university extension course ever given in the state; who moved the University from the city to its present site; who opened the School of Law, the Chamberlin Observatory; who established the first University Council. It was his charm of manner, his friendliness, his broadness of spirit which endeared him to every sort and condition of people; it was his profound scholarship, his extraordinary ability which made him a central figure in other than University circles; it was his splendid and indomitable courage which bore him through these darkest days of the University. When, in 1899, he accepted a call to become Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, there was general regret and a feeling among the students of personal loss. In later years he was ordained Bishop and from time to time he has come back to us always with the same enthusiasm, the same cheering message, and the same friendly smile which makes those of a later generation crowd around him in eagerness to take his hand. And through the years has gone the selfsame loyalty to the institution. "When my travels bear me through the red and gold of autumn hues," he said upon one occasion, "I take the little knot of ribbon which I always carry and wave the colors of my university in very challenge of the gorgeousness of nature."

In January of 1900, Dr. Henry Augustus Buchtel, called from Calvary Church at East Orange, New Jersey, took up the duties of Chancellor and assumed the burden of the great debt which threatened the very life of the institution. Those of us who have watched him in the mighty financial struggle, who have marked his patience, this unfaltering faith, his serenity, and his optimism in the very face of disaster, who have known of his personal sacrifice and personal effort can but marvel at the greatness of the man. The University of Denver can never repay the debt it owes to Chancellor Buchtel, for he has given it *life*—life that means fulfilment of hopes, realization of ideals, broadness of horizon; life that comes only when the college itself can leave debt behind and can enter upon a free and untrammelled existence. Whatever he has done for the cause of education—and his contribution is far from slight—his greatest achievement is the endowment campaign whose successful issue brings the University a sum of money which will open a still greater field of service to society. Chancellor Buchtel has also been a potent factor in civic life—for when he was overwhelmingly elected Governor of Colorado, he served the state wisely and well and at the same time remained head of the University.



OLIVE VINCENT McDOWELL (Iota)

Thus we eulogize our three Chancellors; they are worth every encomium. And we quote as our final word, from the University Anniversary Ode written in June, 1914, by an alumna in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the charter:

Three men there are, whose staunch and fearless souls
Have dared to dream, to hope, to plan, to do:
Who, steadfast in the faith of God—and true
Have pointed us to higher, nobler goals.
The first one founded firm upon the rock
And fed the lamp of hope with constant prayer,
Far-visioned, unafraid to do and dare—
A seer, a prophet, hewn from Nature's block.

The second brought his great, undaunted will,
His firm-based brain, his mighty cadenced phrase,
To cheer, to strengthen through the darkest days—
A stern, heroic mission to fulfill.
The third, by weary and unwasted days,
By service for the future that will be,
Has made our college great and famed and free—
Nor can we amply pay by mortal praise.
Ah, Past and Present mastered by these three
Have gained for us a glorious destiny.

Marion Moore—a demure maiden in short dress and long pig-tail, distinguished by pansy eyes that were “too dressy for the daytime”—entered the preparatory school of the University, shortly after her return from China where the Moore family had had an interesting and thrilling sojourn. Before the completion of her academic course, she went to Portland where the Bishop was stationed and graduated from the high school in that city, entering the University of Denver in the fall of 1906. Fraternity loyalty characterized the Moores—for the Bishop was a devoted member of Beta Theta Pi and had written many songs for his order; his three sons belonged to the Denver chapter of the same fraternity, and Marion's only sister, Mrs. Robert J. Pitkin, had been a pledge of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Northwestern. So it was most natural that Marion should show this same loyalty to the pin of Gamma Phi Beta which was soon placed upon her and should enter immediately into the spirit of the sorority and into the life of the college. A transfer of Bishop Moore to Indianapolis meant another change of residence—and Marion never resumed her college work. Theta chapter, however, did not lose her—for frequent visits to her sister whose home is in the city kept her in touch with sorority

affairs, and on her many travels she always found time to send clever letters to the Denver girls. After Bishop Moore's death in 1915, she entered the Littleford School in Cincinnati—the best of its kind in the city—and took the Commercial, Bookkeeping, and Stenographic Course, from which she has been promoted to the office of solicitor, with the promise of soon becoming Miss Littleford's secretary and aide.

When Dr. McDowell left Denver for New York, his daughter Olive was but a preparatory student—a sweet and gentle girl whose force of character and graciousness of manner had endeared her to those of Theta chapter who were then in college. In the fall of 1903 came the glad news that Olive had entered Barnard and had been pledged to Iota. "She was a most loyal Gamma Phi," writes one of her college mates, "and our years of association with her were very precious to us all." When Dr. McDowell was elected Bishop, the family moved to Evanston where Olive had many delightful times with Epsilon, never losing for a moment her interest in things national and local, although even then she was battling with ill health. On December 23, 1907, she passed quietly away—serene in death as in life—leaving a very blessed memory to those who had known and loved her. There is a little story about her which has been published several times in *THE CRESCENT*, and which is always worthy of repetition.

It was rushing season at Iota and the members of the chapter were frantically discussing the eligibles. The freshman, Olive, sat by in suppressed excitement—and listened. The orators waxed eloquent; the prospective initiates were carefully dissected; the campaign was fully planned; while ever and anon came an expression in some such form as this—"Now we must be very nice to Miss So-and-So." Olive was young; she was without experience in sorority affairs; but the repetition of that sentence stirred her heart, and with a great deal of excitement she gave her first speech. It was substantially as follows: "I do not like the repetition of this sentence and its inferences. This chapter of Gamma Phi must be nice to everybody. If it is not going to be nice to everybody in this college, then it has no business here or anywhere. Fraternities have seemed to think that they could treat well those whom they chose to treat well, and to treat all others just as they pleased. And as long as fraternities do that, they will be a proper object for the dislike of those who naturally object to that kind of thing. We must be nice to everybody, or we are not nice to anybody at all!" She was almost frightened to death after she had said it, but her absolute honesty and frankness

had made it impossible for her to keep silent, and for many a day there lingered in Iota the memory of that one little freshman speech.

Bishop Moore, as we have said, was a member of Beta Theta Pi; Bishop McDowell is a Phi Gamma Delta and once edited the fraternity magazine; Chancellor Buchtel belongs to Beta Theta Pi, as does his son; Mrs. Buchtel is Kappa Alpha Theta's first initiate and Emma Buchtel Lennox, now in China, is also a Kappa Alpha Theta, having joined her mother's chapter at De Pauw. And now Mary Buchtel, the youngest child, has pledged herself to Gamma Phi Beta. Just as Theta chapter has watched Mary Buchtel through the four preparatory years, just so has Mary Buchtel in her quiet way watched all the sororities; and it was the greatest triumph in Theta's career when on the afternoon of September 29, she entered the Gamma Phi Lodge as the haven of her choice. For she had been on the side lines so to speak; she had had time to weigh, to deliberate; she was sure of herself; she *knew*. That is why Theta girls, active and alumnæ, are very happy; for her decision is the truest tribute to their chapter life; and they see in this freshman maid the promise of a splendid leadership and the certainty of a quiet power.

One incident in connection with her pledging is worthy of chronicle. On the afternoon of the eventful day, before time to announce her decision, she sat with the Gamma Phi invitation in her hand and three others before her. "How I wish," she said to her father, "that these could go to girls who have had no bids." And in this simple remark lies the keynote to her character. She thinks of others, and the girl who thinks of others will dignify the badge she wears. And when Mary Buchtel makes her final vows to Gamma Phi Beta she will receive as her own the pin which Olive McDowell wore and loved and honored.

So—even if we may not call it a tradition—still, there will be daughters of the Chancellors in years to come—and, why not?

REPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

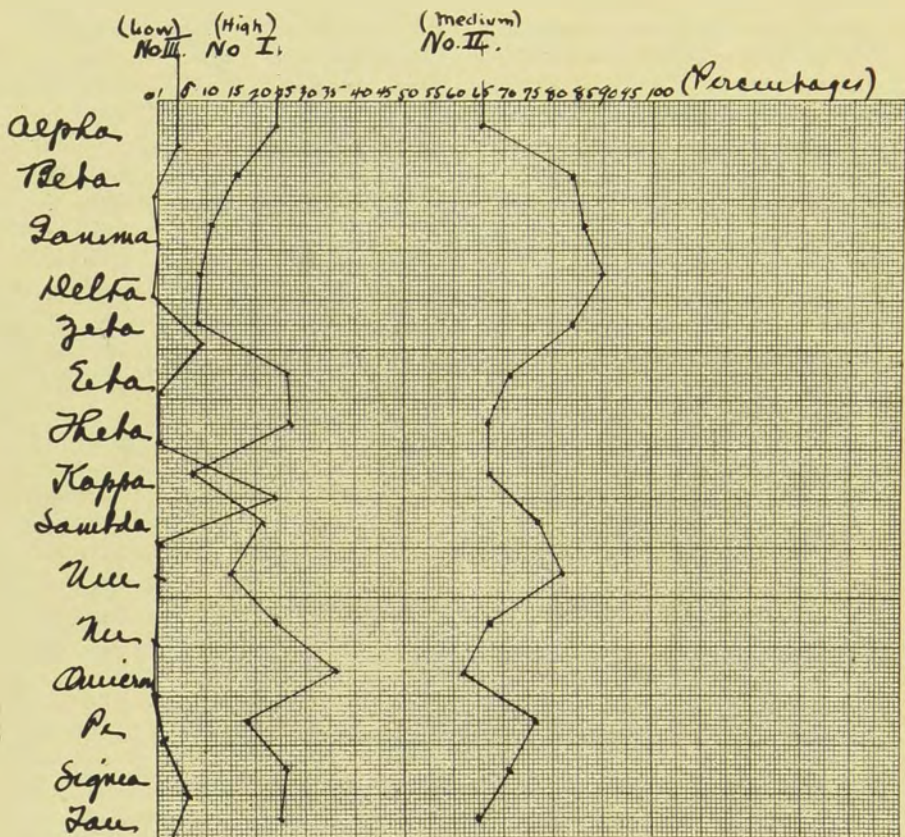
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To read graph—

Line No. I represents the percentage of grade 90 or above in each chapter.

Example: Alpha has 24% of grade 90 or above.

Line No. II represents the percentage of grade two (from 90 to 65%) in each chapter.



Example: Beta has 84% of grade two, i.e., 84% of total number of hours taken by the whole chapter ranges from 90 down to 65%.

Line No. III represents the percentage of non-passing work.

Example: Gamma has one per cent of non-passing work.

It is interesting to note that the chapters having the largest percentage of the highest grade are the ones who have the fewest conditions.

The following chapters had no non-passing work: Delta, Nu, Omicron.

No general statement of this kind is absolutely satisfactory or accurate for so many conditions have to be considered. But it will show to the chapters their approximate standing and their rating, in relationship to the other chapters.

No report for this semester was received from Upsilon, Xi, and Rho.

Trusting that this may prove of interest to all and that the next report will show a great improvement in the scholarship of the chapters, for I feel quite certain that most of the chapters are trying diligently to raise their ranking, I respectfully submit my report.

EDNA THEMER, *Acting Chairman of Scholarship Committee.*

I always welcome suggestions and am glad to answer any questions. E. T.

AMERICAN TAPESTRY

(Something New Under the Sun)

Imperia is a Chimayo. She lives in a remote hamlet on the snow-clad Sangre de Cristos in northern New Mexico. Imperia is a weaver of beautiful things. In our state, there are only two tribes of weavers—the Navajos, whose work is notorious, and the Chimayos, who do the lightweight, supple, smooth sort which has been called by artists “American tapestry.”

Chimayo looms are very old, indeed, as old as the looms in which our New England sisters glory; the blankets woven are in three sizes—portière size (3x7 ft.), table runner size (20 in. x 36 in.), and “squaw blanket” size (20 in.x19 in.), which we use as pillow tops.

Now let me tell you something of the girl, Imperia, whose friendship brightened my life three summers ago when my husband took me to her home for several days’ stay, while he “inspected” her brother’s work, seeing how much theology the boy had learned, after a year in his classes at Albuquerque.

The home had every comfort necessary, the girl, Imperia, as gay and lovely as any girl could be: but study her picture now. The respected father is dead; the mother, feeble; the brother (an only



IMPERIA

son), married and preaching in another tribe—the Jemez, where we worked for three years; and cruel, fanatical relatives are trying to crush out the family. I might explain that the Chimayos are, normally, what we call “Penitentes”—fanatics who scourge themselves with cactus thorns, whips, and curious torture devices of their own manufacture. Imperia’s father turned from this religion. The son became a Presbyterian minister, and now the wrath of the tribe is venting itself upon two frightened women. Of course, there is the law, you say, and my father’s legal firm is at their disposal, but these people know better, for some hate is never quenched by a court’s decision. The two could leave there, you say; yes, but they never will—one reason is enough: the old mother is too timid and feeble

and the brother has married an American.

But there is a way to put bread before them again: we can give Imperia a market for her beautiful work. A year ago I recommended her to a big buyer who took a hundred dollars worth and has not paid the girl. Three months ago she again appealed for help, and in a happy moment I drew an enlarged, simplified copy of our Gamma Phi symbol, sent it to her with an order for pillow tops and table runners for my sister’s Christmas gift, my own home, and one for Lindsey Barbee. Miss Barbee described Imperia’s weaving as “exquisite” and suggested that the whole sorority be told of this quaint, new method of helping the girl.

We are not yet perfectly satisfied with the browns; war has played havoc with the dye supply and prices for wool are inflated

horribly. Wool is now three dollars per pound, and as one pillow top "consumes" half a pound, some idea of the actual expense is gleaned. Because one of Imperia's gentle uncles is the village postmaster, I am having to do all her business for her; so anyone interested will write to me, since the girl is helpless. This is one item in the persecution which Imperia is silently enduring.

Sisters, please give us orders. Imperia's work is not anything passing, but a beautiful thing which you can have before your eyes as long as you live and then leave to your daughter's generation of Gamma Phis.

MAUDE McFIE BLOOM (*Beta*).

NOTICE

The price of a pillow top (20 inches x 19 inches) with background of light brown and monogram of dark brown is \$2. Seal all orders—or write for information to Mrs. Lansing B. Bloom, Magdalena, New Mexico.

Box 302, Presbyterian Manse.

[Mrs. Bloom places the price of a pillow top at \$2, which barely clears expenses. The editor takes the liberty of adding that it would be generous for each one who orders to make her check for \$2.50! Which chapter will be the first to enroll in this social service work?]

THE HUMAN SIDE OF INTERNATIONALISM

BY LAURA PAGE FLICK (*Syracuse*)

[Laura Page Flick, one of the enthusiastic members of Syracuse chapter, and a loyal worker for Gamma Phi, contributes the second article in our "Alumnæ Chapter Series." Mrs. Flick is well known, not only in Syracuse circles, but to the hundreds throughout the country who have from time to time been members of Dr. Flick's travel parties.]

"Let us go into this car," said I to my friend, leading her away from the coach provided for our American party. She opened the door and started back in consternation, saying, "I can't go in there—it is full of *foreigners*. Said I, "You are in Italy; who is the foreigner?"

This incident set me to thinking how little the different peoples of the earth understood each other and that back of all troubles in the world was, in the beginning, a misunderstanding of the other party and a misconception of duty and what was right.

This so-called science of Internationalism is really an attempt of thinking men to discover some ground on which different peoples can meet to adjust differences. About five thousand books and pamphlets have been written on this subject since the war began. A few of them have drifted my way and I have found them as inspiring as Phillips Brooks's sermons. From divers material that I have attempted to absorb, the following comes uppermost in my mind.

Wars will be reduced to a minimum when the different nations learn to apply the same moral and ethical codes that hold now in civilized countries between individuals, to their dealings with each other. When individuals or families or small groups do not agree, they do not murder each other; they go to a court of law and have the thing thrashed out. If a rich man wants his neighbor's vineyard, he does not help himself to it, he tries to buy it and if the small landowner does not wish to sell he is not forced to.

An international conscience must be developed so that dealings between nations will be called by their true names. Killing is murder and robbery is stealing and it does not alter their nature to call them military necessity.

In international dealings, those who rush a nation into war should remember that they are dealing with human material as well as with guns, poisonous gases, submarines, and air craft. Unspeakable physical horrors as well as unthinkable moral ones are among the results of war. Not only is the present day soldier mutilated but the next generation is bound by the law of Eugenics to be inferior. The men of France were on an average an inch shorter after the Napoleonic wars. Survival of the fittest does not mean survival of the fairest and finest but of those who can best fit themselves into their environment. If the environment is wretched, some of the best in soul and mind cannot live in it. If this war business is carried out to its logical end and scientific engines of death increase in efficiency and number, I see no reason why the greater part of the human race should not be destroyed.

When will nations learn that honor consists in taking care of their people not in mutilating them? Why is the destroying of a man's life and happiness looked upon so lightly and the sullyng of a nation's so-called honor deemed the worst crime in the calendar? If the happiness and welfare of the individual were of more importance, affairs between nations could be more easily adjusted.

War is not what it is "cracked up to be." In the language of a great general, war in the process is hell and in the end, it does not accomplish what it sets out to do. A small boy told his mother that the Sunday School lesson was about Enoch—that Enoch was not the

man God took him for. Men have yet to learn that in every sense war is futile. Napoleon's great kingdom of conquest was taken away from France. The people of Alsace and Lorraine still continued to live on the home territory, so the financial gain to Germany could not have been great.

It is humiliating to think what the moral effect upon the backward peoples of the earth must be, this war between so-called civilized folk. Where is the spirit of the brotherhood of man, the spirit of Christ, what are the churches doing to get at the root of this evil? For it *is* a great evil like the plague and not a necessity nor is it inevitable.

When the germ of a disease is discovered and an antidote found, it is a great intellectual triumph. To discover the causes of war, which are of the spirit, and to apply the cure which was given to the world about nineteen hundred years ago, will be a great moral and spiritual triumph. The world needs great and wise men with a genius for construction and the ability to convince mankind.

The personal duel once settled disputes between individuals, family feuds were prevalent, states fought each other, and the next step in the process of civilization will take place when nations settle all their differences, not part of them, at a world court and through diplomacy and not war.

If, for the most part, the civilized nations were determined to have peace, one nation in a fit of aberration or a relapse into barbarism, could be easily brought to her senses. Complete boycott, absolute isolation, the stopping of interest on her foreign investments and the downright condemnation of the world, would soon put things in the right light. War cannot be downed by war. The devil cannot be conquered by fire—he knows most about it.

Public opinion is the greatest power in the world. The cry of horror that went up from the people of the United States at certain barbarities committed early in the war, has done much to limit these horrors. So as public opinion is such a great force, it matters very much what each one of us says and thinks. We have no excuse to join any song of hate. We owe it to our own souls not to let our mental atmosphere get murky with anger. Dr. Lynch of the Church Peace Union says, "Either the nation pulls the individual down or the individual must lift the nation up."

So it is for each one of us to think straight and to help to contribute to the constructive spiritual force of the world. Professor Hart of Harvard says, "What happens does not outrun, in the long run, the frame of mind of the people, of what a people think they ought to be and do."

The idea of a world court that will consist of fair-minded men of all nations is not as utopian as it may appear. Many critical situations have been handled at the Hague and war averted. Tennyson over fifty years ago saw the vision in "Locksley Hall" when he wrote:

"For I dipped into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly
dew
From the nations airy names grappling in the central blue;
Far along the world-wide whisper of the south wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples plunging through the thunder
storm;
Till the war drum throbbed no longer, and the battle-flags were
furled
In the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the world."

THE BIG SISTER MOVEMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

BY ANNE McKEEN SHULER (*Dean of Women*)

[Anne McKeen Shuler is an ideal Dean of Women; college girls, college men, and university friends proclaim her so. Her indescribable charm, her clever repartee, and her keen sense of humor make her the attraction of any circle, while her ready understanding and sympathy, her marvelous tact and her exceeding efficiency have done much for the young people with whom she comes in contact. The Big Sister Movement in the University of Denver originated with her and is only one of the many good things she has done for the college.]

It has been charged against college education that it is too academic, that students are stuffed with textbook knowledge but that they are deficient in the humanities, and it must be admitted that the charge is often substantiated. The fact that one has taken a college training does not insure that one is competent to do his work in the world. Many things go to educate and develop besides professors and textbooks and laboratories and while we are delving in philosophy and wrangling with mathematics and digging out Latin roots, we must not forget the human side. The great stream of life flows past us and into it we must plunge if we succeed in filling our human place in life.

It was with some such idea as this that we inaugurated the Big Sister Movement in our college. Relying on the material element found in most girls we felt that the responsibility of a younger, inexperienced sister-student would strengthen and develop the upperclassmen while at the same time smoothing the college highway for that most afflicted of beings, the freshman. The Big Sister Movement proper, originated in 1910, in New York, with Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, its object being to interest older women in the unfortunate young girls and little children that came before the Juvenile Court. It is now well established, its mission being preventive rather than restorative, while its principles and name have been adopted and used in many ways by Churches, Colleges, and Societies.

From her eyrie in the college castle the Dean of Women describes many needs—especially in a coeducational institution—and she must constantly be casting about to devise means wherewith to meet the problems that crop up about a campus. The Big Sister Movement was started with us with a three-fold motive.

First: We realized that the high school girl coming into a new and cardinal experience needed individual attention and instruction in the college ropes and many of them needed companionship.

Second: We saw the segregation into sororities, cliques, societies—which however loyal to the school, and high in their aims—weakened the collective college spirit and at the same time left at loose ends the very strands of the student life that needed to be woven into the college fabric. We wanted to knit up the cleavage—we needed Solidarity more than Sorority. We wanted one common college basis where all the women might meet without artificial barriers. We felt we were doing this in the interests of the sororities also, for one of the chief criticisms against them is the danger “of their being lost in the cave of their own companionship”—to use the fine phrase of Toynbee Hall.

The third motive, and I am glad to say our chief motive was this: to so work into the plastic spiritual fibre of our young women the sense of their obligation and responsibility for the happiness and opportunity of the “*other girl*,” that when they entered life’s arena in dead earnest that they would not go so lightly upon their pleasant ways, regardless of little children that daily plod to their most unnatural labor in factory, shop, and mine, regardless of those women who make their pretty coats and suits in horrible hutches of homes; of the laundry girls, young too as they are, in their hellish halos of steam; of the scrub women dragging their wet bodies over the tiled and marble floors of our great office-building, while they are

safe at home in their clean white beds, and of those other little sisters, more sorrowful yet who have passed the barriers over which is written by an indiscriminating social censor—"Leave hope behind, all ye that enter here."

Really, when I contemplate it—our Big Sister Movement means kinship with our kind and social regeneration! Whether conscious of it or not, in very truth their "sister's keeper." We didn't want their souls extinguished by exclusiveness. There are those who confuse culture and refinement with exclusiveness, but the deepest culture and truest refinement come from a sympathetic contact with humanity—people of every rank and kind are the source of our best education and we limit our powers when we confine ourselves to the few.

It was a broad and audacious program—but we have material remarkable for its audacity and breadth and fearlessness and fire. Those who deal with youth know how spacious it is in its views—how it chafes at limitations and the trammels of tradition, how it is spurred and stirred by the call to do big things in a big way—how it likes to champion the just cause. We felt that the women would respond to the call to be Big Sisters—and not choose to confine themselves to the narrower limits of sororities—however fine and good and helpful they may be!

We called a meeting of all the women of the University—we included the sophomores and freshmen though the seniors and juniors were to be the *Big Sisters*. We wanted to hear what the freshmen, as such, thought of the movement and the need of the movement from their standpoint and we *heard* it! The result of the strictly feminine meeting was an unqualified endorsement of the idea. Later we had an interesting millennial election, where lions and lambs lay down together and Gamma Phis were upon the floor nominating Pi Phis and Pi Phis clamoring to elect Sigma Kappas. To one with Abou Ben Adhem tendencies it was magnificent! The young women responded as we were confident they *would* and we were soon equipped with the most efficient of officers and in due time with bone and sinew in the shape of a Constitution and By-laws, all the machinery necessary to the movement. I need not detail to you the various steps we took but we got under way and the good Ship "Big Sister" with colors flying was launched. I might say right here, that knowing how youth idealizes, we had warned our Big Sisters of the possible disillusionment that lay before them; we had very carefully told them that though they assumed their freshmen charges in a noble and almost sacrificial spirit—willing to go to any lengths for the welfare and uplift of their respective

charges that they must be prepared for heart-breaking jolts in the shape of some self-sufficient freshmen who couldn't see it that way and might utterly repudiate the rôle of *Little Sister*. We warned them of all the various pitfalls their enthusiasm might lead them into and above all we bore down heavily on the fact that they must not *patronize* and they must be tactful. The attitude we urged them to assume was that of travellers who had passed that way before and who were ready and glad to give any direction or assistance that might be needed, but who did not obtrude themselves.

Notwithstanding all our careful planning and admonitions, many were the misunderstandings and disappointments, and many the readjustments that had to be made. All sorts of things happened, but we assured the girls that that was just like Life at Large. Some of the Little Sisters confided to us that after weeks, they hardly knew their Guides, Philosophers, and Friends. Some of the Big Sisters with a chastened spirit told us that they felt they were just the drop too much in Little Sister's cup of happiness. Some of the Little Sisters bitterly resented that the appearance of a man upon the social horizon often blotted out Big Sister's interest in anything like a freshman. On the other hand Big Sister told us that Little Sister was like Rebecca's pink parasol, "the dearest thing in life to her but a dreadful care."

We found that through our manner of distributing Little Sisters we had something like the jury—in the famous trial of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"—a mixed result. Puritanic seniors who wouldn't know modern dance music if they heard it were yoked with regular "tee-totums" from some of our city high schools. Scared little modest violets of freshmen had fallen to the lot of self assertive seniors of the feminist type who had no sympathy with weakness of any sort. Nonsorority raw material fell to the lot of ultra sororacists. Real sorority material was drawn by seniors and juniors to whom a "bid" would have been anathema—Oh, it was a little cross-section of life, a most democratic mixing up. Still we felt our method was good. We assured the mismated partners that it was just what they needed—and again that it was life—that that was the way they would draw their husbands and that that was the way they would have to adapt themselves to most of the company that would journey through life with them—and that they would do each other good by their very antagonisms, and learn the Gentle Art of Adaptability. And so we shuffled along and looking back we feel the game has been worth the proverbial candle, and that from our very blunders we have learned valuable lessons and are satisfied that our weak little venture into the world of social service has been of such value that we are going on with high hopes for the future.

We feel we have done several things even if we have been a bit messy. We are satisfied that the new girl has not been heedlessly left to gather up such social crumbs as fall from the college table! We feel that the seeds of a sense of social welfare have been sown by the generous fingers of the Big Sisters, and we feel that we have tried to relate our college life to the great social movements now going on in the world. We have broadened our horizon if nothing more.

ALTRUISTIC ENDEAVORS OF PAN-HELLENIC SORORITIES

[Mrs. Taussig, chairman of the committee upon uniform examinations, asks that this splendid article from the *Adelphian* of Alpha Delta Pi be quoted entire, so that it may be used as a "textbook" for social service work in other sororities.]

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

The national policy of Alpha Gamma Delta has always been the encouragement and endorsement of individual social service on the part of our members, chapters, associations, and clubs. We believe that service is primarily the giving of self, and that all activities which encourage self-service, are to be emphasized and developed. Therefore, we have endeavored to specialize in individual service, and have created the First Grand Vice-president, the director of all activity of the nature of service, non sibi.

The complete report of the service of the girls of Alpha Gamma Delta for this current year has not yet been compiled. We have record, however, of the following activities of our chapter members:

Service on the Extension Committee of the College Y. W. C. A., such as: teaching, sewing, gymnasium, cooking, Bible, and story telling at settlement houses.

Organizing and training Camp Fire Groups.

Hospital visiting.

Office work and visiting for the Associated Charities.

Playground work.

Working as chapters, we have the following reports:

Working up attractive programs which have been given at settlements and open-air hospitals.

Entertaining orphans, newsboys, and factory girls in various ways.

Sewing and contributing articles for the relief of war sufferers.

Giving entertainments for war relief funds, for scholarship funds, and for Associated Charity contributions.

The activities of our alumnae groups are very similar, but include also sewing for maternity hospitals, membership and service in the Social Service Volunteer sections of the A. C. A. and the college women's clubs, and membership on motion picture censorship committees, infant welfare leagues, and providing Christmas dinners and other help for needy families. A number of our alumnae were also active in the sale and distribution of the Red Cross seals at Christmas time.

This little résumé will give you some idea of the direction our individual activities take.

Nationally, we are working toward the establishment of a Scholarship Fund, to be used for the assistance of young women in college. Our National Convention of 1913 provided for a Sinking Fund, which is constantly growing, with this end in view. Meanwhile, our Provinces are establishing Province Scholarship Funds, and by the time this article is printed, we will have four such funds in operation.

ALPHA XI DELTA

Alpha Xi Delta is accomplishing a little along altruistic lines, though perhaps not a great deal.

We have a Scholarship Fund for graduate work, supported in part by the alumnae chapters. This is as yet only large enough to be available for one girl a year.

All of our active chapters are required to do some social service work during the year; the kind is left to each chapter. Most of them, I believe, make it some special Christmas giving, a few give Thanksgiving dinners. Part of this work is in service, part financial.

One alumnae chapter gives a \$50 scholarship available to any girl in college.

We give an honor ring to all girls graduating from four years' course with $\Phi B K$, $\Sigma \Xi$ or 93% average in schools not having $\Phi B K$, and one alumnae chapter gives a scholarship cup to its active chapter. This last information may not be what you want, as it is not altruistic, of course, but an incentive to improved scholarship.

POLLY FENTON.

ALPHA PHI

Is social service worth while? Alpha Phi thinks so. Two years ago at the biennial convention at Ithaca, Mrs. Martha Foote Crow, a prominent founder, feeling most decidedly the importance of work of this kind, proposed the formation of a Social Service Committee to plan definite work for the fraternity. Mrs. Margaret Mason Whitney, the founder of Panhellenic, was made chairman and that committee will undoubtedly have a very important report at convention in June.

Meantime, although we have no organized work, our directory of social workers—one of the important pieces of work done by the committee—shows chapter and individual work of a most important character.

Our two California chapters maintain scholarships at their respective universities, Alpha chapter at Syracuse always preserves close relations with the city settlements, the Northwestern and Minnesota chapters are interested in children's hospitals, and the Wisconsin chapter has this year furnished a double room in the coöperative house for self-supporting girls recently opened by the Madison A. C. A. This chapter has also voted \$150 to the Wesleyan fund for the endowment of a college of religion. These only illustrate the various activities in which every one of the chapters is interested.

To be a little more specific in regard to the work of individuals—there are recorded in our incomplete lists, forty-five girls engaged in welfare work among city girls and three interested in the country girls of the mountain districts of the South. Six are concerned in the feminist movement in its narrower sense, and five in child labor reforms and factory inspection. Vocational guidance claims the interest of a half dozen or so, two are occupied with the work of supervising the attendance in schools, a work

that goes hand in hand with school nursing. At least one woman is doing splendid work in organizing city nursing, one woman gives all the time she can spare from three babies to the Woman's Suffrage Federal Legislative Committee, and one woman is deep in the Peace movement.

Probably our most prominent social workers are Madge D. Headley, Secretary of the Tenement House Committee of the C. O. S. of New York City, a committee that is doing very much for the better housing of New York's eastsiders; Irene Osgood Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation; Agnes Wilson, who acted as special investigator for the Wisconsin Board of Control in the matter of State Aid for Dependent Children and helped to frame their new mothers' pension law; and Barbara Nachtrieb, the first woman to be appointed on a California commission, who serves as Secretary of the State Social Insurance Commission.

Is social service worth while? *If we ourselves make it so.* Alpha Phi is doing her part to make it so.

FRANCES G. PERKINS,
Editor of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Several years ago our fraternity built and furnished an attractive studio, presenting it to the Macdowell Memorial Colony at Petersboro, N. H. This studio, like the others at Petersboro, is used each year by creative workers chosen by Mrs. Macdowell and her executive Committee.

We have at present a Scholarship Fund, not very large as yet but steadily growing, and from this we hope to be able to make substantial loans to at least six young women next year.

Probably the most unique feature of Alpha Chi Omega's altruistic work is her special observance of March 1 annually as what is known in the fraternity as Hera Day. This day is made one of sacrifice and work for others by chapters and individual members of the fraternity and I am happy to state is always reported as one of the most enjoyable, significant days in our fraternity calendar. Its observance has developed what we are pleased to term a real Hera Day spirit in the hearts of our members, which lasts not only during this one day but often for a long time following. There are no requirements as to what our chapters or individual members shall do but each member of the fraternity feels an individual responsibility to make this day count for something really worth while in the lives of others less fortunate than herself.

It would be a real happiness to quote from the many enthusiastic letters which have come to me from our chapters telling of their Hera Days but you will, of course, desire nothing more than a statement of a few facts. I find that thus far this year our chapters have reported the giving of money contributions which aggregate \$199. Two of our chapters have endowed and maintain a bed in a children's hospital and an x-ray apparatus has been given to a children's hospital. Two chapters entertained from twenty to twenty-five orphans each, giving them a substantial supper, an afternoon and evening of good times, favors, toys, and candies and at least one substantial gift. In a number of instances complete outfits were made for babies and poor children. The majority of the chapters report visits made to hospitals, homes for the aged, settlement schools, war-relief stations, etc. Programs consisting of music and readings are given, baskets of food and fruit taken, stories are told to the little children, playthings given them and games played with them. One chapter president writes,

"Many of the girls went to the Bohemian settlement where we told stories and played for the children's operetta given there, made beds, cleaned rooms, baked cakes, made charity calls, and took care of babies. Others visited poor families, taking them baskets of provisions and many visits were paid to shut-ins." A number of the chapters are actively engaged in settlement work where the members are teaching classes in sewing, English, and music. One chapter has a Christmas tree and party each year for the newsboys of the city. At present many of our members living in the cities are giving several hours each week in work for the Red Cross Society, one chapter having enrolled as an annual member of the American Red Cross. The Big Sister movement is interesting one chapter and this same chapter is sending three of its members each week to the University settlement to assist in the teaching. One of the *alumnæ* chapters expects to give a two weeks' outing for a worthy young woman at one of the Y. W. C. A. camps. Another has the custom of sending hospital boxes consisting of small gifts, one for each day of the week, to unfortunate patients. Still another gave a concert dance recently for the benefit of the residents of a consumptives' home and as a result were able to present woolen sweaters to the twenty-five inmates.

I believe this will give you some idea of what we, as a fraternity, are trying to do. I might add that in several of our chapters, loan funds are maintained the proceeds of these being used for scholarships both within and outside of the chapter. We do not feel that we have begun to accomplish the things which we want to do but we have made such a beginning as we have been able to do and believe that a truly altruistic spirit is beginning to characterize the various chapters of Alpha Chi Omega.

ALTA ALLEN LOUD.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF DELTA GAMMA

At the Delta Gamma national convention held in 1911 it was voted to establish a scholarship fund, the income of which was to support a graduate scholar or fellow, presumably a member of the fraternity. No contributions for the fund were directly solicited until 1914, although the national dues of the active collegiate chapters were set aside to the amount of some \$1,600. In 1914 each chapter was asked to solicit money from its own *alumnæ* for the scholarship fund, and to make all possible efforts to raise money on their own account to be so used. The amount to be asked from the *alumnæ* was left to the discretion of the individual chapters. The first distinct effort to raise any considerable sum of money was in the publication of a cookbook by Lambda chapter (University of Minnesota) which netted \$600. Methods adopted by other chapters were the chartering of a theatre and stock company for a benefit performance, the sale of a fraternity book-plate, the designing and printing of a decorative leaflet (on the order of the well-known "Symphony"), the managing of a garden-party, and the sale of bayberry candles for Christmas gifts, one chapter voted to have each girl earn the money for her own contribution, and to hold a special meeting at which these financial adventures should be related. The fund has now (March, 1916) reached the amount of \$4,548.57.

In view of the urgent need of small sums of money by many undergraduates in order to finish their college course, it has been decided that while the fund is accumulating the interest on the amount already collected may be so loaned. A small rate of interest will be charged, payable, like the principal, after graduation, with a generous amount of time granted. This plan has already helped several girls in such a worth-while way that

it is possible that the original plan of a graduate scholarship may never be carried out, but the money used for the assistance of undergraduates alone. There is discussion now pending as to the wisdom of using the principal as well as the interest in this manner.

So far the undergraduate loans have ranged from \$50 to \$75, and applications for them have been endorsed by the Dean of Women in the institution which the girl is attending, as well as by the chapter president. Seniors have been given the preference in cases of equal merit and necessity. So much for a beginning; in the future Delta Gamma hopes to accomplish a work of wide usefulness with her scholarship fund.

DELTA DELTA DELTA

In the first place, during these years in which a number of the Congress fraternities have emphasized outside philanthropy, our Council has been very much opposed to any such effort on the part of our fraternity. Each succeeding convention has given the Council complete support. We have no criticism to make on the very excellent work which is being done by some of the fraternities. We simply do not care to see some of the very evident exploitation of such work as the reason for being of college fraternities. We feel very sure that any close and hostile student of fraternity life will read into extraneous philanthropic effort an attempted justification in the hour of criticism. In my own fraternity we have taken this anti-fraternity crusade very seriously. We have resented much of it as not justified in the present, but we have taken very careful stock of ourselves. We have questioned very seriously our reason for being, and we have found what we believe to be a satisfactory reason for being. We are not existing as a college organization merely to carry on some one big philanthropy or a hundred small ones through our individual chapters and alliances.

We believe that the fraternity can do a great deal toward supplementing the work of the colleges which is primarily preparation for the life after college, and so we are centering our effort on active chapter organization as a business training, and expending considerable effort upon the development of the individual member. Much of this is accomplished by means of careful and consistent chapter visitation by women like Miss Fitch and Mrs. Hudson who possess a rare combination of youth and maturity, and the ability to win personal confidences. We believe so absolutely in the value to the fraternity and the individual member of such chapter visitation that we now are bending our efforts toward the securing of sufficient endowment which will enable us to keep such an officer in the field all the time. For this reason we report no special philanthropies such as a scholarship, specific loan fund or traveling fellowship which can be of aid to only one or two individual members in any one year. We believe that every effort expended by and for the fraternity should be supported by the whole fraternity and should be in behalf of the whole fraternity insofar as that is possible. As the fraternity is primarily an undergraduate organization it is only fair that the major effort should be centered on the undergraduate. Toward that end, we enlist the efforts of every alumna as an individual, and as a member of an *alumnæ* organization. Our *alumnæ* are highly organized in a bureau which we maintain primarily for the undergraduates and for the younger *alumnæ*. This bureau includes several departments such as a very personal sort of employment agency in which the members of the bureau act as clearing house for our members both seeking and leaving positions of all kinds in all parts of the country. The work is not confined merely to placement in positions but to satisfactory

lodging and social intercourse. Furthermore, we have organized our women engaged in professional work, and in different vocations so that they act in a very personal way as advisers to undergraduates who are interested in securing the best preparation for similar lines of work. The advisory work covers the selection of college courses even from the freshman year, choice of graduate schools, and before the war, advice concerning not only work in foreign universities, but in the pensions where the girls would find happy home life for a certain outlay.

Of course, we do not oppose philanthropy on the part of any of our active alumnæ chapters. And many are engaged in some such work. We simply put before them the claims and aims of the national fraternity and invite their loyal coöperation in bettering the general conditions for all college women among whom may be numbered their younger sisters and even their daughters. We invite their coöperation through the bureau as individual to individual. We invite their coöperation as organizations in our organized effort to improve conditions, and these efforts may be anything which has to do with a curriculum better adapted to the needs of the college student of today as well as anything which has to do with the housing of our students, in fact, with their moral, physical, and spiritual welfare.

Inasmuch as we do not ever urge upon our chapters and alliances any philanthropic work, we call for no reports, and it would be impossible for me to give you any adequate idea of what the chapters are doing. Among the reports which come my way many show active work for settlements, visiting nurses, free kindergartens, and similar activities. My own alumnæ organization through one of our number, a member of the Juvenile Protective League, has become interested in a peculiarly pathetic case and has undertaken the support of an orphan who has been in the morals court and is paroled to one of our number. We expect to clothe her and keep her in school until she learns a trade and becomes self-supporting.

I trust that I have given you some idea of the attitude of the whole fraternity. The work which Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta are developing and describing in their journals is very similar to what we have been doing for some time through our private bulletins and personal correspondence. When I think of the work which my own organization has put into our private bulletins, I am amused at some of the efforts in N. P. C. advocating their abandonment on ethical grounds.

Yours very sincerely,

AMY O. PARMELEE.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORK IN GAMMA PHI BETA

From the very beginning of her existence, Gamma Phi Beta has been interested and actively engaged in social service—but only by chapters. Not until last year has the sorority itself entered upon a definite and organized plan for work outside its own circle; but now we may truthfully say that every effort to achieve results is being made and that Gamma Phi Beta, along with the other sororities, is endeavoring to prove that the Greek-letter society exists for far more than the mere perpetuation of itself.

Gamma Phi Beta has two national enterprises—the establishment of a permanent endowment fund which is to be devoted to the needs of the organization, and the raising of a Central Fellowship Fund which is to be administered by the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. Each chapter, in its own way, raises the money for the fellowship; the alumnæ, alone, are responsible for the endowment fund.

The individual chapters do much altruistic work, from the giving of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the more pretentious charities. Gamma, at Wisconsin, has for some years given to the university an annual hundred dollar scholarship to be bestowed at the discretion of the faculty. Theta, at Denver University, by means of the yearly play written by one of the alumnae, has contributed a thousand dollars to athletics, has planted all the trees on the north campus, has given liberally to the college endowment fund, and is planning to establish a permanent scholarship. Mu, at Stanford, each week makes sandwiches for the restroom; the proceeds from the sale of these go to the Student Loan Fund. Nu, at Oregon, contributes twenty-five dollars each year toward a Women's Building. Omicron, at Illinois, takes orders for candy and turns a stated sum into the United Charities Fund. Tau, at Colorado Agricultural College, has a "tag day" for the benefit of the Fort Collins Mission.

The alumnae chapters are also active in social service work. Chicago has practically supported a family in the stockyard district and is now raising a fund to be devoted to some phase of social work in memory of one of its members, Mrs. Robert Preble. Milwaukee has bought a seat at the Central Council of Social Agencies, which consists of delegates from various local social organizations. Denver gives the Christmas dinner to the Craig Colony, an organization consisting of fifty or more destitute tubercular men—unique in its service and worthy of all assistance. The active girls of Theta furnish a Christmas program at this time, and in each chapter there are many whose lives are filled with thought for others and whose individual efforts in altruistic lines are practical, successful, and inspiring.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Truth to tell, the altruistic efforts of Kappa Alpha Theta are of such an indefinite and sporadic character as to be almost impossible of recording.

Nationally we have our Scholarship Fund. This year it is helping fifteen girls complete their college courses. Last year twelve girls were so helped. It is a loan fund, loans bearing small interest, and being payable at the convenience of the borrower. The first intention was to actually give scholarships, but consultation with many educators led to the adoption of the loan fund as a more altruistic aid in the development of real character. The fund is yearly increased by gifts and by twenty-five per cent of the national initiation fees, so in time it will be large enough to do many things now beyond its accomplishment though well within our ideals for the fund.

When the fund is completed, the plan is to use the interest for a \$600 a year fellowship. The terms controlling the award of this fellowship will not be determined until the fund is complete, as educational needs change so from year to year. At present all interest goes to increase the fund itself.

Then we have an endowment fund, which is used as a loan fund for building or furnishing chapter houses and for other things desirable in establishing our chapter houses as model college homes. We feel that this fund has been of value not alone to our chapters, but to living standards in several colleges, as well as helping to solve the dormitory problem in several places where that problem is acute.

The whole trend of the fraternity nationally has been to encourage chapters, both college and alumnae, to lend their support and efforts to established altruistic efforts in their communities rather than to encourage them to start enterprises of their own. In fact, the fraternity is not overly sympathetic with the movement toward some definite altruistic plan taken up as a

fraternity activity. Our ideal for our members rather demands they become good citizens in their own communities, and we feel that the fraternity field of endeavor is not really strengthened for us by starting a separate movement. We look upon fraternity membership as a personal matter, which should mean fraternity not too prominent as an organization, but every member a dependable helper in all good existing community effort. This we are aware of is not in conformity with much of modern fraternity thought, but we feel that our service will be just as effective, if not as obvious, if Kappa Alpha Theta has no recognized place as a separate altruistic worker.

At our last convention, the fraternity expressed rather strongly this conviction: there was much to do for the world through the completest service in the development of the ability and character of that fraction of the college girls who joined our ranks; that our college chapters had better support the struggling philanthropies of Young Women's Christian Association and similar organizations, rather than start something for themselves; and that an alumnae chapter as such could be of more service to its community by having its members active in existing altruistic efforts of the community, or else in inaugurating such movements as citizens, or as college alumnae, rather than as activities of a fraternity.

However, some of our chapters have undertaken some permanent movements. Our Columbus, Ohio, chapter supports a room in the children's hospital. Our Kansas University chapter, with its alumnae's aid, has given the University of Kansas library a memorial book fund. Our Indianapolis alumnae chapter is one of the registered assistants in the Welfare Department of the Indiana State Medical College. Our St. Louis alumnae are active coffee merchants in behalf of increased funds for the national scholarship fund and for the support of scholarships at the University of Washington. The National Scholarship Fund is especially enriched each year by gifts from certain alumnae chapters, notably by the Los Angeles alumnae which originated the fund and is its custodian.

Other chapters vary their efforts with the varying demands of their communities. This year our Canadian chapters have been deeply interested in Red Cross work and supplies for the University of Toronto's base hospital at Saloniki, while the chapters in California are regular contributors to the Belgium relief fund many of whose prominent workers in Belgium have been drawn from the faculties and alumni of Stanford and California. The Kansas City alumnae chapter is supplying fresh eggs for the children's ward of a city hospital and sews for the kiddies, too. The Spokane alumnae take charge once a week of the work at the Y. W. C. A. tearoom. Christmas trees, Thanksgiving dinner baskets, dolls dressed for settlements, responsibility for the entertaining at a settlement once a month, and special contributions to war relief, or Red Cross work, of various kinds are the activities most frequently undertaken during 1915-1916.

No year passes without every chapter having some altruistic work recorded among its activities. The nature, character, and quantity of such effort varying with different needs and different opportunities. As few undergraduates have funds of their own, we do not encourage the giving of money by them, because it is given at some one else's sacrifice, not theirs as a rule. We urge the giving of actual service because that is what the world most needs. Money for any enterprise always comes much more easily than do faithful, dependable workers for a cause; so the habit of service should be cultivated in college chapters. We urge the giving of this service through existing organizations because we believe that fraternity

people need to make it evident that fraternity is but a part of life and that its purpose is to train its members for service as citizens.

L. PEARLE GREEN.

KAPPA DELTA'S PHILANTHROPIC WORK

The philanthropic work of Kappa Delta is handled by each individual chapter. Some assisted in entertainments given for the benefit of the "Christmas Ship" which was sent to the foreign countries at war and the Red Cross Society. Others do much to help in the philanthropic work of their college. A great deal of sewing, buying clothes, and sending off boxes to the Belgian children was done. We have helped many, many poor families by giving food, clothing, and coal. Another phase of social betterment done by Kappa Deltas is to entertain the girls employed in factories once a week at the noon hour. The program ranging from music, both vocal and instrumental, to travel lectures, talks on the Bible, readings, domestic science instruction, and nursing.

We have many girls in the different chapters that have charge of girls' clubs, Saturday morning sewing classes for girls, visiting Old Ladies' Homes and giving programs at various institutions, and going to the homes of the poor and distressed, to find out their immediate needs and to help arrange for their ultimate betterment.

Some of our chapters belong to College Panhellenics where they raise money for a scholarship which is known as the "College Panhellenic Scholarship."

We recommend the following for philanthropic work to other sororities, which is being done by one of our chapters:

A little six-year old girl has been taken to support. She is the only girl in a large and very poor family of boys, and when she was first taken her father was ill and out of work. Inquiry was made of one of the ministers in the town as to the family, and found they were really deserving. She was clothed and sent to public school. Twice a year the girls go to see what she needs for the coming season. Then they take her around to the stores and fit her up. They usually have a small special assessment or the girls simply donate certain articles of clothing. On Thanksgiving they have a basket sent to the family. At Christmas time they give her quite a number of nice toys, candy, and fruit, and also remember her six brothers in a smaller way. Quite often they take her for a ride and see how she is getting along. Her schooling costs practically nothing—the only expense is her clothes. The girls think it a great pleasure to take care of her, as she is an attractive, chubby little thing, and whenever it is time to get her fitted out there is discussion as to who can go.

Let other sororities follow this line of social service work.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

The Undergraduate Students' Aid Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma

In 1910 the Undergraduate Students' Aid Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established. The fund was an outgrowth of the Wood's Hall Scholarship for graduate women students that had been founded in 1906. It was decided that the crying need was not means for the graduate students' advanced work in a special line but for means to enable the undergraduate who was without adequate financial aid to complete her course in her chosen college without having to stop a year or two to earn enough money to do so.

Since its establishment in 1910, this fund has enabled twenty-three girls to complete their college work. The first girl who was helped made Phi Beta Kappa and several since then have attained that honor. The fund is supported by a certain per cent from each initiation fee and by gifts from alumnæ associations, alumnæ, and chapters. The fund can be drawn upon by any active girl who has completed enough college work to show that she is worthy of help. The scholarship record and general college standing is inquired into by the chairman of the committee. The college authorities have always very kindly coöperated with the committee in this work. The money is loaned without interest and is payable in any terms. When it is impossible to pay the debt, it is cancelled by the fraternity—thus far all loans have been returned. Kappa Kappa Gamma feels that this fund is a means of giving the alumnæ associations common interest with the chapters and that it is doing a real service by aiding some of its members to get the culture and training that would otherwise be impossible.

PI BETA PHI

Did you ever stop to think how soon an innovation becomes a custom in college and chapter life? The four years of college generation cover so brief a span that a new feature of the community life inaugurated in freshman year is looked upon as a matter of course by the senior year. How often we have heard our active sisters say carelessly, "Oh! we've *always* done that." when perhaps we ourselves could remember the inauguration of the custom.

So it is with the "work" of Pi Beta Phi as many of our contemporaries are pleased to term the endeavor of our organization to identify itself in a tangible way with some forms of educational and altruistic progress. The annual bestowal of a graduate fellowship and the more recently established loan fund and Settlement School have become such a part of the fraternity plan and policy that the average undergraduate Pi Phi forgets that there was a time when they did not exist.

As a matter of fact, the beginning of this movement took place in the summer of 1906, when the Grand Council recommended to the nineteenth biennial convention that a sum of money from the fraternity treasury be set aside to be used for one or more scholarships during the ensuing two years. The convention endorsed this idea and a motion was carried providing for the establishment of scholarships not to exceed \$1,000 in total for the college year, such scholarships to be open to members of Pi Beta Phi.

It was further decided that for the first year, the scholarships should be placed at Barnard College but that "at the end of the first year, the placing of the scholarship be left to the discretion of the Grand Council." For the first year, two undergraduate and one graduate scholarships were offered but only two were awarded.

This policy was continued until 1909 when the Grand Council deemed it best to withdraw the undergraduate scholarships and offer annually in their place one Graduate Fellowship with a value of five hundred dollars. The plan has proved so successful that it has been continued ever since. This fellowship is open to any Pi Phi who has received her bachelor's degree. It may be used at any university either in this country or in Europe which offers the best advantages in graduate work along the particular line desired by the holder. Two points are considered by the Grand Council in awarding the fellowship: first, the scholastic standing of the student, and second, all-round development of character and the ability to represent the fraternity in whatever place the recipient may be. The Council, moreover, considers carefully the information given by the applicant and the place where she

wishes to study, the courses of study she desires to pursue, and the ultimate purpose for pursuing such courses. * * * *

The loan fund is an idea which really grew out of the first movement for when it was announced at the twenty-first biennial convention that the undergraduate scholarships had been withdrawn, it was felt by many that some similar fund should be available for the active girls. Some people realized that there were many girls working their way through college or suddenly overtaken by financial disaster to whom a loan at a critical time would be of untold help. A modest sum was set aside for this purpose at first as some people were skeptical about the need, but two years' experience proved that the plan met a real and vital need and the fund was made permanent. At the semi-centennial convention of Pi Beta Phi in 1917 the loan fund will amount to \$1,650. Since the establishment of the fund, thirty-five applications have been received but the fund has allowed help to be given to only fourteen of these, and seldom to the amount desired. We feel that the need for such a fund refutes in itself the assertion sometimes made by ignorant critics that fraternities are for the wealthy only.

Our Settlement School, too, was launched at the twenty-first biennial convention. A full account of its inspiration, its early history, and its present condition would be far too long for the limits of this paper. The first two points must be considered briefly.

The idea originated with the Washington alumnae club, inspired by Miss Emma Harper Turner, past Grand President, who had long cherished the conviction that the fraternity should undertake some purely altruistic work as an organization and not be content with the individual efforts of different chapters and clubs in the matter of social service. Looking about for some form of service which presented a real need, and at the same time should appeal to all, our Washington sisters were attracted by the crying need for educational and community work among the highlanders in the Appalachian Mountains. * * * *

So the school was sanctioned and a committee was appointed to inaugurate it. It was not until eighteen months later, however, that the school was formally opened at Gatlinburg, Tennessee. In the interval, much work had been done by the committee in the way of investigation and consultation; work which was complicated by the fact that the members of the committee dwelt widely apart and that the question of investigation was a complicated one. That the work was done so thoroughly and well proves how painstaking and self-sacrificing were the women who devoted their time and energy to this pioneer work. Meanwhile, chapters and clubs all over the country were responding generously to the call for funds to finance the school. The school started in a very modest way, with one teacher, an experienced mountain worker, in a one-roomed building. When she closed the first session in June, 1912, she had gained the love and devotion of the men, women, and children throughout the mountain district.

At the next biennial convention of the fraternity, held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in June, 1912, the management of the School passed into the hands of the Chicago Alumnae Club. It was voted to solicit funds from alumnae only, making the work an alumnae work, purely. The managing committee was reduced to five women, each especially equipped for the duties assigned her. Funds were voted from the general treasury, and liberal amounts have been steadily coming in from all parts of the world. Two members of the committee have visited Gatlinburg and personally supervised and organized the growing school. So successful was the first session of the school that the County Board of Instruction voted

to withdraw their four-month district school another year and turn over to the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School its entire financial and moral support in this district. On December 1, 1912, the school was moved into a new two-roomed school building, and an understudy, Miss Dell Gillette, of the University of Illinois, was sent to assist Miss Hill, and the school carefully graded and the work systematized as never known before in the mountains. At the close of the first half of the fifth session of our school, which opened August 3, 1915, 130 students were enrolled. They come from the seven houses in Gatlinburg on the Little Pigeon, and from the isolated cabins hidden away in the mountains. Many of them walk five miles twice a day; a few more fortunate ones ride horseback, three and four to a horse. They are quick and eager to learn. The school center is now a modern six-roomed building which was formally dedicated in July, 1914, in the presence of the entire Grand Council of Pi Beta Phi.

SARAH GERTRUDE POMEROY.

PHI MU

Phi Mu does no social or philanthropic work as an organization except to support a scholarship fund. This fund was started in 1909, and in 1913 was first used. In the beginning the fund was supported by miscellaneous contributions, a plan that naturally was far from satisfactory, and at the 1913 convention definite steps were taken to secure a permanent endowment. At present the fund from which the money for the actual scholarships is taken is supported by alumnae contributions, each alumna in the fraternity contributing one dollar each year. As a permanent endowment fund, every year on the Fraternity Founders' Day, March 4, each active alumna member contributes as many pennies as Phi Mu is years old, the tax for the current year being sixty-four pennies. The first vice-president has charge of the fund, and the scholarship is awarded by the action of the National Council. The present incumbent is a student at the University of Tennessee.

The individual chapters of the fraternity are interested in various types of social service, in addition to the Y. W. C. A. activities of their respective colleges. The most general form of philanthropy is giving money, provisions, and clothing to poor families, especially at Christmas time, and in taking charge of particular orphans at asylums near them. Two chapters are sustaining members of soldiers' relief boards, their work consisting not only in raising money for the Red Cross work but aiding in the actual making of bandages and other surgical supplies. The members of two other chapters teach in free kindergartens, and the girls of another chapter are responsible for the conduct of certain classes in a nearby orphanage. A chapter in a large northern city is a sustaining member of the College Settlement Association, and this same chapter pledges to supply a certain amount of milk for one of the free milk stations of that city. Individual members of a chapter in a middle western city are responsible for the inspection of the homes in a settlement near them, and do social work among the employees of a large shoe factory.

The work done by the individual chapters of Phi Mu amounts to something in the end, but more and more the conviction is growing with us that we, as a national fraternity, should have some definite, centralized social work, and a conviction that is the natural outgrowth of the larger and deeper meaning of the word fraternity that is a part of our Greek ideals, and we, as a fraternity, shall do in the line of organized social service will be no unimportant feature of our coming convention.

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Editor of *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

SIGMA KAPPA

Sigma Kappa has not yet decided on her national philanthropy, which is under discussion. The individual chapters all follow some line which their immediate circumstances suggest. One chapter, situated in a town which has, nearby in a very lonely place, a sanatorium, does "philanthropy in a small way" by giving entertainments for the patients. Another chapter does the same thing in a home for cripples. They also make baby clothes for the Associated Charity Workers. Three chapters gave Christmas parties for orphans, and also contribute to various funds—the Belgian relief fund, university settlement budgets, Salvation Army rescue work, and others. Most of the chapters conduct sewing classes in "settlements" of various kinds, or sew for some institution or for the war sufferers, dress dolls at Christmas, distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, aid in bazaars by managing, contributing clothing, and serving. One chapter is endowing and furnishing a room in a Florence Crittenden Home. The University of California chapter also sent a little girl for a two weeks' vacation at St. Dorothy's Rest, a summer home for children. The Stanford chapter took advantage of a unique opportunity—as have other chapters located there. In connection with aid given to the Maud Booth Orphans' Home, they helped send the children to the Exposition to spend the day—certainly a means of education besides the pleasure given. They also, with other groups, contribute a share to the Stanford clinic in San Francisco.

The work of the *alumnæ* chapters varies even more. Most of them give scholarship trophies to active chapters, which might be considered altruistic if not philanthropic. The members affiliated with the two chapters in and near Boston give a scholarship each year to Boston University. This scholarship is not limited to Sigma Kappa girls, but is open to any student who qualifies. The Berkeley graduates combine their social hour with work time by making really complete and beautiful layettes for unfortunate girl mothers. The main lines of *alumnæ* work seem to be helping children's hospitals, giving holiday baskets, sewing for the many very needy causes appealing to us these days. The Central New York *Alumnæ* also send school and story books to the poor children of the Appalachian School in North Carolina, besides each member pledging herself to give herself in some personal service—reading in institutions, visiting shut-ins, or helping in mission work.

The Los Angeles group, beside caring for two families, giving food and clothing each month, is much interested in the movement to establish night schools for foreigners in that city. This work is being done by the Federation of College Women's Clubs, and Sigma Kappa is planning to help by supplying some teachers. The Kansas City *alumnæ* chapter has been formed only a short time, and does its work through the City Panhellenic Association, which maintains an open-air school, coöperating with the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Colorado *alumnæ* chapter has a membership in the Denver City Federation of Charities, which handles all the large charity work of that city.

It seems that we are all working along many lines, each group using its discretion in regard to the extent and object of its philanthropic work. It is a question of whether or not we would, under present conditions, and in face of present needs, accomplish more as a fraternity, or whether we do not really get more individual stimulus by coming closely in touch with those for whom we are working by seeking out and choosing our individual work in our particular surroundings. At any rate, we are working it out in this way until we feel that Sigma Kappa has found her particular national

philanthropy, which we would be convinced we could add to the individual work with increases of total service to those for whom we labor, and also for the laborer.

MARY C. McLEOD.

CHI OMEGA

Alumnæ and active chapter reports showed participation in social service as follows:

Active Chapters—Classes in educational department of Y. M. C. A., Mu; teaching in social settlement, Xi; organized Camp Fire Girls, conducting story hour in library, Zeta; assistance to Children's Home Society, Gamma; teaching domestic science and domestic art in Brookside Social Settlement, Pi; clothes little girl, conducts Camp Fire group and classes at Social Settlement, Omicron; Red Cross work during flood and membership in local Civil Service club, Tau Alpha; entertainment for factory girls, baskets to old and infirm, Theta; weekly visits to Orthopedic Hospital with baskets at Christmas, Easter, and May Day, Kappa; social settlement classes and volunteers in Red Cross during flood, Phi Alpha; serving in school and factory lunchroom and garden classes in social settlement, Rho; hospital visiting and volunteer work under associated charities, Eta; executive membership in Women's Civic Service Club, Sigma Alpha; Christmas relief under Associated Charities, Iota; classes in mission school and in cooking school for working girls, donations of fruit and books to hospital and volunteer work under the United Relief Association, Psi; volunteers in playgrounds and missions, Sigma; assistants in playground and settlement work, Chi Alpha; story-telling hour in library, Alpha; classes in university settlement and club work among factory girls, Upsilon Alpha; settlement classes, Phi Alpha; delegate to settlement conventions, classes in social settlement and membership in college settlement association, Epsilon; classes in Indian school and story hour in public library, Lambda; story hour in school library, Chi; teaching in missions and in Indian school, volunteer service in Y. W. C. A., Delta; volunteer work in Y. W. C. A., Beta; classes in university settlement, volunteer service in Associated Charities, Nu. *Alumnæ Chapters*—Gifts to Orphan Asylum, assistance to destitute family, clerical assistance to Y. W. C. A. vocational department, Los Angeles Alumnæ; sewing for orphanage, Portland; clothing for Infants' Hospital, annual scholarship of fifty dollars to a junior interested in social service, Boston; lunchroom in public school, New Orleans; relief to a destitute family, Denver; layettes and clothing to poor families, Seattle; infant layettes and personal service to Orphans' Home, Berkeley; special work with defective children and books to Tuberculosis Hospital, New York; garments to Mercy Hospital, Kansas; gifts of layettes and volunteer service to United Relief Association, Fayetteville; contributions and personal services to Children's Home, Washington; contributions and assistance to milk stations and summer baby camp, Dallas; clubs and classes among mill children, Knoxville; conducting library and story-telling hour at a settlement school, Lexington; story hour at Orphans' Home, relief to a destitute family, San Antonio. Also, each active chapter awards a prize, usually \$25, to the woman student of its college who excels in sociology or economics.

Recommendations to active and alumnæ chapters concerning the direction of their social and civic service efforts include the following:

That active chapters do relief work.

That alumnæ chapters do constructive work.

That undergraduates give economic and sociology courses a place in their plan of study.

It is a definite policy of Chi Omega to have its alumnae chapters become members of state federations of women's clubs.

Deeply underlying motives for limiting the social life of undergraduates and insuring wholesome participation in college activities are the conservation of energy and the choice of the uses to which one's power shall be put. These same motives have somewhat to do with Chi Omega's confident interest in coöperative catering for chapter houses, to which the convention affirmed with much enthusiasm, the fellowship plan whereby Chi Omega intends to supplant, gradually, chaperons by the holders of fellowships. The fellowship consists of a residence in a chapter house, having a value of \$300, to which it is planned to add a small stipend. The holder of the fellowship may take graduate work in a professional department of the university, if she has a college degree.

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COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGES

Delta Upsilon Quarterly:

MICHIGAN

The Board of Regents, February 10, passed a resolution to install a non-compulsory system of military training. Provision is for a chair of military science with a regular army officer in charge of the courses which will be offered and for tactical walks, summer camps, and other maneuvers.

Another innovation last semester was the establishment of an honor system in the College of Engineering which is entirely different from any system ever tried before. According to its precepts, there is no committee, no faculty legislation, no signing of pledges. The student goes into the examination on his honor and is allowed to come and go whenever he pleases; if he sees any cheating, he is supposed to stop it, either by speaking privately to the "cribber" or else by calling the attention of the class to the matter. Every engineer who took examinations under this system was highly in favor of it, and the faculty were very much pleased with its success.

With the rapid growth of Colgate, the faculty has deemed it wise to raise the standards of scholarship and to require more work from the students. The hours required for graduation rise from 120 to 136, thus requiring a total of 17 hours' work each semester throughout the course. Another regulation will penalize by a triple cut every absence from class on the last day before the first day following any recess. Tuition is raised from \$60 to \$110, going into effect next fall. Colgate has won nine out of twelve basketball games, losing to Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, and Syracuse by very close scores.

New York University now stands fourth among American universities in registration, preceded only by Columbia, Pennsylvania, and California. This rating is irrespective of summer school enrolment, which, if taken into

account, places New York University seventh. The University has the largest School of Commerce, the largest Medical School, and the largest School of Journalism in the country. It has also the second largest Law School, Harvard being first. The number of matriculants in the University is rapidly growing larger each year. This is especially true of the College of Arts and Pure Science and the School of Applied Science, both situated at University Heights.

During the Christmas vacation a night fire demolished the interior of the Havemeyer chemical laboratory, destroying much valuable apparatus as well as costly chemicals, which cannot be replaced as they were obtained from Germany.

Chicago is busy making plans for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University next June.

We welcomed back in January the Maroon baseball team of 1915, returned from barnstorming the Orient.

A new epoch in the history of the University of Washington will begin when Dr. Henry Suzzallo is formally inaugurated as President on March 20 and 21.

On President Suzzallo's recommendation a new University Seal has been adopted by the Board of Regents. It is expressive of the ideals and traditions of the institution and also is symbolic of the state.

Work is now being rushed on the new \$200,000 Home Economics Building and ground will be broken soon for a similar structure. Plans are being formulated for constructing two of the six units of a proposed stadium, which will replace the stands that collapsed recently under a heavy weight of snow.

The faculty voted to continue compulsory military training for all underclassmen.

TUFTS

A comparison of the Tufts enrolment with that of other colleges and universities shows it to be the sixth largest in New England. The only larger college is Smith, the other four being universities and a technical institute.

RUTGERS

Perhaps the greatest movement on foot at Rutgers at present is the work of the Interscholastic Debating League. This league includes most of the larger high schools of New Jersey. It is divided into two sections. Besides arranging a schedule of debates, the Rutgers committee maintains direct supervision of each contest. The finals are to be run off in New Brunswick. This, the second year of such contests, promises to be as successful as last year, when more high school men became interested in Rutgers than ever before.

OHIO

According to an article published in *The Science Magazine*, Ohio State is the ninth largest university in the United States; the registration for this year being 4,897, a gain of 500 over last year. By a close margin of 29 students we nosed out the University of Wisconsin.

BROWN

Brown is the first college in New England to admit students in February. The innovation, however, was decided upon too late this winter to result in the admission of many February freshmen. Much is expected of the plan, though, when it becomes more widely known.

HAMILTON

Active measures have been taken for more efficient fire protection on the campus. Charles B. Rogers, '87, of the Board of Trustees, has been instrumental in securing the needed apparatus. A volunteer fire company, under the leadership of Athletic Director Meyers, will be formed. The disastrous fire which resulted in the total loss of the handsome Sigma Phi Hall gave impetus to this movement. Rushmore has been appointed head of the Senior Committee on Fire Protection.

MINNESOTA

Dramatic activity at Minnesota has been given impetus recently by the opening of the Little Theatre in the Men's Union Building. This was constructed when the Union Building was remodeled last summer. It has an excellent stage and seats several hundred. The theatre was formally opened by Cyril Maude, the English actor. The three dramatic clubs, The Masquers, The Players, and the Garrick Club have given plays there.

LEHIGH

On petition of the men living in "Die Alte Brauerie," the name of that dormitory was changed to "Price Hall" in honor of Doctor Price, the chairman of the Board of Trustees. This is an old and famous building. The petition was started by some of its younger and less hardened occupants who objected to having their mail addressed to "The Brewery."

A new and excellent feature of Lehigh life is the Wednesday night conference class. An instructor or lecturer is assigned to each fraternity and section of the dormitories, his duty being to give a half-hour talk on a subject pertaining to college life, and then conduct an informal discussion on the subject. The subjects selected are practical and new aspects are brought out in the lectures and discussions. These conference classes are doing much to help the Lehigh students and show a new and enterprising spirit toward the broader education.

From *The Arrow*:

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

The last innovation "among the powers that be" in this institution is the new cut system, to take effect next semester. By this system a student may not be absent from class, unless excused on account of illness, without losing one-tenth of a credit in that course. Needless to say, the proposed scheme is not being warmly received among the student body.

From *Alpha Xi Delta*:

IOWA WESLEYAN

First, will you rejoice with us over the fact that old Iowa Wesleyan has just finished her campaign for a hundred thousand dollars of new endowment, from this country with more than a five thousand dollar margin! This master stroke for Wesleyan's betterment lasted just twenty-eight days, and is one of the largest, and finest accomplishments that Mt. Pleasant and Henry County have ever perfected. A wider campaign for one hundred and fifty thousand more is now being started, and with its completion, a brighter future for our Wesleyan, the oldest college west of the Mississippi, is assured.

Have all of you heard Helen Keller lecture? One of the experiences which we shall never forget was hearing this blind, deaf woman, who has so recently learned to speak, give her lecture on "Happiness." To us who possess our normal faculties, she is a marvelous lesson in courage, patience, and unending effort toward improvement of self and others.

The Dean of Women has supervised a series of lectures for the college girls this year. Various subjects have been presented. The latest number was a talk by Mrs. R. S. Galer, incidentally an Alpha Xi Delta patroness, on the woman suffrage question. It was the plea of a woman of rare intellect, culture, and cosmopolitan view, for college girls to be alive and alert to their responsibilities as citizens.

WEST VIRGINIA

We are getting another new building also. This one is for the Domestic Science department. It can scarcely be said to have sprung up over night. Rather it is the result of several months' patient work at the house beautifying process. While waiting for our new Domestic Science equipment to be given us next year in the Agricultural Building, the girls are to have the benefit of this practice cottage. A hideous old house was selected and given over to the girls. In its remodeling and furnishing they are applying their principles of Household Arts. Soon they will be trying their hand at real cooking.

From *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi:

TEXAS

The university has been fortunate this fall in regard to lectures and dramatic productions. A splendid lecture was given by Dr. C. A. Smith of the University of Virginia. Doctor Smith was in Austin in search of material for his biography of O. Henry. On November 20 students had an opportunity of seeing Forbes Robertson in his famous rôle as Hamlet. Doctor Griffin, who saw Forbes Robertson play *Hamlet* in England some years ago, requested the actor to play that rôle here for the benefit of the students.

Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho:

WESLEYAN

Contrary to custom, there is to be no cannon-scrap this year between the two lower classes. This scrap, very elaborate in its nature, has for half a century been a matter of deepest concern to freshmen and sophomores, especially at this time of year. The vote of the college body was practically unanimous against continuing the custom.

ALLEGHENY

During the Christmas holidays the new Carnegie Hall of Chemistry was formally accepted and it was open for classes on the first day after vacation. The new building gives Allegheny facilities for work in chemistry far in advance of those of any other college of the same size. The new Alden Hall devoted to biology and geology, which was erected on the foundation of the building destroyed by fire a year ago, was formally opened and dedicated within the last few days.

From *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta:

ALABAMA

Many improvements have been made at the University this year which are of state-wide interest. The completion of the beautiful new gymnasium, whose splendid equipments make it one of the finest in the South, is a matter in which the women students are deeply concerned, for we hope to share equally with the men in its benefits.

RANDOLPH-MACON

The lovely custom of celebrating Halloween has become a tradition at R. M. W. C. Immediately after supper, the line of seniors clad in caps and gowns and bearing jack-o'-lanterns formed in the senior parlors and marched around the campus singing college songs. After encircling the campus, the long line made its way to the athletic field, where the seniors laid down their jack-o'-lanterns to serve as footlights for the natural stage. Here all four classes united under the direction of the senior class to give the entire student body a most enjoyable burlesque, entitled, *College As It Ain't!*

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Each year, several "all-college" dances are given and those nights are closed to fraternity dances. These dances are very well attended and are favored by the deans because they improve the democratic spirit in the college.

From *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON

The college authorities are now busily engaged enlarging the endowment fund and very encouraging reports are being issued from headquarters.

OHIO STATE

Work has been started on the foundations for the new shops for the engineering department. The new Homeopathic Hospital and Home Economics Building are progressing quite rapidly.

The university has organized a new college called the School of Commerce and Journalism with Dr. Haggerty as dean.

DE PAUW

The event which has attracted the most attention around college during the last two months was the dedication of our new \$125,000 gymnasium. The entire day, March 8, was given over to the dedication exercises. Class colors and garbs appeared on the campus; we had speeches delivered by Charles W. Fairbanks, Governor Ralston, and Bishop McDowell, and the

reception in the evening for the students and friends of the university completed a great day for De Pauw.

STANFORD

On January 22, with appropriate exercises, Ray Lyman Wilbur was installed as the third president of Leland Stanford Junior University. Being a Stanford alumnus, the new president is in close touch with Stanford traditions and ideals. One of Doctor Wilbur's ideas is to get all the students to live on the campus, and following out this idea, it is probable that a new men's dormitory will be erected in the near future, and thus many students now living in Palo Alto will be made more intimately a part of the student body.

Kappa Alpha Theta:

ILLINOIS

The university has two new buildings, a vivarium building which will be used by the zoology department, and a genetics building where mice will be experimented with by the different science departments.

CALIFORNIA

The registration in our university this term is greater than it has ever been, and we have stepped proudly into place as the second largest university in the country. Large donations have been made to meet the increased expenses, as well as those of the University extension division.

Then a piece of great luck has come to us. The foreign authorities of the Exposition have presented us with some handsome gifts. The Japanese government gave us one of their largest buildings, which is to be placed on the campus and filled with the exhibits which they also sent. A very valuable collection of books from the French building is to be given a special room in our library.

Trident of Delta Delta Delta:

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Just a word about a new department in our university—the College of Business Administration. It grew so in one year that three new classrooms and several offices were built to meet its needs.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Y. W. C. A. was gloriously celebrated by a pageant. Four special addresses were given, of which one was by Dean Birney and another by President Wooley of Mt. Holyoke College. Then too, a Missionary Play is in enthusiastic preparation.

Most elaborate plans are being made for a great Shakespearean Pageant.

COLBY

Colby college is a delightful example of a democratic eastern college of the coed type. It deals principally with the classical courses and in this line is especially fine. Under the wise and energetic leadership of President Roberts the enrollment of the college has been doubled. He is a very remarkable man knowing from personal investigation every detail of college life and activity.

On the coördinate basis, the three upper classes attend recitations together, the freshman class only being separated. The class and college organiza-

tions, the system of prizes and college honors, in short the entire college life outside the recitation room, is in two distinct divisions. It is not improbable that in time the women's division will be given a distinct name as a separate college, although the present system in its spirit and in its working is very satisfactory.

SYRACUSE

You ask us what we like most about Syracuse—the impression that comes first, and lasts all through our college years? It is the impression of democracy that pervades the entire university, the cordiality of exchanged greetings, the frank hellos of everyone to everyone else. Next to that, comes the exceptionally good-fellowship of the men, and the girls. We do not make any comparisons between the coeducational standards of Syracuse, and other institutions of the kind, but we emphatically assert that a fairer scheme of things is not often marked out. In all college activities, whether work on *The Onondagan*, our yearbook, or in the university chorus, men and women have equal representation. There is no snobbery of sex here. And finally, there is true friendly spirit between sorority and neutral girls. Whether we live in a “dorm” or chapter house matters little in our college status. The closest of friendships are formed between the girls of a Greek-letter society and those who are not of that particular family.

CINCINNATI

In many ways the University of Cincinnati is unusual—from the very foundation it is built upon a unique plan, for it was the first Municipal University. Thus has Cincinnati municipal education from Kindergarten to the Grade schools to a Ph.D. degree in the University.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly:

SYRACUSE

On the heels of the Billy Sunday campaign the University Y. M. C. A. has conducted a successful campaign for new members and is now putting forth efforts to help the moral standing of the student body. Bible study groups have been organized in almost all the living centers with upper-class leaders. Delta Upsilon has almost her entire active membership enrolled in the study group conducted in the chapter house every Friday night before chapter meeting.

Aglaia of Phi Mu:

KNOX

It has been recently proposed that a section of the Knox Library be made a George Fitch Memorial. The mourned alumnus was greatly interested in the collection of books in American and Illinois history for the Knox Library, and his gift of many valuable reference volumes was his last remembrance to the college before leaving for California last summer.

Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon:

BELOIT

Beloit is in a transition stage. More heavily endowed than any other small college, she is prepared to take decisive steps. Whether these shall

be progressive or retrogressive lies largely within the power of the undergraduate and the alumnus to determine. At present she has reached the zenith of achievement under the old régime and lies dormant, stagnating.

To Digma of Alpha Omicron Pi:

SYRACUSE

Syracuse University has had an upheaval religiously. Doubtlessly you have read of the soul-winning campaign that "Billy" Sunday has been conducting here in Syracuse. The university has been vitally affected. Faculty members, living-center, chapter house, and individual students have formed their respective prayer groups. Even in this short time (the campaign closed but two days since) that Sunday has been with us, the tone of the campus has been visibly altered. Professors no longer hesitate to speak of religion to their classes, and students speak frankly with each other on the subject. We ourselves are forming our own little prayer-group to help perpetuate the wonderful work of that much-criticized man, "Billy" Sunday.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly:

We cannot miss the pathos in this from the McGill letter:

"Our present active chapter now consists of only eight men. Some of these intend to enlist before the end of the present term. Only one or two have any intention of returning to college next year."

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

With the beginning of a new semester the question of a Student Union is again agitated. The Cardinal Guild, our student representative body, has not expressed itself, but it is the general impression that they are in favor of its establishment. It is maintained by some that the student body here at Iowa State College lacks organization and uniformity of purpose. A committee has been appointed, including members of the faculty and Cardinal Guild, to consider the possibility of such a Union.

PANHELLENIC SURVEY

[From *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.]

ROSE AFFOLTER

By their letters ye shall know them.

ALPHA OMICRON PI

(This was a Social Service Number)

BARNARD

In addition to the regular chapter work, many of the girls do individual social service. Grace Gillean, as president of Y. W. C. A., has had a great opportunity which could not have been better used; the Association is entirely supporting a girl of high school age, whom it even intends to send through college; Grace is also president of King's Daughters, and spends a large part of her time working among the invalids of the Home for

Incurables. The O'Neills also are well known at the Home, for frequently do they spend their Saturdays and evenings playing on their guitar and mandolin to bring some cheer from the outer world into the darkened lives. In addition to what has been mentioned, the individual girls find time to teach Sunday School, take part in local charitable work, dress dolls for children, canvass the city for unregistered infants, and even make bandages for the soldiers; in fact, making bandages for the soldiers has become part of the business at fraternity meetings. The chapter has given a program at Social Center in the early part of the year, and is planning another for an early date.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Jane Monroe has become one of the newly created "Assistant Municipal Examiners" of the Street Cleaning Department, and has a handsome gold badge, which is the pride of her heart and the envy of all others. The plan is for these officials to gather facts about existing conditions and lecture to public schools and East Side Clubs, etc., on ways to keep the streets clean. They are also to have a good deal to do with the enforcement of ordinances in the still newer "Municipal Court," the only one of its kind in the world.

RANDOLPH-MACON

Besides the work among the orphans, we are interested in teaching and helping the maids. Annie Earle Reed, '17, is the proud teacher of a gymnasium class of sixteen waitresses, as she says "of all shapes, ages and descriptions." Every Monday and Wednesday nights they eagerly come down to the gymnasium, and their interest in arm and leg exercises, vaulting and climbing ropes is marvelous, when we think of how *we* cut our gymnasium on the slightest provocation.

MAINE

We spent a very enjoyable evening not long ago, overcasting and folding bandages for the soldiers. Vera had a big box full sent out for us from the Red Cross Society in Bangor, and after our regular business meeting, we had a delightful cozy sewing-bee. How our fingers, and needless to say, our tongues flew! Now, we are planning to sew for a worthy family of small children, who are in dire need of aid.

NORTHWESTERN

But best of all, is the beach party we are planning for twenty-five little Camp Fire girls from the tenements near our Settlement.

SYRACUSE

At the city Day Nursery, one of our seniors appears weekly, and is hailed as the "lady what tells the stories." Her tales are nearly as well received as those of our library senior, who makes flying-trips to out-of-town libraries to preside over the story-telling hour for children. One afternoon recently we entertained a group of the settlement children at the chapter house. Jewish, Lithuanian, Polish, Greek, Irish and Armenian they gathered, all loyally American in listening to the story of the flag, playing the marching games, and eating ice cream.

ILLINOIS

On alternating Wednesday evenings, we have Yo-Ma exchange and faculty dinners. Yo-Ma is a sophomore intersorority organization, for the purpose of bringing the sororities into closer contact and getting the girls better

acquainted. On Wednesday night twice a month six girls from each sorority go to some other sorority house for dinner. On the other Wednesday nights of the month, we entertain from four to six members of the faculty. We ask one of them to speak to us for a few minutes after dinner. This brings association with faculty members, which we could get in no other way, and we find the evenings so spent, delightful and profitable.

DELTA GAMMA

WASHINGTON

Two months ago an agitation was started in Panhellenic that the sororities combine and hire a dietitian who will buy food wholesale, and will make out menu cards for each one. Delta Gamma was advised against entering into the plan and voted against it. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Xi Delta also refused, but we understand that the other ten or twelve are going to cooperate regardless of us. It remains to be seen how the system will work out.

CALIFORNIA

Representatives from the women's house clubs on the campus have been invited to the next session of college Panhellenic in order that they may know something of the working and aims of the organization and perhaps gain something through cooperation.

ALBION COLLEGE

One thing has taken place, since we wrote our last letter, that we are very proud to tell you about. The first Women's Intercollegiate Debate in the country was held here at Albion College when our team debated against the Ypsilanti girls, and out of the team of three, two were Delta Gammas, Mary Baldwin and Clare Culver. To add much to our glory, the decision was unanimous for the Albion team.

MISSOURI

On the eleventh of February we gave a buffet supper for the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. This was the first of a series of intersorority dinners we are giving.

On the nineteenth of February the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity entertained us with a *matinée* dance. They made charming hosts and we spent a very pleasant afternoon.

TORONTO

On January 24, we held our annual Mothers' Tea. It was attended with its usual success. Beginning January 26, a whirlwind campaign to raise money for the Patriotic Fund swept Toronto for four days. Although two million dollars was the amount aimed at, much more than that was realized owing to the unparalleled generosity and marked enthusiasm of the contributors. On January 29, the students of the university were given the opportunity once more to aid the allied cause by contributing to this "On-to-Victory" Campaign Fund. The system was by tagging, and was directed by the women who undertook a canvass of all the university students. "Squads" of taggers guarded every door of every building on and off the campus, and from nine in the morning till five at night there was no escaping them. The contributions were ready and generous, with the result that over one thousand dollars was raised. It is in connection with this campaign

that the men delivered over to the women the complete control of the *Varsity*, and, for the first time in the thirty-five years' history of the paper, a Women's Issue was published.

ALPHA PHI

STANFORD

After our rushing dance on March 25, we decided to start a custom of rushing each other. So we had our hay-ride and picnic, where everyone had a wonderful time and came back more enthusiastic about Alpha Phi than ever before.

Panhellenic is offering an honor scholarship to be given to the fraternity girl with the highest standard. Each fraternity on the campus is to give ten dollars a year in order to contribute to the fund, which is to be one hundred dollars.

NEBRASKA

By our system of scholarship, the standing of fraternities is published twice a year. Delta Delta Delta occupied first place, Kappa Alpha Theta second, Delta Gamma third and Alpha Phi fourth—in the list of fourteen national women's fraternities.

OREGON

We were delighted to find that Alpha Phi ranks second here in scholarship among all the fraternities. Pi Beta Phi was just .04 of a point above us.

Oregon has been very fortunate in having Miss Louise Fitch, the Tri Delta Grand President on the campus all of this year as housemother to the chapter here.

DELTA DELTA DELTA

COLORADO

Since the funds from the May Fête are to go towards the woman's building, original Sally has devised a plan this year by which each of us is to earn a dollar herself and give it toward that fund. Many and wild are the schemes employed as methods for obtaining that dollar! Our visitors are amused by the signs on our door such as "Manicuring done, 10c" or "shoes shined, 5c." One of the girls actually blacked a pair of masculine boots which were sent to the house.

PENNSYLVANIA

Then our Alumnæ sympathize with us and are always anxious to help us! Just at present, they are trying to raise money for a clubhouse for the girls. They have evolved quite a clever plan for starting this fund. They are distributing strips of paper with slits to hold 16 pennies. The aim is to get a mile of pennies—about \$840—in this way, just as a starter. The house is to cost about \$50,000, and will probably have a gymnasium and a swimming-pool for the girls. No girl at a college that has these things can realize just how perfectly wonderful that plan seems to us.

VANDERBILT

The Kappa Alpha Thetas entertained us with a tea while Miss Bonisteel was here. We appreciated their hospitality so much, and enjoyed the tea besides.

We have had the pleasure of meeting a Theta District President lately, Miss Knox of Indianapolis. It was easy to become friends with her at once, and we enjoyed having her and their seniors and juniors at our lodge for lunch. The tea at their house the following afternoon was especial fun, however. As there were no rushees, the two fraternities sang rushing songs to each other and both were highly entertained. We had such a good time that some of us almost forgot to go home. They were to have an initiation that night though, and we rather feared it might be a breach of etiquette to stay!

GAMMA PHI BETA

WASHINGTON

First of all we must get all the conceit out of our system; but we can't help but add that we feel it well earned. Lambda is at present patting herself on the back for recent honors as we proudly announce four new $\Phi B Ks$ in our midst.

IDAHO

Last Wednesday Miss French, our Dean of Women, and our Alumnæ members who live in town came over in the afternoon, and talked over our weak points and our strong ones with us, and we discussed means of improvement and advance. It was a helpful meeting, and we have decided to meet together informally and socially every other Sunday evening to discuss things and get nearer together. I think it's an excellent idea for keeping up our standards and for really getting to know our sisters who are no longer in the active chapter.

KANSAS

We have been discussing plans for our fall rushing, lately. Rush week will last only one week, this coming fall, instead of two weeks as has been the past custom. Panhellenic has also placed a limit upon the amount of money to be spent by each sorority during rushing. This sum is not to exceed 50, which amount includes livery and all phases of entertainment. Anyone guilty of violating any of the Panhellenic rules concerning rushing, will be brought before a committee. The penalty for disobeying rules is the holding back for one day all bids of the offending sorority. National standing of sororities is not to be discussed with rushees, at all.

KAPPA DELTA

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

The annual Intersorority Track Meet was held May 2, on Wilder Field. Each sorority chooses athletes to represent it and to compete with the others. Many lost interest in the affair this year as it had to be postponed twice, due to the weather conditions. Nevertheless, all enjoyed the event. $K K \Gamma$ won first place while $K \Delta$ had to be content with third, the only consolation being that $K \Delta$ had won first for three preceding years.

CINCINNATI

On May 17 the annual Panhellenic banquet was held at the University; Omega Xi of Kappa Delta was presented with the scholarship cup for 1915. This is the second year in succession. Omega Xi is not at all proud of itself for no one expects the girls of that hard-working chapter to get the cup for the third and last time next year. The Phi Beta Kappa and her brilliant sister minds graduate in June, leaving the chapter an enrolment

of sweet young things with no evident endowment of intellect to uphold the spotless record. The banquet was very nice—the best we ever had here for thirty-six cents.

Great excitement stirred our noble Panhellenic last month. After a week of feminine fussing and bootless bickering, a change was decided upon for the rushing season next year. Pledging is to be at mid-semester, initiation in February for the few who pass the required scholarship standard, with a second initiation in June for the one or two who may be bolstered up sufficiently to bluff the faculty through the second semester.

PI BETA PHI

MICHIGAN

The Health Service of the university is making a rigorous investigation of the equipment of all the fraternity houses and much has been done along other lines to safeguard the lives of the students. One great asset has been the placing of life-saving stations along the banks of the Huron river. We are very pleased to note in a recent magazine article that Michigan ranks second in the college Health Service work, California University being first.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, INDIANA

Our chapter-room needs refurnishing very badly and we are now interested in raising a fund for that purpose. We have asked all Franklin Pi Phis to save their old newspapers and magazines for us, and we hope to make some money by selling them. Then, too, we are going to help the alumnae club serve the banquet for the province convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ on May 5, and we hope to increase our funds that way.

BUTLER

Our chapter has adopted a new plan for raising money for the Settlement School. We have taken to help us a part of Pi Phi which we often sing about but do not often use—the Goat. A list of words such as "fellow," "spike," "bid," "Barb," and "Frat" have been ruled out of usage by the chapter and each time a member finds herself repeating one of these tabooed words she drops a penny into the little china goat which comes to all our meetings and parties as a faithful member.

MINNESOTA

Another means that we have taken for earning money, is by having bridge teas at the girls' houses. These teas also give us an opportunity to see more of each other than we otherwise would, in a more congenial atmosphere than that in which we usually come in contact with one another.

IOWA

Iowa women are intensely interested in the coming vote on woman suffrage to take place June 5. The university women formed an organization, and began operations with a "Suffrage Dance" which over a hundred couples attended. Speeches by prominent suffrage workers, and suffrage songs by a group of university girls formed the special feature of the evening. The organization has also made arrangements for a series of lectures, and is trying to bring Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst here. The girls are personally interviewing each university man of twenty-one years or over, finding out if he is in favor of giving the vote to women, and asking him to sign a form made out to that effect.

THE CHAPTER LETTER

So many good things have been written of late about the chapter letter that the temptation to quote is too great to resist. We first given you an attractive bit from *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta, in which chapter correspondents may—perhaps—detect familiar phrases:

WHAT MAKES THE EDITORS TAKE ASPIRIN!

Hast thou heard it? Listen! From the universe known as Greek, from the world known as Panhellenic, it cometh, even as the howl of a martyr, long unsuspected of protest, tried beyond even Hellic endurance! 'Tis the editors, ye frightened and unbelieving ones! Verily, the patient editor hath risen from his baffled composure and now maketh ready to blasphemously criticize that most unoffending and inoffensive contribution, the chapter letter! Unjust? Yea, verily! Unwaranted? Yea, truly! Premeditated? Yea, yea, and again, yea, for these many, many years!

In a body are they descending—these Greek editors—and if thou redest Greek journals, thou wilt see the strength and concentration of such long premediated howl, oh, ye Greek offenders! No longer doth the meek and lowly servant of the fraternity chokingly swallow, but swallow none the less, the bromidic chapter letter. Nay, he riseth in his weakness, and from endurance long abused, demandeth originality!

Of all sad words e'er read from pen,

The saddest are "We're back again,"

We plead for something new, and then—

"Of finest girls we've just pledged ten!"

"It is almost time for the Christmas holidays, and we are all busy studying for tests and getting ready to go home."

"The holidays are over, and now we are all bending assiduously over our books in preparation for 'finals.'"

"Since our last letter, many things have happened for Omega."

"Christmas found every one in Sigma chapter ready for a vacation."

"Once again the semester is drawing to a close."

"What a great many things have happened since last you heard from us."

"Rushing was very successful this year."

"Tau has pledged five new girls—the loveliest that we know."

"A great many interesting things have happened at Hunter College since October."

"Christmas, with its merry whirl, has come and gone!"

"Since the opening of the fall term the days have been busy ones, indeed, for us."

"Vacation is over, and everyone is back hard at work on examinations."

"November 1 was a happy day for Rho, for it marked the close of a successful rushing season."

"The most important thing which happened to us was the visit of Miss Blank. We surely did enjoy her visit and hope she will come again soon."

"We are trying our best to settle down to scholastic duties after our round of holiday gaieties."

"We have started out in the New Year with a determination to make this year the most successful one of our existence."

"Now that football is over we are all recuperating for the Christmas holidays and the basketball season to come."

"We are proud to announce at this time that Brother — has been elected captain of varsity football."

"The football season just past has been the third most successful in our history."

"As we look back over the rushing season, we cannot help but be pleased with its results."

"I suppose you have all been just as busy as we have since we last wrote."

"We worked very hard in rushing this year, and were beautifully rewarded by eight splendid girls."

"I think I told you in my last letter how proud of our pledges we were; but we are more than proud of them now, we have time to know them all, and we love them—oh, so much!"

"We have two splendid new pledges to announce!"

"We have two grand new pledges!"

"We pledged a mighty fine bunch of girls."

"Eta has been very busy since our last letter with school work, good times, and all the other things which go with college life."

"Home-coming has come and gone."

"Final examinations are holding the center of the stage just now."

"Football is now a thing of the past."

After this review of reviews, comes an extract from "An Analysis of the Chapter Letter," oft quoted by chapter editors and first appearing in the *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho—whose letters, by the way, are always very worth while.

The chapter letter is the editor's staple and the editor's tribulation. No matter what other elements go to make up the fraternity magazine, no matter though college presidents may write able articles on education, or national officers expound the fraternity's principles out of the depth of their experience and wisdom; this, after all, is but contingent; and the fixed quantity (and what a quantity of it there is!) is always the information, indifferently spelled and badly worded, that "Ham" Jones attended the pink tea on the twenty-fourth instant given by "Zip" Johnson's sisters; that there were lots of eats; that the chapter had planned a *thé dansant* to be given in honor of these and other chapter peaches on the fourth of next month, and issues a cordial invitation to all brothers to be present; etc., etc. The letter always begins with the mystic words "We have just completed the first term of the most prosperous year in our history, and have added to the roll of the chapter the five best men in the entering class"; and ends with the formula "We extend to all the sister chapters a cordial greeting, and would like them to come and see us in our house."

Too frequently the resulting pages, after the "hot air" has been eliminated for the month, specify with exactness the position each man in the chapter holds on the team, the college orchestra, or the debating society, the exact number of spreads the chapter has enjoyed since a previous summary; the names and some appreciation of the new men, and a list of visitors whose misspelled names means a half-hour's session with the fraternity address book to find who has been down that chapter's way. All these items are, of course, vital to complete presentation of a chapter's history; and what else can possibly be written or desired?

But suppose the most popular man in last year's graduating class comes back to visit the chapter, and the hearts of the brothers on the campus are exhilarated by the quickly spread news: "Say, did you know that Bob Clark was down at the chapter house?" There upon the veranda sits Bob; and around him an eager group of men, each intent to convey to him the news of the chapter doings in the near past. No list of names and positions, no mere catalogue of chapter activities; but vital, interesting news about the doings of the chapter, its policies, its plans, its successes, its failures, till when Bob is finally carried off by the head of the House Committee to inspect the new lounge in the smoking-room he has caught not only the history of the chapter but its spirit, in a series of word-pictures which excite his interest, arouse his zeal, and quicken his enthusiasm. And why not give all this again to poor Bob when next month he is some hundreds of miles away, opening with alacrity to the chapter letter just received, which is to him like news from home. Alas! "The mid-year examinations found an industrious and happy group of brothers scattered around the cozy rooms of our chapter house and studying diligently. . . ." etc. "We extend cordial greetings to all our sister chapters." And all the other chapters have been doing the same!

And we follow with a good suggestion from the *Phi Chi Quarterly*:

Do you require your chapter editor to read his letter before the chapter? Why don't you? Perhaps he does not know exactly what to write and you might suggest some changes to be made, some insertions and perhaps improve the construction of the epistle. Sometimes I wonder if the chapters are satisfied with the letters that appear under their name in the *Quarterly*. And sometimes letters reach me from some member complaining about his chapter's letter as if I could have written one for the chapter myself. I do send many letters back and sometimes I rewrite them but that is not my duty as editor. It is also true that every chapter cannot have a finished letter writer, but I think if the chapters would have one meeting a quarter devoted to composing the chapter letter we would have some interesting reading in the correspondence department. As a department we can be proud of our chapter editors. Their letters compare very favorably with the older and more trained fraternities and on various occasions the publications I think most of in the Greek World have reprinted our letters and commented favorably on them. But that is beside the point—what you want to do is to interest your alumni and the alumni of other chapters and you should tell all the news and bring up points for discussion and new laws you would like to see enacted or laws you would like to see repealed and all that. The *Quarterly* must improve if we expect to keep in the procession. Fraternalism is subject to the same laws as modern business and unless you show the world we move in that we, too, are moving toward that great ideal we boast of, we are bound to lose prestige. And the way to do it is to take community interest in things that take place in the Fraternity.

Meanwhile the chapter correspondent will rejoice over this word from the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega:

We owe a profound apology to several hundred, if not several thousand, young men who during a decade and more have, at various times, been

associated with us as chapter correspondents. Following the example set by the nestor of the Greek press, William R. Baird, and followed in turn by the veriest tyro, we, too, have indulged in sprightly criticism of the epistolary efforts of the hapless young men who are chosen to forward quarterly the new of our chapters. It remained for our good and resourceful friend, Finis K. Farr, who admirably fills the editorial chair of the Kappa Sigma *Caduceus*, to come to the defense of the much abused chapter correspondent in a manner that was both unique and convincing. The chapter letters of a recent *Caduceus* were written, not by the regularly elected undergraduate correspondent, but by an "alumnus adviser," which in Kappa Sigma lingo, is a species of *pater familias* to the chapter.

We cannot undertake to describe the emotions we experienced as we noted upon the cover of Farr's magazine the announcement, printed in red ink, that the chapter letters therein contained were written by alumni members. Surely, we opined, here are model letters. Here we thought, are letters such as Dean Clark, and William R. Baird, and Frank Rogers, and Walter B. Palmer, and Finis K. Farr would write. Immediately we determined to republish one or two as models for our own correspondents. Imagine then our chagrin when upon further investigation we found that Kappa Sigma alumni persisted in sending "greetings to our sister chapters"; that they, too, "took great pleasure in introducing the new brothers to the Fraternity"; that they also "initiated last month the pick of the class," and performed other literary gymnastics which long ago seemed to be the exclusive rôle of the youthful chapter correspondents. When we finished the whole collection of alumni epistles we experienced great thankfulness of heart that Finis had volunteered the information that it was contributed by Kappa Sigma alumni. We would never have suspected.

And so, the chapter correspondent is vindicated. Kappa Sigma's undergraduates write quite as well as its alumni, and its alumni do no better than the undergraduates. Henceforth, we are strong for the chapter correspondent and never again, either in thought, word or deed, shall we be guilty of even the slightest reflection upon him.

From our brother journals come many clever and original communications. Sigma Chi furnishes the three following quotations—the first of which is from Miami, the second from Stanford and the third from Texas. The first—the introduction to the chapter letter—we commend for its *multum in parvo*; the second claims your interest from the very first; the third—well, the third speaks for itself!

Pep, Pride, and Preparedness don't always mean our mother raised her boy to be a soldier. In fact, it stands for the slogan of Alpha this year—just that: Pep, Pride, and Preparedness.

Pep—we've got it and we're going to keep it; not merely Pep in scholarship and student activities, but also in getting you alumni to get in closer touch with the active chapter, and we with you.

Pride—not merely in doing things around school, but in being able to know that Alpha does have every one of her alumni actively interested in what is happening on the campus of Old Miami in general, and at the Founders' Memorial House in particular.

Preparedness—not because it is quite the fad to have your own little national-defense program these days, but because Prexy Hughes says it is one of the cardinal tests of an active chapter at all times—to be prepared!

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Did you ever attend an alumni banquet where the active chapter from any university arrived on time to the man? No, and you never will. Someone has to slip the needle over a few notches in the "Melody of Love," or someone needs an amputation or calls the doctor for something—you simply can't get them all there. But Alpha Omega attended the last alumni banquet *en bloc*—minus Mike Murphy and Bill Bacon. Mike is to be a doctor some day, and, besides, is too crafty to let anyone amputate anything on him; and Bacon can sing his own melodies, so that inferences are of no use in explaining their absence that evening. They missed a mighty good banquet!

Bill Sisson's only worry during the present track season is that he can't smoke those gold-tipped cigarettes in the bottom of his trunk. When Bill has nothing else to do he goes out and jumps once or twice to the 24-foot mark and comes back with a gold medal. In dramatics, Mogie Fickhoff twinkles around among the Junior opera chorus in the musical comedy "In Dutch." Bacon has the leading part this year in the Senior farce.

Hal Blote simply can't stand staying through a whole school year; he registered here in January, attended a few classes, and then spent a month in Honolulu. He's back now, going Owen Wister two better and working in Philosophy 6. Claude Timmins paid tribute to the Sigma "Chois" and other Hibernians on the seventeenth, and threw a banquet-au-natural. Sellards couldn't eat because forks weren't being done that night.

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as i was jus sayin do doubt none of you boys is ever been in Texas the great lone star state it is a great state and are the biggest in the union we hears very often down here where you has got the best pledges in school of course you all also leads in student activitis and has that too billion dollar house all payed for and brother georGe Ade is no doubt recently visited you and told you vouall has the best orgnazation in the colige. well we is down in Texas and dont offen get no prominent visitors but we takes pleasure in makin the statement that BRO. grand preter SMith recently seen us and told us you never had nothing on us we also has the grand consulate in the name of bro. alleN and are not ashamed to say that he is one of the best sigs in America. of course some of our bros aint no academic leaders as might say about brother Poulton. but we leads in academic work has the bes frat average in colige. Bro BURT Richardson has joined the Women's christin temprunce union and the y w c a and numerous other orgnazations of a like charicter. we have a baseball game coming off next week with the kappo alphas a frat that aint got no branches in your parts, but has got em strong here bro bennet recently went on some kind of party and never got back till 3 a m in the morning and when we ast what the matter was he said as how he had a headache and he would whoon anvbody in the croo we never expected that of BRO. BENNEt, above nobody, but he done it and that is all, br. woodul is off on a visit an we hope don't never come back at least until we catch up with some of his re-marks what are we boys goin to do i asts villa is murd'rin white women and children the kaiser is killin decent white people the u s of ameriCA is burnin up TexaS is going dry the teachers here has done gone completely nutty and i asts what ar we goin to do well we want to say that we is al loval SIGAMKIS and avone who says we aint lies we is workin the ranch hard and will get some swell greenhorns nex year of

which we hope to make good punchers out of we mean ticket punchers them kind that make ther work and is good men at the sam time of course we aint sayin nothin about the other branchis.

From the Tulane correspondent in the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, we have:

There was a sound of mingled joy and pain,
For all of Tulane's Phis had gathered there
Their strength and memories.

"Tubby" said he was sick, and Sherrouse had an engagement, but excuses were not accepted—we had a kangaroo court. Brother Wynn donned a sheet and an old derby, mounted a trunk, and to the freshies, justice was administered for all their sins. It was after the initiation of Brothers Randolph Unsworth and Walton Sherrouse, whom we present to the Fraternity with great inward pain. Phikeia Robert Clark of Natchez, Miss., also begs to have his name inserted.

Nobody Home was the play selected for Tulane Night, the annual overflow of spirits in New Orleans university life. We all went, criticized the play, yelled "rotten" at the jokes, cheered the chorus, and "hullabalooed" for everything connected with Tulane. After the show came banquets; and as the chilly, dark gray-brown morning dawned, few, few Tulanians had an active interest in the affairs of this gloomy earth.

We had another dance, the crescendo or apex of fraternity social gatherings this year. Informal, too. You see, "Hitch" said business wasn't such that he could get his chicken in a boat, or give her a bunch of weeds, either; and we were all fixed the same way. In the débutante class Brother Wynn is more than right.

Brother Howell is absorbed in landscape gardening at present. His ordinary conversation these days runs as follows (Franklyn is a doctor (?) you know); "Castor oil, young gentlemen, is valuable for both the human stomach and growing nasturtiums. Abrasions of both palms and epidermis are cured by repeated applications of the monohydrochloride of paraaminobenzoylethylaminoethanol. Get to work, you slimes." Anyhow, our lawn looks better since this activity began.

Looking into the shadowy depths of our deepest lounge (you will notice that there has been a break of thought here) you may perchance at eventide see one musing, deeply musing, on classic opera and scientific research. 'Tis one who would

Love to be a little rock
A'settin on a hill,
And doin nothin all day long,
But just a'settin still.

Charles the somnambulist, we greet thee.

And this from Cincinnati in the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon:

Some may criticize and make nasty remarks about this style of chapter letter, but the universally favorable acceptance of previous letters of the same type makes justifiable their continuance. One dear brother, with whom the writer was scarcely acquainted, wrote from a far-distant neck of the woods that he enjoyed reading missives thus crowded with asininity. So

we will do what we can to please such estimable readers, and at the same time try to refute any low-lived allegations and to defy allegators of the same class.

Since the last explosion, we have been doing more than our share to keep the earth from rotating backward on the old z-axis. At least it seems that way, for there's been a powerful sight of things happened around these parts.

On February 24 we put the works on five new sons of Minerva. Mother and children are getting along nicely. They are, in alphabetical order, Ormond T. Groeland, William M. Myers, Irving Schroth, Harold A. Stegner, and A. Hunter White. Long may they wave! The last-named parts his hair, as well as his name, in the middle. About three more frosh are in line waiting to get what is good for them.

Before this appears, the much heralded Province Delta Convention will have come off. It's no use to tell about preparations now, for who wants to read about preparations after the thing is over. On the other hand, it is impossible to describe the details of its happening, for how can a fellow make a post-mortem a month in advance. The most we can do, is to predict that it was *some* convention.

Our house is all fixed up. It has a new roof; bright new paint covers the old; artistic paper, beautifully hung, adorns the walls, and new electric light fixtures greet the astonished eye. To make the dream of paradise complete, Ezra and Laura are back in the kitchen. The way those old boys, the alumni I mean, came across was most gratifying; as far as we are concerned, Henry Sydnor Harrison's "I dreamed our alumni were dead" is a worthless by-product to be consigned to the ash-can. And to think that we used to sing it with expression and feeling!

From the sorority journals, we quote but one letter—that of the Kentucky correspondent in the Kappa Delta *Angelos*. This letter is distinctive in several ways; it has charm, cleverness, humor—it presents facts in attractive manner—and you enjoy every word of it.

Amid the very inspiring surroundings of a room full of clothes needing to be packed, and dust needing to be dusted, I shall endeavor to give the sistren—and brethren, if there be any, although the latest engagement list is rather slim (girls, can't you do better this summer?)—another duty to K Δ, the non-such—that of reading about everything we've done here, that is, everything that looks well in print: some of it doesn't! For instance, it would be very disgraceful to mention that May 26, the night we took in Elizabeth Odoen, the thermometer was busting with the importance of trying to reach the hundred mark, and the roses drooped and the candles melted, and the oil dressing on the salad threatened to separate any minute, and the chapter did too, having its highly individualized temperaments and tempers pretty well keyed up—wouldn't it? Whether or not that's true we pass over in silence; the important fact is, that Elizabeth was dragged in somehow, by her shining and perspiring nose, and in the "cool of the evening," (what there was of it) later, we celebrated at Annette's, where initiation was held, by forgetting our term grades, and differences, and telling the new initiate we loved her, "oh, so much," if she *was* hot and wearing patent-leather pumps that squeezed some of the sweetness out of her disposition, in proportion as her dainty toes were pinched.

Nearly everybody's gone now, and we wish we'd been more agreeable. Lois Powell departed muttering about the responsibility of trying to keep the key to the archive box all summer, without losing it irrevocably; "L. B.," otherwise known as half the partnership of Brown and Powell, one of the twins, or part of the Lois, left looking sweet enough to eat with a spoon, having a brand new traveling outfit and the prospect of a visit to her sister before settling down to crochet the rest of the summer; Emma went home with the blissful consciousness of a year's average of 97; Virginia betook herself off mournfully, for the parental timbers, knowing she could not return next year; Louise rushed away to her beloved Dawson—Springs, understand me, that's where she lives—the instant examinations were over; Annette, Eliza, and Rebecca remain, as does the erstwhile goat, to go June 2 to Olympia Springs, where a K Δ house party, consisting of those four and four or five alumnæ, "has been greatly enjoyed." "Has been," because you're reading this in the middle of July.

Everybody tead and partied and danced the last two weeks in May, between bitter weeps of leaving everybody else. Beta Chi of K K Γ gave an open tea to the University on May 17; the local chapter of A Γ Δ entertained the presidents of the Kentucky sororities on May 19; we made a few sandwiches and plucked a few wild flowers and called it a patroness party, with several other guests to the number of fifty or so, early in the month—May 4, if the temperamental editor *will* insist on dates—; Kathyne Appleton, '12, was at home to the active chapter on May 20, with cards and very excellent refreshments; President Barker and Mrs. Barker's annual reception for the senior class was given on the Patterson Hall lawn the night of May 25; and May 26 the University Alumnæ Club had a tea, with really worth-while ice cream, for the girls of the class of '16.

I believe the correct thing to say next is, "Besides having a good time socially, all K Δ s are participating in student activities." Well, "so say so, and so be." Only the correspondent wishes everybody'd quit acting up and getting prominent; she's tired re-hashing it in letters, reports, etc., etc., ad infinitum!

The annual Arbor Day exercises, at which the usual hopeful but generally disappointing young sprout was stuck in the famous Kentucky-blue-grass dirt, were exercised with much flourish and lung power, on May 5. Rebecca Smith, now National Treasurer, but sometime class prophet of 1916, U. of K., performed in her usual satisfying, up-to-the-mark manner, and that night, little Sis Boyd, '11, up from Owensboro for that 'spress purpose, led the Lamp and Cross dance with her faithful-in-spite-of-himself Phi Delta Theta. I may remark in passing (this has been said in every July letter from Kentucky since Epsilon Omega was chartered, but we believe in revering and keeping up old customs) that Lamp and Cross is the senior honor society for men, and observes "Tap Day" on Arbor Day, with a dance in the pledges' honor that night. Staff and Crown, the senior women's honor society, also pledged their new members on Arbor Day, and the band played, and the battalion drilled, that is, the portion that reported—they had an awful row about it, some refusing to "show off" on a college holiday, and just acting masculinely mulish about it—and a thoroughly beautiful time was suffered by everybody.

In discussing honors, it might be well not to forget to mention that Virginia Stout was elected vice-president of The Strollers, Kentucky's dramatic club, for Virginia has a strong right arm, and the writer might rue such an omission, much as she is disinclined to seem to push E Ω chapter members into the sororities' notice, in which case, it wouldn't do to omit

Annette Martin's clever work in the faculty "take-off" in chapel on "Moving Day," when the senior class occupies the faculty's uncomfortable chairs, and endeavors to give correct imitations of their unenviable dispositions, in conducting classes and delivering lectures.

We thought when Christine left last year, we were at peace about amateur theatricals, but we hoped too soon! On May 17 a glorious pageant in commemoration of Shakespeare was given on the campus, under the auspices of the English Club, and with Rebecca as chairman of the club, and Christine managing several scenes, we knew no peace. Parts of *As You Like It*, *Winter's Tale*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Tempest* were given, and the celebration wound up with a May-pole dance. Through pull and influence, Rebecca was "Miranda," and surprised everybody, not only by the unsuspected wealth of flowing, golden-brown hair, but by a really intelligent interpretation that was much complimented, acting with a charming $\Phi A \Theta$ "Ferdinand"; Virginia made a statuesque and handsome "Hippolyte" to a brother $\Sigma A E$'s "Theseus"; Christine, with her usual talent for grabbing the best part, swaggered about as "Rosalind" in brown boots, cape, and jerkin, just to show the attendant $K \Sigma$ "Orlando" she could be nearly pretty and graceful, if she really tried; and Eliza Spurrier and Lois Brown successfully refrained from utterly disgracing the chapter, in the May-pole dance. A novel feature of the occasion was the dispensing of Elizabethan cheer in the form of delicious tarts and cider, by Home Economics majors, clad in dainty Elizabethan serving-maid costumes.

Being afraid of Virginia, as I before remarked, I must add that she and Eliza received Stroller pins at the banquet held at the Phoenix Hotel, May 26, in recognition of having made the cast of *Father and the Boys*, the '16 production. Christine, aided by the inevitable $K \Sigma$, put on a clever "one word" sketch by Cyril Maude, and Rebecca graced the left hand of the toastmaster at the banquet board.

I have said quite enough about R. W. Smith already and she's written up elsewhere in this issue, but she begs to have it put in that she was one of the three women honor graduates for '16, in the Arts College, the other two being an $A \Gamma \Delta$ and a nonsorority girl, respectively.

There might be some notes, but by this time I know you're tired. So am I. Don't blame this letter on Virginia. A misguided but helping friend did it for her. Her name's just signed because the editor's so death on uniformity!

VIRGINIA STOUT.

Apropos of this subject, *Banta's Greek Exchange*, contributes:

SMILES IN CHAPTER LETTERS

Brother ——— got married. And, too, we beat Mizzo and St. Louis University.

The house is deserted except for the poor scribe, who sits and writes while the more happy members are engaged in various nocturnal occupations, commonly known as "fussing" and requiring assistance of sail boats, canoes, and other impedimenta.

Of course this is from a sorority letter.

There are about a dozen times as many boys as girls, which is lovely after you get used to them, especially at dances.

The chapter will give an April Fools' dance at the house. A number of men from other fraternities will be our guests.

Pi chapter was falsely accused of a terrible crime. The Kappa Kappa Gamma skeleton, Mrs. Potter Brown, was stolen from the sorority rooms in Hulings Hall and the blame fell on us.—A fraternity chapter letter.

Some weeks ago the chapter received, with mixed feelings, a gift from Brother Eustis in the shape of "Sig." Brother Eustis insists that Sig is an Airedale, but Brother Prindeville sees striking resemblances in him to a Swiss fishhound. Sig himself seems undisturbed by the obscurity which envelopes his origin, and has made himself entirely at home—several times, in fact—on the dinner table.

. The doctor said that it looked to him like the opening stages of scarlet fever. Before he could place the house under quarantine, a flight of the Phi Deltas took place, which would have made old Mohammed, of Hegira fame, groan with envy.

The ladies of the faculty, we are sorry to confess, have taken radical steps to civilize the embryonic mining engineers. Every Sunday afternoon from four to five, tea is served in the clubrooms, which function ye stude is supposed to attend with a white collar and a girl. It's easy enough to reconcile oneself to the girl, but a collar all afternoon is contrary to the constitution. We feel that this reform wave has surged far enough.

There is something almost magical about the attraction between President Woodrow Wilson and the Kappa Sigmas. One brother put it over and married his daughter, another is his personal physician; and now he is about to wed the sister of a third.

Our married brothers of Washington have organized. They told us that we could have our dance but that they have a monopoly on cards. Well, we wish them luck, but a queen in your arm is worth two in your hand.

And this from a Chicago chapter letter!

Two of our loyal sons of the soil started home with a 1916 model hog-catcher to be used at home, we supposed, and their first disappointment came when the conductor refused to let them enter the parlor car with said contraption. They were ousted to the smoker.

The following smiles accompanied by editorial comments are clipped from some chapter letter exchanges in the *Φ K Ψ Shield*:

SAVED FROM EXHAUSTION

So far (October) the fraternity has given two dances, which were in the form of a blessing to the tired and overworked students.—W. and L. correspondence, *K A Journal*.

IT CAN'T BE DONE

Silence began at four o'clock on that day and lasted until noon the next day.—Butler College correspondence, *K K Γ Key*.

A LETTER FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE CRESCENT

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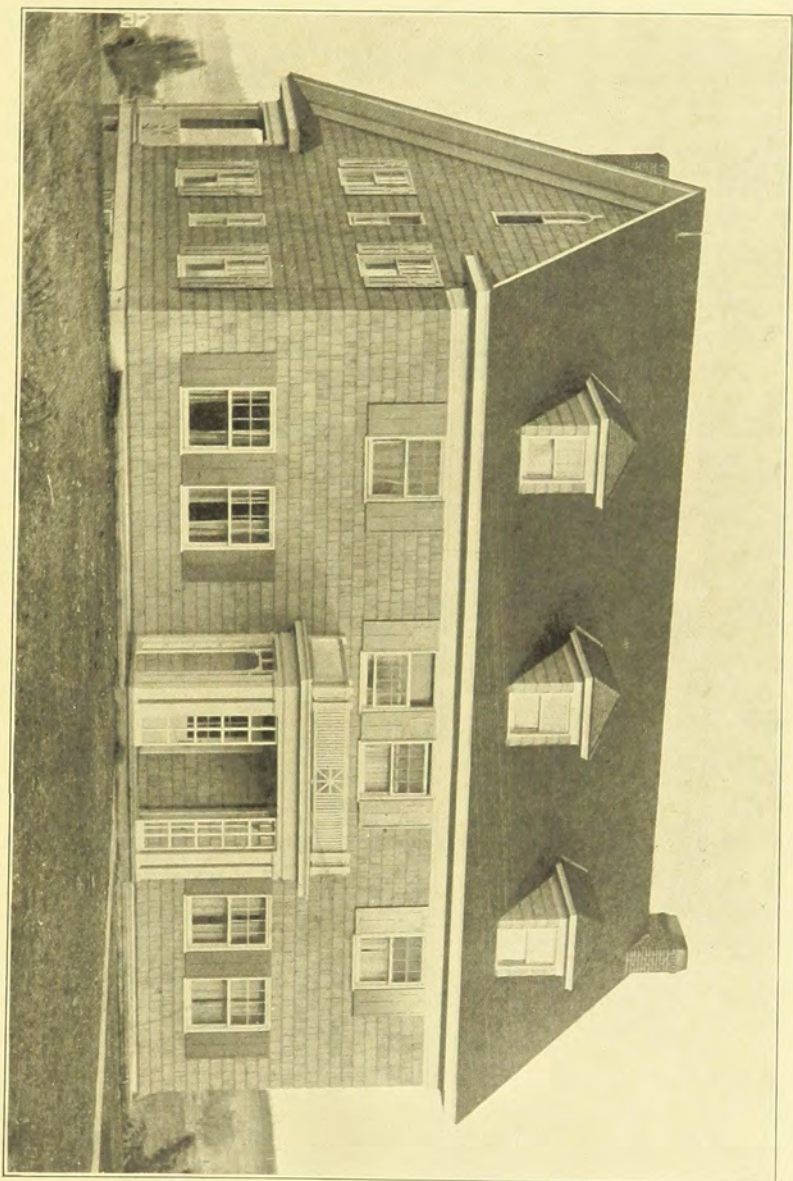
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XI'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

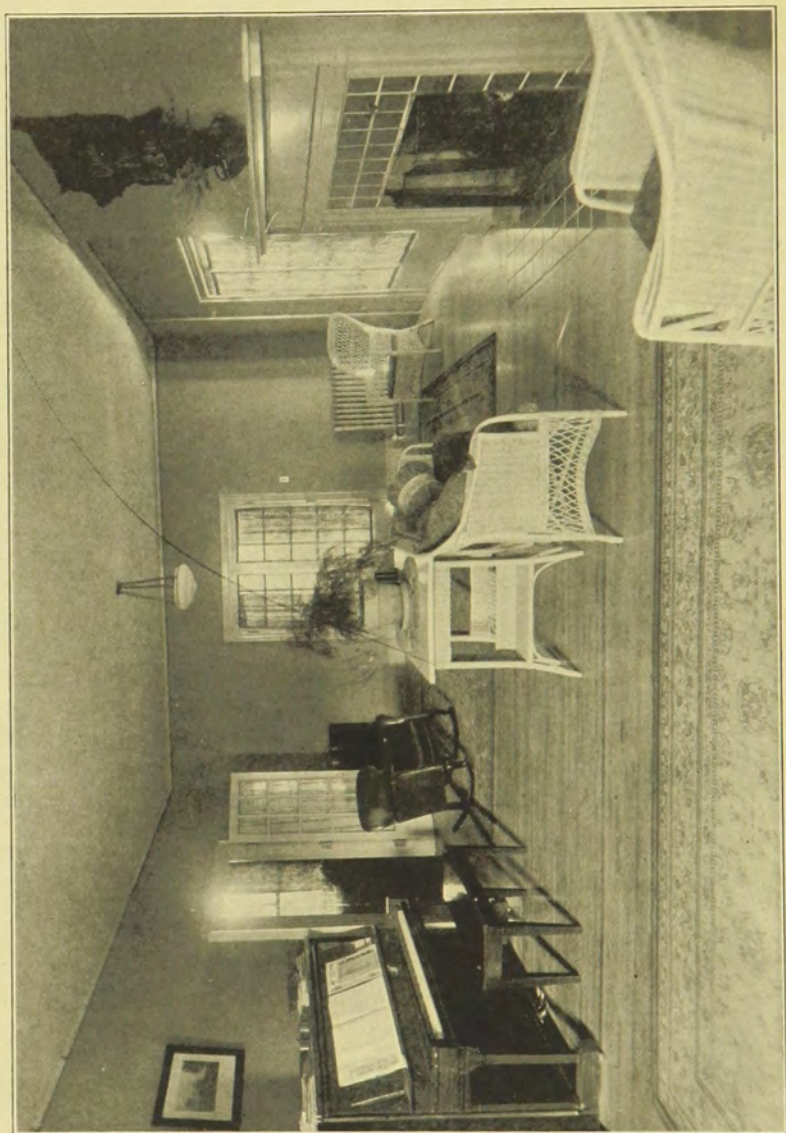
The accompanying pictures will give you a general idea of Xi's new chapter house at the University of Idaho. It is a soft grey in color, with cream trimmings, and dull green roof and shutters. The house is built on a sloping lot so that from the front it appears to have only three stories, although there are really four. On the first floor is the large airy dining-room, conveniently arranged kitchen and pantry, laundry, trunkroom, cook's room and bath, furnace-room and hall. A stairway leads up to the second floor, which is on a level with the front street. Here is a large hall, from one side of which opens the living-room with its cheery fireplace and long French windows. A cozy library opens off of this room, and at the back, the glass doors lead to the large back porch, which can be used for more dancing space in warm weather, and for which the Moscow mothers have provided a pretty set of porch furniture. On the other side of the hall are the reception room, the guestroom, and our housemother's apartments. All of these rooms and those on the first floor are finished in ivory enamel, the walls are tinted a warm tan, and old blue predominates in the hangings and rugs. The upper hall and bath are also in ivory, but the woodwork in the girls' rooms, of which there are eight, is stained a sober grey. A large sleeping porch and several linen closets complete the third floor, which is roomy and comfortable. The fourth floor is not yet completed, but will some day be a real Gamma Phi chapter-room.

It is hard to tell you how happy and proud of our *own* house we feel, and we only hope that some of you who read this may come and see it for yourselves some day.

CAROL RYRIE.



XI CHAPTER HOUSE



A CORNER OF THE LIVING-ROOM IN XI CHAPTER HOUSE

FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

[For this particular department, contributions were asked from Alpha, Delta, Zeta, Beta, Omicron. Beta and Omicron responded promptly—and from the others, there came no acknowledgment of the request.]

THE SORORITY GIRL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Nowadays, when our universities are so full of activities in which girls can take part—athletics, dramatics, literary societies, Young Women's Christian Association work, and so on, it seems as if every girl ought to have at least one outside interest. Yet in almost every sorority there are a few girls who are apparently not taking part in any university activity. It is not always entirely the fault of the girl. Many girls, especially freshmen, do not like to push themselves forward even to the extent of asking one of their sorority sisters to take them up to her literary society or to try to get them on a Y. W. C. A. committee. On the other hand, girls who are taking part in activities are not wholly to blame because some of their sisters are left out. How do they know which girls are interested in the activities in which they are engaged?

It seems as if it ought to be a very simple matter to find out what the girls living in the same house with you are interested in. But unless there is a definite plan for finding out, one girl will depend upon another and nothing will come of it.

Omicron Chapter has tried a number of plans for correcting this trouble, for, above all, we believe in letting each girl in the chapter come forward and show what she can do. Last year we formulated a plan which seems to be successful. At the first meeting after we had pledged the new girls, the president asked each pledge to make a list of the things in which she was interested, putting the activity in which she was most interested first. She then made a list of the girls interested in dramatics, another of those interested in literary societies, and so on. She gave the first list to two or three of the upperclassmen who had made good in dramatics and made them responsible for introducing the girls to the leaders in dramatics and for getting the girls to try out for the plays given by "Mask and Bauble," the local dramatic society. The second list was given to the girls who belonged to the literary societies and it was their duty to bring these pledges to the meetings and to introduce them to the members. In this way every girl was given a fair chance and no one could complain of not having had an opportunity of "getting into things." If there are any chapters of $\Gamma \Phi \beta$ that have not already discovered this or another plan for getting

every girl to go in for university activities, I would suggest that our plan has been tried and found feasible.

ASTRID VON MOTH DODGE (*Omicron*).

A "PEP" MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Let me say in commencing this article that I realize how hackneyed and trite a subject "college spirit" is; but I think that all of us in college and those of us who can look back upon our days there, realize how truly a living potent thing college spirit is, and how much more it means than the usual acceptance of the term.

To me, perhaps the most striking evidence of this feeling is shown here at the University of Michigan, in the mass meetings which precede all of our big football games in the fall. The mass meetings are held in Hill Auditorium, a building of Omicron architecture based on the ancient Greek, of glazed brick and marble. The Auditorium accommodates six thousand people, and on nights when these "pep meetings," as they are often called, are held the huge hall is filled to overflowing. The men sit in the main part of the Auditorium and the girls, and few men who dare bring a girl are seated in the balcony. As the men come in they remove their coats, roll up their sleeves and prepare generally for a tempestuous time. During the time which elapses before the program proper begins, the men yell, sing, and whistle and make a general disturbance. The first arrival on the stage is our band and all of you who have seen our sixty-piece maize-and-blue-uniformed band, know how we feel when it marches out on the stage playing our beloved "Victors." The noise made by the audience at this juncture is deafening, and, indeed, while it lasts the band is absolutely unheard. Next on the stage are the speakers of the evening who are alumni of note, from Detroit and Chicago usually, who instill a further love of Michigan ideals into the crowd. The team comes last, and they, in their modesty, do not take seats on the stage but come in quietly from a side door and sit in the first row directly in front of the speakers. Then the speeches commence and these are interspersed with Michigan songs and yells. A few moving pictures are shown of the captain of the team and the stars, with occasionally one of the band or of Coach Yost. The most impressive moment comes when the band starts to play "The Yellow and Blue" and the entire audience rises to sing it. From a door off stage a dove is released from whose neck maize and blue streams float as it circles through the vast hall above the crowd. At the close of the song the meeting is over, and, if the game of the morrow be an out-of-town contest the team and band on gorgeously decorated floats, are escorted to the station by the student body.

MARGARET WALSH (*Beta*).



When an editor desires to experience the sensation of having so much good copy that choice is difficult, she plans an Exchange Number; for, in addition to her own self-satisfaction, the readers of her magazine have the opportunity of taking a peep into the very worth-while pages of other fraternity journals. Accordingly, for this issue of *THE CRESCENT*, we have chosen "College News" from *The Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; "Panhellenic Survey" from *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and "Altruistic Endeavors of Panhellenic Sororities" from *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi. "The Chapter Letter" contains not only extracts from various chapter chronicles but sound and sage advice upon this ever popular subject.

Have you ever tried to realize just how much work the compilation of a membership directory demands? And how much of time and energy is expended in the accumulation of necessary data? Gamma Phi Beta's new directory is in the hands of the Milwaukee Alumnæ, and Mrs. R. C. Coerper, as chairman, needs the heartiest coöperation of each chapter. Accordingly, we lay great stress upon the real significance of the undertaking and ask that the chapter lists be carefully revised and completed and that those responsible for such material send their copy to Mrs. Coerper as soon as possible. The directory is to be arranged in such a way that it will admit of frequent revision and augmentation at slight expense—and a heavy sale is desired.

To Gamma Phi Beta there has come the opportunity for a definite and personal social service work. The story of Imperia which Mrs. Bloom tells on another page of this issue speaks for itself; we can add only an editorial plea that the enterprise be a success. The

girl is dependent upon her own handiwork—and if this handiwork be an exquisitely woven monogram of our own Greek letters, its purchase will mean not only a direct benefit to her but a very certain delight for us. The blanket pillow top in our possession is a beautiful thing; the work is fairylike, and instead of the usual embroidered or appliqued Gamma Phi Beta, the dark brown intertwined letters are woven into the light background in a most effective way. It is an addition, an adornment, to any chapter house—besides being a striking innovation in the line of sorority emblems. If our organization means help and inspiration to those within our circle, let us be generous enough to extend this very help and inspiration to Imperia in her earnest efforts to make her way. As individuals, as chapters, as a sorority, it is worth our while.

In Barrie's charming play, *What Every Woman Knows*, we are told that without charm our other gifts are as naught. At the present moment we are wondering if the same philosophy may not be applied to cities as well as to women. For, in comparison with tradition, association, and that indescribable thing we call atmosphere, what are skyscrapers, factories, bigness, and newness? Baltimore is an aristocrat; she has the intangible attribute of charm—and her material prosperity is quite overbalanced by her smile, her graciousness, her hospitality and her southern bearing. Just as charm suggests Baltimore and Zeta, so Baltimore and Zeta suggest convention—and, in turn, convention means a wonderful, inspiring and broadening experience. If this biennial gathering of Gamma Phi Beta is a closed book to you, now is the time to open the volume and to peep inside. We promise that there will be beautiful illustrations alongside of serious and interesting reading matter; that you will sigh with regret when you turn the last page; and that you will involuntarily reach for Volume Forty-one—which Father Time wisely keeps upon his own particular shelf until he sees fit to trust us with it.

If the college sorority could realize just how greatly underhanded rushing and breaking the spirit if not the letter of Panhellenic adds to the cause of anti-fraternalism, there might be some check upon the lawless spirit which often pervades a rushing season. Those opposed to fraternities argue as follows: If a group of girls resort to chicanery, stratagem, and even untruth in order to gain the desired freshman, what influence upon character has such

a course? If an intersorority compact means nothing, if any sorority deliberately evades the real meaning of the compact, has such a sorority a place in the college community? The answer to the argument is obvious.

For illustration. Panhellenic rules at a certain college contained the following: "No talking to a rushee after bids have been issued." When the excitement of pledge day had died away, one of those freshmen who had received double bids revealed to her chosen group a three-page letter from the rival sorority, setting forth in bombastic style its merits locally and nationally, and declaring in full, free, and felicitous phrase its complete superiority. When asked for an explanation, the sorority in question replied that *talking*, not *writing*, had been forbidden! Truly, it seems that a college woman should be broad and honorable enough to scorn evasions and to rise above the petty schemes and subterfuges which sometimes result in a so-called victory.

The appointment of Margaret Packard Taussig as Chairman of the Committee upon Uniform Examinations—to succeed M. Ruth Guppy whose splendid work and enthusiasm we so appreciate—is a direct gain to the sorority. Mrs. Taussig is one of the brilliant women of Denver—not only a deep student but of exceeding social charm—and the fact that she has promised to give of her time and intellect to Gamma Phi Beta is a cause for congratulation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the March number of THE CRESCENT can not be issued in time to contain the last instructions in regard to convention, circular letters or a Convention Bulletin will be sent to all chapters.

We have planned to have contributions from the active chapters in the January, March, and June numbers of the magazine, each chapter choosing the topic it cares to discuss. For the March CRESCENT, articles are expected from Gamma, Upsilon, Kappa, Xi, Pi, Rho, and Sigma.

Remember—

1. To do all you can for the Indian girl.
 2. To read carefully the social service work of the different sororities, as published in this issue.
 3. To pay especial attention to the letter from the Business Manager.
 4. To do your part in the compilation of the directory.
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The editor is in receipt of the yearly letter which Gamma sends to each alumna and finds it an interesting chronicle of chapter achievements. Boston also sends a similar letter and a notice of all meetings during 1916-17.

The following communication explains itself. Will not some one of us make this effort for the Sorority?

September, 25, 1916.

Dear Greek:

Last college year the College Fraternity Reference Bureau offered a prize of \$25 for the best short history of any college fraternity or sorority. It required that these histories should be confined to two hundred words. When the committee met this summer, it was found not a single entry had been made. Enquiry developed that many had been willing to enter the contest but they felt that the limit of two hundred words was too confining. It was therefore decided to remove this limit and to simply ask that each contestant write a short history of his or her fraternity and that the prize be awarded to the one which covers the main facts most carefully in a brief sketch. The purpose of this contest is to enable the bureau to have on file an authentic record of each organization. Aside from

the value of this to the Greek-letter societies, one would think that the national officers of all fraternities and sororities would encourage their members to enter the contest, from the good which would come to the members themselves as well as to the society. This is a move to do something for the whole Greek world. Will you help?

Very fraternally,

WILLIAM C. LEVERE,

for the College Fraternity Reference Bureau,

Box 254, Evanston, Ill.

CONCERNING THE DIRECTORY

Epsilon wishes information concerning the following:

Dora Swan -

Katherine Ammon -

Sara W. Cornelius

Louise Dunlap

Hazel Earl

Gulena H. Fuller

Helen Godfrey -

Helen B. Graham

Bertha A. Gray

Mary Ickes -

Lois B. Keefer -

Maude M. Martin -

Jessie Ross -

Mildred K. Ross

Lucy M. Scott

Stell Showalter

Antrinette Shryock -

Bertha Thorpe

Moselle Weld

Ella Wells

Ruth Work -

Antoinette Wright -

Myrtie Wright -

Please communicate with

WILLA B. JANSKY,
630 University Place,
Evanston, Illinois.

*Mr. A. J. Bellamy
Mar 13, 1908*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORY

The committee on the publication of a new directory has been confronted by a serious problem, namely a proper binding for the same. The inadequacy of the old fast binding is evident and a looseleaf binding is strongly recommended for chapter files. Here again a difficulty arises in the way of expense. It is impossible with the present state of the paper market to quote any fixed price, but the latest quotation indicates that a looseleaf leather binding would cost from \$1.60 to \$1.70 for the binding alone. It would, however, give an opportunity to add a supplement each year, until such time as a reprinting of the directory seemed necessary. After the cover was once purchased it would be good for new directories until worn out.

A cheaper cover in looseleaf cloth binding could be purchased for about \$.40 or \$.50, but would not be as durable nor look as nice as the leather.

The committee could also print a number of copies in the old-fashioned fast cover paper binding, if the demand seemed to warrant it. Although no prices on the printing have as yet been obtained, such a copy would probably retail at about fifty cents complete.

The committee wishes to have all chapters vote immediately on the style of binding that it wishes and report the same to Mrs. Roland Coerper, 2625 Clybourn St., Milwaukee, Wis. If all individuals who read *THE CRESCENT* and wish a copy of the directory will also indicate their preference in binding to Mrs. Coerper, some estimate of the popular demand can be made. Please remember that the estimates on binding, except in the case of the fast cover refer to binding alone. The printed sheets will add something to this but it has been impossible to get an estimate on the printing, as the reports are not all in from the chapters and the committee does not know how many pages will be required.

Only thirteen chapters of the twenty have yet sent in reports and the committee urges prompt action on the part of the delinquents that the material now ready for the printer may not be out of date before the whole is completed. Chapters having corrections for sheets already sent in are urged to send them promptly to the committee.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

APPLETON, WIS., DECEMBER 12, 1916

The second meeting of the Grand Council for the present scholastic year was held at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, on December 9. All members of the Council were present with the exception of Miss Nachtrieb, who was visiting the western chapters. The time was largely occupied with the discussion of plans for the coming convention, which will be held in Baltimore on March 28, 29, and 30. Arrangements were made for the western chapters to meet in Chicago on March 27, and take the Pennsylvania route to Baltimore. As the eastern chapters will all go by different routes no meeting place was planned. Miss Lillian Thompson was appointed chairman of the Transportation committee and will have an announcement elsewhere in this issue of THE CRESCENT. Miss Mary McCurley of Baltimore is chairman of local arrangements. A circular letter, announcing some of the convention plans, will soon reach the chapters. We are hoping for a large attendance and trust that Gamma Phis are now making their plans for attending.

We regret very much to state that we have again been obliged to change the chairman of the Cookbook committee. Miss Gertrude Elliott of the University of Washington has been obliged to resign on account of additional work in her department, but we have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Juliet Lita Bane of Omicron Chapter, Assistant Professor of Home Economics in the State College at Pullman, Washington. We had hoped to have our cookbook ready for the present holiday season, but that is impossible now. We trust that chapters will aid Miss Bane by sending in recipes promptly.

The directory committee is working on the new directory. Will all chapters that have not completed their work, please make all possible haste to do so? Will isolated alumnae, who have not reported their change of address to anyone, please notify Mrs. Roland Coerper, 2625 Clybourn St., Milwaukee, Wis. Several chapters have published lists of unknown addresses. Will you not send in such addresses as you know? Three chapters published these lists in the last CRESCENT.

Have all of the alumnae who left their respective chapters last June joined the nearest alumna chapter? We are anxious to have our chapter lists completed by the first of the year. Are the isolated alumnae doing their part of the work? Are you keeping your chapter in touch with your whereabouts, and those of sister Gamma Phis? Do you write to the chapter about prospective freshmen in your locality that they may meet them and become acquainted with them, or are you letting other sororities pick them up, because you are not doing your duty? Remember that "once a Gamma Phi, always a Gamma Phi" and your interest should never flag.

Very sincerely yours,

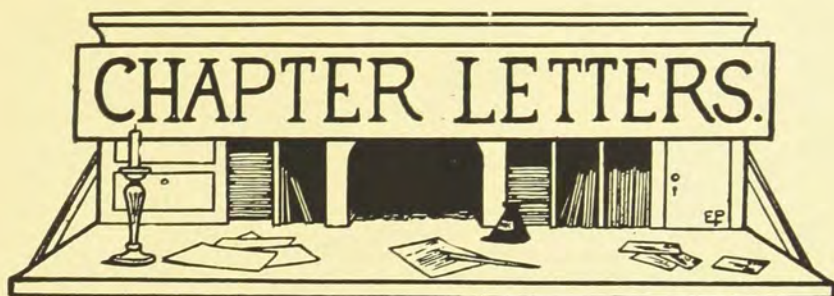
CARRIE E. MORGAN, President.

PLEASE NOTICE!

Convention Transportation for Visitors and Delegates to Baltimore

The Grand Council has arranged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to have extra sleepers provided for Gamma Phi on the train leaving Chicago at 10:30 A. M., Tuesday, March 27, 1917, from the Union Depot, Chicago. Delegates and visitors are urged to plan to go on that train with the jolly party that will assemble in those sleepers. Reservations will be made for all Gamma Phis who notify the chairman of the transportation committee by March 25. If for any reason you fail to reach the chairman, telegraph Mr. W. P. Redmond, 175 W. Jackson Bld., Chicago, who has been appointed by the Pennsylvania road to help us with our arrangements.

*LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, Chairman Transportation Committee,
224 W. 61st Place, Chicago, Ill.*



MRS. WM. GRAHAM, Editor of Chapter Letters, 380 Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham. Next letter *must* be in her hands by *February 1*.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Have you all that settled feeling, I wonder, that comes to one between the first strenuous weeks of college and the mid-years?

We are studying and knitting and dancing quite as usual; but we are putting the studying first, because you see we won the Panhellenic scholarship cup last year for the second time, and if we win it once more it is ours forever. Little did we expect to win the cup, as the competition last year was very keen, but with new enthusiasm we are singing:

"But to my way of thinking there is one that will outclass

That stands aloft, a tower of strength above the common mass."

Our rushing season was most successful and equally exciting. From a tall southern beauty to an impulsive little girl with Titian hair, we pledged every type of desirable girl. Their names are: Henrietta Brenneke, Margaret Snow, Evelyn Snow, Miriam Clarke, Noreen Cavanaugh, Leita Gallop, Genevieve Goodalle, and Marian Hodgkins. They have the true Gamma Phi spirit of democracy and good will, and are spreading it on the hill. Leita Gallop, Henrietta Brenneke, and Genevieve Goodalle were elected to the freshman society, Sigma Theta Xi. Margaret Snow is on the freshman executive board; Leita Gallop is on the sophomore executive board; Miriam Clarke is on the freshman basketball team; Evelyn Snow, Miriam Clarke, and Henrietta Brenneke belong to the glee club.

Like the poor, always with us, is another Phi Beta Kappa key. This year Dorothea Keeney is wearing it. With the highest average of anyone in college, 92.7 and the Y. W. C. A. presidency for recreation, we feel like classing Dorothea with the seven wonders of the world.

Dorothy Buck, another prominent senior, has been elected to the senior society, Eta Pi Upsilon.

Our football season is a closed chapter to which there is no password. Where we formerly gloried in the sweetness of victory, this year we drained the last bitter drops of defeat. Truly the situation is tragic especially when one's football manager is almost within the bonds of II K E. But always we look for success in the future and anyway haven't we some basketball team this year?

We held our fall banquet at the chapter house on November 16. Our alumna artist, Rachael Bulley, was the toastmistress. A perfect picture was built on Gamma Phi ideals:

The Canvas.....	Barbara Watson, '19
The Palette.....	Alice Ives, '19
The Paints	Charlotte More, '18
The Brushes.....	Harriette Curry, '17
The Finished Picture.....	Mrs. D. Raymond Cobb

Genevieve Joy, '12, was with us and sang delightfully.

A new feature of college life was adopted this year. On November 1 the Y. W. C. A. gave a banquet to the freshman women in the university. This followed the annual Recognition service. Over six hundred college women attended the banquet. Our dean of women, Miss Jean Marie Richards, was the toastmistress and we were peculiarly fortunate in having the Chancellor give one of the toasts.

Alice Kenyon, '18, was sent as junior delegate from the University to the Student Government Convention at Mount Holyoke College, November 16.

Helen Moore, '19, and Alice Ives, '19, will represent Gamma Phi at the Student Volunteer Convention at Cornell University the latter part of November.

Our Thanksgiving vacation is limited to just one day. We are planning an especially festive Thanksgiving dinner and our alumnae are giving a dance at the chapter house in the evening.

We initiated Margaret and Louise Mullen, Noreen Cavanaugh, and Barbara Watson on November 3.

Every year the university gives a big play the first night of senior week. This year we are to give *We Are Seven* by Eleanor Gates. Ten of our girls tried out in the preliminary trials for the cast, and seven were retained after the first cut. The final trials come soon and we hope that some of us will make the cast.

On November 5 we gave a tea for our new chaperon, Miss Carpenter.

Our alumnae gave us a very fine spread one night after chapter meeting.

Alpha sends best wishes and love to each and every Gamma Phi.

MARGUERITE E. WOODWORTH.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

In this season of "mid-semesters," wild thoughts of Thanksgiving, and of theses that *must* be in before Christmas, it is difficult to remember just what has been happening since that now hazy September. First, of course, came rushing, ten days crammed full of excitement. This year it was all most informal, and we think, all the more enjoyable. It would be impossible to describe all our teas, dinners, picnics, and breakfasts, but some of them deserve mention. The picnic when we cooked steaks on a bon-fire in the glen was a jolly, happy-go-lucky affair, and our dinner-dance, though necessarily informal in character, was the best ever.

The best part of it all was pledge day, when after a day of thrills, we found ourselves with sixteen new pledges. They are Gertrude Miller, Virginia Cavendish, Alberta Bolen, Mary Charlotte Thomson, Margaret Heath, Helen Spencer, Katharine Johnson, Louise Dixon, Alice Leonard, Wilma Welsh, Emma Marx, Louise Boynton, Ione Wilbur, Mary Firestone, Frances Hibbard, Pauline Benedict. You can imagine what good times we

have during "social hour" Monday nights, when all these pledges join with the chapter members in an hour of informal fun. We always dance and sing and have simple refreshments, and it surely is an excellent way to learn to know the girls who are not living in the house.

On November 11, 1916, we initiated Virginia Cavendish, Alberta Bolen, and Mary Charlotte Thomson. At the luncheon afterwards Agnes Gorman was toastmistress, Frances Brown Davis represented the alumnae, and Vivienne Kerr the active girls. Each of the initiates also responded with a toast. Gertrude Miller, who was unable to be present at that time, was initiated November 14, so we now have four new active girls. Quite a few of the Detroit Alumnae chapter came out for initiation and held their meeting directly after luncheon.

We are very proud of the social genius of our freshmen. They gave a tea here in October for the freshmen of all the other sororities, and it was a charmingly successful affair, besides having the distinction of being the first function of that sort to be given this year by any of the sororities.

At the time of the Washington-Michigan football game, we had as guests eight girls from Washington University who are members of Tau Epsilon, a local organization which is petitioning Gamma Phi.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the celebrated Indian poet, who lectured here November 15, was the guest of Mrs. Isadore Thompson Scott, a $\Gamma \Phi B$ alumna and the wife of Professor Scott. (Just now, it is an even race between Tagore and Fritz Kreisler, who played here in concert a short time ago, as to the number of girls in the house who are "raving," displaying photographs and other evidences of intense admiration!)

Last Saturday, November 19, was the great day of the "Pennsy" game. It surely was an exciting day, the town overflowing with enthusiastic alumni, crowds, and bobbing yellow chrysanthemums everywhere. The game was wonderful, and even though we lost, we feel that it was Michigan's game, all except the score. Can you imagine the spectators, a crowd of nearly 25,000? After the game we had a tea here at the house, to which all the fathers, mothers, brothers, fiancés, friends, and all sorts of other "connections" who attended the game came. Everyone had a good time, and it ended up in *thé dansant*.

Several interesting things are in view during the next few weeks. Vocation Conference is here from November 23 to 25, with several interesting women who will speak. Emma Goldman is coming later on, and we are going to have the pleasure of entertaining her at dinner. As for other celebrities, well, we are to give a dance for our freshmen on November 24, and everyone is already in a great scramble getting programs made out.

One thing I very nearly forgot to tell you about was our "Municipal Movie" which was written, staged, acted, and shown in Ann Arbor. College people participated in it, the plot was laid here, and the setting introduces many of the University buildings and scenes of interest in Ann Arbor. Of course, everyone had to go to see it, just to see if perhaps he didn't get in that picture too, in some way or another, for the "moving picture man" was to be found everywhere.

How the weeks fly! Thanksgiving almost here, Christmas in a few weeks—but before I know it I shall be talking about Commencement next June! Life in Beta chapter is so absorbing and so filled up!

Beta sends best wishes to all the chapters for their success in each and every pursuit.

MARGARET KERR.

PERSONALS

Alice Wieber was elected to Mortar Board Society.

Isabel Hicks, '16, is attending Mrs. Prince's School in Boston.

Sarah Hincks is back this year getting her Doctor's degree.

Helen Ely, '16, is teaching English in Hastings, Michigan.

Helen Tuthill, '16, is teaching in a private school in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Helen Mac Donald, '16, Marion Davis, '15, Evelyn Roehm, '15, Edith Benson Lynch, '14, Constance Orcutt, '16, and Dorothy Durtee, ex-'19, were here for the Pennsylvania game.

Frances Brown Davis has moved from Mexico City to Toledo, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

Ethelyn Bolen to Mr. Russel Dean, October 11, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Pauline Adams to Mr. Llewellyn Drake, in October, in Chicago, Illinois.

ENGAGEMENTS

Erna George, '14, to Mr. Harry Cope.

Stella Knapp, '15, to Dr. Harold Sikes.

Hildegard Hagermann, '15, to Mr. W. A. P. John.

BIRTHS

Frances Rhodes (Mrs. Hermann Weigand, Ann Arbor), a daughter.

Marguerite Melvin (Mrs. John Livingstone, Ann Arbor), a son, John White.

Florence Bennie (Mrs. Archibald Mac Farlane), a son.

DEATH

The infant son of Edith Benson (Mrs. John Lynch).

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Although "we have sixteen new pledges," may not be a very original way of commencing a letter, I think that I shall start that way just the same, because rushing has been the big interest since the appearance of the last CRESCENT. As you probably know we had fall rushing this year as in the past three seasons, and in spite of objections it seems to be the most practical plan. At least we feel satisfied with it when we think of our pledges. By this time you must be curious to learn their names, so I will keep you in suspense no longer. Here they are: Marion Boyce, Mary Clark, Carol Coates, Dorothy Coerper, Eleanor Dana, Janet Durrie, Aline Ellis, Luella Garrity, Helen Hubbell, Susan Law, Marguerite Nuzum, Carrie Stubbs, Louise Steensland, Doris Simonson, Jean Towsley, and Clara Williams. Our pledges are showing great enthusiasm for college activities, and several of the girls have already come into prominence. Janet Durrie was elected vice-president of Green Button, the organization of freshman girls; Doris Simonson has been made a member of the freshman Y. W. C. A. cabinet, while Clara Williams has made the hockey team.

And speaking of honors, our joy was quite uncontainable when the Cardinal announced the election of May Wescott to Mortar Board. We tried to show some of our appreciation at a chapter banquet in her honor, but even flowers and festive candles and ice cream were entirely inadequate symbols for the joy which we felt. May also has the distinction of being president of Wyslynx, one of our intersorority organizations. We were also much elated when Lucille Works was elected secretary of Y. W. C. A.

But I have talked enough about our active chapter. It is time to speak a bit of *alumnæ* visits. Inez Shifflin, Lousene Rousseau, Dorothy Vorse, and Nell Bundy were here to help with rushing, while the Chicago game brought Olga Haney, Marie Bird, Phoebe Jones, Marie Leavens, Stella Haydon, and Marion Spenser back for a brief reunion. Five of our girls accepted the cordial invitation of the Kappa sisters, and spent a delightful week-end in Minnesota, returning with reports of royal hospitality and a glorious good time, despite our sad defeat.

Perhaps you will be interested to hear of a slightly different plan adopted by Panhellenic for the purpose of making the members of different sororities better acquainted with each other. In past years it has been the custom for each chapter to entertain two girls from another sorority at dinner every two weeks—now the number has been changed to five, thus insuring a wider acquaintanceship and making the dinner more of a festive occasion. The first trial of this scheme demonstrated that it is a great improvement over the old method.

Since the outside activity movement has become such an important one in the college world, we as a chapter have sought to encourage our members to participate in them in every possible way. This year we have an outside activity chairman who receives reports of work done and encourages those who are starting out. We have also found that response to roll call in chapter meeting with a report of outside activities is very effective. One of our members has made a card index of the members of the chapter and the outside work which they are doing—thus indicating general lines of progress, and helping us to see in what fields we are weak.

Of course we have been busy with many things as usual. We have had three lovely chapter dances, and our pledges are planning to entertain us at another in the near future. On November 11, both the chapter and the town *alumnæ* had a happy time together in the celebration of Founders' Day. We had the pleasure of having a large number of the *alumnæ* with us for dinner, and in the evening our pledges gave more evidence of their ingenuity in the stunt which they produced. At present, eight of our girls under the capable direction of Ada McHenry are preparing an act for Union Vodvil, and those of us who have watched them rehearse feel sure that they will win a place. We have also been continuing in the social service work undertaken last year. Helen Dodd is an active worker at the Associated Charities and one or more of the girls go with her on Saturday afternoons to help with instruction in sewing or to tell stories to the children. We have also undertaken the support of a French child, by means of a small monthly contribution from each member of the chapter.

I suppose that you all read of our exciting fire here at Wisconsin—it came very near to being disastrous. But with the help given by student volunteer firemen, we are now almost as well off as ever, and are quite used to seeing Main Hall without the accustomed dome. It certainly was a glorious spectacular fire, though.

Gamma awaits with expectancy all news from her sister chapters and sends them her best love and good wishes.

MARY MORSELL.

PERSONALS

Cornelia Mathews, '15, is spending the winter in California.

Elizabeth Baldwin, '16, is teaching domestic science in the West Allis schools.

Isabelle Utman is taking work at the River Falls Normal.

Ernestine Spenser, '16, has gone to New York for the winter.

Agnes Boeing is continuing her work for the extension division of the university.

Helen Marie Nielsen, ex-'19, is attending school in California.

ENGAGEMENT

Adelaide Woodcock to Frederick Lee.

MARRIAGES

Winifred Douglas, '14, to Allan Briggs, '14, Phi Delta Theta, September 23 in St. Louis.

Edythe Fletcher, '15, to Russell Jones, Σ A E, on September 19 in Des Moines.

Edith Brookes to Howard Newell on October 15, in Burlington, Wis.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pollock (Florence Sayle) a son Charles, November 4.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear People:

I don't care if I am learning in three separate courses that one must never write anything without an outline. I don't believe that applies to letter-writing, anyhow, and if it does—again, I don't care. For I can just see the main points in this letter sticking out like porcupine quills.

The Main Impression:

A perfectly jolly and triumphant rushing season—"our rivals dead."

Introduction:

Delta no longer homeless and an object of pity, but is respectably housed in a charming little suite one minute from College. This with the help of the Boston alumnae who have spared neither funds nor kindness in their interest.

The first meeting of Delta, a joint meeting with Boston chapter—a great success—such a success that it was voted to hold three other joint meetings in the year.

Events Leading Up to the Climax:

I. The First Rushing Party:

It began just right in the first place. It was "at the Brants'," in Newtonville. And if any of you far away people have ever experienced Brant hospitality, you will understand that to have "the party at the Brants'" is nine points out of ten scored at the start. And by the way the freshmen cheered, Delta believes that she scored the tenth on her magnificent vaudeville program.

II. The Second Rushing Party:

One week later at the fraternity rooms. Candle-light and fire-light, ukuleles and Gamma Phi songs—and freshmen, completely captured. Then down to the Bluebird Restaurant on Boylston Street, which Delta had engaged for the evening. Comfy appealing little tables for four, pretty place-cards, very good refreshments, and Myttel and Tytel's symbol did not fail us.

III. The Climax:

Pledge Morning.

Ten freshmen receive carnations and brown and mode colors, and go back to College in triumphant joy and bewilderment. Gamma Phis escort them over—heaps prouder than the freshmen.

I hate to introduce them to you in this horribly stupid, impersonal way. And I don't dare to describe ten separate freshmen. Oh yes, I do dare. Elizabeth Macy, our prodigal pledge, who ran away to Cleveland the day before pledge day last fall (black eyes and hair—vivacious and adorable); Doris Hopewell, also black eyes and hair (petite et charmante); Margaret Clark, the very best of good fellows—came to the Party in splints and behaved like a Major (the splints are off, by this time, girls); Edith Snow, blue-eyed and quiet—but there's mischief behind the blue; Marjorie Tucker, also blue-eyed and reserved—and also to be watched; Chloe Hardy, brown-eyed and reserved and “horribly clever” they say; Martha Thresher, the most dependable and bestest girl in the world, we have found out already; Ruth Roberts, tall, feminine, and mighty interesting; Anne Holden, tall, masculine, and mighty interesting; and Angelina Funai, dark blue eyes, black hair, and an irresistible smile.

Oh, Delta is set up over her Ten Twenties! Oh, Martha, will you ever forgive me for that?—Martha, girls, is a Junior.

“Postscripts are always in bad form”—Our Rhetoric.

Never mind.

P. S.

Theta must be raving jealous of us. We know she is. For hasn't that perfectly good junior of hers, Adaline Bullen, become a perfectly good Deltan for the year? *Isn't* she nice? She has taken Delta by storm.

And there are quite a few other chapter Gamma Phis in the city, who come to the surface every once in a while. We wish you would come in and see us. For even if we *are* Bostonians, we are not yet metaphysical enough to sleuth you down by sympathy alone. Please do come.

H'm—Conclusion:

Delta's best wishes to all of you.

EVA MABEL SADLER.

PERSONALS

The following honors have been Delta's so far:

Rachel Clarke, '19, class treasurer.

Isabelle Turnbull, '17, student council.

Mildred Cheney, '19, glee club, the *Coy Coed* musical comedy cast.

Conjette Vanacore, '17, treasurer of Gamma Delta; Latin proctor.

Mary Holland, '17, Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Isabelle Turnbull, '17, soloist at the open meeting of the Cercle Français, soloist at the Chantant of the Cercle.

Eva Mabel Sadler, '17, rôle of Queen Katherine at the Thé.

Margaret Clarke, '19, the one girl proctor elected at the college of business administration.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

You must listen tight now, for I'm going to introduce all eighteen of our new pledges. Allow me to present: Mary Snell, Grace Cook, Helen Simpson, Grace Merrill, Gladys Williams, Elizabeth Wells, Hazel Suppes, Dorothea Wales, Leone Snapp, Dorothy Gardner, Aura Whitley, Ann Latimer, Irene Haley, Clementine Lewis, Mary Bryant, Margaret Aldrich, Lucile Jenks, and Marie Crawley. Were not our five days of most strenuous rushing well repaid? We think they were, because each one of these girls will make a strong, loyal Gamma Phi according to all present indications. They have already made themselves known on the campus and are entering into

all the college activities with interest. The whole freshman class of the college, both men and women, is exceptionally fine.

Football is occupying the center of the stage here, as Northwestern for the first time in her history has put out a winning team. It seems as though the enthusiasm of years has finally found an outlet. Our team and a goodly delegation of men have just left for Columbus, Ohio, for the final game. Here's hoping!

This evening the Gamma Phis are going in a body to the Second Presbyterian Church, Evanston, to attend the wedding of Ruth Clarke and Monty Callis, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. After it, most of us will attend the play, *Snobs*, given at the Strand by the Campus Players. Ray Latimer takes a minor part.

For some weeks past our time has been spent practicing for the Circus. Although $K \Lambda \Theta$ won the cup which we held for a year, yet our stunt was a great success. The title was " $\Gamma \Phi$ Circus Revue." Among the attractions were the wild women, the fattest freak, the Siamese twins, Egyptian dancers, and Northwestern ballet dancers. The whole stunt, which was Ray Latimer's idea and which was directed by her, was well worked out and won vigorous applause from the audience. All the stunts were clever and the gymnasium was filled with spectators, both of which facts helped to make the Circus a huge success.

Northwestern women are intensely interested just now in the movement for self-government which is being pushed forward by the Executive Council of the Women's League. Delegates have been sent from each of the dormitories and groups of girls living at home to a convention for the amendment and ratification of a constitution which was drawn up and submitted. The constitution in its present form gives the women almost complete self-government, and is a great step in the direction of independence and responsibility. Several of our girls are delegates and as a chapter we are heartily in favor of the movement.

Up to this time there have been no sorority or fraternity parties given, because of faculty ruling. As a consequence, there will be a great rush from Thanksgiving until the semester examinations. We are planning an informal dance for the evening of December 16 at the Winnetka Women's Club. We will also give a Christmas dance for all Gamma Phis living in Chicago and the suburbs sometime during the holidays. Then too, junior prom comes on December 8, and a goodly number of our chapter have been invited. I know you, too, are having lots of gay times.

We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons,

SARAH RADEBAUGH.

PERSONALS

Among the alumnae who visited Epsilon during rushing were: Mrs. J. H. Boyd, Mrs. Dorothy Winchell Keller, Frances McCarthy, Frances Phelps, Mary Richardson, and Florence Hildebrand.

We are sincerely grateful to all the alumnae who so kindly offered us their homes and assistance during rushing.

Esther Stoffel and Emilia Otto, both pledges of last year, are in college once more.

Dorothy Stearns, a member of this chapter several years ago, has returned to Northwestern to study music, and has become an active member once more.

Frances Phelps has visited us several week-ends this fall.

Hazel Suppes spent a week-end recently with the Omicron chapter in Urbana.

Gamma Phi Beta, Ruth Bartel's English bulldog, won several cups this fall at dog shows in the city.

MARRIAGES

Rev. and Mrs. Clarke announce the marriage of their daughter Ruth, to Mr. Emerson Montague Collis on Friday, November 24, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Evanston. Mrs. Clarke entertained the chapter at her home, 831 Hinman Ave., in honor of her daughter the evening of November 13. Mr. and Mrs. Collis will reside in Toledo, Ohio.

Persis Rollins was married to Mr. Paul Dunham Seaborn on October 5 in Boston. Her present address is 11 Locust Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y., and she has joined the New York alumnae.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewett Allen (Jeannette Timberlake, ex-'09) announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara, September 7, 1916.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

When Goucher opened this year it found the Gamma Phis considerably smaller in numbers than they were last year. Besides the loss of four through graduation, Clara Wagner, Lillian Waring, Kathleen Jennison, and Dorothy Sipple, three to-be sophomores and one to-be junior did not return. It seems impossible to think that we shall have to get along without them, but there is some consolation in the fact that three of our 1916 graduates are in the city and drop in on us occasionally. With such reduced numbers we came back from our variously spent vacations, wearing a rushing grin, and ready to repair the damage done by graduation. Our smiles turned to gloom and our weapons were perceptibly dulled when we learned that the President of Goucher had stipulated that pledge day must be over before the actual beginning of classes. Our rushing leader, Rebecca De Mott, managed to keep up the best of spirits, arrayed her forces, and launched forth into the fray with tremendous vigor. The most strenuous fighting was done with new kinds of weapons, a bright red weapon called the tongue and another called the feet, since Panhellenic had decreed that using the teeth was against the rules of interfraternity war. I suppose you are wondering what I mean, so I shall enlighten you. Since we were not allowed to give any parties for freshmen at which refreshments are served, we had to make up for it by talking and walking. It is positively a wonder the freshmen did not hate us after having walked them up and down and up and down the boulevard, and rived the Busy Berthas with a cannonade of perfectly senseless talk. By twelve o'clock on pledge day, four days after the opening of the dormitories, Zeta girls were wreathed in smiles, and proclaimed that they had pledged five freshmen, Hester Corner, Frances Coventry, Beulah Smith, Elizabeth Wingert, and Josephine Ellinger; one junior, Alvahn Holmes, from the University of Chattanooga, and one sophomore, Louise Owens, making seven pledges in all. We spent the rest of Saturday getting better acquainted with our new pledges, and tried to make amends for not having given them anything to eat during rushing week by taking them to luncheon at the Hotel Altamont, and then to Virginia Merritt's for a picnic supper. I hope they have now forgiven us for the cruel treatment we accorded them before pledge day. On Monday morning when classes began it was a wonderful feeling to know that we had seven fine pledges under the protecting wing of Gamma Phi, and that the worst terrors of rushing season were over. Since that time we have pledged three more freshmen, Louise Dexter, Charlotte Bickerton, and Eleanor Chisholm.

Alvahn Holmes and Louise Owens were initiated two weeks after pledge day in our new fraternity room on St. Paul street. We have a lovely large third story front room in a house quite near the college. The freshmen with an exceedingly good will varnished the floor, put up the curtains, and now continue to keep everything in apple pie order. We hold our weekly meetings there on Saturday nights, and have tea every Thursday afternoon, alternating guest and family teas.

Zeta is very happy to announce that we have at Goucher this year, two Gamma Phis from other chapters, Helen Codling of Alpha, and Ella Haynsworth of Upsilon. We already feel as if we have had them with us always.

It seems rather previous to be wishing you all a Merry Christmas on the twenty-first of November, and yet when THE CRESCENT is published, the Christmas holidays will be over, so I shall take good advantage of my one opportunity by wishing all our Gamma Phi sisters a most joyous Christmas and the most prosperous of New Years.

AGNES L. WILBON.

PERSONALS

Florence Schumacher is teaching music at Langloth, Pa.

Margery Wingert is teaching at Fulton, Ill.

Josephine Chapman is principal of a school at Lutherville, Md.

Anna Blanton and Matilda Omwake visited Mary McCurley for several days.

Bess Gatch was with us at our initiation this fall.

COLLEGE HONORS

Katherine Treide, President of 1917; Senior tennis team (1916-1917).
Dorothy Frey, Assistant Stage Manager of Senior Dramatics; Honor Council.

Helen Richmond, Assistant Business Manager of *Donnybrook*.

Margaret Sloan, Literary Editor of *Donnybrook*; Member at large 1918.

Charlotte Sprenkel, Treasurer of 1918.

Margaret Wilson, Treasurer Southern Club.

Mary Ely, Vice-president 1919; Secretary Y. W. C. A.

Margaret Lukens, Secretary of Students' Organization; Honor Council.

Elizabeth Fehl, Treasurer of Pennsylvania Club.

Katherine Manning, Treasurer of 1919; Secretary of Athletic Association.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

How quickly has the time come around for us to meet again in the pages of our friendly CRESCENT! We have been especially interested in the last number, and feel as if we have become quite well acquainted with our dear new Upsilon sisters through its pages.

The event that stands foremost in our minds just now is Miss Nachtrieb's recent visit to Eta chapter. She spent the greater part of a week with us, and we certainly did enjoy her meetings, for the things she told us about all you other chapters seemed to bring you nearer to us. She is so lovely herself, that her visit has been a wonderful inspiration to the chapter. While she was here we had an informal tea for her to meet some of the women of the faculty, the Panhellenic delegates, and our alumnæ.

Another recent event that we are all excited over, was the announcement of the engagement of Elizabeth Ruggles, '17, to Joseph Carey, '17. He is a member of Delta Upsilon. It took place at a lovely tea given by Leslie

Underhill at her home in San Francisco. We seem to be living lately in an atmosphere of engagements, for this Monday evening after an early meeting, the house gave Luzina Denio, '15, a shower, which was ever so jolly. We had lured her to come up from her home in Vallejo for the event.

Somewhere in the beginning of October we decided that we $\Gamma \Phi$ s have a nice big collection of brothers whom we'd like to see together, so we asked them to a big Brothers' Dinner. About twenty-five could come, which made it like a big family party, as jolly as could be. After dinner we danced, and decided at the end of the evening that brothers certainly are worth having.

In October we initiated three of our pledges who have sophomore standing: Florence Hofer, Ruth Wetmore, and Helen McLean who was pledged after the last CRESCENT letter was sent off. She is from Honolulu. We are looking forward to the big initiation of our nice freshman class.

Our formal dance was given on October 27, and everyone agreed it was one of the jolliest parties we have had for a long time. The house was decorated with greens and cages containing canaries—"Canary Cottage"!

The day of the big game is soon here and we are all naturally very much excited. The Washington team is arriving today. We are sorry that Washington is too far away for any of our Lambda sisters to come down, for we should have enjoyed meeting them.

Here at California, we are very much interested at present in what is the biggest issue up before the student body—that is the plan for the Students' Union. It has been talked of for many years in a vague sort of way, but now that old North Hall is to be torn down in February, with the Students' Coöperative Store, the rooms of the Associated Women Students, etc., some definite step must be taken. So we have elaborate plans before us now for a wonderful group of buildings that is to meet all our needs and further the possibility of greater social intercourse and fellowship among the students. This is particularly necessary because of the great number of non-organization students here at California. Also, we are growing so fast that we need some common center to draw us together more than at present. The Students' Union would do this service. The faculty as well as the students are interested in the movement.

Final examinations are drawing near, so we are all utilizing every moment to get our term's work done. But it won't be long before Christmas is here with a glorious vacation which we hope will be a happy one for everyone. Eta sends you all a heap of good wishes for a "Merry Christmas."

ISABEL B. FAYE.

PERSONALS

The engagement of Gertrude Wells, '17, has just been announced to Pearce Rodey, a lawyer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a ΣX of New Mexico, also a graduate of Harvard University.

Lurita Stone, '14, is studying at Miss Noyes' School of Dramatics in Boston.

Ethel Nowell has been visiting with friends in Hawaii this fall and is returning home in the end of December.

Marian Nowell, '15, is teaching at the high school in Williams, California.

Muriel Cameron, '18, is news editor on the women's staff of the *Daily Californian*.

Imra Wann, '17, is chairman of the women's section of the Students' Union Committee.

The marriage of Luzina Denio to George O'Hara is to take place between Christmas and New Years.

Isabel Faye, '19, is leaving for Hawaii soon after Christmas to spend some months with her father down there. She will return to college in August.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The Goddess Fate is sitting in her boudoir of never ending blue, dreaming of many things, when there is admitted to her presence a fairy figure clad in two shades of brown who declares herself to be the Guardian Angel of Theta girls. This inquisitive person demands of her "Highness Fate" what she has in store for those girls of University Park in the months from September to December. Fate comes out of her reveries of wars and football and things and smiles at this enthusiastic friend and tells her, "your especial protégés shall have the best of everything, not because I am partial, but because I think they deserve it."

"Sometimes their best luck will come to them when they think they are undergoing their greatest misfortunes."

"Yes I know," said the Angel, "the Dean of Women says ever so often, 'that all clouds have silver linings,' but what about rushing?"

"Oh, I see you're impatient; well, Gamma Phi will have ten of the best girls the freshman class affords: Mary Millipan, Mary Buchtel, Martha Liple, Lucille Hendrie, Jeanette Spiess, Elsie Olson, Helen Olson, Fannie Callam, Marian Herbert, Pauline Cornish. The rushing season which showed ingenuity and marked ability, made Theta indeed worthy of these ten girls.

Then these girls must be introduced to the college world with a simple attractive party—I should say a masquerade—at Wolfe Hall, November 8. Then I think it will be well to entertain all the fraternities at grocery bills supper parties, so every one will have an opportunity of knowing the new pledges.

But in the midst of all this gaiety, you must warn your Theta girls, oh Guardian Angel, that to keep their scholarship cup they must work, for I do not give that trophy to any but persistent seekers after knowledge.

The alumnae girls are giving a fête, a 'bon marche,' on Friday, November 17, and I put the thought in their minds that they have the active girls sell candy, and let them keep the proceeds. Oh! I'm glad to see this pleases you; yes, I know last year's fête was most attractive and successful and I have willed that this year's be equally so. That, I think, will be enough for the girls for a while, for I'm so pleased I have been able to work so many of them into college activities and find them so capable."

"Thank you," said Theta's Guardian Angel; "and I am sure we hope all other Gamma Phi chapters have as good a standing with Fate as Theta."

LOUISE BLAUVELT.

PERSONALS

Several of the girls are in Drama Club play *Mice and Men*, among them Helen Whitford and Gladys East.

Jeannette Spiess, a pledge, will be away from college until after the holidays on account of illness.

Julia Ramsey, Katherine Ramsey, Celeste Porter, Lucia Herbert, and Helen Whitford spent one Sunday afternoon entertaining the men of Craig Colony with music and readings.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Gamma Phis:

The first thing I want to tell you about is our rushing season. Thirteen is Kappa's lucky number, and on pledge day thirteen interesting freshmen walked into the Kappa lodge.

And pledge day reminds one of initiation which was held six weeks later. It was just for upperclassmen, of course, as our freshmen can't be initiated until next semester. Seven "really truly" pins have replaced seven little pledge pins. The girls who wear them are: Beatrice Washburn, Helen Jenswold, Marjorie Laws, Louise Brace, Mercedes Kinney, Irene Keyes, and Jessie Scott.

And now for Gamma Phi's activities on the campus. Mollie Halloran and Audrey Borden are in the Girls' Glee Club. Alice Gall is sophomore representative to the Women's Athletic Association, and she also has a part in the play which the Masquers' Dramatic Club is putting on. Margaret Gillespie is the sophomore member of the Students' Academic Council, and she also has a part in the Masquers' play. Josephine Mott is vice-president of the Women's Self-government Association, and Grace Ferguson is chairman of the social committee of the same organization. Gertrude Hauser is secretary of the freshman class, and Marjorie Hurd is on the *Gopher* staff. Constance Davis, one of our alumnæ, is Dean Sweeney's secretary.

You have heard about Minnesota's successful football season. Six of the Gamma girls came over for the Wisconsin game, and to console them for the loss of the game we gave them a party out at the Interlachen Club. In the afternoon we held open house as we do after all the big games. Many of our alumnæ were back for the events of the day—and we were glad to see them all again.

Speaking of athletics—the latest addition to our mantel is two beautiful loving-cups! Each year the various sororities choose a candidate from among the men of the campus to run for them in a cross-country race. The cups go to the winning sorority, and we hope to win again next year so that they will be ours for good.

A big event for all of us was Sarah Graham's (ex-'16) wedding last October. It was a six o'clock church wedding. All the active chapter were invited and we all accepted the invitation. None of us even suspected Sarah's engagement so the invitation to her wedding was a great surprise.

A few weeks ago Myrna Lindquist (ex-'16) came back from a week-end at home wearing a sparkling diamond. She surprised us all, so the next night we surprised her with a shower. She suspected nothing till the dessert was brought on the table. On top of the cake were two tiny kewpies dressed as a bride and groom. Then came a shower of kitchen utensils to start Myrna in housekeeping.

At present, we are all wondering who will be the new president of the university. Dr. Vincent has resigned and has accepted a new position as the head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Audrey Borden, one of our seniors, sang the other night between acts of the faculty women's play. This play was given by a club of faculty women, and the proceeds went toward a new coöperative house to be called the Sarah Folwell Cottage.

A grand opera star was our guest for dinner one evening several weeks ago. She was Miss Jeanette Wells of Trenton, N. J., and is our chaperon's cousin.

While this letter is being written, the other members of Kappa chapter are busy with embroidery needles and crochet hooks. Why? Oh, we're getting ready for our bazaar! Each sorority here gives a bazaar and dance every year for the purpose of raising money. But we are doing something original this year. We are giving a "movie bazaar." We have chartered a theater with a large lobby in which our display of dainty Christmas articles and tempting candies will cause our patrons to part with far more than the price of their tickets. Of course, we are planning on making lots and lots of money—and with this we are helping pay for our house which was new only two years ago.

By the time this edition of *THE CRESCENT* reaches you, New Year greetings will be out of date. But even so, Kappa wishes to every Gamma Phi a most joyous New Year.

MARGARET GILLESPIE.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Gamma Phi:

Lambda has quite fully recovered from the whirl of the first months of college, and has brilliant prospects for the coming year.

To begin with, a most interesting rushing season of two weeks has brought us eleven pledges for Gamma Phi Beta. They are: Eva Miley '20, Everett, Wash.; Doris Ives '20, Alameda, Cal.; Gretchen Smith '20, Everett, Wash.; Katherine Jerome '20, Seattle; Tina Gregg '18, Chehalis, Wash.; Gertrude Tinling '20, Seattle; Lucile Hicks '20, Seattle; Elizabeth Chadwick '20, Olympia; Ethel Bailey '20, Tacoma; Marjory Stevens '20, Seattle.

As is the custom at the University of Washington, the damper was placed on all social functions for the first month, and consequently such entertaining as was done was very unpretentious.

The Women's Informal, held every semester, was more than usually successful this fall. To this function each upperclass girl escorts a freshman. It is strictly a women's party, the only man in sight this year being the drummer in the orchestra. As usual, the dance was held in the gymnasium amid a bower of autumn leaves and greens. When the tired escorts finally took their ladies home, everyone declared that she had had a wonderful time.

The Women's League, the association of all women in college, is planning a great many lines of activity for the year, and we have great faith that its president, Margaret Wayland, a Gamma Phi, will make it a momentous year.

The football season is nearly over but there are still some exciting encounters to come. Particularly are we thinking of California, for the remarkable come-back of Berkeley's team last year assures us that there will be an interesting battle when they come north again.

On Friday night, the third of November, about three hundred loyal Washingtonians boarded the night train for Eugene, Oregon, to witness a football game with the University of Oregon. The trip on the train did not possess the usual monotony of traveling for everything in the way of entertainment was accomplished from dancing in a box car before breakfast to putting on a perfectly hilarious vaudeville show. When the delegation reached Eugene, they were most royally entertained by the University of Oregon people, and breathlessly watched a no-score game between the rival teams. I do not think the girls in our house will ever cease talking about the wonderful time they had.

Quite a number of scholastic honors have already been awarded to members of Lambda. Margaret Wayland is a member of the Senior Council, a board of upperclassmen who assist in the government of the student body. In September Shirley Skewis was unanimously elected vice-president of the sophomore class. Christine Thomas is on the committee making arrangements for the Varsity Ball, the big formal dance held every year in honor of the football heroes. Ruth Frye has been initiated into Mu Phi Epsilon, the honorary music sorority. Airdrie Kinkaid has been pledged to Theta Sigma Phi, an honorary sorority of journalists. Gretchen Smith, Doris Ives, and Gertrude Tinling made the Ukulele Club.

The Junior Vaudeville, an entertainment managed by the girls of the junior class, was witnessed by a large audience in Meany Hall, on the night of the tenth of November. Everyone pronounced it a great success. *The Junior Review*, the opening act, was a musical extravaganza written and composed by two University of Washington students. Several Lambdaites were prominent in the chorus, and Charlotte Mann accompanied by a member of Delta Tau Delta performed a clever song and dance act that would have done justice to an Orpheum bill.

On the Saturday evening before Halloween we Gamma Phis had one of the two informals allowed us by the authorities yearly. We worked all day on the decorations which, of course, were very seasonable, but felt fully repaid for our trouble by the splendid time we had at the party. Due to the efforts of Marion Troy, one of our freshmen, who is exceptionally handy with a jack-knife, one could not look anywhere without encountering the terrifying visage of a jack-o'-lantern. Refreshments were served to a few couples at a time in the upper hall which was made mysterious with witches and black cats.

The alumnae chapter is planning a fair to be held on the ninth of December. The proceeds are to go to social service work, and if the fair is anything like the success that it was last year there will be a substantial sum to devote to charity.

The campus Y. W. C. A. has been doing some splendid work in social service lines this year. The Big Sister movement is gaining ground so rapidly that there is hardly a girl in college that has not a friendly interest in some girl of less fortunate circumstances. One of the many committees in the work has for its especial field the Everett Smith Cottage, a home for girls from twelve to twenty whose home environment was not good. Towards the end of October a party was held at the Cottage which was enjoyed greatly by both the Big and Little Sisters.

The girls of Lambda have been running over with enthusiasm ever since the visit of Miss Nachtrieb. Not only do we feel more in touch with and personally related to the national organization and all the other chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, but Miss Nachtrieb gave us invaluable assistance in the way of suggestions and information. We, each and every one of us, became so fond of her during her brief visit that we felt when she left that we were saying goodbye to one of our dearest friends.

Lambda wishes you all a good deal of success and happiness in your undertakings for the new year.

CHARLOTTE DOHENY.

PERSONALS

Mabel Burton of Theta chapter is attending the University of Washington this year.

Several of our alumnae, Florence Lewis Houton, Pauline Ederer, Airdrie Kinkaid, and Bernice Sully, are taking work in college.

Imogene Cornett, of Nu, is with Lambda again.

MARRIAGE

Marion Alexander of Marietta, Pa., was married to Mr. Ernest Walter, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, on Thursday, October 19. The wedding took place at the Gamma Phi Beta chapter house.

MU—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Mu is full of enthusiasm from the visit of Miss Nachtrieb. She was with us only four days. One afternoon we devoted to a reception so that the campus people could meet her, but the rest of the time was crowded full of interesting Gamma Phi Beta talks and helpful advice.

We have had some good times the past month. One of the nicest was the tea for our new housemother, Mrs. Pedlar. Then we gave a Halloween dance and a faculty dinner.

Our annual third floor party was a great success. Each year the third floor girls entertain the rest of the chapter with a masquerade party. We had a minstrel show and several good stunts, but the best of all was the invention of a brand new shudder, namely—sliding down the stairs on mattresses.

Election and big game week was an exciting one. With rallies, big bonfires, and election returns we led a busy life, to put it mildly. Wilson and prohibition carried on the campus by a small majority. There were many funny election bets made about college. For instance, the day after election two men appeared at their classes in dress suits. And on the postoffice steps, one noon, counting beans, sat two men wearing huge signs "I bet on Hughes."

During the intermission at the Alpha Phi dance several weeks ago, one of their neighbors came in to tell them that their house was on fire. The fire had started on the third floor and had burned considerable of the roof before it was noticed. Most of the furniture was saved but many of the girls' personal property was lost. While the house is being repaired, the girls are living in Palo Alto.

GLADYS KNOWLTON.

PERSONALS

Mabel Angel, ex-'14, has been living at the house this year, while Professor Angel, who is head of the Psychology Department, has been doing relief work in Belgium.

Mrs. Norma Martin Dorliac from Petrograd, Russia, visited her sister at the house lately.

We were very happy to have a visit from Mrs. Weir, the housemother of Nu chapter.

Alice Burton, sister of one of our freshmen, is visiting us for two weeks.

MARRIAGE

Ruth Neimeyer to Donald Holmes, October 7. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will make their home in Duluth, Minnesota.

BIRTH

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Levant Brown in May, a son, Levant Brown, Jr.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

December is almost here and our first semester is half gone. It seems to us that it has flown on the wings of the wind. When time flies so swiftly it must be well filled with a hundred duties and pleasures, and indeed, we have found our time so this fall. Perhaps the delightful Indian summer that made the early fall so lovely has done much to hasten the days, for before we realized it we had old winter at our door with its wind and rain.

You want to know about our freshmen, don't you? First week was most strenuous this fall, and we came out of it more than proud of our six new freshmen. They are: Irene Strowbridge and Naomi Marcellus of Portland; Grace Hammarstrom of Astoria; Viola Crawford of Vancouver; Muriel Peringer of Pendleton, and Margery Kay of Salem. They all entered upon their work with a will and we are proud of what they have accomplished. Irene is a member of the Glee Club, and Viola of the orchestra.

We gave our formal dance on the twenty-eighth of October in the form of a dinner-dance at the hotel. It was a very successful one, the details being very lovely. Several of our alumnae were with us at the dance. We were sorry that Miss Nachtrieb could not have been a day earlier, for she arrived on the very next day. We enjoyed her visit very much and found her suggestions helpful. She inspired us with a greater determination to work harder for Gamma Phi. We entertained with a tea for Miss Nachtrieb, asking in faculty members and representative Oregon girls.

November 3 and 4 marked home-coming for our university. We had sent out letters to all of our alumnae urging them to come back to our old brown house to be together once again. Many of them came. Nine girls from Lambda chapter came to see Washington University tie a score with ours at football. So we had a regular "family reunion," with an abundance of Gamma Phi spirit and songs.

We have three reporters on the college paper in our house this year. They are Mary Johns, Harriet Polhemus, and Lillian Boylen. Nita Hunter and Dorothy Collier are members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

We celebrated the birthday of Gamma Phi with a house dinner. Each class gave its present to the house with an accompanying rhyme. Among the presents was a silver cup on which, each semester, the freshman excelling in scholarship and activities will have her name engraved. Our alumnae never forget us on such occasions.

One of our recent meetings was held to perfect plans for the Panhellenic Bazaar which will take place at the University Club on November 26. Each sorority has charge of a booth, and each member has pledged three articles, two of which are to be needlework, and the other, a cooked article. We are hoping for large returns from this bazaar to swell our fund for the Women's Building at Eugene, to which Panhellenic has pledged \$500 this year.

We are to fill three or four baskets for poor families, as we have done for the last few years, to aid them in having a pleasant Thanksgiving.

We are working hard for good scholarship, for we are desirous of having a good report for the year.

EMMA WOOTTON AND BEATRICE LILLY.

PERSONALS

We are glad to have with us this winter Mrs. Reagen, a bride from the Idaho chapter.

Ruth Duniway is studying in a school of dramatic expression in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Pauline Potter, '13, was married to Carl Homer on October 16 at the home of her parents. Mr. Homer is an alumnus of the University of Oregon and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. They are making their home in Eugene.

Muriel Peringer, ex-'20, was married to John Dolph on November 11. Mr. Dolph is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. They are making their home in Akron, Ohio.

Flora Dunham, '14, and Hawley Bean, '14, were married on November 21. Mr. Bean is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. They will make their home in Stanfield, Oregon.

Nita Harding, '09, was married to Henry McKinney on November 23.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Cellars, '19, and Dolph Phipps, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Nita Hunter, '19, and Lawrence Dutton of Concordia, Kansas.

Flawnice Killingsworth and Ardel O'Hanlon of Portland.

At a tea given by Beatrice Lilly, the engagement of Ann McMicken to Heber Harrington Smith of Chicago was announced. The wedding is to take place in Eugene in February.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

It's an unusual pleasure to tell you the results of our rushing this year, because we have seventeen new girls, all giving promise of a true Gamma Phi loyalty. I should like to describe them all to you, but I'll content myself with their names and a few meagre details. Gamma Phi chose four Moscow girls: Freda Soulen, Ferol Richardson (both Gamma Phi sisters), Margaret Denning, and Grace Rubedew. Mary McKenna, Lorene Latta, and Bathaline Cowgill are from Spokane, Washington; Clarinda Bodler, Ethel Babcock, and Jessie Smith from Cœur d'Alene, Idaho; Elma Millgarde from Colfax, Washington; Bernice Bowers and Marie Bonham from Kellogg, Idaho. The southern part of the state gave us Marion Barnes of Nampa, Gladys Dwight of Twin Falls, Florence Williams of Gooding, and Helen Douglass of Boise. We are fond and proud of every one of them!

We are having a very happy and fortunate year in our new house. The day that rushing ended Mrs. Truitt, our patroness and loyal friend, gave a tea for our pledges and ourselves, which was a very delightful way of abating the terrible calm that follows a week of turbulent rushing. Several of the fraternities have also given informal Gamma Phi dancing parties. Among these were the Kappa Sigmas, who have just completed a very beautiful \$18,000 chapter house. November 18 we gave a large reception: for the town ladies and junior girls in the afternoon; and the faculty, senior girls, and junior and senior men in the evening. Xi has also been hostess at several informal teas and parties this fall. We have also been busy in campus activities, as you can see from the "personals."

Miss Nachtrieb's visit was one of the biggest events in this year's chapter history. It marked a new epoch in our loyalty and endeavor, which will be lasting I am sure.

President Brannon has been compiling some interesting statistics in regard to scholarship at Idaho, which are worth mention here because they disprove one of the big arguments against fraternities. The scholastic

average of fraternity women ranks highest, next are the nonfraternity women, then the fraternity men, and lastly, the nonfraternity men. Gamma Phi has headed the list of fraternity women for four years until this last year when we took a close second place.

CAROL RYRIE.

PERSONALS

Dulcea Terril-Van Ostrand, who was pledged in the spring of 1914, has returned as a special student for this year. She was initiated into the chapter on November 17.

Xi chapter is represented in class politics by Catherine Chrisman, who is secretary of the junior class; and Bathaline Cowgill, who is vice-president of the freshmen.

Verna Johannesen, '18, was made associate editor of *The Gem of the Mountains*, the annual published by the junior class, and Carol Ryrie holds the place of assistant literary editor.

Freda Soulen, '20, assisted Mr. E. K. Humphries of the Boston Conservatory of Music in a recital given here early this fall. Freda's violin is one of our chief sources of pride and pleasure.

Byrd Wall, Catherine Chrisman, and Grace Eagleson have prominent parts in *Green Stockings*, which is to be given by El Mescera early in December.

Belle Willis, '18, is a member of the executive board of the Women's League for this year.

Carol Ryrie, '18, and Ola Bonham, '17, are members of the *Argonaut* staff for 1916-17.

Xi chapter is proud of the fact that both of her alumnae members who were running for office were successful in the fall election. Ruth Broman continues her work as County Treasurer, and Winifred Calkins for the first time takes up her position as County Superintendent of Schools.

Gladys Dittimore and Nora Ashton, ex-'18, Anna May Bonneville, and Malinda Shurtz, ex-'19, who were with us last year, are teaching this year.

Gladys Johnson, '18, is attending the University of Wisconsin.

Parmelia Hays and Gladys Dwight were Thanksgiving holiday guests at the home of Bathaline Cowgill in Spokane.

Gladys Collins-Lehman spent last week-end at the chapter house, and Constance Gyde, '16, is a Thanksgiving week guest.

Byrd Wall, '17, and Ola Bonham, '17, are student assistants in the History and Zoölogy Departments, respectively.

MARRIAGES

Louise Richardson was married to Ted Watts, of Phi Delta Theta, in Chicago during the summer.

Ruth Motie of Spokane and Stephen Regan, Kappa Sigma, of Portland, Oregon, were married in October.

Corinne Robertson of Spokane was married to Mr. Casey, a member of Kappa Sigma.

Elizabeth Hays, '14, a daughter of Mayor Hays of Boise, and Leon Morton Decker, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Beta Kappa, were married in Boise early in November. They will make their home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Margaret Means of Lewiston, Idaho, and Robert McGregor, Phi Delta Theta, were married in November.

ENGAGEMENT

Marybelle Meldrum and Fred Shields, a Phi Delta Theta, have recently announced their engagement.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

The editors of THE CRESCENT to the contrary notwithstanding, our pledges this year are the best ever! We ended a strenuous two weeks of rushing with our formal dinner. The next evening we held open house for our fraternity friends and introduced them to the following girls as our latest pledges: Mabel Sperry, '19, Urbana, Ill.; Florence Young, '19, Newman, Ill.; Charlotte Welch, '18, Highland Park, Ill.; Mildred Welch, '18, Highland Park, Ill.; Lois Scott, '19, Mattoon, Ill.; Amy Tillotson, '18, Roswell, N. M.; Helen MacIlhiney, '18, Kenney, Ill.; Laura Kaler, '18, Belvidere, Ill.; Edith Heizer, '18, Maywood, Ill.; Garnet Zimmerman, '18, Oakland, Ill.

To show the new girls how much we appreciated them, we gave a Halloween dance in their honor at Elks' Hall in Urbana. Appropriate refreshments were served in cafeteria style and a "Halloweenish" time was enjoyed by all.

On the twenty-first of October, we gave a reception for our new chaperon, Miss Hitchcock. The rooms looked so pretty decorated with pink carnations and ferns, and in the dining-room we used candles for lights.

But I have almost forgotten to tell about home-coming. On Friday, November 17, at noon, the university closed and all of the alumni who possibly could, came back. For two days we had all sorts of celebrations for them. Friday and Saturday evenings "Mask and Bauble" presented *A Pair of Sixes*, a delightful comedy. On Saturday morning the intersorority relay race took place. Each sorority had track men to represent her and the one who came in first won a cup for the sorority he represented. The Thetas won the cup this year.

Immediately after the race all the Gamma Phis, alumnae and active, returned to the house where the pledges gave a very clever and original stunt show. In the afternoon our noted football rivals, Chicago, defeated us on Illinois Field.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to a visit from Miss Grandy in a few days. We have planned a tea in her honor for Friday afternoon.

ASTRID VON MOTH DODGE.

HONORS

Anna Bancroft, Yo Ma (sophomore intersorority society).

Frances Withrow, Yo Ma.

Flora Hottes, preliminary honors.

Alida Moss, preliminary honors.

Lillian Johnston, Harriette Dadant, Ruth MacIlhiney, Glee Club.

Margaret Baldwin, Omicron Nu, Honorary Household Science Club.

Lois Scott, Alethenai literary society.

Mabel Sperry, Athenian literary society.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Here it is time for another letter for THE CRESCENT and that means I must go back to September in my thoughts in order to get a chronological order of events.

Our rushing parties which were so successfully planned by Vivian Bahr took place the first three days of registration and on the following Saturday we pledged six splendid girls, two sisters, Doris Bates from Lodgepole, Neb., and Deliah Cobb from Fort Worth, Texas; Martha Leal from Denver,

Colo.; Orra O'Neal from Kansas City, Mo.; Genevieve Addleman from Hastings, Neb.; and repledged Sara Margaret Heitter from Broken Bow, Neb.

On Saturday, September 30, we had initiation for Virginia Chapin of Winside, Neb.; Florence Jenks of Avoca, Iowa; and Sara Margaret Heitter of Broken Bow. Following our initiation we had a dance at Rosewilde Party Hall. It was a decided success as a rushing party as well as for our own pleasure. We had the orchestra adapt the *Peanut and Olive* song for one of the dance numbers and we sang it right loyally to our rushees.

Soon after this one of our seniors, Doris Weaver of Sioux City, Iowa, had a great honor bestowed upon her and we all were very happy over it. She was chosen to be a member of Black Masque. It is an honorary senior society consisting of just thirteen girls.

Carolyn Kimball was appointed editor of the dramatic department of the *Cornhusker*.

Kate Helzer, Bertha Bates, and Mildred Rees were all appointed on different departments of the Home Economics Annual staff.

Doris Bates was chosen for the freshman honorary society, Mystic Fish, and Heila Eigenbroadt was chosen for the sophomore society, Xi Delta.

We are striving very hard to live up to our social service duties that Sylvia Prokes, our chairman, has outlined for us. Two girls go to the charity organization for two hours every Saturday morning. We are to help in their annual Tag Day on the twenty-fourth of November.

On Founders' Day we celebrated in style. We had a luncheon in the Garden Room of the Lincoln Hotel. Incidentally we had plenty of olives to which we did justice. In the evening we had a dance in the chapter house. We had appropriate decorations with November 11, 1874, printed in brown and mode colors over our drawing-room door.

The next day Eleanor Frampton invited the entire chapter out to her home for Sunday evening lunch and you may be sure we all did our duty to Mrs. Frampton's good cooking.

On December 15 the annual Cornhusker Stunt Party for girls comes off. This is a party given the night of the Cornhusker banquet for men. We are all supposed to come in costume and we Gamma Phis are planning on putting on a Grecian dance.

Nebraska University has pledged \$10,000 to the Prison Relief Fund that has taken such a hold on the students of the universities of the United States. Donations are being given largely by organizations. We of Pi chapter are giving ours by denying ourselves an extra item at our spring formal.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving vacation Panhellenic appointed another pledge day and we pledged two splendid girls—Helen Haggart from St. Paul, Neb., and Eliza Bickett from Superior, Neb.

In the evening the freshmen entertained the chapter at a dance at the chapter house. They decorated the house very effectively with green crêpe paper. We all had a royal time and voted our pledges the very best ever.

Although it is only Thanksgiving time now, yet when this letter is seen in print it will be a new year and we of Pi chapter wish to each and every chapter the very happiest year in their history.

MILDRED PRICE REES.

MARRIAGE

Isabelle MacLeod was married to Walter Deane Pickering on November 20 at Omaha, Neb. They will live near Kennedy, Neb. Margaret Haley Campbell acted as matron of honor.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Harry Campbell (Margaret Haley) spent several days with Pi chapter in November.

Aileen Eberman also visited with Pi chapter in November.

Betty Dysart visited with us in September at the time of initiation and our party at Rosewilde.

Virginia Chapin left college in October to take a trip with her parents to New Mexico.

Jessie White Ryons came into Lincoln and had luncheon with us on Founders' Day.

Vivian Bahr surprised us with a flying visit on our last pledge day and attended the house dance.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It is truly unfortunate that I cannot vividly describe to you the thrilling excitement which was crowded into the four days of rushing allotted us by our new Panhellenic ruling. You can imagine how busy we were from early morning until late at night. Pledge day was the Sunday before college opened, September 17. The freshmen who were bid earlier in the day came to the chapter house at six if they accepted, and you know just how delighted we were when nine girls appeared. A royal welcome awaited them, and an hour later we found ourselves with the following girls, all wearing the Gamma Phi pledge pin: Louise McKee, Centerville, Iowa; Blanche Patzer, Iowa Falls; Anita Woodcock, Spencer; Betty Bates, Yankton, S. D.; Gladys Loyer, Des Moines, Iowa; Eva Wright, Iowa Falls; Joyce Parker, Oskaloosa; Dorothy Gage, Sabula; and Helen Bergman of Newton.

On November 16 we added one more name to our list of pledges, Mildred Miller of Preston, Iowa.

These girls, having been pledged since the opening of college, have organized, elected a president and secretary-treasurer, and conduct biweekly meetings. They discuss and plan means for helping Gamma Phi to stand at the head in all activities and learn the songs in readiness for the time when they may join our circle. We, with their help, are sending a Thanksgiving basket to the poor and are joining with several other sororities in saving to purchase a victrola for the cripples at the Hospital. Panhellenic took an active part, also, in the campaign for the Prison Camp Relief Fund being conducted in the Middle West colleges and universities.

Nina Louis, one of our senior members, entertained the entire chapter at her home Sunday, November 13, at dinner.

We are hoping that some of our Lincoln sisters will be able to accept our invitation for the week-end of the Nebraska-Iowa game.

Rho sends best wishes to all the chapters from Alpha to Upsilon.

HELEN SCHMIDT.

PERSONALS

Miriam Miller of Waterloo and Beatrice Rogers from Marshalltown spent a week-end with us in October. Both were loyal workers in Gamma Phi last year and rejoiced at our new successes.

Or'lee Spencer of Neola, Iowa, and Frances Wyland of Underwood are expected to return for home-coming week, November 24.

We were very happy to have Adelaide Woodcock, Katharine Mabis, and Dorothy Funk, Wisconsin Gamma Phis, at the chapter house during rushing and are very grateful for their active assistance.

Mrs. Russell Jones, Gamma, visited at the chapter house for a day.

Mildred Whealan spent the week-end at the house the first of November. This was her first return since her graduation last June.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

You haven't heard from us since last summer, but you may believe that we have been making things happen just the same. We are not sure whether we are prouder of our own new house, on "the finest location in town," or our eighteen pledges.

Our rushing this fall was in the hands of our rush captain, Marie Nusz. We owe our everlasting gratitude to our faithful alumnae sisters, Mrs. Simonds and Maybelle Miller, who were with us all during rush week. Rushing lasted from Sunday noon to the next Sunday night and the "bid wagon" made its rounds Monday. Local Panhellenic allowed each sorority three parties. Our three were the "Muffin Worry," "Progressive Luncheon," and our exclusive which we gave at the house.

We were very fortunate to secure a real Gamma Phi housemother. Mrs. Owen has been Gamma Phi chaperon at Idaho and we think has quite a warm spot in her heart for Gamma Phi. Under her capable hand we are doing very well financially and expect to come out with a good strong balance at the end of the year.

The annual girls' Panhellenic dance was given November 18. The first part of the entertainment was "stunts" given by five of the sororities. Gamma Phi gave *The Mummers*, a traditional play of the English. Opal Plank, who has won many honors with her dramatic talent, coached the little play and took the main part. She will take the main character part in the Dramatic Club play which will be presented December 11. Both Opal Plank and Irma Wullenwaber are members of the Dramatic Club. We also have four representatives in the Girls' Glee Club who take part in the *Chimes of Normandy* some time in December.

Every two weeks, before meeting on Monday night, we have a spread. We all gather in the dining-room and the freshmen serve appetizing food to us. Then we "retire to the drawing-room" where we sit in orderly array to see the freshman stunt which they have worked up. We all look forward to spread nights as our get-together parties.

We have received so many lovely gifts for our house that we owe a great many thanks to our alumnae and parents.

Sigma is looking forward to a visit from Margaret Nachtrieb some time during the month of December.

With best wishes to all.

OLIVE REYNOLDS.

PERSONALS

Ruea McBride and Janet Thompson are at the University of Nebraska this year.

Marjorie Templin is a technician in City Hospital of Minneapolis, Minn.

Evelyn Peck is teaching in the Horton High School.

Marie Nusz, our rush captain, is attending school at the Agricultural College at Manhattan.

Gail Hall is at home in McPherson, Kansas, this semester. After Christmas she will enter the Northwestern Training School for Nurses. Clara Kent has been in this school since summer.

Dorothy McKown is spending this winter at her home in Kansas City. Dorothy Barto is in Kansas City this year but will be in college again next year.

Mary Louise Leonard is in school at Boulder, Colorado.

Margaret Davis is teaching English in the Herrington High School.

Mrs. Simonds and Ruth Weeks from Kansas City spent the week-end at the house.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It is the new toy, the new book, in fact, anything new, in which one finds their interest centered, so you may perhaps guess that messages from Tau will concern the freshmen around which our rushing season has centered. We have in our chapter now ten pledges: Mary Ryer, Elsa Henry, Olga Heisen, Katherine Leach, Louise Paulsen, Marian Ward, Margaret McGregor, Orra Tanner, Margaret Pendergast, and Jessie Hutchinson. It would be hard to describe here the rushing "stunts" or the one big dance which each sorority is allowed to give in turn. It might be well to say, however, that even though a certain sense of modesty prevails while around others, every member felt deep down in her heart, the success which belongs to Tau. The rushing season was a struggle throughout and ended in decisive action taken by all concerned. During those two weeks, Delta Delta Delta granted a charter to one of our local petitioning bodies, and there was noticed at once that antagonistic feeling which interferes so with the proper spirit of rushing. Therefore, at the close of the season steps were taken toward a national Panhellenic and the sororities are now organizing according to these rules.

Three weeks ago, Fort Collins took one step in advancement toward a "big city." This advancement was celebrated by a so-called "Skookum Day." The college students were urged to enter into the spirit of the celebration and to make it worth while. Various prizes were offered as goals. The Woman's Athletic Association, attired as Red Cross Nurses, marched in groups of twenty in the form of the Geneva Cross. The Association was awarded a prize of twenty-five dollars for "the largest organization with every member attired alike." During the afternoon, Tau was awarded a prize for the "best decorated float of any fraternity, sorority, club, or society." This prize consisted of fifteen dollars, the destination of which is a deep, dark secret. Perhaps you might guess.

Two of our girls, Elizabeth Gage, a senior, and Katherine Leach, a freshman, were elected to the college Dramatic Club this fall, and two others, Ramona Woodhams and Dorothy Martin, will take the leading parts in the presentation of the Christmas plays.

During the last week, Tau received a very welcome letter from Miss Margaret Nachtrieb telling us she would be with us the latter part of November. We look forward to her visit for after the first year of a chapter in Gamma Phi Beta, Miss Nachtrieb will be able to criticise us in such a way that our improvement in the coming years will be very noticeable.

May we hope that our sisters enjoyed a happy holiday season.

DOROTHY F. MARTIN.

MARRIAGE

Elizabeth Aldrich, '19, Robert Parks.

BIRTHS

To Irene Winslow Brown, a daughter, Katherine Josephine.

To Nell Woodard Ault, a son, Winton Woodard.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

You can't imagine how flattered we were when the last number, the Upsilon number, of *THE CRESCENT*, arrived—but really we think Hollins is every bit as nice as that and, if any of you are at all sceptical, come down and see for yourself. Oh, I wish each of you could have been here this fall for we've had such lovely weather—just the cool, sunny days that make you glad you are alive and make you feel as if you could climb Tinker in a minute. And we did climb Tinker, though we didn't do it in a minute. If you've ever been to Hollins you know Tinker and if you haven't—well, Tinker is our mountain, a sort of sentinel standing guard over the college. For a week the weather had been perfect and for a week we had lived in anticipation when Friday, the thirteenth of October, at breakfast it was announced that the day had arrived at last. There was a wild scramble for tramping clothes and at nine-thirty we set out. After a glorious picnic dinner and ramble on the top of the mountain we reached college that afternoon, a rather tired and dishevelled but entirely happy crowd.

All of October was spent in rushing as pledge day was the first Saturday in November. Panhellenic allowed only two parties this year, one, a banquet, and the other a picnic or informal party. Instead of having a banquet, Saturday evening before pledge day we had a dinner and theatre party in Roanoke for our rushees. We had a lovely time and enjoyed it all the more because it was different from the usual parties given. We pledged six girls who promise to be strong in college and are good material. They are: Carrie Lee Templin, of Middlesboro, Ky.; Mildred Estes, of St. Augustine, Fla.; Marion Harvey, of Tampa, Fla.; Abbie Anderson, of Louisville, Ky.; Frances Rocke, of Covington, Va.; and Katherine Canaday, of Anderson, Ind.

Pledge day was doubly exciting this year because we celebrated Halloween on the same day. There were the usual masquerade supper and dance with the variety of original, attractive costumes and clever stunts. Later, around the bonfire on the campus, was a celebration of unknown spirits, though called by some people, the "Fairies of Freya."

We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving, a very exciting time at Hollins. It is the day of the final game between the Reds and Blues, our two basketball teams. The whole school, faculty and students, though we can't all make the team, are enthusiastic rooters for one side or the other. Stunts by the rooters and color rushes add to the excitement of the day. After the Thanksgiving service and an early lunch the game is called at two o'clock. In the evening is the President's Reception and the annual Thanksgiving banquet when the basketball cup is presented to the winning team.

This fall Hollins enjoyed a visit from Miss Elizabeth Corbett, Kappa Delta editor, who inspected our College Panhellenic and gave us a very beneficial talk on National Panhellenic and intersorority life.

Upsilon sends love and best wishes for a happy year to each of you.

FRANCES MCINTOSH.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Alumnæ chapter met, as usual, the first Saturday in November in the rooms of the Chicago College Club. Twenty-six were present at the luncheon, with a number of Epsilon girls as our guests. We hope we

may again have the pleasure of meeting them at our gatherings. One of our chief anxieties, as the luncheons begin, is to find out how many Gamma Phis are to be active for the winter. With great regret we lose Mrs. G. W. Waterman, who is probably by this time a member of Boston Alumnae chapter.

Mrs. E. D. Burbank who spent last winter in California, will be with us this year. Under her leadership, efforts have been made to combine the luncheon on December 2 with a *matinée* party to hear Mrs. Sherry and the Wisconsin players.

With greetings to all the sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

FLORENCE M. JONES.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Just at present "Social Service" is the watchword of the Syracuse Alumnae, and each member is actively interested in either raising money or planning how to raise it.

There are various reasons for this. The immediate necessities are the pledges to the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and the National Endowment Fund. Other necessities are our yearly prizes to our active girls. In former years, there has been a corporation prize of \$25 given to that girl in the active chapter attaining the highest average scholarship. This year we have added a prize of \$10 to be given to the freshman attaining the highest average scholarship. Then, too, we help our active girls by giving a tax of \$10 to help out their rushing expenses.

Our president, Belle Gage Dibble, has formulated a splendid working plan for us this year. We are divided into eight groups, averaging eight to a group. Each group is responsible for one meeting and for a sum of money—two dollars for each member of the group.

Of course, there is great rivalry among these groups. The "baby" group has been most progressive. They gave a Halloween dance at which they raised the allotted sum and a dollar over. On Thanksgiving night, a second group is to give a dance at the chapter house. Other groups are circulating rumors of card parties, lectures, suppers—all promising both pleasure and profit.

Our biggest venture for Social Service is our pledge of \$300 for the new Y. W. C. A. building here in Syracuse. This we are going to be able to pay in full by July 1, 1917.

On October 13, the Alumnae gave a spread at the chapter house to the active girls to express, to some extent, their appreciation of the winning of the Scholarship Cup, for the second time, by the active girls. It was a very enjoyable time for all.

The Syracuse Alumnae has active membership this year of over sixty girls—all interested and alive to new opportunities. All augurs well for a happy and profitable year.

She sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for their success this New Year.

MARGUERITE G. COOKE.

PERSONALS

Louella Palmer Ford, '88, wife of the Rev. Smith Thomas Ford of the Englewood Baptist Church in Chicago, was elected National President of

the Women's Home Missionary Society, at the Northern Baptist Convention held in Minneapolis last May.

Rachael Bulley, '12, was awarded second prize for work displayed at the exhibition held at the Mississippi State Fair by the Jackson Art Association.

Marion Whitford, '16, won the corporation prize of \$25 for the highest yearly scholarship.

ENGAGEMENT

Rachael Bulley, '12, has announced her engagement to Charles Croasdale Trump, of Syracuse.

MARRIAGES

Ella Brooks, '12, to Hubbell B. West of Syracuse.

Kathryn Sears, '15, to Allan Partridge, ψ τ '15, of Syracuse.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Boston chapter, if allowed by the Justly Offended Editor, wishes you all a very happy New Year. Not that the said editor has any prejudices against seasonable greetings—far from it!—but that this letter is already so late as to be probably past praying for. I feel a little like Paddy, who wrote, "If I've the wrong address—bad cess to it an' John Quinn who gave it—an' ye niver gets this letther at all, it's obliged Oi'd be if ye'd let me know, like, till I'd be settlin' with the omadhaun." There isn't any scapegoat that will obligingly offer himself or herself for my procrastinating benefit, but—if you never get this letter, it's obliged I'd be if ye'll let me know, and I'll send my greetings—and Boston chapter's—individually. (N. B. It will then be up to the long-suffering Corresponding Secretary!)

All the above is blithering idiocy, and I hope you haven't read it. What I was going to say, when I interrupted myself, was that the two things Boston chapter is at present most excited about are the ten splendid pledgings that Delta has added to the fold, and the home that awaits them in February. You haughty chapters with chapter houses that require the same rent as one room here in congested Boston have no idea how good it is to have three whole rooms that we may call home—subject to Delta's hospitable permission. 22 Blagden Street is tucked under the protecting wings of Boston University and the Boston Public Library—so near that it is possible to slip across for an hour's "cram" between recitations, so near that one can talk up to five minutes of the time of any college "show" and yet not be late, and so convenient for Boston chapter meetings that getting there and even preparing the chafing-dish lunches is no burden, with Pierce's and endless delicatessen shops within a stone's throw. We hereby append the program for the year's meeting, and if any Gamma Phi that we have not yet heard about happens to stray into our vicinity, please let us have the pleasure of seeing her at the monthly meetings—we really do have good times.

If at these meetings you see one group of girls a trifle worse than the rest of us as regards inability to stop talking, you will know that those are the "special reunions"—the three classes who are especially rounded up each month. This brilliant idea of Frances Tucker's (one of many!) is already proving itself worth while. Girls who have felt themselves too far off to make the effort to come in, and so have drifted out of things until they dreaded the unknown faces they felt would be all they should see at meeting, have bestirred themselves, when they have heard that their "own girls"—those in their class or in college with them—would be there to pick up the

dropped strings. They have had a good time, renewing old friendships and making new; they have found that the home-duties that used to be so insistent are now a little relaxed—and in short, they come again—and again, bless their hearts!

The personals and the program give all the news this time—except that Boston chapter is fonder and prouder than ever of her sisters—old and new, in the Hub and in all the spokes—and wishes them all the happiest kind of New Year.

KATHARINE WHITING.

PERSONALS

1891-1909

Mabel Robbins is teaching in the West Warwick High School.

1899

Mabelle Moses is Professor of History and Economics at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

1904

Marion Dean has returned from Honolulu, where she has been teaching in the Normal School, and is living in Lexington.

Maisie B. Whiting is teaching in the English High School, Lynn.

1905

Frances Saunders Brodbeck is studying at the Osteopathic College, Cambridge.

1907

Florence Beiler, who has been teaching in Porto Rico for nine years, is now the head of the Spanish Department in the Bridgeport, Conn., High School.

1908

Marion Squire Spain has moved to Schenectady, where her husband is connected with the General Electric Company.

Gladys Wilton (Mrs. Frank Margrave) is living in Reno, Nevada.

1909

Flora B. Smith is taking the course at the National Y. W. C. A. Training School, New York City.

Mary Beiler has returned to her work in Korea, after a year's furlough.

1910

Miriam Marsh is connected with the Boston Society for the care of girls.

Olive Marshall is doing secretarial work in the editorial department of the Congregational House.

1911

Margreta Hastings is teaching in the Fitchburg High School.

1913

Ruth Paul is secretary to the principal of Chauncy Hall School, Boston.

1914

Edna Simmons is teaching in the Andover High School.

Leah Wood is teaching in Sawin Academy, Sherborne, Mass.

Lucy Ford is teaching in the Arlington High School.

Rena Fowler is teaching in the Higgins Classical Institute, at Charleston, Maine.

1915

Sylvia Ball is teaching in Winthrop, Mass.

Helen Farwell is a teacher in the Danvers High School.

Esther Fraim, who was married in September to Ransom Evarts Somers, Instructor in Economic Geology at Cornell, is living at 102 Irving Place, Ithaca, New York.

Violet Marshall is teaching in the Department of Hygiene at Mount Holyoke.

Alice Reynolds is connected with the Widener Library at Harvard.

1916

Dorothy Taylor is teaching at the South Hamilton High School.

1917

Frances Davis is taking a course in the School for Social Workers, Boston.

1918

Gertrude Freeman is taking the Domestic Science course at Simmons College.

Eleanor Ferguson is attending the Boston University Medical School.

MARRIAGE

Florence Greer, '06, was married in October to Albert Lovejoy Gutterson, and is now living at 184 Summer Street, Springfield, Vt.

BOSTON CHAPTER—GAMMA PHI BETA MEETINGS, 1916-1917

Please notify all hostesses two days ahead

Saturday, October 7.—Luncheon, 11-2, 22 Blagden Street. Delta the guest of honor. Special Reunion for Classes '87, '88, '89.

Saturday, November 4.—Luncheon, 22 Blagden Street. Business Reunion, '92, '93, '94.

Saturday, December 2. Luncheon, 12:30, College Club, 40 Commonwealth Avenue. Reunion, '95, '96, '97. Reply to Katharine A. Whiting, 11 Grovenor Road, Jamaica Plain; Telephone, Jam. 1349-M. Luncheon, 40 cents.

Thursday, December 28.—Christmas Spread, 3:30. At 4:30 we entertain Delta. Please come early and get talked out! Hostess: Mrs. J. R. Taylor, 182 Elm Street, Cambridge. Take North Cambridge car from Harvard Square Subway and get off at Blake Street. Reply to Miss Mary Taylor; Telephone, Somerville 3628-W. Assessment, 75 cents. Reunion, '98, '99, '00.

Gifts or money for Delta's suite will be very welcome and may be sent to Mabel Fitz, 22 Blagden Street.

Saturday, February 3.—Luncheon, 11-2, 22 Blagden Street. Hostess: Grace G. Newhall, 26 Broad Street, Lynn. Reunion, '01, '02, '03.

Saturday, March 3.—Luncheon at 1. Hostess: Mrs. Helen Flanders Allen, 37 Corey Road, Brookline. (Beacon Streetcars.) Telephone, Br. 1153-W. Reunion, '04, '05, '06. Assessment, 25 cents.

Saturday, April 7.—Luncheon, 11-2, 22 Blagden Street. Hostess: Mary Shepherd, 80 Gardiner Street, West Lynn. Reunion, '07, '08, '09.

Saturday, May 5.—Spring Banquet. In honor of Delta's thirtieth birthday. Luncheon at 2 with Mrs. John Emerson, 603 Adams Street, East Milton. Reply to the hostess, Katharine Hardwick, 62 Spear Street, Quincy; Telephone, Quincy 2006-W. Trains leave Boston for East Milton at 1:18 and at 1:39. Five minutes' walk from East Milton Station. Reunion, '10, '11, '12. Assessment, 50 cents.

The June Luncheon.—The June Luncheon will be held at 22 Blagden Street on the date of the Alumni Reunion at College, which we hope all the girls will stay on for. Reunion, '14, '15, '16. Seniors of Delta guests of honor. Notify K. A. Whiting, 11 Grovenor Road, Jamaica Plain.

Friday, July 6.—Garden Party, 2-5, Bletshoe, Sudbury. Hostess: Mrs. Margaret Eaton-Whiting. Trains for South Sudbury. (If rainy, Saturday the seventh.) Assessment, 25 cents.

Saturday, August 11, 2-5. Hostess: Mrs. Edith Easterbrook Whittemore and Miss Mabel Robbins, Easterbrook Cottage, North Weymouth. Take East Weymouth cars from Quincy. Assessment, 25 cents.

Friday, September 7.—Sunset Picnic at Jamaica Pond. Meet at 11 Grovenor Road (get off at Pond Street) at 4. If rainy, come just the same!

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters:

If instead of writing about our doings collectively as a chapter, we told of the individual activities of our members in Charity, Social Service, Civic, Missionary, Suffrage, and War Relief work, we should be writing, not a chapter letter, but a volume; literally that, for we are such a busy and interested lot of women. In this very diversity of interests lies a source of weakness, for, when distances between our homes are so great, and the demands upon our time are so insistent, it is hard for some of us, as alumnæ to pay any attention to the New York chapter. Every Gamma Phi is needed to do her share of the *chapter* work, thus aiding directly in our great *national* work of raising an Endowment Fund and a fund for Social Service. We should not forget that loyalty to Gamma Phi does not end when we are graduated from college, but that we can be active, helpful alumnæ for many a long year.

As far as chapter achievements are concerned, we have our Endowment Fund Bridge to tell you about, but that was such a signal success that we must say, "Hats off to Mrs. Palmer," who planned and executed to such good purpose. We held our party, for we love to have a party just as much as the active chapters do, on Founders' Day, with Mrs. Palmer's spacious house as a setting for our pretty scene of Gamma Phis and their friends, many of our Panhellenic sisters being among the number. We had sixteen tables, with brass knockers for boudoir doors as prizes, the latter the gift of the hostess. With the money from the tea at Mrs. Palmer's home in April, from this Bridge, and gifts from various scattered Gamma Phis, we were able to pay our tax for Social Service, and one hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund, all of which makes us very happy, indeed.

Our January meeting will be on Saturday the thirteenth, with Edna Stitt Robinson, 250 West 93rd Street, New York, and we shall be most charmed to welcome any Gamma Phis who can attend the luncheon. May the new year bring the best of success to all of Gamma Phi.

JESSIE GROAT RICHARDSON.

PERSONALS

We are pleased to welcome two brides as new members of our chapter, Cora Ennes Zobel, K, and Persis Rollins Seaborn, E. We were glad to welcome some Gamma Phis, whom we have not seen recently, at the Bridge party. They were: Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, Aurill Bishop, Leola Jermy, Marion Pratt and Anna Paddock.

Laura Graham attended the State convention of D. A. R. at Albany the first week in November. One of the pleasant social affairs given for

the delegates was a reception by Governor and Mrs. Whitman, at the Executive Mansion.

The Syracuse University women under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Palmer, have organized in New York City, and plan to aid the undergraduate women in putting up a Woman's Building on the Syracuse campus.

The New York alumnæ of Pi Beta Phi gave a Bridge party in November for the benefit of their industrial school in the South. The alumnæ editor was an invited guest, and had a most delightful afternoon.

MILWAUKEE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The first meeting of the year was held at the home of Mrs. Roland Coerper. Although the meeting was small, due to the fact that many of us were still out of the city, it was a very enjoyable one, and a great deal was accomplished in plans for the winter. Mrs. Coerper herself is very busy with the new edition of the $\Gamma \Phi B$ directory. At present it would be almost ready for the press, if it were not for one or two chapters that are slow in sending in their material.

During the Annual State Teachers' Association Convention in Milwaukee, we held our annual $\Gamma \Phi B$ luncheon at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. We were very fortunate this year in having two notables with us, Carrie E. Morgan and Eleanor Sheldon. We aim to make this an annual affair, and wish $\Gamma \Phi$ girls with whom we may have failed to communicate would look us up at the Athletic Club.

Following the $\Gamma \Phi$ luncheon we attended the meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. It was very much of a $\Gamma \Phi$ afternoon. Violet Jane Schmidt (Beta) of Champaign, Ill., made the special address of the afternoon. Mary Laflin Jones of our Milwaukee Alumnæ is president of the Association for the next year, thus making the sixth $\Gamma \Phi$ president of A. C. A. since the branch was organized here. Miss Ross, another $\Gamma \Phi$, gave a very important report on the girls' club, and Ethel Garbutt and Marie Leavens were appointed A. C. A. delegates to the Central Council of Social Agencies. So altogether we conceded it to have been a very successful afternoon.

We are continuing in our social work again this winter. Milwaukee chapter has renewed its membership in the Central Council of Social Agencies, Marie Leavens to be delegate.

Because of our many other duties our Christmas work has been slight. However, we are to dress several dozen dolls and give them to the Children's Free Hospital at Christmas time. We are also still making babies' flannel nightgowns for the same purpose.

Here, however, is our newest venture. Upon the suggestion of the Madison Alumnæ Association, we are looking forward with great pleasure to a joint meeting of our two alumnæ chapters. This meeting is to take place the first part of December in Milwaukee. The purpose is to hear a financial report of Gamma chapter, and to plan closer coöperation with Gamma chapter in rushing or in any way in which we can help. Incidentally, we are hoping to have a very pleasant visit after the business is dispensed with, and later make a return visit in Madison. But we can tell you more about that in our next letter. Milwaukee chapter extends to everyone most hearty wishes for a Happy New Year.

MARIE T. LEAVENS.

PERSONALS

MARRIAGE

The marriage has been announced of Mattie Ringling (Gamma '12), to H. R. Newman. At home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Kieckhefer (Allison More, Gamma), a son, Alfred J. Kieckhefer, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuehn (Isabelle Brownell, Gamma), a daughter, Frances Brownell Kuehn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollock (Florence Sayle, Gamma), a son, Charles Pollock, Jr.

DEATH

We are very sorry to announce the death of Mr. Hoyt, husband of Clara Erwin Hoyt (Gamma).

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Gamma Phis—All of You:

How interesting *your* letters were in the last CRESCENT. They always are more or less, but these were *more* and made me feel very proud of Gamma Phi. Such honors the seniors laid at our door and, bless them, now they are *alumnæ*!

We have been feeling particularly chummy and Gamma Phi-ish as Christmas draws near, and it has been the wonderful tree we have talked of and worked for all year that is doing it. Can you imagine it—we are going to have one hundred poor little kiddies this time. It just makes something swell up inside you—this getting the names and seeing it all come true. It will be all over when you read this, so I wish I could tell you about the party now. We had our big meeting at Marie Derge's—she really has a spark of genius and is the "big-stick" in the Christmas affair. We must not leave out Mrs. Derge who has displayed a wonderful amount of patience and tolerance with the packages, wagon-loads, hordes of things that took possession of nine-tenths of her house. We worked from sun-up to sun-down that day, had a buffet luncheon and even while we ate, we worked, for our president said that was the time for the business meeting and right here, we punched a fatal blow into the "adage" or is it a "motto" that one cannot do two things at the same time and do them well—for the business was finished and the luncheon most satisfying.

Our next meeting was at the home of the two Fish Sisters. It was a much less complicated affair and very enjoyable. We were glad to see some old stand-bys who had been unable to come for some time, and also two of our newly eligibles.

So much for business—now for Miss Margaret Nachtrieb. Such a helpful and lovely visit! We all feel as if we had a big dose of Gamma Phi Tonic. Some of us were fortunate enough to meet her a little more intimately at a luncheon which Rachel Colby gave. Rachel's affairs are always "there" in more ways than one, for she has never failed to give her time, her house, and hospitality, and we are glad she is not only a Gamma Phi but that Eta can say she is her child. And speaking of "children" isn't Upsilon the loveliest baby you ever saw! And "babies" makes me think of the "husky" freshman class we have. Oh my, the names. Our brains were taxed as they have not been since the old rushing days, for we *alumnæ* gave a party to them at Elizabeth Bridge's home and made a brave

effort to show them that a small matter of sixteen new names to remember "right off the bat" was no trick at all. They are charming and what more can we say. This is hard on the *alumnæ* but we have to admit that it looks very much as if the active chapter is stronger each year.

I would like to write my "personals" in with my letter, but suppose I must go by rules and precedent, and in a stereotyped form say a son or a daughter was born to So-and-So. I can add, though, the hope that the gentle reader will have an extra heart throb for these rhapsodic mothers, and I won't leave out the "Papas" either.

Merry Merry Christmas to you all and Happiest of New Years, is the wish of us to all of ye.

MAY M. BROWN.

PERSONAL

Mrs. E. C. Livingston (Ida Hale), is now living in Los Angeles.

ENGAGEMENT

Bernice Arnold announces her engagement to Mr. George Nathan Barker, U. S. Navy.

BIRTHS

To Mrs. Ephraim Dyer (Zoe Riley), a son, Ephraim.

To Mrs. Max Thelen (Ora Muir), a son, Henry.

To Mrs. Henry H. Patterson (Sarah Morgan), a daughter.

To Mrs. Harry Allen (Winifred Bridge), a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

On September 22, the second meeting of the year was held at the home of Belle Connor. At this meeting, as at the previous one, "rushing" was the chief topic of conversation. The dance and musicale, which the active girls were to give, were spoken of, and as many girls as could, were urged to attend. Eva Davis, who had been elected treasurer at the previous meeting to take Mrs. Grant's place, notified the chapter that she really could not hold the office, so Kathryn Herbert was elected to the position. It did seem for a time that we would be unable to get anyone to hold the office long enough to take charge of our funds!

The musicale was held this year at Louise Iliff's beautiful home in University Park, and was a charming affair. The program was furnished in part by the active chapter, and in part by the *alumnæ* chapter, Lucia Herbert representing the former, and Helen Hersey the latter. It was a finished performance, of which the sorority as a whole had just reason to be proud.

October 6, we met at Grace McDonough's. This meeting was interesting because of the different subjects presented by the president, Mrs. Grant. The most interesting part was the reading of letters, which Mrs. Grant had received from a friend of hers who is a nurse in one of the hospitals near the French front. She appealed to Mrs. Grant for writing paper for the soldiers, who, she said, had none whatsoever, and could get none, for letters home. The chapter voted a sum of money from the treasury to buy paper and envelopes and we sent our little contribution to France by Parcel Post.

The next meeting was held October 20, at Margaret Carman's. The final arrangements for the Fête were the chief matters considered. It was decided to hold it November 17. Plans for a Rally meeting were also discussed, and it was decided to have such a meeting the next time.

The Rally was held November 3 in the "Tallyho," a new and delightful place for tea, which we now have in Denver. The active girls were invited and with the alumnae sixty-five were present. There was much enthusiasm and Mrs. Grant told of further plans for the year, that sound most alluring. Ruth Coldren, Eva Davis, and Mrs. Grant were hostesses at this party.

Last Friday, November 17, from 2 until 6, at the home of Mrs. Claude M. Taussig, the much-talked-of Fête actually took place. Many dainty and useful articles were displayed and sold—sold so quickly in fact that those of us who are teachers and therefore so unfortunate as to be late in coming, had no chance to see most of the things, let alone buy them. In the downstairs rooms, tea was served, it being included in the twenty-five cent admission fee, and delicious home-made candy was sold by the active girls attired in fetching Dutch costumes. A large serving tray and a set of luncheon napkins were raffled, and this increased our profits considerably. Grace McDonough, chairman of the very efficient committee in charge of the Fête, tells me that we made about a hundred and twenty-five dollars—surely a goodly sum. The active girls cleared something over fifteen dollars at their candy booth, and they assure us that they can make good use of the money.

"Pride always goes before a fall!" I couldn't help being a little pleased at the good number of personals I had for my "maiden" attempt at chapter letter writing, and, lo and behold, not a one have I, or can I get, for this letter! However, I'll try to make up for the deficiency next time.

MADelyn M. KEEZER.

MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It seems that I am once more in the ranks of CRESCENT correspondents, not by the election of the association, but rather by the appointment of the president. Jean McGilvra, who wrote the Minneapolis letter for the October issue, has taken unto herself a husband, and her duty of letter writing has become mine. My inefficiency will no doubt appear in this letter, and perhaps (one can never tell) Minneapolis will have a new correspondent next time. You see, I am a very green alumna, for I have been out of college only since June, and as I'm doing society on one of our papers here, I have almost no time in which to attend our alumnae meetings.

When Margaret Menzel, our alumnae president, asked me to write the letters this year in Jean's place, I raised some natural objections, and she said, "Oh, all you have to do is to come to the weekly sewing meetings, and you'll get all the news you want." But "circumstances over which I have no control" keep me from attending these gossip fests, and thus learning all the weighty secrets of our association.

One thing that I *do* know, however, is that on Saturday, December 9, we are to give what is known as a "movie-bazaar." We are planning to do what the Smith College club of this city did last year, and that is to rent the Calhoun theatre, which is a moving picture house, for that afternoon. We are to select a movie which will be given, and in the lobby of the theatre fancy articles and candy will be on sale. Katherine Taney Silverson is business manager for the affair, and Louise Jenkins has charge of the movie part, while Jeanne Borden and Gladness Wilkinson will attend to the bazaar. This will be a new venture here, but we felt last year that plain bazaars given by the different sororities were being done to death, and decided to try something more out of the ordinary.

Our alumnæ meetings are held on the last Saturday afternoon of each month, and, as I said before, our meetings at which we sew for the fair and take along your basket lunches, occur weekly.

In my next letter I shall be able to tell you all about our "movie-bazaar," how many attended and how much we realized from it. In the meantime I wish you all kinds of good luck and the nicest kind of Thanksgivings and Christinas.

ELLA T. MORSE.

PERSONALS

Alice Ames is teaching this winter in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jean Brawley and Ruth Eaton are attending business college in St. Paul.

Ethel Cosgrove is teaching in Tokio, Japan.

Constance Davis is secretary to Dean Margaret Sweeney, dean of women at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. and Mrs. John F. Downey have gone to Nanking, China.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson (Letha Duke) moved to Minneapolis from Havre, Montana, in October.

Doris Leach is teaching this year in Sauk Center, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLean (Marion Brown), who were married July 1, are living in Evanston, Illinois.

Margaret Nachtrieb, visiting delegate and chairman of the expansion committee, is in the west, and when last heard from was in Palo Alto.

Edith Moss Rhoades is teaching this year in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Jessie Roberts is attending Berkeley this year.

Jeanette Welch is taking a library course at the Public Library.

Frances Works has been visiting her sister, Mrs. William D. Kerr (Ethel Works), in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENTS

Katharine Whitney has announced her engagement to Francis B. Kingsbury.

Myrna Linquist has announced her engagement to Albert Cummins of Stillwater, Minnesota.

MARRIAGE

Sara Graham to Frederick Webb of Salisbury, Maryland, October 28. They will make their home in Salisbury.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Claude G. Krause (Ellen Brooks) a son, Frank Brooks, October 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keyes (Helen Hendrix) a daughter, Cynthia.

DETROIT

(No Letter)

MRS. NATHAN S. PORTER.

BALTIMORE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Baltimore chapter held its first fall meeting early in October, when definite plans for the year were laid. It was decided to abandon the luncheons which we so much enjoyed last year, and to hold in their stead regular business meetings, on the first Tuesday of each month. In this way we will be able to give more time to the business of the chapter, largely concerning

convention this year, and to keep in closer touch with the active girls, in whose rooms the meetings are to be held.

The final date for the approaching convention has been set—March 28, 29, and 30, and the fact that it is only three months off makes us alive with excitement and anticipation. How we wish that this—the 1917 Convention—will be the most successful in the history of Gamma Phi Beta, and how anxious we are that every member, from east to west, will make a supreme effort to be present—for we promise a warm welcome to each one.

We were delighted when Bess Gatch made a short visit to Baltimore last month, and I think she was quite as glad to see her old friends and "Haunts." But Bess was rather morose on one subject, namely, the rapidity with which "the old order changeth." However, after a trip around the buildings she was delighted with Goucher's spirit of progress (for who could disapprove of our fine new auditoriums or enlarged library?) though we heard her still lamenting the fact that "even initiation has become quite different." We only hope that more of our alumnæ will soon be back to inspect the many things in store for them, not the least of which is Zeta's fine active chapter.

The first meeting of Baltimore Panhellenic is to be a luncheon held this Saturday at the College Club. We expect to have a large attendance with a fair representation of Gamma Phis present.

Our next letter will be after the busy holiday season is over—and the last one before convention. May all my readers meet together in Baltimore at that time!

A Merry Christmas to you all, Gamma Phis.

CLARA A. WAGNER.

PERSONALS

Bess Gatch was in Baltimore for the initiation of Zeta's two new upper-classmen.

Anna Blanton and Matilda Omwake recently visited Mary McCurley.

Nell Watts is spending several weeks in New York.

SEATTLE

Beside Seattle chapter's regular meetings we congregate every Monday to work like beavers from eleven to four or five for our bazaar which is to be held the ninth of December. Part of the fruits of last year's labors was our loan fund which was accepted by the University authorities and is now doing good work. This spurs us on to equal, if not exceed, last year's success.

Our meetings are really great fun. The girls who have spacious quarters and sewing machines are very generous about placing them at our disposal. Those who can, come at eleven with a bundle of sandwiches or cake. These together with the hot chocolate, tea or coffee of our hostess is disposed of at twelve-thirty or one. In the afternoon more sewing recruits come. Mrs. Fred Marontate (Winifred Johnson) is our general and a very systematic and competent one she is.

Our first fall business meeting, which was also our election, was held at Mrs. McCausland's. Mrs. J. Authur Younger (Margaret Meany) succeeded Mrs. Carl Will (Clara Taney, Kappa) as president.

Seattle chapter is very proud of an article on Japanese art that appeared in *Collier's* a short time ago, by Mrs. J. N. Penlington (Zoe Kincaid). Mrs. Penlington started the local sorority which became Lambda chapter, and is

also one of those who founded the University of Washington Alumnae Association which now does useful work along student aid lines.

We were happy to welcome two Lambda brides as alumnae, Mrs. W. H. Dehn (Lois McBride) and Mrs. Ernest R. Walter (Marion Alexander).

Seattle sends love and best wishes to you all.

ALMA DELANEY TEAL.

PERSONALS

Marguerite Crosby, ex-'10, and her mother, are spending the winter "somewhere" in New York City.

Leah Miller gave a very successful recital at the Women's University Club this fall. She is soloist at the First Christian Science Church, and is recognized as one of Seattle's prominent singers.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Inez Hadley, '11, to John C. Pierce is announced.

MARRIAGES

Violet Dungan, '10, was married this fall to George Roman Keith.

RUTH HANSEN WORD.

PORTLAND

(No Letter)

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 113 Euclid Ave.
- BETA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house, 1520 S. University Ave.
- GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 428 Sterling Court, Madison, Wis.
- DELTA meets every Friday afternoon at 4:15 in the chapter rooms, 22 Blagden St.
- EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M., at the sorority rooms, fourth floor, Willard Hall.
- ZETA meets every Saturday evening at 2113 St. Paul St.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 2732 Channing Way.
- THETA meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the chapter house, 310 10th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, 4524 17th St. N. E.
- MU meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1316 Alder St.
- XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1002½ California Ave., Urbana, Ill.
- PI meets every Monday at 7:00 at the chapter house, 330 N. 14th St.
- RHO meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 227 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- SIGMA meets every Monday night at 7:30 in the chapter house, 1144 Indiana St.
- TAU meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, 121 West Olive.
- UPSILON meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 in Room A West, Hollins College.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 A. M. at 284 Dartmouth St.
- BALTIMORE meets the first Tuesday of every month at the sorority rooms, 2113 St. Paul St.
- CHICAGO meets the first Saturday of each month at the Chicago College Clubrooms—17th Floor, Stevens Bldg., 16 N. Wabash Ave., Luncheon at 12:30.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of members.
- DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of members.
- DETROIT meets the third Saturday of each month for an informal luncheon at the College Club.
- NEW YORK meets for luncheon at one, at the homes of members, on October 21, November 11, January 13, February 17, March 24. Tea at Mrs. Palmer's April 28.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Wednesday of one month; third Saturday of next month.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Saturday of every month at the homes of members.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK
AND WHITE

SEPTEMBER:—*Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Purple, Green and Gold* of Lambda Chi Alpha; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Quarterly* of Sigma Chi; *Beta Sigma Omicron*; *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa.

OCTOBER—*Owl* of Sigma Nu Phi; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Quill* of Sigma Delta Chi; *Journal* of Sigma Phi Epsilon; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Quarterly* of Phi Alpha Gamma; *Beta Theta Pi*.

NOVEMBER—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Centaur* of Alpha Kappa Kappa; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Mask* of Kappa Psi.

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