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THE SOCIAL SIDE OF CONVENTION

BY DOROTHY F. MARTIN (*Tau*)

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and vice versa; and considering there is only one remedy for such circumstances, the Zeta Chapter took measures to see that we might play even more than we worked during our three-day stay in Baltimore.

On Wednesday evening, March 28 (the most memorable date this year with the possible exception of April 6 and the declaration of war), a rather general but forceful remark was passed around. "This is stunt night," and it was. At eight o'clock in the Girls' Latin School each delegate thought and re-thought, or shook, or rehearsed, or did something desperate as the time drew near. Zeta started the ball rolling with a well-known Gamma Phi song in an unknown way and most perfectly illustrated. This untied every restraining cord, and the Greek alphabet was recited down the line in one of the most interesting of recitations. "A" is the first letter and we must take time to remark upon the length, the heaviness, and the noticeable elasticity of Alpha's eyelash. There was never another like it. Songs were sung, readings were read, and dances were danced. Variety was truly the spice of life. Lovely refreshments were served and Zeta gave us all wee sma' remembrances for the memory books. And then on top of all this we had to go home. That is one feature which will almost spoil an evening.

Baltimore is a beautiful city. No one needs further proof than to take a ride through and around it, with an all-too-sudden ending at such a picturesque country club. This proof was firmly imbedded in our minds as we rode on that Thursday afternoon, up Charles Street, past Johns Hopkins, and through the beautiful parks. And Goucher College is not to be outdone by Baltimore! Somehow or other, without an effort, the great divide between sunset and moonlight was crossed, and the Valley of Night had been reached. In the College Auditorium, the Vagabond Players presented for us two short sketches, *The Maker of Dreams* and *The Suppressed Desires*. No description of these playlets could be effective enough to be appreciated, at least not a description given here. After this, a reception was held at the Zeta Chapter-rooms, and again—"We had to go home."

Friday afternoon came the Panhellenic tea, and this gave all of us the opportunity to meet members of other sororities whom Zeta works against for about a week, perhaps, but *with* all of the year. Friday night marked the last of the convention, but one can't blame Friday. It was always an unlucky day and "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." The banquet was held at the Stafford Hotel and

it was certainly a beautiful affair. One could easily say, "Let my appetite be not appeased, lest I be forced to leave this comely sight."

Washington opened its arms to us the day after convention. With the presenting of arms a company generally falls in, but with recognized dignity we walked in—and around and up and down as much of Washington as our short visit would permit. As many as were there present were invited to luncheon at the Colonial School for Girls. It seems hard to realize that just "people" can be allowed to speak above a whisper in such a beautiful place. The young ladies were charming and their hospitality was more than appreciated by each one of us.

By Sunday, we had all hit earth again with a heavy thud, but if the days had been longer my tale would have been—also.

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Points considered—

1. Efficiency of officers.
2. Social service.
3. Fraternity examinations.
4. Committee in charge of initiation.
5. Efficiency of chairman of committees.
6. Personal efficiency.
7. Social Committee.
8. House Committee.

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1. Rushing Booklet—for chapter use.
2. Survey—for chapter use.
3. New Songbook—to be compiled by Syracuse Alumnæ.
4. Uniform book for chapter presidents.
5. Cookbook—to be published shortly.
6. Directory—with loose leaf binding.

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Definite points to be considered.

X. OTHER SORORITY JOURNALS

Each chapter required to subscribe to some sorority magazine.

XI. OFFICERS

Same officers retained.

XII. CONVENTIONS

Summer conventions decided upon. Next will be with Theta, at Denver, in 1919. This will be known as the Thirty-second Convention in the Forty-fifth Year of Gamma Phi Beta.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM EXAMINATIONS

The Committee on Uniform Examinations presents its report of the 1917 examination with much pleasure.

The total average of the grades of the four hundred and seventy-five (475) examination papers handed in, was 88.5, and of the one hundred and ninety-six (196) freshman papers, was 88.9—the latter figure auguring well for the future. The general level of the papers was such as no sorority needs to be ashamed to own, although no chapter had as high an average as did several last year.

Epsilon and Nu lead, each with a grade of 93.3, with Gamma (93) a close third. Upsilon, Alpha, Mu, and Rho, with several others stand in the front rank.

The highest freshman average was obtained by Upsilon—96.7, a very fine grade in so young a chapter.

The committee would like to note some particular points to be commended.

The papers from Epsilon were in an especially pleasing form; the report sheets from Sigma, Alpha, Eta, Xi, and Tau were very neat and well arranged; Omicron, Eta, Mu, Alpha, Beta, Zeta, and Epsilon excelled in good use of English; the handwriting of Upsilon, Sigma, and Epsilon papers was a delight, that of Upsilon being unusually legible and graceful; the knowledge of parliamentary law was particularly comprehensive and thorough in Beta, Eta, Alpha, and Upsilon.

Several questions proved to be stumbling blocks for many of the chapters, notably the Kappa Kappa Gamma Litigation, which is to be found in *Baird's Manual*; the number of city Panhellenics, which was given in the October, 1916, *CRESCENT* and in *Banta's Greek Exchange*; and the number of our alumnae, which can be estimated by subtracting active members from total number. Then there is some confusion of mind concerning the Grand Council, the Executive Board, and the Advisory Board, also about the office of Councillor, while the matter of the Endowment Fund and the Social Service seemed almost too much of a puzzle to solve. It was striking that in chapters where freshmen had not been instructed concerning the action of the 1915 Convention in regard to literary exercises, the average knowledge of sorority matters was not high. Would this perhaps indicate that a little more attention to that ruling, by the chapter, would be of benefit?

It is a curious fact that correctness of spelling seems to be a local rather than an individual matter, for there are regions in which it absolutely does not flourish, especially the orthography of the name of our magazine. The committee would like humbly to recommend that a few minutes' study be devoted to the difference between biennially and biannually.

Another matter of locality that greatly interested the committee was the characteristic spirit of the papers from the different sections of the country. The eastern girls lead in a general breadth of information and a certain attitude of seriousness and responsibility, to which our southern sisters add the charm of leisureliness and the willingness to stop and chat about matters. In the Middle West practical good sense predominates, brief answers and to the point are given, and intelligence is high; and in the West a keen intelligence and wideawake interest in life are seasoned with originality and dash.

And in general, Gamma Phis are "good sports"! Examinations are not a pleasure for most students—but with very few exceptions these papers show a fine spirit and a keen desire to make the best of the matter for the honor of the chapter and for Gamma Phi Beta.

Name	Number Examined	Chapter Average	Freshman Average	95 and Over
Alpha	37	91.5	91.9	11
Beta	32	84.2	87.2	1
Gamma	48	93	90.7	22
Delta	14	76.9	78.5	0
Epsilon	24	93.3	94.7	12
Zeta	24	90.3	90.5	6
Eta	23	92.1	91	6
Theta	25	84.2	88.7	1
Iota
Kappa	25	84.1	75.6	1
Lambda	25	77.9	75.3	0
Mu	19	91.4	92.1	3
Nu	23	93.3	93.6	10
Xi	30	85.3	86.7	1
Omicron	32	90.4	90.8	7
Pi	20	85.1	87	0
Rho	10	91.4	93	2
Sigma	28	90.8	90	2
Tau	21	89.4	89	0
Upsilon	15	91.7	96.7	3

Total number examined, 475. Total number 95 and over, 88. Total average, 88.5. Freshman average, 88.9.

CONVENTION TOASTS

BANQUET OF

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF

GAMMA PHI BETA

Hotel Stafford

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TOASTS

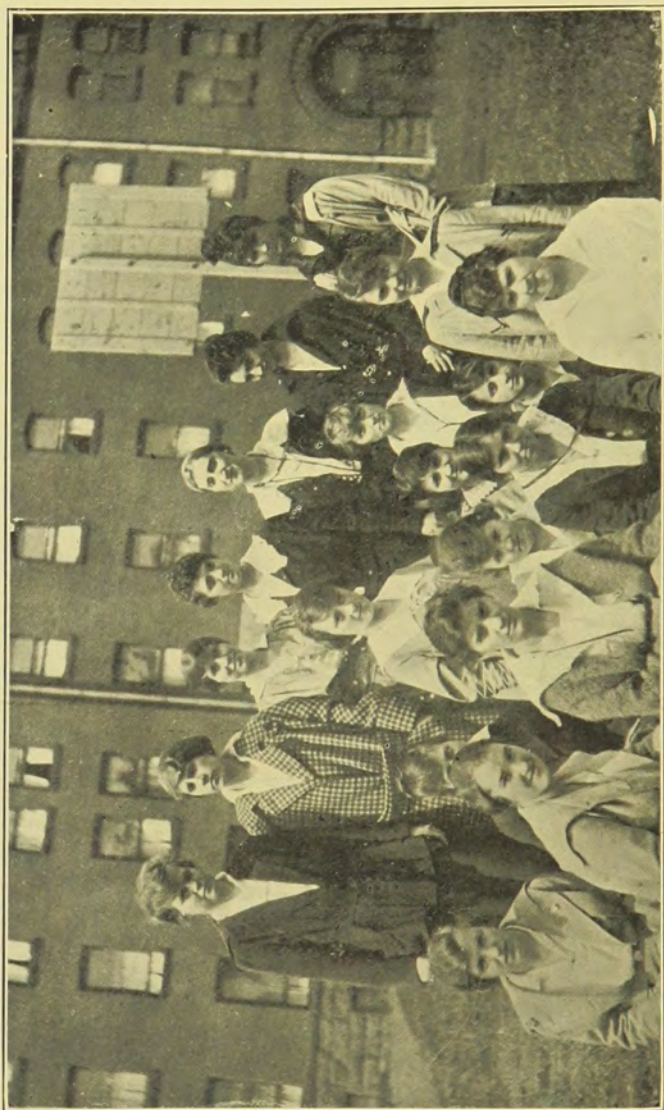
PREPAREDNESS

Spirit of Nationalism—Gamma Phi Beta as a National Organization—Miss Carrie C. Morgan, *Gamma*.

Song—*Fidelity*.

“Have we the power of united thinking and united action?”

Army and Navy—Efficiency in Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Margaret Nachtrieb, *Kappa*.



ZETA CHAPTER

Top row, left to right—Helen Richmond, Agnes Wilbon, Jo Ellinger, Katharine Manning, Katharine Treide, Florence Welles, Ella Haynesworth.
 Middle row—Elizabeth Fehl, Louise Dexter, Margaret Wilson, Frances Coventry, Ethel Metzner, Mary Ely.
 Lower row—Hester Corner, Louise Owens, Charlotte Sprengel, Bula Smith, Emily Ellinger, Helen Codling.

Song—Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Chicago Alumnæ.

"Efficiency is to be the rule in times of peace, in order to secure efficiency in the day of need."

Inventions—Progress in Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Anna Campbell, *Upsilon*.

Song—*The Crescent*.

"Build on, and make thy Castles high and fair
Rising and reaching upward to the skies."

American Red Cross—Gamma Phi Beta Social Service—Miss Emma Wootton, *Nu*.

Violin Solo—Miss Florence Murray, *Alpha*.

"Gamma Phi Beta as a whole and by chapters has declared herself a part of the uplift movement."

Preparedness in the Industrial World

Gamma Phi Beta Workers in The World—The Alumnæ—Miss Mary J. Wellington, *Boston Alumnæ*.

Song—*We're Gamma Phis Forever*.

"In event of a serious crisis, the entire industrial life of the nation would be immediately transformed into a coöperative public service."

Preparedness—Gamma Phi Beta Prepared to Help the Nation—Miss Irene Cuykendall, *Alpha*.

Song—*The Star Spangled Banner*.

"I am wishing that the State might compel a general mobilization, for the common defense of our ideals, but not alone with the gun."

SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM—GAMMA PHI BETA AS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Probably at no time in the history of the lives of any members present have there been as many world-wide problems facing us as at the present time. Probably at no time in our history have there been as many examples before us of what it means to be a nation. In the crisis that our nation is facing to-day we are being bound more closely together than at any time previous. Party lines are being forgotten, former opponents of the administration are now rallying to its support, and every true American citizen is rising to support the honor of his country's flag.

The same principles which underlie the unity of a nation underlie the unity of national organizations. You ask, "What does it mean to belong to a national organization?" "What advantages do national sororities have over local ones?" It means first of all that we are able to gather together such an assemblage as this. What local, however strong, could gather such a company from coast to coast? What advantage has ever been gained by belonging to a local, except that of local social prestige? We have been

gathered together at this convention for the exchange of ideas and friendly sentiments. It has been an inspiration to each and every one present and our lives will be more full for the pleasure and profit that we have gained here.

Probably no one but a national officer can realize to its fullest extent just what it means to belong to a national sorority. As we go from city to city and are entertained in the homes of strangers, we are sure of just as hearty a welcome as if we were visiting old-time acquaintances. It is a wonderful thing to know that the latch-string is always out for Gamma Phis.

Since taking up my office as president, it has been my pleasure to visit fifteen of our twenty active chapters and such *alumnæ* organizations as have been affiliated with these. I cannot express the pleasure it has been to me. It has more than repaid me for the many, many hours of labor for Gamma Phi. The same privilege is open to each and every one of you, if you wish to avail yourselves of it.

But a far greater advantage of national organizations than the mere social pleasure gained is the fact that we are enabled to undertake some really strong work for those outside of our ranks. Today in addition to the many things that we are enabled, as a national organization, to do for our own members, we are offering a five hundred dollar fellowship to A. C. A., a thing which it would be almost impossible for a local organization to do. We are united in a national effort to raise the standards of our scholarship and to do many things that bind us more closely together in friendship's tie.

Had you asked me ten years ago, "Have we the power of united thinking and united action?" I should have said no. For at that time with the local idea more strongly imbedded in the minds of the chapters than the national one, in the days before the visiting delegate had strengthened and unified our chapters, it was difficult to get concerted action on any topic. But today I can say with my whole heart and soul that we have that power. It has been fully demonstrated at this convention.

Gamma Phi Beta with the rest of the world is becoming prepared. Our visiting delegate, our Panhellenic delegate, our committees upon scholarship and uniform examinations are all seeing to it that she is prepared, prepared not only to meet our rivals in the sorority world, but in the broader world which we enter after leaving college.

I cannot close these brief remarks without expressing to Zeta Chapter and Baltimore *alumnæ* the very great appreciation of the Grand Council and the delegates at this convention for their most cordial hospitality. It has indeed been a pleasure to be with you.

And on my own behalf I wish to express to all members present my great appreciation of the courtesies you have bestowed upon me. My greatest wish is that Gamma Phi may ever continue to increase in honor and renown.

CARRIE E. MORGAN (*Gamma*).

THE ARMY AND THE NAVY

The army and the navy—we have them both in Gamma Phi Beta—the army in the East and the navy in the West. Why do I place the navy in the West? I have the evidence of my own senses as well as the testimony of a coast captain. She said she liked Los Angeles better than any other place on earth because there you could live for ten months of the year, even if for the other two you had to paddle. I happened to be in Seattle for part of the rainy season—a sort of preparatory training to the course in navigation I was obliged to take in Oregon. There in Eugene I learned to wear a raincoat, rain hat, even rubber boots, and look like all the rest of the inhabitants—a regular duck. And I agree with their favorite yell. They are the wettest dry state in the nation.

The rest of our navy—our California fleet—was just getting ready for their winter cruise when I came sailing their way. That was a fortunate circumstance for it enabled me to get my “land legs” again before stopping with the army.

Our army in the East (anything the other side of the Rockies is east to The Pacific Coast) is holding rather an extensive territory for only sixteen units. The old guard of Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Epsilon, and Theta needs no introduction. And the coast guard on the Atlantic, though few in numbers, is doing valiant work. Perhaps the most interesting portion of our army is the infantry. There they come—Rho, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, and Phi. They know the rules for the early fall drives—you just watch their pledge lists next October. You see, we have tried many successful experiments on them, for they are most amenable subjects. I cannot forbear a mention of the home guard, although some of them are so industriously pursuing the New Idea that they are anywhere except at home. But to hear the rest of them talk about Betty's new tooth, Billy's measles, or so and so's engagement, you can have no doubt as to the success of the home guard.

This army and navy is governed by a war college which holds four or five sessions a year in a fort on Lake Michigan. Miss Morgan, Miss Sheldon, Miss Nachtrieb come hurrying into the Colonial Room of the Blackstone where, of course, Miss Thompson is waiting. I never saw such a woman. You can't beat her; she is always ahead of you.

The first matter up for discussion is a gown on Michigan Avenue which the general wants for morning wear at convention. But when she had priced it and had translated the clerk's glib answer of—"one seventy-five" into plain English at one hundred and seventy five dollars, she decided not to make the purchase.

This calls forth a dissertation from Miss Grandy—who has arrived meanwhile with much ado—on the deplorable state of business English, which reminds her that the corresponding secretaries are in an English state even more deplorable. Will the Visiting Delegate please tell the chapters, etc. (Thus she gets her instructions.)

Miss Richardson, having come a bit later, here breaks in with, "Well, I can't wait any longer to tell you that we have \$4235.27 in the treasury!" While we are all speechless over the good news, the L. W. T., Balance Wheel, says, "Well that's fine—but you must remember that convention expenses will have to come out of that—and a lot of other things, too!" Kill-joy.

And the only thing that revives us is the general's reminder that it is half past one—almost time for luncheon.

The Zeta girls who asked me to respond to this toast very kindly said, "We thought you, as Visiting Delegate, might be able to tell us how to improve our weak points so as to become more efficient." My dear Sisters, I have been doing nothing but that since I came to Baltimore until convention minutes fairly reek with my name. Please let us draw a curtain over any more.

"Government efficiency is to be the rule in times of peace to secure efficiency in time of need." So it should be and so it is in Gamma Phi Beta. Our government efficiency is improving constantly. But better still our knowledge and love of the sorority is growing greater so that I know wherever our general leads, be it in times of peace or in time of need, there we will follow with all the efficiency at our command and with the undying love of Gamma Phi Beta in our hearts.

INVENTIONS

PROGRESS IN GAMMA PHI BETA

It is a trite saying that "invention is the mother of progress" but a swift glance at history confirms it as true. What might we be today were it not for the invention of the compass, and the printing press? Would we be witnessing this terrible war were it not for the "new things" in explosives and guns? Would we be living in comfort and ease were it not for the practical application of electricity—not so long ago a new field? As the industrial world has progressed by the adoption of inventions, so Gamma Phi

has advanced from one chapter at Syracuse, 1874, with its narrow influence to a national sorority with twenty-one chapters scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. You know better than I, a member of the infantry, the milestones which mark her progress, the acquisition of chapters, and the adoption of policies which make her today a leader in the sorority world. But it remains for us, the new chapters, to add to the fame and influence and glory of our dear Gamma Phi. Let us not in the future spurn the new but ever seek the best among the good; and north, south, east, and west, join hands in work, play, thought, and frolic, that our "crescent may ever prove a symbol of the growth of our sorority."

GAMMA PHI BETA WORKERS IN THE WORLD—*The Alumnae*
Madam Toastmistress, Dear Sisters in $\Gamma \Phi B$:

When the message came to me that I was to have a toast at the banquet, I was in Washington. As it was my first visit I was much impressed with the beauty of the city and of beautiful Mt. Vernon. However, I was more impressed with the fact that the White House grounds were closed to visitors, the streets and buildings guarded by soldiers and secret service men, and that general undercurrent of seriousness that one met everywhere in the capitol.

As I was thinking of all this in relation to Gamma Phi, her alumnae, and their work in the industrial world, there came to me the names of many who are well known in the industrial world. Each active chapter can think of a long list of her own alumnae and we all can recall those in the sorority at large. Then I thought of the second page of THE CRESCENT with its many names. There are the grand officers, all women trained in their particular branches of work. Even the names of the standing committees bring the industrial world to our thought, the expansion, training more girls to be loyal alumnae and workers; the social service, training for work for others; the endowment, training in the work of raising the sinews of service.

In the struggle from '61 to '65 women took their part as nurses, members of the sanitary commission, or by suffering and working at home. To them we give all honor. In the fifty years since then many branches of work and service have been opened to women and training in all lines given to them.

If the serious crisis which seems so near comes to our beloved country, women will have to give of their service to the nation and take up the work of the men that they may be released for more active service. Who among the women of America will be better fitted to do this than the college-educated women? They can quickly, efficiently, and loyally enroll themselves in the work of the nation. Of these women there will be none who, in my opinion,

will be better prepared or more loyal than the alumnæ of Gamma Phi Beta because of their faith in the principles for which the three letters, $\Gamma \Phi B$, stand and because they will give their work in faith and good-will.

MARY J. WELLINGTON (*Boston*).

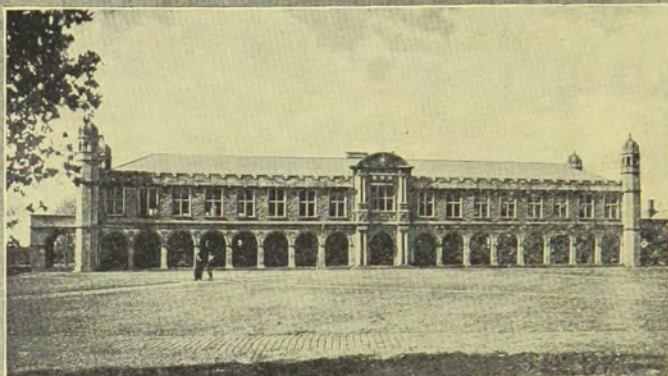
GAMMA PHI PREPARED TO HELP THE NATION

(A lonely one waiteth from a cold compress, while the convention is being instructed by "Suppressed Desires.")

When this Gamma Phi to convention did start
 With heart palpitation,
 And *Some* trepidation,
 There reposed in the innermost depths of her heart
 A deep inspiration
 Of help to the nation.
 This took shape in the form of a most solemn tract.
 Although the intention
 Was one of prevention
 Of ought which should prove to be dry, it's a fact
 To me they did mention
 That, to close convention,
 A toast should be sensible, solemn, severe,
 (No mental obsession—
 No *light* impression
 Which, mayhap, should bespeak for the ensuing year
 A chance retrogression
 Instead of progression.)
 But fate intervened, then sat back to rejoice.
 And her work was not slack,
 For such things she's a knack!
 For me was the prospect—a toast, and no voice!
 Our brains we did rack.
 "*How on earth*" get it back?
 The poor nation was waiting, her needs were most sore.
 'Twas Gamma Phi's share
 To help her out there.
 There seemed no way out, though our wild locks we tore,
 Till we solved the bugbear
 How through troubles she'd fare.
 The nation, at present seems somewhat inclined
 To fear for the worst,
 And feel rather accursed,
 And her the affairs of the world seem to grind.
 In cares she's immersed;
 If her fate were reversed!

Her state much the same as the state of my mind
 When it first came to be
 That no voice *was* for me,
And I cast me about, consolation to find,
 And discovered with glee
 I unworried could be.
Almost always whenever a thing goes quite wrong
 You will find, if you try,
 And your energies ply,
There is more than sufficient cause for a song.
 Then it came to my eye:
 "Lo—the *waiter*!" said I.
No matter how troubling the question may be,
 And he puzzles a while,
 To him it's a *trial*!
Since he cannot remember *who* ordered the tea,
 He gives us a smile,
 Quite free from all guile.
Wherever you go you'll find someone who'll worry
 O'er a threatening sky,
 Or chance war, by and by,
But nothing need ever put you in a flurry,
 There's a smile in your eye,
 You're fore'er Gamma Phi.
Preparedness
 You know a Gamma Phi prepares
 To fit herself for life.
 She does not feel content to be
 Armed merely for hot strife.
 Since *joy* is *so* contagious
 This is my estimation:
 To smile *forever* is to be
 Prepared to help the nation.

IRENE CUYKENDALL (*Alpha*).



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY VIEWS

Ridgley Library
 McMillan Hall, A Dormitory for Women
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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

BY ELIZABETH CHAPIN (*Phi*)

Washington University has no narrow scope. It does not aim, it is true, to duplicate all the work of the free State institutions surrounding it, nor does it hope to rival some of these in number of

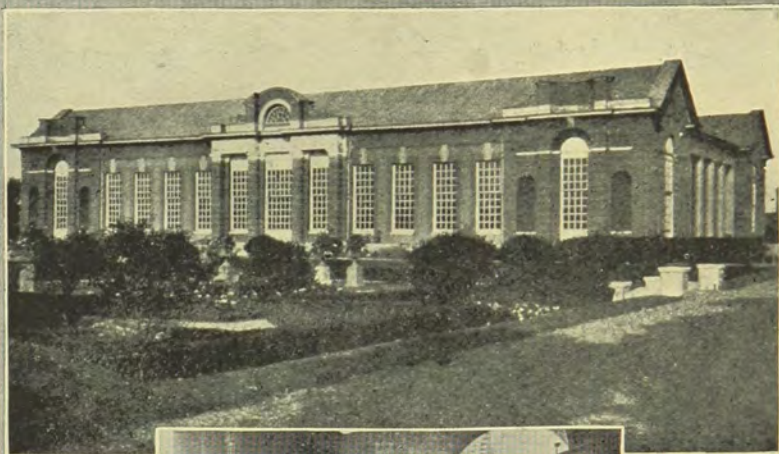


GRAHAM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

students but does aim to be second to none in the character of its faculty and equipment and in the quality of its work. These ideals are justified by its location in the greatest city of the Middle West and Southwest. As the center and the commercial metropolis of this, the most populous and prosperous section of the Union, St. Louis reaches all portions of the territory with the activities of her commercial and financial institutions. Anyone pursuing his studies in such a spot enjoys many incidental educational advantages.

With its main campus on a breezy plateau at the edge of the largest and finest of the city's parks, called Forest Park, a recreation ground with an area of 1,400 acres, and flanked by attractive residential districts, the University offers to its students the double advantage of healthful and beautiful surroundings and easy access to metropolitan life. As much as any citizens of St. Louis, they may have the benefit of its music, its drama, its art collections, its large public and private libraries, its industrial and political activities, and—perhaps most important of all—its social atmosphere. The intermingling of people from all parts of this country and from different countries of the world at this meeting point, the complex conditions of society, and the active intellectual movements, all conduce to a tolerance and open-mindedness on the part of the population, which are highly stimulating to the student brought into contact with the community.

The University comprises the College, the School of Engineering, the School of Architecture, the Henry Shaw School of Botany, the Law School, the Medical School, the Dental School and the



THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Exterior View
A Classroom
The Reading-room

School of Fine Arts. Upon the main campus are fourteen buildings of pink Missouri granite and Bedford limestone. The style is Tudor Gothic and Elizabethan. Here are housed the College, the School of Engineering, the School of Architecture, the Law School, and the School of Fine Arts. There are also the General Library, the engineering laboratories, Graham Memorial Chapel, Tower Hall and Liggett Hall (dormitories for men), McMillan Hall (dormitories for women), and Francis Gymnasium. The Medical School, one of the three finest in the country, occupies buildings which face the eastern end of Forest Park. The Dental School is located down town and the Henry Shaw School of Botany is situated in the Missouri Botanical Garden.

At the extreme western end of the campus is the Francis Gymnasium with Francis Field adjoining. The gymnasium has a suspended running track of fifteen laps to the mile, and is well provided with modern apparatus as well as with baths and dressing rooms. Francis Field is reputed to be one of the finest athletic fields in the country. The football gridirons and baseball diamonds in the center are enclosed by a third-of-a-mile track with 220 yard straightaway. The concrete grand stand will seat 10,000 people. Close to the field are excellent tennis courts.

HISTORY OF TAU UPSILON

Tau Upsilon was organized at Washington University for the purpose of petitioning Gamma Phi Beta. The first interest of the group in Gamma Phi Beta dates back to the time when Constance Roach returned to St. Louis from Vassar College and entered Washington University as a junior. Mrs. F. L. Coleman (Erma Hurd, Alpha), talked to her about the need for another sorority in the Department of Arts and Science at Washington; she suggested that Gamma Phi Beta, if earnestly petitioned by a strong and suitable group of girls might sanction the establishing of a chapter there. Constance became enthusiastic at once and gained the interest of two other girls, Beatrice and Dorothy Jennings. These three worked together during the spring of nineteen fifteen, and in their first work, as through all the later existence of the group, they were inspired and advised by the St. Louis alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta.

On March the twenty-seventh, nineteen fifteen, the first step toward expansion was taken when the three girls went to tea at the home of Mrs. A. L. Harris (Elsie McLain, Beta), where they met Miss Margaret McGregory (Beta, now Mrs. C. W. Taylor), and Miss Margery Rosing (Beta, now Mrs. W. C. G. Kirchner).

With the advice of these three Gamma Phi Betas, the girls planned a party, which was given on the seventh of April at the home of Beatrice and Dorothy Jennings. At this time five University girls had the pleasure of meeting the four St. Louis Gamma Phi Betas and, as a result, four of the girls—Esther Lucas, Ada Marie Kelly, Marion Griffith, and Mary Callahan—after being approved by the Gamma Phi Betas, were invited to join the group. On the twenty-third of April these girls met at the Jennings home and formally organized under the name of Beta Phi. During the next month the members of Beta Phi held weekly meetings off the campus, and having seen that Lois Keim, a freshman from Carthage, Missouri, was a girl of forceful and attractive personality, they invited her to join the group. To their great delight, Lois gave her pledge on May the eleventh.

At the request of Beta Phi Miss Marie Goodman of Kansas City (Beta) visited St. Louis on the twenty-first and twenty-second of May. Miss Goodman met the girls at a delightfully informal party at the home of Mrs. Coleman. Besides greatly increasing the enthusiasm of the group, Miss Goodman gave added weight to her visit by interviewing Miss Martha G. McCaulley, the Dean of Women. They discussed the opportunities for a new sorority at the University, but Miss McCaulley felt herself pledged to give Delta Gamma—then only one year established—another year's chance before admitting a fourth national sorority.

Even this rather discouraging decision, however, could not entirely crush the spirit of the organization. After some quiet rushing at the opening of the school term in September, Beta Phi pledged seven fine girls, Elizabeth Baker, Margaret Ewing, Eleanor Berry, Elizabeth Callaway, Elizabeth Chapin, Lucile Riedel, and Grace Sewing. With this added strength, Beta Phi took heart and rented a double suite of rooms in McMillan Hall, the women's dormitory; these they furnished in Jacobean style with blue hangings.

Just before the eleventh of November, the whole group was in a whirl of excitement. They had invited Miss Goodman and Miss Ethel Garbutt of Milwaukee (Gamma), to visit them. Miss Winifred Douglass of St. Louis (Gamma), very graciously smoothed the way for the meeting by entertaining them all with a delightful "500" party at her home. Then the group invited the Gamma Phi Betas to have luncheon with them on the following day. Their whole visit was very comforting and friendly, and the girls were greatly inspired by the talks that Miss Goodman and Miss Garbutt gave on Friday afternoon—it was the first glimpse of Gamma Phi Beta ideals as such, and they were thrilled and

uplifted by them; indeed they have never lost the impetus given by that visit. On Saturday morning, Miss Garbutt and Miss Goodman talked with Miss McCaulley, who praised the personality and ideals of Beta Phi, but said she wished to try the strength of the organization in independent existence as a local Greek-letter sorority.

In consideration of this decision, and in accordance with Miss Garbutt's advice, Beta Phi accepted Miss McCaulley's very gracious offer of announcing the group in the school paper, "Student Life." At Miss McCaulley's suggestion, the name of the group was changed from Beta Phi,—which she thought too much like Pi Beta Phi—to Tau Upsilon,—a name approved by alumnae and delegates of Gamma Phi Beta.

The announcement was followed by an invitation to join the local Panhellenic association. Tau Upsilon became a member of Panhellenic on January the sixth.

Being thus placed on an equal footing with the other sororities, Tau Upsilon followed the tradition of the University that each sorority shall give one reception every year to the faculty and students of the University. A reception was given on January the eighth at the home of Margaret Ewing. In the receiving line were Mrs. Kirchner, Miss McCaulley, Mrs. F. A. Hall (the wife of the then Acting-Chancellor, now Chancellor Hall), Mrs. Ewing, and Constance Roach. The color scheme was white and yellow and narcissi were used to decorate the table. Many of the guests were kind enough to say that this was one of the most successful teas ever given at the University.

Just after this occasion, Tau Upsilon was made still prouder and happier by two events. The first was the pledging of Margaret Johnson, a junior, distinguished by dignity and charm. The second was the fact that Tau Upsilon ranked second in the fraternity scholastic standing as published by the Registrar. The girls by this time were very proud of the growth and strength of Tau Upsilon, and encouraged by the sympathy of the St. Louis Gamma Phi Betas, prepared and sent out their petition for a chapter of the national sorority before college closed in June.

All during the summer of nineteen sixteen the girls held regular meetings at their homes, and shortly before the opening of the University pledged Grace Lewis, a talented junior. After matriculation day Tau Upsilon, as a member of the local Panhellenic association, did some very strenuous rushing. As a result five fine girls—Julia Jonah, Sarah Kennedy, Frances Lucas, Josephine Michael, and Frances Murch—were pledged. Then followed busy months during which Miss Garbutt, Miss Goodman, and Miss Nachtrieb each visited the group.

On December the eleventh Tau Upsilon gave its first Formal at the beautiful Midland Valley Country Club, and a little later on the night before the holidays pledged Charlotte Robertson, a most attractive freshman. Pleasure did not cease with the holidays, however, for soon after their return the girls pledged Dorothy Hetlage, another very desirable freshman.

January the thirteenth was a day much anticipated by the members of Tau Upsilon for it had been chosen by them as the date for their second reception. That day however, went far beyond their greatest expectations, for on the morning of the thirteenth arrived that much dreamed of telegram,—and their's was the charter. The reception that afternoon was indeed a celebration.

From that time the girls thought of and planned for the installation of Phi Chapter which took place February twenty-third and twenty-fourth, nineteen seventeen.

THE INSTALLATION

BY ELIZABETH BAKER (*Phi*)

This tale *should* begin on the *tea* of January thirteenth, when just as the members of Tau Upsilon were going quietly and peacefully to their several homes to bedeck themselves with purple and fine linen, a Telegram (I spells this Telegram with a capital T) arrived. It was typewritten on yellow paper—it should have been illuminated on crimson tissue! “Just like Miss Morgan”—wrote Margaret Nachtrieb when she heard it came on the day of our tea. And now that we know Miss Morgan, so say we all of us.

The atmosphere of the reception—need I say it—was strained but glorious—we were full of ecstasy—almost hung the telegram on wires for exhibition in the reception hall! A good idea—but our newly acquired sense of dignity frowned on Nonsense. We did not do it.

When we had finished (for the time) being congratulated and writing notes of acknowledgment, we turned the full force of our 120 horse power brains on plans for installation. Our problem was thus:

Given:

2 days and
5 events
+6 delegates

To prove:

$2 \div (5+6)$

—= 1 installation.

21 chapter members and 7 alumnæ

The solution was triumphant if unexpected; things did not go as they were planned—they went much better. To begin with, on Thursday night we acquired two human angels from Omicron—a small, but competent thing with red hair—the joy of our hearts—Lucile Peirson. A long, dark one, very good-looking, with an unexpectedly sense of humor—great addition to any home—Ruth McElhiny. We were strong for 'em by 9 P. M.

The next morning I personally found Miss Morgan alone in the Union Station; she had left Margaret Nachtrieb behind in a snow-storm. Miss Morgan and mother and I waited about an hour; but when Miss Nachtrieb did not come I reluctantly left Miss Morgan at her hotel, and went to college where we were attending classes (all morning) in a state of detachment; registering profound intelligence and interest, but meanwhile mentally occupied with strictly practical considerations—who's to buy the candles—where shall I get some lunch, etc., etc.! I was fortunate on Friday to be "among those present" at the charming luncheon Mrs. Allen Briggs (Winifred Douglas, Gamma) gave for our guests at her home.

After luncheon we were transported to Margaret Johnson's home where the pledge service was to be held. First, though, we had the excitement and anxiety of choosing our pins. When that important business was completed and everything had quieted down, the pledging began. It is hardly the place of the infant chapter to say just how beautiful we thought the pledge service; but we can't help feeling that nothing *could* be much more lovely and impressive.

Food seemed superfluous and mundane after the wonder of a service we had just witnessed; but having been previously assured that we'd need our strength for initiation—we dutifully departed to a neat little tearoom where everyone absorbed glorified tea in complete unconsciousness of her surroundings until Margaret Nachtrieb, Nina Gresham, and Lillian Johnston turned up, and roused us to some hospitably intended activity.

At eight o'clock the ceremonies of initiation were prepared. Concerning them I can only say that they were even more impressive and beautiful than anything we had imagined; they cannot fail to be an inspiration as well as a beautiful memory to every member of Phi Chapter.

It was a complete jolt to one's nervous system to be forced by given necessity to attend classes as usual on Saturday morning; but we were fast learning endurance, and versatility. At 2:30 in the afternoon, for instance, we had a model Gamma Phi business meeting (Miss Morgan and Margaret Nachtrieb organized us) and at 5:00 we were entertaining Panhellenic delegates at tea.

By seven-thirty, however, the guests and members of Phi Chapter were prepared to banquet in state (at the Washington Hotel, in case anyone wants to know just where.) Of course there were Gamma Phi decorations—there were Gamma Phi speeches and toasts from Miss Morgan, Margaret Nachtrieb, Winifred Briggs, Lucile Pierson, and Constance Roach—all full of inspiration and joy for the new chapter.

Our pledges were at the banquet too—drinking in wisdom and enthusiasm—excellent things for the young. We felt very proud, because the banquet, and a great many other details of installation were planned and carried out by these same pledges. It was almost impossible to dissolve the banquet—we hated to have it end; but exhaustion drove us off to profound slumber, which terminated for most of us late the following morning (Sunday, in case you have forgotten).

Margaret Nachtrieb spent Sunday afternoon enlightening our ignorance on many points. She has a most convincing line of talk and we are still grateful to her for making things so clear.

When all was over, and we began to grow reminiscent, our dominant emotions were thankfulness, because everything had worked out so well—and gratitude to the people who made the installation possible for us—and to Gamma Phi—for the ideals for which she stands—and for the opportunity of doing our part toward her greatness.

APRIL, 1917

Up and down the Avenue

Flags fluttered free:

Huge flags, silken flags, a fair sight to see.

The East Wind shook their shining folds and brought their songs to me,

And "Thanks," they sang, and "Service"—

But I said, "Wait and see—

The flags of the Avenue have spoken."

Up and down the city streets

Flags fluttered free:

Big flags, little flags, a grand sight to see.

The East Wind shook their colors out and brought their song to me,

And "Pride" they sang, and "Faithfulness"—

But I said, "Wait and see—

The flags of the City have spoken."

Up and down the alley-ways

Flags fluttered free:

Little flags, cheap flags, a brave sight to see.
The East Wind shook their faded folds and brought their song to me,
And "Hope," they sang, "For all poor men"—
But I said, "Wait and see—
The flags of New England have spoken."

Up and down and nation-wide
Flags flutter free:
Flags on lonely ranches, flags on ships at sea.
All the winds of heaven, they bring their song to me,
And "Hope," they sang, and "Service"—"Love, Pride, and
Liberty."
East and West and North and South—
"Let the world wait and see,
For the flags of America are speaking."

KATHARINE ALDRICH WHITING.

HEARTS' HABITANT

Forget not, Sleep, that I would dream tonight
Upon that eve, of golden eves the last;
And thou, Time, tarry, poised in moveless flight,
And link the lingering Present with the Past.

So shall the slow stars move into the dark;
So shall the moon rise; so, declining, cease.
The shrouded, silent marching moments mark
How deep my dream, how passionate my peace.

And when, O Night, bearing thy benison,
Thou goest, and all the brilliant waves of day
Roll in upon the surges of the sun,
Locked in the thought of Love, I take my way—

A shadow moving on a shadowy wold
Until the gyre of the clocks shall close;
Then rapt I wait, while twilight bells are tolled,
For Love to cross a field of dusky rose.

ESTHER WILLARD BATES.

THE BY-PRODUCTS OF PAGEANTRY

BY ESTHER WILLARD BATES—Author of *Pageants and Pageantry*

Some ten years ago, when Mr. Louis N. Parker wrote his first pageant and staged it at Bury St. Edmunds, and every spectator went away thrilled with the beauty and patriotism of the presentation, few of even the most ardent admirers felt that a new dramatic form had been invented which would probably take a permanent place among our public festivals. Each successive year, when the summer had witnessed dozens of out-door pageants designed to celebrate their native towns, and every winter has been punctuated with symbolic performances ranking, but perhaps not so closely, among the pageant types, pageant lovers have feared that a project embraced with such enthusiasm might wear itself out. But the first decade of pageantry is past, and the observance is now firmly established. Many towns are preparing this winter for a local fête next summer, and at least four books on this or kindred subjects have been issued within the last six months. Just why this form of drama, most beautiful and striking at its best, and inexpressibly tiresome, monotonous, and heavy at its worst, should achieve popularity, is interesting to consider. For one thing, its structure and contents make it peculiarly available to the amateur, so much of the acting is pantomimic, so much is merely processional, and the rest slender in its demands of dramatic expression. Literary art is rarely present in the dialogue and prologues. Indeed, the contributor to the poets' corner in the country gazette is considered more than adequate to the occasion. Since the typical incident is historic, the plot lies ready to the dramatist's hand, and his salient epigrams have already been recorded by considerate tradition. The site also, is there. Here, on this dusty street, marched the minute men; there, a witch was hanged; over yonder, one night, the Indians made their ghastly raid, and so on. All the essentials are provided before the project is even thought upon. These are the reasons why such an observance should be so universally adopted. It has the touch of antiquarianism so fashionable at this decade and it is entirely adapted to the capacities of the amateur.

Moreover, the small town and village, opened up as it has been by the influx of summer visitors, has come to realize its own individuality and value. It has sought to publish these in many instances by a celebration of Old Home Week. Such an occasion requires a fitting entertainment as a climax, and this pageantry supplies. All that the spectator should carry away in his mind, it presents in dramatic form—the history, the great men, the daring colonists, the revolutionary hero, the schools, and, not least impor-

tant, the present industries. It chimes in well with the unveiling of monuments, centenaries, the dedication of the town hall, and the various and admirable observances of the revolutionary and other historical societies. It publishes the work of the latter; and it opens up the colonial and frontier houses which have been bought for antiquarian museums. It exhibits their possessions, and it engages fellow-townsmen in an ideal activity, and thereby promotes democracy.

If the rural community needs the pageant, no less does the city. A nation composed of once-alien people has a keener need for such observances than any other. How else can we instill into Slav, Celt, and Scandinavian the lofty purposes for which this land was founded? And if we have much to bring to such peoples, they can give us much in return—their dances, their plastic, naturally dramatic instincts, their overflowing social coöperation, and their magnificent enthusiasms. When the pageant is not so much a glorification of the past as a promise of the future, it will show them clearly what patriotism is, as distinguished from chauvinism. The past is only the foundation and we dwell upon it, in our community drama, because from that we shall build.

The civic conscience has been pretty thoroughly awakened of late in regard to its duty toward the newly arrived brethren, and its duty to the rural districts has been presented to it more recently. But the rural district is far from being indisposed to help itself and many towns have been seeking, within a few years, to advertise their resources. As a publicity agent pageantry reaches the height of efficiency. Every large daily within a reasonable distance has gladly chronicled the local pageant, whether it occurred in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, or New York. This is partly because the average pageant has been conducted by an individual of some distinction, and partly because someone of the literary guild, who is glad to write up so unique a drama, is among the spectators or performers. In its own region, the library and the stores hang forth posters and announcements, the country gazette publishes details with lavish generosity, the churches, granges, guilds, and orders proclaim it at their meetings, and that most perfect of advertising mediums, word-of-mouth, is busiest. The size and the cosmopolitan make-up of the cast help to spread enthusiasm and to rally a record-breaking audience.

The result, in regard to the business activities of the town, is excellent. The localities in New England and elsewhere which rely largely on summer boarders for prosperity are legion. A pageant attracts thousands where hundreds have been. The summer boarder is followed by the summer cottager, and he, in turn,

fetches the summer hotel in his wake. The migratory dweller may not be popular socially with the native; indeed, we know many sins of tactless patronage may be held at his door, but his money is not unwelcome. The Egyptian may be despised, but he is none the less often despoiled. A pageant which unites those equally intelligent classes, the farmer and the citizen, the host and his boarder, in mutual friendliness and coöperation, contributes most excellently well to the development of that sometime unpopular district, the farming region.

Remote, truly, is the place which has not now a woman's club. These organizations have absorbed many activities, hitherto participated in by less disinterested and enthusiastic hands. Civic betterment has never before been so clearly identified with the functions of any social body. It takes a group of idealistic women to work with high-minded unity of purpose. Moreover there are always women who have at least a modicum of leisure to devote to such enterprises as are involved in pageantry. The functions of the typical club point to just such forms of activity. Does the club have classes in dancing and gymnasium work? There, already provided, are dancers to brighten the episodes. Does it have lectures? Have some on local history, and there is the foundation for the pageant material. Is there a class for literary study? Let these look up further data and prepare a text. Does it give an annual entertainment for the purpose of raising money for charity, for scholarships, for town betterment? Let this entertainment take the form of a pageant, and its novelty will fetch spectators from forty miles away, and fill club coffers in such a way that every man in town will be perishing to advise in the disposal thereof. Let the most efficient of the members, she who put the clubhouse through, see to the scaffolding and the seats. Let the artist design the costumes, and let the largest committee of all proceed to the making of them. Let the wife of the newspaper man see to the programs, that their supplementary advertisements may pay for their cost, and let the wife of the proprietor of the largest store be given the properties to provide, and so on. And, I beg of you, provide a gracious and conscientious individual to see that everything borrowed is returned safely, well packed, cleaned, and in good order, and that every donor is thanked by your secretary in a courteous, warm-hearted little note. In addition to this, give every firm who has granted the club favors at this time, a notice, appreciatively worded, in the program.

With such a club, we have all the elements of the successful pageant. It is not necessary to employ a professional pageant master to conduct the entertainment. Even the best of them

are apt to fall into a rut, and we shall not want our pageant to be the twin of that given in a neighboring town. The best by far of all the pageants are those which have been planned and executed by amateurs.

There is no community, however small, that has not within itself all the component parts that make up a spirited and delightful celebration, and that will not gladly benefit from the advertising, the renewed *esprit de corps*, the study of local history, the social contact, and the proceeds of the box office. Then let us not permit this spontaneous, native truly democratic form of dramatic expression to decline. Our plays and dances were rudely amputated, some centuries ago, by our well-meaning but misguided Puritan ancestors, and it is only within a few decades that the ecclesiastical ban upon pastimes has been lightened. In all probability, pageantry will survive because of its own admirable qualities, and not entirely through the enthusiasm of its devotees. It has not yet become perfected, but its productions are reaching, each year, a more and more artistic and beautiful form of dramatic expression.

THE SORORITY AND HOME LIFE

BY VIRGINIA H. CORBETT (*Dean of Women in Colorado Agricultural College*)

Along with June come roses, the "perfect days" promised by the poet, commencement at college and the sorority girls are ready to return to the home roof tree. The sisters who have idealized during the college year the tie that binds each to all will scatter, and the various homes will claim once more the daughters.

Just what claim has the home on this beautiful phase of college life which has come to the college girl as a new and happy experience? Is the home circle to be entirely excluded because of the vows of secrecy which add the charm of mystery to the sorority; or are the principles of love, loyalty, fidelity, sincerity, and the other virtues exalted in the ritual, to be a part of life, to be shared with all whom life touches? It was the home that gave the model for the first sorority; for the ideal, which came to the group of college girls who first dreamed out this feature of college life, was the relation of sister in the family. Separated from home by the requirements of college days, they substituted for the old tie the group of congenial friends who should be as sisters.

It was Pat, the Irishman, who said "Ould friends are the best, and I can prove it to ye. Jist tell me where ye can find a new friend that has shtud by ye as long as the ould." And it is these dear old friends, the home folks—the first and best friends—who

have spared the college daughter, and who now have a right to expect some returns from the sorority other than increased bills, snobbery, and extravagant taste. The principles which in the sorority are exalted as ideals can be practiced to good advantage in the home. All the fine qualities which the sorority develops can here find adequate drill ground. The growth in ingenuity and leadership may be applied to home problems, the courtesy and forbearance, so necessary in the chapter-house, will find exercise in the family circle, and both home and community may share in some of the clever entertainments which can be adapted for other than college occasions.

The home offers a large field for the trained energy of the college woman, and an eager world waits to see how the women who are leaving college halls will respond to the call for a solution to some of the vexed problems of modern life. Will the college woman who has worked out "originals" in her student life be satisfied to join the mad scramble for social prestige, and do as the rest do in the social whirl—or will she bring trained intelligence to bear upon home and social problems? Can she be willing to tread the wheel in her squirrel cage, making motion but no progress, or will she rise above the pettiness which can fancy that happiness depends upon an oriental rug, a lace curtain, or a formal dinner?

No broader opportunity for a career need be sought by the college woman than that offered by her own home and community. Use this field as an experiment station in sympathetic helpfulness and applied good sense and the home will rejoice that the daughter went to college.

THE NEWEST CRUSADE

Henrietta Roelofs, Executive, Commission on Household Employment, National Board of Young Women's Christian Association

Life has lost its thrill. There seems to be no idea that is new enough to be startling. A young college senior may mount a soap box and harangue the crowd on woman suffrage and the passer-by will hardly raise an eyebrow. To be a militant and smash windows might cause a slight excitement, but who wants to copy England? Alas, there is nothing more original to do in the suffrage movement.

It is also respectable today to be a Prohibitionist, and even millionaires are beginning to believe in the eight-hour day. It may seem discreet to refrain from mentioning feminism too openly before one's uncles and aunts at vacation time, but that little flavor of naughtiness which made it so delightful to be termed a feminist seems to be disappearing.

What will have been the use of a college education if one has not found a new cause to champion? To graduate, to return home, and be swallowed up by propriety and neutrality, takes away all reason for having embarked on the quest of knowledge. Is there no one left to be shocked and is there nothing to shock with? Is there no new cause to champion, nothing to be a martyr for? A school boy, in writing a résumé of the Vision of Sir Launfal which had been read to him, said, "Sir Launfal went out to find the holy quail but standing at his gate he found a leopard." If you are out looking for game in the way of a cause to champion, open your eyes and at your very gates you will find, not a little quail but a big leopard, a cause with a great big C—the labor problem of the household employee. If you really want spice in life, if you are craving opposition, if you long to be called a labor agitator, a visionist, an erratic, if you are keen to suffer for your convictions, tell the truth about household employment. It will have the effect of a bomb. You may be ostracized from polite society, that is, the society of respectable married people over twenty-five.

The National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association has started on a crusade and is looking for crusaders. Will you join? Let me tell you how it happened.

That would be a strange woman's organization which did not at some epoch in its development repeat with new seriousness the old refrain, "We really must do something about the servant problem. It is getting unbearable." The usual reaction follows. A committee is appointed. A report is brought in advocating the thorough training of all maids. Announcement is made to the world that maids ought henceforth to take training. But nothing happens and the public again settles down into its accustomed complaining attitude to wait for the next woman's club to come along with its little flare.

It may have been purely accidental, or it may have been with eyes open to all the dangers ahead, that the late Miss Grace H. Dodge appointed as members of the inevitable domestic service committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, women who have the crusading spirit, and who love the truth more than comfort.

The problem of domestic service or household employment, according to employers, can be stated quite simply. "Not enough maids; very inefficient maids." It seems ridiculous, and yet it is a fact, that for decade after decade employers never once thought of asking the average, normal young wage-earner why she boycotted household employment. Even if the young wage-earner, unasked, had spoken, her voice would not have been heard above the vociferous proclaiming by the employers of the joys and advantages of

housework. While the employers have been so intent upon extolling the beauties of home life, the workers have folded their tents like the Arabs, and have silently stolen away, directing their steps toward the factory, store, and office.

The remnant which is still to be found in housework resembles not at all that group of faithful, loyal, stalwart, righteous heroes with which we grew familiar in our Bible story days. This is a remnant of misfits: immigrant orphans, run-away step-daughters, unsteady drifters, unskilled hopefuls earning money to get ready for something else, with a sprinkling of fine, wholesome, capable girls who still find joy in the household accomplishments. Such a group does not lend itself to efficiency and training, and as long as the demand for workers far exceeds the supply, why should they spend energy and effort and money in training for efficiency. If today a college were boycotted and there were no requests for admission, how natural it would be to ask young women why they did not like that college. If a town saw all its capable girls boycotting the teaching profession and preparing for business positions, how natural to ask the young women to state their objections to teaching and to describe the greater attractions found in business. And it probably would not be long before the schools would be reformed. Therefore, how natural to ask wage-earning girls who are choosing factory, store, and office rather than housework what the greater attraction in these other occupations is, and why they boycott household employment.

These wage-earners know and when questioned by the Commission of the National Board, they answered directly and with no hesitation. "A domestic seems a sort of slave to her employer, while a factory girl's time is her own after a certain hour." "A factory girl is out more, therefore making more acquaintances and has more time to be in the society of others and so is able to have high social standing if she has a good character." "The kitchen door is the only door open to domestics." "A girl generally takes to living at home, no matter how poor the home is."

There you have it in a nutshell, and if women would stop talking long enough to listen they would quickly find the source of all their troubles. The amusing thing is that they would hear the very things which they are preaching in their campaign for better conditions in the factory and stores, namely, limitation of hours, healthful working and living conditions, lessening of control of employer over the life of employee, justice as the foundation of all labor relations, elimination of fatigue as the basis for contentment and efficiency.

There is no adage so unpopular as "Practice what you preach," and yet that is the only inference which can be drawn from the

present situation. If it is desirable from the point of view of health and morals and efficiency to limit the working day, if it is desirable for a girl to take part in social and educational life, the doctrine applies to the occupation of household employment as well as to the factory and the store.

This then is the crusade—to stand up against the shibboleth of the sacredness of the home, to be willing to be called the destroyer of husband's comfort, the neglecter of children, the invader of the sanctity of the home, the purveyor of germs, the advocate of one meal a day, the sower of discontentment and dissension, the baneful source of all the troubles in the home since the world began. None of which is true, of course. As with all crusades, it is the effort to substitute justice for injustice, right for wrong, order for chaos; to bring about conditions which will conform to generally accepted ideals in labor relationships. Those who join in this crusade for righteousness will need far more courage and strength of will than the crusaders for factory and store justice. To join a campaign to force through legislation an eight-hour factory day is one thing; to fight for a law which will upset your own home, your own mother's happiness, your own comfort even temporarily, is another. To insist that Mr. Rockefeller shall treat generously with the union is one thing; to do housekeeping yourself, with a husband on a beginner's salary and a baby six months old, and hold consistently to trade union principles with one maid is quite another thing. Even running a sorority house in an eight or ten-hour day and a six-day week would seem simple in comparison to convincing the mother or the husband that right is right even in a home.

Why not join this crusade? I can imagine the picture which flashes across your mind at the asking of that question. An irate mother and a hot, flushed daughter, not exactly coming to blows—but there is left no doubt in the daughter's mind that she has been told to keep her hands off affairs which do not concern her. Is not that the picture? Now let us try another, one much more happy and more thrilling. The house committee of the sorority sitting with heads together, puzzling over such questions as, "How many hours do our maids work? How many ought they to work? What kind of rooms have they? Does their work prevent their having the right kind of social life? Do they have time for church? Are maids real people just as we are? Are we applying what we learned in sociology and economics and ethics to our labor relations?"

Or if you have left college and are planning for a home of your own, why not make yourself the heroine of this picture—a strong, wholesome, intelligent (and attractive, of course) college girl talking to herself in the looking glass, "No, I shall not forget all the

things I learned in college. When I am actually married and have to employ a houseworker, I shall”
 What do you suppose she really would say at that point? What ought she to say?

NOTE: The commission on Household Employment invites correspondence. Address National Board of Young Women's Christian Association at 600 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

Free Bulletins issued by Commission:

1. Opinions of Wage-earners on Household Employment.
2. Road to Trained Service in the Household.
3. What the Factory Can Teach the Housewife.

THETA WINS SCHOLARSHIP CUP

For the second time, Theta of Gamma Phi Beta has won the Scholarship Cup, given by the Woman's Panhellenic Club of Denver to the sorority at the University of Denver having the highest scholastic average. This cup, offered last year for the first time, was formally presented to Miss Kathryn Herbert at the Spring Luncheon held at the Metropole Hotel. This year at the Luncheon Miss Ethel Young represented the sorority; and if Theta should again be the fortunate winner, the cup becomes the property of the chapter. A similar cup, offered to the University of Colorado, was won by Delta Delta Delta, which sorority last year also held the trophy.

The following program was followed:

Singing of Panhellenic Song.

Business Meeting.

Presentation of Scholarship Cups.

Election of Officers.

Address—Woman and Her Responsibilities.

MISS MARY LATHROP.

THE ANNUAL THETA PLAY

“THE SPELL OF THE IMAGE”

A Three-act Drama with Prologue

Written for the occasion by

Miss Lindsey Barbee

and presented by

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

(of the University of Denver)

Saturday Evening, February 17, 1917

Woman's Club Building

PROGRAM

Characters in the Prologue

(In order of appearance)

The Host.....	Marion Smith
Phyllis Castleman, his daughter.....	Helen Strauss
Lord Burleigh.....	Ralph Hymer
Rupert Huntley.....	Otto Moore
The Gypsy.....	Evelyn Heisen
Serving Maid.....	Marian Herbert

Dancers in the Minuet

Katherine Ramsey	Ralph Hymer
Elsie Olson	Alexander Bowie
Elizabeth Hardy	Lee Webber
Edith Fales	Lionel Lonsdale
Mildred Robinson	William F. Robinson, Jr.
Martha Siple	Frank Cross
Helen Olson	Marion Smith
Helen Strauss	Otto Moore

Characters in the Play

(In order of appearance)

Kitty Aldrich, who is secretly romantic.....	Celeste Porter
Belinda, a maid, also romantic.....	Pauline Cornish
Mrs. Breckinridge, an aunt on the Castleman side..	Louise Blauvelt
Phyllis Castleman Aldrich, of modern tendencies....	Lucia Herbert
Carolyn Alexander, her best friend.....	Ethel Young
MacDonald Dunbar, a young millionaire.....	Frederick Rantschler
John Harlan, his friend and lawyer.....	Frank H. H. Roberts
Mrs. Van Alstyne, an aunt on the Aldrich side....	Mildred Nutting
Terrence Donovan, an "adventure"	William Schaetzel
Ted, an office boy.....	Stanley Young
Lester Ross, managing editor of <i>The Clarion</i>	J. Keith McLeod
Fredericka Farr, a reporter.....	Julia Ramsey
Burton Mathews, business and advertising manager of <i>The Clarion</i>	Ray Lindemann
Henry Carter, a political candidate.....	Otto Moore

SYNOPSIS

Prologue—The Castleman home, Revolutionary times.

Act I—The Castleman home. Over a century later.

(The curtain is lowered for a moment during the act to indicate a passage of several hours.)

Act II—The Clarion office. Six weeks later.

Act III—The Castleman home. The next morning.

(The curtain is lowered for a moment during the act to indicate a passage of several hours.)

Play Staged and Coached by

MISS EDNA MAE SPRAGUE

Minuet Coached by

MISS MABEL RILLING

Performance Given under the Business Management of

Miss Eunice Robinson

Miss Juanita Dunlop

and

Miss Mary Buchtel

Music Furnished by

THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER ORCHESTRA

FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

[Articles for this department were requested from Epsilon, Eta, Theta, Lambda, Mu, Nu, and Tau. All but Mu and Nu responded.]

THETA'S CULTURE PARTY

In this century when we have so many interests to claim our attention, it is necessary for college girls to choose those which are the most worth while. Such interests will differ, of course, but we should grasp not only the opportunities which tend toward rollicking good times but those which make for culture and refinement.

I think we sorority girls are apt to be so wrapped up in ourselves and each other, that we miss "the greater vision" and forget the finer things of life, such as art and music and those wonderful happenings in the world about us. How much more worth while it would be to leave out some of the luncheons and picnics and to save our money so that we might entertain at Grand Opera or claim as our guest some distinguished person.

Theta has recently looked outside her walls and has seen and heard something really interesting. Thinking we were neglecting the cultural side for the social, we decided to have what we chose to call a "culture party."

The annual spring exhibition of the Denver Artists' Club was, at the time, in the Public Library. This was an event of great interest to western people who rarely have an opportunity to see the work of our greatest American artists.

Through the influence of the secretary of the Art Society of the University, Miss Elizabeth Spalding, a charming Denver artist, addressed us on the pictures exhibited and twenty of us spent a very delightful hour with her. Miss Spalding criticized the paintings, pointing out their merits and defects and explaining the fine points which were beyond our comprehension.

So we of Theta feel that we have truly broadened our horizon by a sincere interest in one of the great movements which make for culture, and that we have gained a real understanding of the splendid canvases which at present adorn our library.

MARY MILLIGAN (*Theta*, '20).

STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT

On entering the University of California, the first thing which attracts the attention of the student is the institution of student self-government, and its immediate result, the honor spirit.

Student self-government was begun on the university campus in 1902, when the faculty transferred a great many of its powers, and duties, to the "A. S. U. C.," or Associated Students of the University of California. These powers are chiefly vested in the Student Affairs Committee. Any action on the part of a student which is not in accordance with the honor spirit of the university is expected to be reported to this committee, and the committee then acts as a sort of court to try the offender. If the offense is serious enough, the committee may recommend the dismissal of the student from the university, which recommendation has always been accepted by the president.

For a long time the Student Affairs Committee was not able to obtain the whole-hearted coöperation of the student body and the members of the faculty, partly owing to the fact that a great many faculty members did not think the honor system would work in actual practice, but mainly because neither the students nor the faculty were really well enough acquainted with the working of the system to pay a great deal of attention to it. Of course, it is no more in accordance with the honor spirit, for a professor to walk about his classroom watching the students, during an examination, than it is for the students themselves to cheat.

And right here rose the question "Does the honor spirit work? Are students more to be trusted when there are proctors in the room, or not?"

This is, of course, a question to be answered by each student individually. He must appreciate the seriousness of the question, but first of all he must know what the question is.

To supply this knowledge was at first the duty of the Welfare Committee, but recently it has been transferred to the hands of the faculty and student committees on the honor spirit.

These two committees are conducting what might be termed an advertising campaign. At the top of each set of examination questions is printed a little reminder to the student, asking him to remember that he is entirely on his own responsibility. One of the first things which senior advisers are requested to explain to freshmen is this same honor spirit. The committee even sends speakers into the various high schools of the state to explain the matter to the boys and girls who will become students in the university.

During an examination, a professor stays in the room only long enough to answer the necessary questions, and then leaves. Sometimes, of course, students do cheat; there are always some people who do not do the right thing, but in the great majority of cases the man or woman who is put on his or her honor is entirely worthy of such a trust.

THE FRATERNITY IN C. A. C.

I wish you could see Fort Collins now with the promise of spring at every turn. To the north and east runs the Cache Le Poudre River, bearing with it fond recollections of many a pleasant picnic. To the west rise the hills, unchanging yet never the same; now hazy purple, now vivid blue, sometimes covered with snow, but lately showing visible and welcome signs of fresh green foliage.

On the bank of the river and about five miles east of the mountains lies Fort Collins, noted among Colorado towns for its many and beautiful trees. Our campus is just now preparing to burst forth into a vision of beauty, for wide sloping lawns and clumps of trees and shrubbery make it one of the prettiest in the state. Soon the college farm will rival all else in beauty. Ask any lovelorn student about the shady drives, including Lovers' Lane (oh yes, we have one) when the moonbeams slant through the trees. He will swear it is unequaled.

This is the home of Tau of Gamma Phi Beta, and here may also be found several other organizations concerning which it is my purpose to make a few remarks.

The first fraternity organized in Colorado Agricultural College was Alpha Kappa Epsilon in 1903. The following year Tau Epsilon Tau, the first sorority, was established. By 1915 there had arisen six local fraternities and four local sororities. In addition to these were the centennial chapter of Alpha Zeta, installed in 1906, and Zeta Chapter of Alpha Psi, which entered in 1910.

At the present time six national fraternities are represented here besides five local organizations. Sigma Nu, the first national colle-

giate fraternity in C. A. C., absorbed Alpha Kappa Epsilon in September, 1915, just one month before the installation of Tau of Gamma Phi Beta. The following month Tau Alpha became Sigma Phi Epsilon. In a short time three more installations followed. In 1916 Phi Epsilon became Kappa Delta, and Sigma Theta Pi and Delta Phi were installed as chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Delta Delta in January and February, 1917. The latest excitement is the organization of a new sorority, Phi Zeta Chi, in March of this year.

As the student body we have always been proud of our "Aggies" and that pride is steadily growing with the development of the school. Some of this new development is undoubtedly due to the fraternities. Through them interest has been aroused among prospective students, thus enlarging our enrollment, which is steadily increasing.

College spirit, that vital but elusive something upon which depends the success of every institution, has reached its maximum of enthusiasm under the influence of the fraternity. The fraternity has furnished an incentive to higher scholarship. It has developed among students an interest in college activities.

The slogan of C. A. C. has always been Democracy, and may it ever be! Yet the fraternities and sororities are producing in our social atmosphere a finer quality than was formerly found. During the past few years the social standards have been raised to an equal footing with those of any other institution of our country. At the same time our democracy has been jealously guarded.

In the short time that has elapsed since national sororities entered here much benefit has been derived by the college from our national Panhellenic organization. This has broadened our activities by bringing us into closer contact with other colleges and their work.

I sincerely hope that future years will bring us yet more representatives of the national organizations as I feel that in no other way can the same good be accomplished.

KATHERINE LEACH (*Tau*).

"OUR SUPERIOR OFFICER" AT WASHINGTON

On the last Friday of April of each year, the men of the University of Washington don their working clothes and the women, in middies and white skirts, report to their "superior officers" for Campus Day duty. While the day is not celebrated only at Washington, it is of such long standing and unique organization and so dearly and justly loved that it is Washington's finest tradition.

Every impression of college life here is colored by the fact that during the past few years the institution has grown almost too fast to keep up with itself. In ten years it has developed from a small

college to a large university. In the present college generation there have been so many changes that it is hard for seniors to realize how things were when they matriculated four years ago. President Suzzallo once said to the students that his many innovations had no doubt been accompanied by "growing pains." Many college traditions, functions, and events have gone by the board, but Campus Day has lasted.

Fourteen years ago the two hundred and fifty acres on which the four or five university buildings were situated could hardly be called a campus. By far the greater part was forest traversed by mere trails. The two lake shores were tangles of brush. Lack of funds for needed improvements was severely felt. In the spring of 1904 Prof. Edmund S. Meany advanced the idea of a holiday on which the men of the college should build some paths through the wilderness. At the time, military training had died a natural death by becoming optional, and as an outlet for a latent love for titles the organization of Campus Day was formed upon a military basis. Professor Meany became commander-in-chief. For thirteen successive years his general, brigadier general, colonel, and major have reported to him the progress made by the privates of the pick and shovel under their class captains and lieutenants. Out of pure compliment to the girls who prepared the picnic lunch served at noon were given corresponding titles. The women's division had charge of requisitioning the baked beans, sandwiches, and cakes from the homes of the faculty and students.

From that first day when twenty girls and five faculty ladies served lunch to fifty or sixty tired, grimy men, to the present Campus Day when nearly two thousand men consume the traditional baked beans served by seven hundred girls is a long step. Now the titles bring a thrill to each one of us, for some of the boys are truly lieutenants and captains in the United States Service and the girls in the Red Cross brigade are ready to go at any minute when their call comes.

Each year there has been less clearing to do, but each year the day has grown in significance to us. Now definite duties are assigned to each class and every man has a place. The freshmen work on the athletic field, the sophomores on the golf links, the juniors on their grandstand and other arrangements for the Junior Day aquatic sports, and the seniors make the new paths and repair the old ones from the winter storms. Everyone—whether student or faculty member—works, and white collars are strictly taboo within the campus limits. The Governor of Washington, who is a frequent guest, cheerfully submits to the decree.

With the twelve o'clock whistle the hungry horde descends from all directions upon the girls who have worked feverishly since eight

o'clock making "thousands of ham sandwiches." All morning, too, the eager freshman girls carry lemonade to the workers. The clean-up squad polishes the silver cups in the trophy case in the auditorium. The crew girls work at their quarters.

After lunch on the lawn before the girls' dormitory at the huge table in the form of a "W," the place is cleared and we rest, listening to talks from our guests, the governor, the regents, the president of the university, and our beloved commander-in-chief. The boys who are pledged by the Oval Club, upperclass honor society, then receive the ribbons from Professor Meany. Each year a tree is planted in Governors' Grove in honor of some governor of this State of Washington.

When the present seniors were freshmen they were fortunate to witness a most unusual event. We students had been promised a surprise. After lunch we walked across the campus to the auditorium steps and heard the formal naming of the building in honor of Professor Meany. The key of "Meany Hall" was presented to "Our Superior Officer" while we showed our appreciation and admiration by long minutes of applause. His daughter, then a junior and brigadier-general of the women's division stood with him. Her name is familiar to many as Margaret Meaney Younger now President of Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

The memory of his day of real work, real enthusiasm, and abiding love for our Alma Mater, presided over by a tall white-haired man in a khaki suit and sombrero will remain for many years in the hearts of those who have worked for Washington and who have saluted "Our Superior Officer."

MARGARET WAYLAND (*Lambda*).

SOCIAL SERVICE, AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

In my freshman year at college, I was asked to write on the subject of "Social Service in College." After pondering for some minutes over the matter, I wrote a very detailed discussion of the conditions existent in the school—of but one dance per year, and the restrictions placed upon having gentlemen visitors. Can you imagine the mark, I received on that paper and the note from the instructor, please to see her at an appointed time? Needless to say, "social service," has from that day forth been branded on my soul, and I watch with utmost interest, its ever-widening scope, hoping some day to be able to add my energy and small abilities to forward its perfection. Had this same instructor asked for a discussion of "Student Government," I would probably not have displayed such an unrestrained ignorance, for I had finished my "prep-school" days, and begun my college years, under its régime.

It was no small surprise to me to find on entering Northwestern University after transferring from an eastern college, that student government was not installed here. But when the matter was brought up for serious discussion later in the fall, I saw plainly the vast difference between this university and most other universities. Here, it seems, we have a large faction of so-called "town girls" on account of being situated so near as large a city as Chicago. Our college is, therefore, not a community in itself, as are so many other colleges, but rather has constant outside influences working upon it, to detract its interest from itself. These detractions are, for the most part, exceedingly advantageous and broadening; but they have not made the institution of student government so important and vital a factor as it otherwise would have been. Therefore, it was not lack of progressive spirit that has kept our university from having self-government, but rather lack of understanding on the part of the student body of girls to see in it any advancement from the form of government we have been under. Our progressiveness has certainly asserted itself in the social service line, for in practically every branch of work, Northwestern has an enthusiastic group, helping to the utmost of its ability.

In my mind, social service and student-government, bear a decidedly intimate relation to one another. One of the first requisites for usefulness and success in the social service field, is *experience* derived from contact with people, and an acquired *power of influence among them*. Both of these factors find one of the best fields for development in student-government. Here there are offices to be filled, which give opportunity for manifesting ability in that line. There are questions to be decided which give opportunity for opinions to be expressed, and self-confidence to be gained this last a most important factor for success in any walk of life. Organizations of all kinds need leaders, and if the undergraduate receives training in this way, how much more fitted she is to carry on the work awaiting her after she finishes her education. If she has held office it signifies that she has held the confidence of her fellow-students; and if she has held opinions, and voiced and supported them in the assemblies, it means that she has at least the courage of her convictions, and therefore the *respect* of her fellow-students. Both of these are valuable, if not indispensable assets to a strong, influential character.

And so we see that through our student-government, better days are coming for Northwestern, both as a graduate and an undergraduate body. And we know, too, that Gamma Phi will always be able to furnish the material needed by our newly installed organization to make it the perfect body it is destined to be.

CLEMENTINE E. LEWIS (*Epsilon*).



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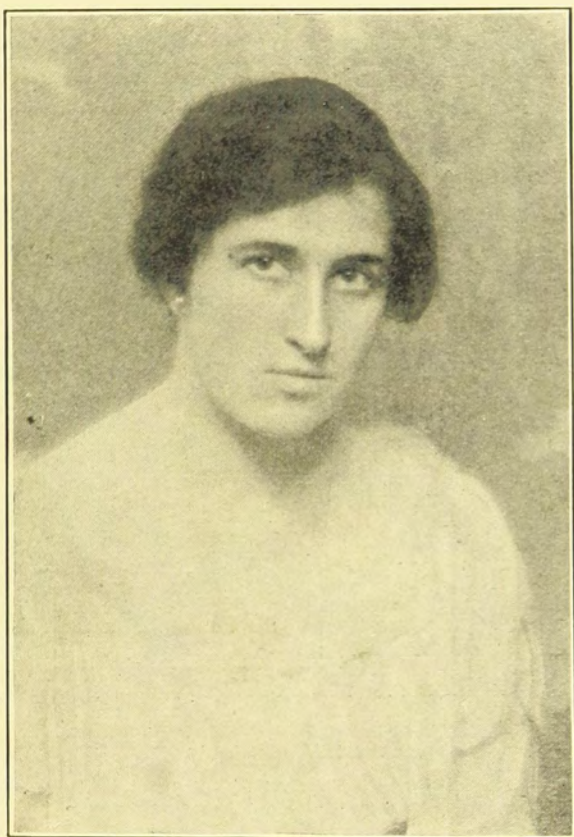


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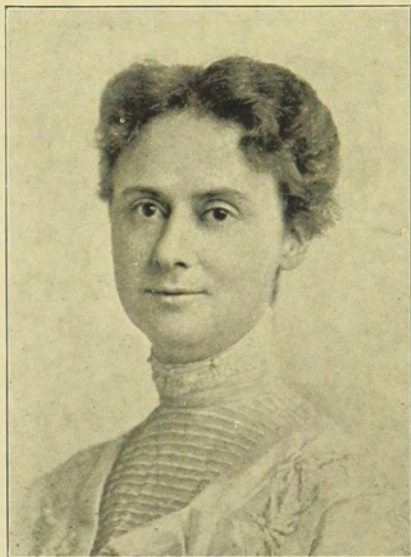
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Zeta proved an ideal hostess—gracious, thoughtful, and charming, and Gamma Phi Beta is indebted to active and alumnae members for a most delightful and memorable convention.

The king is dead—long live the king! Which, being interpreted, means that one convention is over and that Theta is already beginning to plan for the next. Gamma Phi Beta has had many conventions—but never one in the heart of the Rockies—and we are all eager to introduce our sister chapters to the “everlasting hills.” You’ll see a sky which rivals that of Italy; you’ll breathe the best and purest air in the world; you’ll bask in true Colorado sunshine; you’ll experience many a fresh and invigorating western breeze; you’ll be introduced to the mysteries of a beefsteak fry; and you’ll be made to share in the intricate windings of Theta’s “You must be a good Gamma Phi”—whether you will or no! Oh, it’s a good country—it’s the land of friendly hearts and friendly greetings; it’s open, it’s free, it’s enchanted, and you’ll want to come back!

Some years ago, any baby chapter of Gamma Phi Beta remained in its infancy an indefinite period; but times have changed, and nowadays, growing up is no effort at all! Upsilon, for example, has not yet celebrated her first birthday; and—behold—Phi takes her place, claims her special privileges and becomes the twenty-first star in our double brown banner. Splendid things are said of our new group; the university promises to be a great factor in the educational world; and Gamma Phi Beta, with great pride and pleasure, extends to Phi the heartiest of welcomes.

The death, on March 15, 1917, of William Raimond Baird, for twenty-four years editor of *Beta Theta Pi*, means a great loss not only to his own fraternity but to the entire Greek-letter world. For many years, Mr. Baird has been a loyal, enthusiastic, and prominent member of Beta Theta Pi and of Phi Delta Phi; his

efforts in behalf of the two organizations have been traditional; and the eight editions of *Baird's Manual of College Fraternities* have brought him into close touch with the fraternity world. His service has been unique and his place will be hard to fill.

This is the season of the year when "After college—what?" becomes the slogan of the prospective graduate. To what calling shall she devote her talents? For what end shall she call into play the faculties of her well-trained mind? College has been a preparation for—what?

The story of the blue-bird, eagerly sought yet all the time near at hand, comes to mind. It may be that the dream is to be realized in the performance of simple, everyday duties; it is possible that the discipline and advantages of four years of college can best fit the needs of the home community; there is no greater privilege for the eager graduate than to center her aspirations and to satisfy her ambitions in the home itself.

Miss Roelofs, in *The Newest Crusade* tells the prospective Bachelor of Arts of a new cause to champion; Miss Corbett, Dean of Women in Colorado Agricultural College, who has so generously given of her time and interest to THE CRESCENT,—links the sorority to the home and gives the seniors a helpful and significant thought as they cross the Bridge of Commencement into the World Beyond.

In the April *Atlantic* there is a most interesting and instructive article—"A Cinema of the C. R. B."—by Charlotte Hoffman Kellogg of Eta Chapter. The Contributors' Column of the magazine introduces her as follows: Charlotte Kellogg, wife of Professor L. Vernon Kellogg of Stanford University, who has been one of the most devoted and efficient workers in the Commission for Relief in Belgium, is the sole American woman duly accredited to work in the Commission. Her sources of information are unique."

The story of Mrs. Kellogg's splendid efforts for starving Belgium is known to all Gamma Phis, and the definite results which she has achieved have been inspiring.

Boston Alumnæ Chapter is represented in this issue by "April, 1917," by Katherine Aldrich Whiting; also, "The By-products of Pageantry" and "Heart's Habitant" by Esther Willard Bates. Miss Whiting's clever and unusual chapter letters have long brought pleasure to CRESCENT readers and we have marked with pride her many literary successes. *Pageants and Pageantry* by Miss Bates is considered the last word upon this fascinating subject; and in addition to her work in this line, she has made an enviable record in the writing of plays and poems.

The department devoted to contributions from the active chapters has—in the editor's opinion at least—proved one of the most worth-while features of the magazine. The articles have been well written, interesting, and instructive, and for the most part they have given us an intimate knowledge of college life in the various institutions where Gamma Phi Beta is represented. Best of all, the system has assigned to each chapter a certain and definite responsibility and has afforded a personal share in the compilation of the magazine.

The national officers remain the same; therefore, any introduction, save their photographs, is unnecessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Articles for the October CRESCENT are asked from Alpha, Delta, Zeta, Upsilon, and Phi.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Council has held no meeting since Convention, but the time has been occupied in preparing the Convention Bulletin and attending to other post-convention business. We regret that all Gamma Phis could not have attended the very pleasant and inspiring convention that was held in Baltimore on March 28-30 with our Zeta and Baltimore Alumnae chapters. Those who had the privilege will long remember it.

Convention honored the members of the Grand Council with reelection and we wish to pledge anew our earnest endeavor to promote the best interests of our sorority. We are happy to announce that comparatively few changes will be made in the appointive offices and chairmanships of committees, as frequent changes in these offices cause delay and oftentimes ineffective work.

The following resignations were presented at convention and accepted: Florence E. Heermans from the Social Service Committee, Emma F. Lowd from the Songbook Committee, and Mabel Williams as Historian. Mrs. Eugene R. Smith, of Baltimore, will take the place of Miss Heermans; Miss Emily Price, of Syracuse, that of Miss Lowd; and Mrs. H. A. Allen, of Berkeley, that of Miss Williams. One other vacancy is still to be filled.

We are happy to state that Miss Nachtrieb and Miss Thompson will continue in their respective offices and that THE CRESCENT staff will remain unchanged for the present, although we were threatened with the loss of Miss Barbee, which would indeed have been a calamity.

Our committee chairmen, with three exceptions, have consented to continue the good work begun. A detailed report of all committees will be given in the Convention Bulletin. You are all urged to read these reports with care, as they present just what our sorority is doing today in all lines of work.

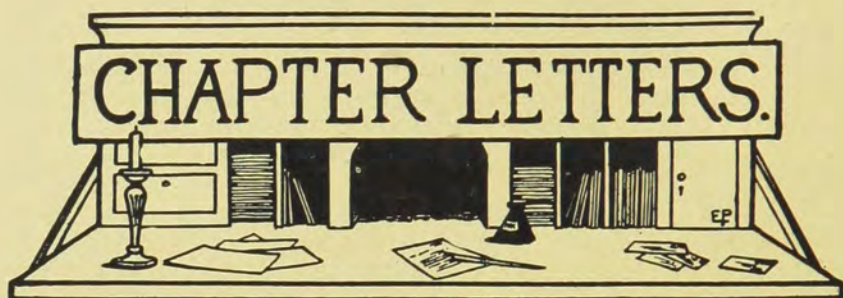
It was voted to continue the Five Hundred Dollar A. C. A. Social Service Fellowship for another term and to put forth efforts on the Endowment Fund. Work on the Directory and History is to be pushed but the Cookbook delayed until prices are better. A new Songbook is to be compiled for future publication.

Many policies of interest were discussed the full report of which will appear in the Bulletin.

In accordance with the general spirit of the times all sororities are being urged to curtail expenses, have simple rather than elaborate entertainments and put the amount saved into Red Cross Work. We trust that Gamma Phi will do her share in this splendid work.

Cordially yours,

CARRIE E. MORGAN, *President.*



MRS. WM. J. 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 *September 15*.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

To all who read these presents, greeting:

Be it hereby made known that we, the undersigned, being of sound (?) minds and feeble frames, do truthfully declare that we have earnestly and with all proper vigor and decorum exerted such powers as are vested in us in seeking out and finding an interesting, inspiring, instructive, tactful, graceful, novel, and unused way of presenting the material necessary to the maintenance of that infliction of Providence, known as a chapter letter, and we do hereby sorrowfully, regretfully, and with true anguish report that the source of supply is exhausted. [*There ain't no such animal!*]

Wherefore, we, the undersigned, in response to a frenzied, eleventh-hour request to write the chapter letter, do now soberly and in good faith make public in a clear and straightforward manner the acts, events, and circumstances of Alpha since the last chapter letter.

PART I. ACTS OF STATE

Lilian Boyd, Geneva, New York, '19, pledged.

Marian Hodgekins, Elizabeth Rice, Genievieve Goodale, Thurza Hatmaker, Margaret Snow, Evelyn Snow, and Miriam Clarke initiated.

PART II. EVENTS

Extra! Syracuse Gamma Phis completely captivated by Margaret Nachtrieb.

Large headlines! Delegation returns from convention so enthusiastic that the Gamma Phi carpenter receives immediate notice to secure the roof.

Alpha, gorgeous to behold, entertains at a formal dance in the ballroom of the Onondaga Hotel.

PART III. CIRCUMSTANCES

Spring elections find Alphas:

President of Women's League—Alice Kenyon.

President of Women's Athletic Association—Joie Potter.

On small cabinet of Y. W. C. A.—Carolyn Archbold.

On large cabinet of Y. W. C. A.—Lilian Boyd.

As associate editor of the *Daily Orange*—Marguerite Woodworth.
Judges of Sophomore Women's Speaking Contest again award first prize to a Gamma Phi—Noreen Cavanaugh, '19.

Whereunto, we, the undersigned, do now on this fourteenth day of April at 11:47 P. M. set our hand and seal.

One distracted young person,

Assisted by

Another distracted young person.

(Name unknown by the Editor of Chapter Letters.)

PERSONALS

Visitors from Alpha to Convention were Letitia Price, Dorothea Keeney, Carolyn Archbold, Elizabeth Archbold, Louise Buckley, and Dorothy Potter France.

MARRIAGES

Augusta Briggs to Clarke Fay, Leonia, N. J.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It is such a very warm sleepy day here in Ann Arbor that I fear my contribution to THE CRESCENT won't prove at all thrilling or anti-aspirin. But if you have all had as nice exciting spring vacations as we have, you will excuse any demerits in this manuscript. College is an awful come down after vacation, isn't it?

When the last chapter letter was written Beta Chapter was enthusiastically awaiting mid-year examination (yes, we just *love* our work and manage to rank ninth among the twelve sororities at the University of Michigan). Well, anyway, we all "got by" and we poorer ones were partially redeemed by the brilliancy of one or two of the chapter. Alice Wieber, '17, received sixteen (16) hours of A credit, being one of seventeen students in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, who got straight A for first semester.

We have been quite theatrical of late as a chapter, and here are the results: Margaret Kerr, '18, took one of the leading male parts in the junior girls' play and made a very fascinating youth. (She borrowed her Psi U brother's clothes to such an extent that the poor boy didn't appear on the campus at all during the week of the play.) Margaret has also the leading rôle in the French play *Les Pattes De Mouche* which is to be presented late this month. Virginia Cavendish, one of our freshmen (who, by the way is a junior) wrote many of the lyrics for the junior girls' play. The Classical Club, which is composed of students of Latin and Greek in the university, presented *Iphigenia in Tauris* in the original Greek on March 29, and Charlotte Kelsey, '18, had the title rôle. She made a marked success of the exceedingly difficult part. Clara Hagerman, '19, Mary Charlotte Thomson, '19, Ruth Kelsey, '19, and Margaret Walsh, '19, were members of the Greek chorus.

The most important event of the past month was initiation. Margaret Nachtrieb was here for the occasion which made it much nicer, and we had a lovely banquet afterwards at the house. Miss Nachtrieb was with us for five days and we enjoyed every minute of the time. Yes, even when she told us all our failings (and they were many) for she told us so nicely that it was almost a pleasure to hear them. We gave two teas during Miss Nachtrieb's visit; one to the faculty and our alumnae and one to the Panhellenic delegates of the various sororities.

Pansy Blake, our delegate to convention has come back so fired with zeal that it inspires us all. We realize how wonderful a thing convention is to promote Gamma Phi Beta ideals, and how much good may come from it, if we will but learn what it tries to teach.

Just at present we are wondering what effect the war will have on our college year and whether or not we will have the usual commencement exercises.

Hoping this will find none of you war brides, or widows,

MARGARET WALSH.

PERSONALS

Pansy Blake, '18, was chairman of the score committee for the Junior Girls' Play.

Alice Wieber, '17, has been elected to *Stylus*.

Mabelle Leonard Douglas (Mrs. H. W.) has adopted a baby boy.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lillian Brown, '13, has announced her engagement to George Nichols.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

With reluctant fingers I start my first CRESCENT letter. So much is written about the commonplace tone of chapter letters and the bromidic subjects which fill them that I shudder to look ahead and realize the reception my feeble effort will have.

We hear war from all sides. It is impressed upon us first at early morn when the raucous shouts of newsboys waken us as they call their extras, and later, in the classrooms, when we hear the splendid talks on the condition of the country given by the professors.

Many of the boys are planning on entering the intensive drill to be offered after vacation, while Red Cross work is interesting the girls. When the university completes its plans for Red Cross work, Gamma Phi, as a chapter, will do her share.

Our convention delegate returned with a great deal of enthusiasm for our national organization, and make us regretful that we could not have been there.

We enjoyed Miss Nachtrieb's visit thoroughly, and were interested to hear of the other chapters. During her visit a tea was given to other sororities in her honor, and we also introduced our new chaperon, Mrs. Simmonson.

Gamma is more than proud of her two new Phi Beta Kappas, Agnes Durrie and Mary Morsell.

We have received another honor through Irene Jones who was recently elected treasurer of S. G. A.

Katherine Mabis plays the woman's lead in the French play to be given in April. We had another initiation since our last CRESCENT letter, and at the banquet, toasts were given by Myrtle Milner and Janet Durrie.

Nearly everyone has left for vacation, so after doing my "bit," I shall take French leave myself.

DOROTHY FUNK.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phi:

First, initiation! (*in medias res*, friend Horace). And an extra fine initiation it was too, this 1917, for Ruth Clarke Staples opened her home

to us for both the great event and the banquet. Things went off beautifully. Those nice freshmen you met last winter behaved beautifully, too. Even Lloyd's wouldn't have dared take a sporting chance on whether the ancient Deltans or the just-brand-new Deltans were the happier.

They really are quite the exceptional thing in freshmen. They have proved it. The test? Manual labor. When those nice children were ordered up to polish the andirons and bat the cushions for the faculty tea, a few weeks later, their ardor was immense, and their dispositions are proved angelic. The result would have satisfied the energetic young person with a stick who chases dirt round and round the label of the scouring can. The tea was a large success, and in the evening we initiated Alice Dyke, a junior.

And with fine strategy, those freshmen at once followed up the good impression they had made. They gave us a costume party at Margaret Clarke's home in Newton. Just as we had expected, it was the cleverest, nicest party, we all fell double deep in love with our hostesses, and felt uppishly proud of ourselves for the particular prizes we had pulled out from last fall's jackstraw pile. (Please don't infer that I am comparing the members of the Boston University class of 1920 to jackstraws. I am not. I refer to the historical fact that they came to us beautifully jumbled up.)

Klatsch, the get-together night of the university calendar, was toggged out as an oriental festival this year. There one could drink tea a la chinoise on a la russe, as one pleased, stroll under cherry blossoms, saunter through a Russian village, and chat with the faculty, all in an evening.

And Gamma Phis, at least some of them, have invaded the realm of things truly Chinese as well. Every week sees Deltans marching stolidly through the edge of Boston's Chinatown past crazy-lettered shop-signs straight on to Denison House, where they are teaching a remarkably fine assortment of "melting-pot" material to cook, sew, give plays, and generally grow up to be very good young Americans. Others of the girls are doing settlement work at the Frances Willard Home and the Margaret Fuller House in Cambridge. So Gamma Phi, too, is having its small influence in shaping the life of the city.

And today, when those polygot kiddies and everybody else except unlucky dogs like the particular person who is writing this, are making holiday in this Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Delta is to celebrate this evening by a dance. A dance, of itself, is rather nice of course, but this one is to have a "special feature," for with the exception of two lucky seniors and our convention delegate, who "like her heaps," this evening will introduce the chapter to Miss Nachtrieb.

Oh, before I close! A public apology is in Order: Amy Buck has told me that she did not hit the trail of Mr. Sunday, that she is the junior superintendent of a Sunday School and her only desire naturally was to get others "hitting." I'm terribly sorry, because I do see now (although Amy was perfectly adorable about it) how it might be giving her a national reputation as a reformed sinner. Of course, girls, Amy is, always has been, and always will be, utterly respectable. I didn't mean it that way—and to avoid all future contingencies, I apologize for this letter beforehand, both as to the form and the spirit, for I haven't the slightest idea what is in it. Please be sisterly—and lay the responsibility on a "fierce migraine."

Delta's love and best wishes to all of you.

EVA MABEL SADLER.

PERSONALS

Isabelle Baxter Turnbull, '17, announced her engagement to Robert Eldridge Blood, of Lynn, at a tea given to the chapter in her honor by Ruth Hacker, one of our Lynn alumnæ.

HONORS

Eleanor Simmons, '17, has been elected president of the College Panhellenic. She is also chairman of the Senior Social Committee.

Isabelle Turnbull, '17, has been elected to the Student Council. She has also been paid the compliment of being chosen for the chairman of the Photograph Committee.

Conjetta Vanacore was asked to be one of the senior ushers at Klatsch.

Mary Holland is senior representative for the Athletic Association, and is on the senior basketball team.

Rachel Clarke was junior hostess at Klatsch and was class treasurer last semester.

Lucy Waite is junior basketball captain and secretary of the Girls' Athletic Association.

Alice Dyke, '18, is a violinist in the college orchestra.

Elizabeth Macy is captain of the freshman basketball team, and freshman representative to the Girls' Athletic Association. She is also freshman vice-president. She gave a Japanese dance at Klatsch with another sorority girl.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

At this time of national crisis all other matters seem trivial in comparison. But we are at present still leading a normal college life not definitely influenced by outside events, as one might have seen from the pretty formal party we had last night at the Kenilworth Club. It was an ideal spring evening, and everything connected with the party was lovely. We enjoyed having as our guests one girl from each sorority on the campus. Sorority hall is very crowded on Monday evenings now, owing to our increase of sixteen new members. They were initiated at Mrs. Barbour's home in Willmette on March 10 and formed the largest class ever taken into Epsilon Chapter. You will become acquainted with them during the next three years and I'll not enumerate their names now.

Northwestern girls have been very much interested during the last month or so not only in Red Cross work but in getting up class pep. We have held class banquets, class pep meetings, and have campaigned vigorously for class songs and enthusiasm over athletics. The baseball season has just begun and is being carried on with zest. Billie Jansky and Grace Merrill are captains of the sophomore and freshman teams, respectively. As for Scholarship, Lucile Jenks carries off our honors with a report of straight A. The Northwestern self-government constitution was passed by a vote of the women and is being put into operation. Representatives have been elected to the house which will convene in the near future to make rules for governing the conduct of women in nearly every sphere. It is a big step, we feel, towards coming into our own power.

We have already received a great deal of inspiration from convention. Those of our girls who met the western delegates when they passed through Chicago on their way to Baltimore have never finished exclaiming over the "wonderful girls." Jane is still telling us of the wonders of a Gamma Phi convention. She says: "Convention is past and the trip to Baltimore which I have anticipated for so long is over. It was all so wonderful

that I wished many times that every Gamma Phi might have been there to enjoy our experiences. The Zeta girls made charming hostesses and had something planned for every spare minute between business sessions. It was most interesting to meet so many sisters from all parts of the country and, because we were all Gamma Phis, to feel as though we had known each other for a long time, notwithstanding the fact that most of us were seeing the others for the first time.

"And what a help and inspiration convention is to make us put forth our best efforts and fairly outdo ourselves for Gamma Phi! It certainly filled me full of enthusiasm to meet the officers and to realize what a great organization it is to which we belong. I hope I have brought back to Epsilon a part at least of my enthusiasm. I know that convention and the pleasant friendships I formed there will always be among my dearest memories."

Of course no one of us realizes what we may be called upon to do as our part in the great war in which our nation is now engaged, but I know we will all hold to the ideal of service which Gamma Phi gives us. This is our last letter for the college year, and we wish you all a pleasant and profitable vacation during the coming summer.

SARAH RADEBAUGH.

PERSONALS

We enjoyed and profited from Miss Nachtrieb's visit in March.

Margaret Aldrich and Leone Snapp have been operated on for appendicitis during the last month. Both are convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Bertram Cleal, our delegate in local Panhellenic is leaving us this week for St. Louis.

Frances Phelps, Mary Snell, Lucile Helmuth, and Lillian Waring were in town for our dance.

MARRIAGES

Helen Bernheisl to Wayland Hier.

Zita Murphy to Howard Armstrong.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Convention is over, and we are living as before except that we have the wonderful inspiration of convention with us. Added to this, we had a short visit from Miss Nachtrieb, who, with her splendid ideas of carrying out convention plans, has injected new life and enthusiasm into us.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that Zeta was both proud and happy to entertain all of you at Baltimore. We have been unable to talk on any other topic than convention and our fine Gamma Phi sisters ever since the reopening of college.

The following headline in one of our local papers several days ago is of great interest to us: "War Order for Goucher." In a few weeks we shall be living such different lives that we shall hardly know ourselves.

Imagine going without sodas and candy, wearing uniforms, and walking on sensible square heels instead of "pin heads," as one of our professors terms French heels! The war program, as suggested by Dr. Lillian Welsh, is on a physical and proficiency basis. The plan has not yet been adopted by the student body, but is being mapped out in detail by a committee of faculty and students, and will be presented for ratification by the students at a meeting in a very few days. If the plan is accepted, enlistment will begin immediately. The service part of the program arranges for one hour daily to be devoted to practical training in courses

arranged by the various departments. The Department of Chemistry will furnish a course in laboratory technique to train students as assistant technicians for clinical laboratories. The Department of Sociology and History will offer opportunities for social service training in war relief work through coöperation with the alliance of Charitable and Social Agencies. The Department of Hygiene will teach home nursing and first aid. The Physics and Mathematics Departments will teach wireless and radiography. The Department of Romance Languages and the German Department will offer special courses in translation and conversation. There will also be a new course in dietetics and cooking in the Department of Home economics. Dr. Welsh has rightly emphasized the point that it is wisest for the students to learn to do most efficiently their particular work, which will be of infinitely more value to the government than to heroically enlist as an ambulance driver.

The physical part of the program is the hardest for us. "Up at six-thirty, nine hours' work, seven hours' exercise and recreation, eight hours' sleep, and lights out at ten-thirty!" If possible, we are to adopt a standard service dress, to agree to limit our wardrobes and economize in general during the war. We have been wondering if it will be exactly economical to set aside our French-heeled shoes and spend money for the sensible kind. If the shoe stores do make some money on us, the drug stores and confectioners near college will certainly have to go out of business and owe their bad fortune to the rule "abstain during the war from candy, soda water, etc." All the money saved in this way goes into little tin boxes placarded "Sacrifice and Service."

To return to the subject of Gamma Phi news, we are pleased to announce the initiation of Bula Smith, which took place in our new rooms late in April. We have moved twice this year, and now we must tell our sad tale. We had just moved into our rooms about three weeks before convention, and were overjoyed at the prospect of having a whole floor instead of one little two by four room. Our pride, however, was of short duration, for what should be pasted up between our front windows but a glaring auction sign. We knew that our lease would hold, but we were horrified at what our delegates would think of Zeta Chapter rooming in a house that was up for auction. Many of us had visions of the auctioneer's bell being loudly rung into the ears of our delegates for whom we were so anxious to make our best appearance. We planned to pin a flag over the auction sign (not an auction flag, but the stars and stripes), or do some other daring deed, until we finally decided that the most daring of all would be to leave the sign, explain the situation, and make our apologies. So that is the history of the auction sign that probably distressed a number of you when you saw it. Now, the sign has disappeared, and we are living tranquilly in the same rooms.

Zeta is proud to announce the election of Emily Ellinger to Phi Beta Kappa.

Greetings from Zeta to every chapter and best wishes to all for a pleasant vacation.

AGNES L. WILSON.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear CRESCENT:

No more flurry of engagements and weddings, but now activities and reforms fill the house. Raymond Robbins reforms us by talking practical religion, and Red Cross takes all the other extra-serious thought. If the men have enlisted for service abroad, so have we enlisted, for service at

home. Beside First Aid and Home Nursing classes, Red Cross sewing takes our attention over week-ends, while in the University office we are all nicely catalogued for possible future services, on slips headed: "If the State Needs Your Help."

Plans for Parthenia go merrily on, however, and success is sure in spite of superstition which hailed us again at the announcement of the date, Friday, April 13.

The theme is the trial of the ideals of Youth, which coupled with love, wins the fight against Evil. Our old story, you say? Perhaps, but with the pageant played by college women, costumes created and the music and dances composed especially for this masque, we leave a beautiful and permanent contribution. Esther Sinclair takes a leading part as the spirit of the Sword, sounding the keynote to the triumph of Good. She is followed by a jewel chorus which dances through the glade to banish the group of Ugly Sins which threatened to overcome Youth. Of course, we are not worried, but why three of our freshmen should be selected for the Ugly Sin chorus we can't tell unless we accept the explanation that "they're such good sports they don't mind being ugly."

We are represented in senior extravaganza by Sarah Sabin, Cora Keeler, Florence McCauloys, Elizabeth Ruggles, and Leslie Underhill, and all the rest of us in the audience. Who could help buying a ticket, or causing one to be bought, when five from Eta grace the Greek Theater stage at one time?

We are looking forward to the return of our delegates to really hear the news from convention, for letters can tell so little of such important affairs. Next month you may hear the results of the meetings we have been having in their absence, meetings full of plans for reformation and a doubling of effort toward activities and social service.

RUTH WETMORE.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

In Theta, all events, happy and otherwise, are dated before and after the play. Our last letter was written during rehearsals, and I dared not say too much, but now that it is all over, I may speak, and say it was most wonderful success, artistically and financially. From verbal and press criticisms, we know that Lindsey Barbee is one of the greatest living playwrights, and, if Theta should decide definitely to enter the theatrical world, other stars would glimmer very faintly from sheer realization of their unworthiness.

Many are the romances which have resulted from this event. If we may judge from appearances our personals in October may announce why a dainty Gamma Phi is wearing a Sigma Alpha Epsilon pin, all set around with diamonds.

In a social way, Gamma Phi has been very quiet these last two months. We have entertained a few of the fraternities at informal supper parties at the Lodge, and now we are giving a series of teas to the seniors of the various high schools.

Helen Strauss has been home from convention such a short time that she has not yet given her convention report. Unless she may have two hours, she flatly refuses to try to tell of the charm of the girls and of all the good times at Baltimore. Her praise and admiration of the National Organization and Officers is boundless, and her only regret was that it all passed too quickly.

Theta is thrilled that in 1919 we are to entertain convention in the summer. Please, every one of you, start planning to come, for we want to meet you.

The Denver City Panhellenic will have its annual meeting the first of May, when again Gamma Phi will be presented with the scholarship cup, signifying the highest average on the campus. Two more semesters with the highest average, and the cup will be ours for keeps.

We couldn't close this letter without a little war news. There are twenty-five Gamma Phis in a class studying Red Cross work, as we are all interested, and anxious to do our "bit" in these serious times.

With best wishes to all Gamma Phis,

LOUISE BLAUVELT.

PERSONALS

In the senior class, Juanita Dunlop is president, and in *Sherwood*, the play the class is giving in May, Lucia Herbert, Evelyn Hiesen, Rowena Schaefer, and Juanita, all have parts.

The chancellor takes small groups of talented girls to various towns in the state to give entertainments. Mabel Rilling, our Gamma Phi on the faculty, is usually a member of these parties, and just now our two musical girls, Julia and Katherine Ramsey, are out on a two-day trip.

Helen Whitford has been elected president of Y. W. C. A.

Gladys East has been elected joke editor of next year's annual board.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Gamma Phis:

Since the last CRESCENT letter Kappa Chapter has worn mourning under their pins on account of one of the saddest events in the history of the chapter. On February 17 Mary Greig died in the St. Barnabus Hospital after a few days of illness which terminated in an operation for appendicitis. She had not been in very good health during the fall and winter but her condition was not deemed at all serious until a few days before her death. Complications set in after the operation and her death was a sudden and unexpected blow to all of us. Although she was only a pledge, she had lived at the house during the past three months and she was one of Gamma Phi's most loyal supporters as well as one of our most loved girls. She was of a happy, fun-loving disposition, and we who knew her shall never cease to mourn her loss. But life demands that work go on in spite of the deepest sorrows, and the busy days which mark the passage of time have helped to heal our wound, for the bitterness of our grief is slowly being overshadowed by the sweet and happy memories which will always be associated with Mary.

After much deliberation on the part of the board of regents, Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, of Smith College, was chosen to succeed President Vincent who has been elected president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Burton first addressed the students at Minnesota at a convocation held in his honor. If we may judge from first impressions, the new president of the university will be a general favorite among both students and faculty.

Audrey Borden and Grace Ferguson, our delegates to convention, are home again and with them they have brought the enthusiasm and "pep" which characterizes Gamma Phi conventions, in addition to many new ideas and helpful suggestions.

The Women's Vocational Conference was held here April 3 and 4 under the auspices of the Women's Self-government Association. Many prominent men and women were numbered among the speakers of the conference,

and nearly every vocation open to women was discussed. The question, "What is there for me to do but be a teacher?" was solved for hundreds of girls, for many entirely new fields in which women may work were suggested. Opportunities for women are more numerous than ever now that the war is taking thousands of young men from their regular places in civic life.

The war, of course, has entirely changed the usual carefree atmosphere of the university. Every man in college has been asked either to enlist or to go on a farm, and the number of men students is rapidly dwindling so that by the first of May the university men, almost without exception, will have gone to farms or training camps. The girls, too, are busy with Red Cross work as many Home Nursing and First Aid classes are being given. In addition to work of this sort, many of the girls are taking up gardening. Marjorie Hurd, one of our juniors, is to teach gardening to the high school students of the twin cities. For taking up this work she is given her credits for this semester just as are the boys who enlist in the army or navy. That patriotism and spirit are not in the least lacking at Minnesota University is very evident from the whole-hearted response which the students have given to the nation's call to arms. Lexington Day was celebrated enthusiastically in Minneapolis and here at the university as well. A patriotic convocation was held in the armory at noon and President Vincent gave a most inspiring address to the student body. At six o'clock there was a long parade down town in which the university cadets made a splendid showing.

Other campus activities have faded into insignificance beside the seriousness of the present national situation. The students are giving up every form of needless gaiety and frivolity and, therefore, practically all fraternities and sororities have dispensed with their customary spring formals. Even the usual plays and dramatic productions are fewer in number this spring. The last thing of this sort to be given was the Sophomore Vaudeville, a very clever musical comedy, written by several students and produced by the sophomore class. Leona St. Clair, Alice Gall, and Margaret Gillespie took parts in the production. Not only are Gamma Phis represented in dramatics but in other college activities as well. Helen Jenswold, '18, and Alice Gall, '19, have recently been awarded arm bands for their achievements in athletics. The latter was appointed Minnesota's delegate for the Women's Athletic Association, which met in Madison last month. Leona St. Clair is a reporter on the *Minnesota Daily*.

By the time this issue of *THE CRESCENT* reaches us, the dreaded finals will be by-gones, and the longed for summer vacation will be a reality. Kappa Chapter wishes to each and every Gamma Phi the pleasantest and happiest of vacations!

MARGARET GILLESPIE.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Eaton, '16, of St. Paul to Donald Lansing of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Odell, '17, of Chicago to Lucien Young, Δ T Δ '17, of Minneapolis.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Such excitement as we have had first the "Declaration of War," then our delegates home from convention just bursting with enthusiasm.

To really start with the beginning we had our first dance of the second semester the night after initiation of our September pledges. It was given in their honor and also to introduce them to the college.

Do you all have a "County Fair"? If not, you cannot realize how much fun it is. "County Fair" is given each year in the gymnasium, by the Women's League with the aid of the organizations on the campus. This year the "Gym" was filled with booths to represent the different cities and countries such as the pineapple punch booth for Hawaii and the cabaret show for San Francisco. Gamma Phi had the ice-cream booth. The booth was covered with glistening cotton and at either end were immense cones (imitation of course, although you would scarcely believe it) filled with — cotton. The fair cleared over seven hundred dollars.

On the twenty-fourth of March a dansant was given by our freshmen in honor of the mid-year pledges and I heard it was quite a success.

The night before our delegates left for convention we gave them a surprise dinner party and just by way of adding more thrills, we arranged the dining-room with small tables to look like a dining-car.

Gamma Phi's seem to have taken quite a liking to honorary fraternities. Pauline Ederer and Florence Lewis Houghton were elected to Pi Lambda Theta, National Educational Fraternity. Then we have two new Phi Beta Kappas, Frederika Sully and Marion King. Margaret Wayland was elected last year in her junior year, so this year we have three honor students. Christine Thomas is now a member of Tolo Club, junior-senior girls' honorary organization, and is also on the Red Cross Committee, which consists of five for the Cadet Ball, April 13. By the way, all the proceeds from the Cadet Ball are to be given to the Red Cross. There are three Gamma Phis on the new Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, Airdrie-Kincaid, '18, Christine Thomas, '18, and Lucile Hicks, '20.

HELEN ALLAN.

PERSONALS

Dolly McLean, ex-'15, spent a day with us.

Issabelle Hoffman, '19, who is attending Ellensburg Normal is coaching the high school play there and took the leading part in the biggest play of the year at the school.

PLEDGES

Josephine Carman—Seattle.

Leah Walthers—Medford, Oregon.

Lois Keifer—Seattle.

Mary Terrel—Seattle.

Eleanor Carroll—Spokane.

Florence Newland—Chehalis.

Helen Troy—Alaska.

BIRTHS

Frances Markey (Owen), a son.

Orpha Meacham (MacCausland), a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lucy Gallup (Theta) to William Rawn.

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

We have just returned from a week's vacation. We needed that week's rest badly after junior week's festivities. One evening we had fireworks on the lake, the next night the junior opera, *A Pirate for a Day* was given. The next day lake sports and track meets took up the day and the evening we gave over to the junior prom. The next day we had more games and athletic contests and then we were most thankful for vacation.

Since the University opened again nothing has been talked about but military training. This year we had an Officers' Relief Corps organized and about three hundred men had joined. As soon as war was declared more classes were started. The faculty have allowed men, who were doing satisfactory class work to stop college work and receive their hours or diplomas and begin on intensive drill. Over four hundred signed up the first day. They drill five days a week from eight to twelve and one to four and Saturday mornings. The women are to have a mass meeting soon and if there is sufficient demand, classes may be established in Nursing, First Aid, wireless, and mechanics.

To add to the excitement we have been having a slight epidemic of measles.

Every Tuesday evening the University provides an entertainment. This week two clever Japanese Pantomimes were given. Mu was represented by Margaret Burton, '20, who had one of the leads, and Frances Martin and Gladys Knowlton.

We were very proud to hear that one of our girls, Aida Gilchrist, is to be president of Y. W. C. A. next year. This makes the second year we have had the presidency.

Mu is waiting expectantly news from all the chapters at convention.

GLADYS KNOWLTON.

PERSONALS

We have been happy to know Mildred Biglow from Alpha this winter.

It has been nice to have visits from mothers this week. Mrs. John Burton of Los Angeles, and Mrs. E. S. Knowlton of Pasadena, have been with us several days.

The "good old days" were vividly brought back to us by the visit of Mrs. Gladys Allen Sevier, ex-'15, and Mrs. Grace More Butler.

We were glad to have Laura Van Buren from Eta with us during junior week.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

"SOCIAL SERVICE FOR $\Gamma \Phi B$ "

(Emma Wootton's Toast at the Banquet at Baltimore)

Social service is something quite new for Gamma Phi Beta, but we are becoming acquainted with it so fast that we will soon be old friends, for it is something that we need to make us bigger and something that needs us as well.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that one is doing some real good in the world, helping some one of God's creatures.

After all this life is nothing but an immense battle-field with human beings struggling for their lives on all sides. Out West we can hardly realize the poverty and suffering that is going on but when I came East and saw all the dirty faces and sad eyes I felt like a little worm that couldn't do a thing.

There are so many big guns being fired off every day in this big battle and they are killing our people off—if not killing their lives, they are killing the joy and smashing their hearts all to pieces.

There is the big gun of poverty. Can't you hear it just abooming away all around you? It just deafens one's ears. Don't you feel as though you must do something to shelter those who cannot help themselves? Gamma Phis must get their ambulance out and we must all get in and lend our aid on the battle-field of poverty.

Then before we can get this havoc straightened out at all, boom! goes the big gun of sickness and disease and we see little children all misshapen and wizened and sick. We see little crippled children—God's little flowers and they look like withered leaves. There's little Johnny Tobin out in Oregon whose little body is all twisted but who knows almost all of the Gamma Phis because we try to make Christmas happy for him.

Then, too, there's that shiny gun that isn't really poverty, but want. It's the want of an education or a nice place to stay or a pleasant word. This gun is aimed straight at our girls all the time. We can stifle this gun most easily for are we not all girls willing to help other girls?

And I hear countless other booms and bangs on all sides. They are all college booms for our colleges are always needing something new. So, you see, with all these guns going off, there will be a very busy time for us all.

Let us then, join our voices in the chorus of the millions of voices of women "beating against the throne of God in tender tireless cadence pleading for the souls of mankind."

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Initiation! And with the biggest capital *I* in the history of the chapter—there do I begin. I may as well say immediately that the writer of this epistle was one of that group of the sixteen very happiest girls in Christendom on last February 10, for you will find out sooner or later, anyway, that not our fluent Carol but an apprehensive little freshman is writing this letter. It was then that we left our pledge pins which had given us so much joy and pride and received the beloved crescent as full-fledged, loyal Gamma Phis. The girls initiated were: Bernice Bowers, Marion Barnes, Florence Williams, Mary McKenna, Clarinda Bodler, Bathaline Cowgill, Lorene Latta, Jessie Smith, Elma Millgarde, Freda Soulen, Margaret Denning, Helen Douglass, Ethel Babcock, Ferol Richardson, Marie Bonham, and Grace Rubedew. Miss Lita Bane, from Washington State College, and many of Xi's alumnae were here for initiation and the banquet in the evening. Initiation was wonderful and the banquet was charming, delightful, and perfect. The long table in the shape of the Greek-letter, Gamma, with its flickering candle light and rosy glow from the deep red carnations, the songs, the toasts, and especially the feeling of absolute happiness that prevailed, except when Ola spoke and we realized that we were soon to lose our seniors, all make it unforgettable. In the toasts, the four classes were likened to the materials of an artist; the freshmen being the canvas, the sophomores the palette, the juniors the paint, the seniors the brush, and the alumnae the finished picture with Gamma Phi Beta as the artist, the vital power that guides to the perfect fulfillment. Grace Rubedew, Grace Eagleson, Rosemarie Mallon, Ola Bonham, and Helen Pitcairn Kostelek, gave the toasts for the different classes and the alumnae, respectively. Then the pause at the end with the toastmistress (Beth Soulen, '15) smiling down upon us and everyone counting one—two—three! We "well-nigh" choked with excitement. Then—well, I think I will let you have a little excitement and suspense, too. You will find in the "engagements" how many times we counted one—two—three—and just what the results were. Let it suffice to say here that there were congratulations, congratulations, and more congratulations, and that the excitement ended with serenades from the Beta Theta Pis and Phi Delta Thetas.

Gamma Phis took prominent parts in the Girls' Glee Club Concert given in March. Jessie Smith, Bathaline Cowgill, Gertrude Hays, Permelia Hays,

Nona Farris, Clarinda Bodler, and Ferol Richardson are members of the club. Freda Soulen assisted with her violin in accompaniment and as a member of the orchestra. Permelia and Gertrude danced a charming minuet in costume.

Convention has been the topic of conversation for so long that we can hardly realize that it has really come and gone, and that Crissie is back with all her interesting news of business and good times. Enthusiasm! That does not half express what we all feel as we hear about everything and you can imagine what happens to little Cris when the stress of our emotions vents itself in physical activity. Of course you liked Miss "Della Gate" from Xi Chapter; you couldn't help it. And she liked you so very much and has told us so much about you that you seem closer to us than ever before. We surely have taken a new lease on life and loyalty.

We are all very much interested in the war development. "Have you seen the paper?" "What's the war news?" "Isn't the war horrible?" are the staples in campus conversation these days. Many men have already left college to join the National Guard and the list of University of Idaho volunteers is long. With flags fluttering from every building and frequent patriotic rallies, who could possibly lack spirit?

Xi wishes that you may all have a very happy summertime.

GRACE RUBEDEW.

PERSONALS

Bernice Bowers, '19, has been elected associate art editor of the *Gem of the Mountains*, the annual published by the junior class.

Xi is most enthusiastic over two new pledges, Nona Farris, of Buhl, Idaho, and Ellen Peterson, of Moscow.

The upperclassmen gave a charming April Fool dance at the house March 30.

Bernadine Adair has been singing at the Red Cross benefit entertainments. She also took part in the last Y. W. C. A. program.

Rosemarie Mallon left college to return to her home in Wallace at the end of the last semester.

Byrd Wall is teaching in the high school of Kimberly in southern Idaho.

ENGAGEMENTS

At the banquet the engagement of Ola Bonham and Harry Einhouse, Beta Theta Pi, was announced.

Elma Millgarde announced her engagement to Tom Lommason, Phi Delta Theta, at the same time.

Nona Farris is wearing the Sigma Chi pin of Russell P. Ostrander, of Michigan 1912.

BIRTHS

To Elizabeth Dunn Lewis, a daughter, Margaret.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Evolution of a CRESCENT Letter

ACT I

Scene: Den of Gamma Phi house. *Time:* Now. Discovered: present CRESCENT correspondent and last year's correspondent. Present correspondent in center of room at table, pen in hand, frowning deeply. Last year's correspondent on davenport, fingering her new $\Phi B K$ key.

Present Correspondent: What shall I put into my last CRESCENT letter that will tell what's going on here at Illinois; what our impressions of

convention are; what honors we've had; and—oh, well, you know what goes to make up a CRESCENT letter.

Last Year's Correspondent: Well, as far as telling what's going on here is concerned, you might write about the legislators—*P. C.:* Hm! That'd make a mighty interesting letter. Dear $\Gamma \Phi$ Sisters: The legislators were coming from Springfield last week to inspect the university, but one of them died; so now they're coming this week, if they don't die again.

Some letter!

L. Y. C.: As I was saying, you might tell about the legislators; about the Community Conference; the epidemics of measles and mumps; and—well, that's enough to keep you out of prison at least. But you'd better hurry and write that letter. Today's your last chance. I've got to go to P. T. now. Good luck! (*Exit L. Y. C.*)

P. C. Let's see. Community Conference. What's that? Oh, yes. (*Writes busily for some time.*) Here we are! Dear $\Gamma \Phi$ Sisters: (*Enter newly elected Y. W. president.*) Hello there! Sit down and listen to my ravings. I'm writing THE CRESCENT letter. (*Reads*) In spite of the fact that we've just finished our spring vacation, the whole campus seems to be suffering from spring fever.

Y. W. Pres.: The editor never would accept that. It's too trite. Everybody's just finishing spring vacation and everybody's suffering from spring fever in spite of it.

P. C. Yes, and everybody's got impressions of the convention, but we have to tell about that. (*Resumes reading.*) But in spite of this fact, there have been many things going on.

Y. W. Pres. (interrupting). That's two in spite of's in two lines. You're entirely too spiteful.

P. C.: Oh, it'll have to do. I'll promise not to use another till Kingdom Come, and then I probably won't feel like it. Now *do* listen. (*Reads.*) At the present time the community conference is being held. Thursday afternoon the various gymnasium classes are to entertain the visitors with folk dances on Illinois Field. A number of interesting meetings have been planned with a general convocation Friday morning.

If our sisters from other chapters had paid us a visit sometime during the past three weeks, they would have been confronted by a large, red sign over the door.

MEASLES

Fortunately, Florence Young was the only one to be sick, so she was quarantined on the third floor, while the rest of the girls camped around on the second. It's not at all exciting to have measles or mumps any more, though, as almost every other house has a sign on it. (*Puts letter down.*) That's all I'm going to say about what's happening on the campus. Are you ready to go to class now?

Y. W. Pres. I'm not ready, but it's time; so come along. (*Both start toward door.*) Curtain.

ACT II

Scene: Special $\Gamma \Phi$ meeting.

President: I called a special meeting tonight so that we could have a report of the convention delegate. Lillian, will you tell us all you can about convention?

Lillian: I'll just give you my general impressions in this meeting and we can discuss the business in regular meeting. In the first place, *everyone* was wonderful and it made Alida and me prouder than ever of being $\Gamma \Phi$ s. It was such an impressive sight to see all those people gathered together

from all parts of the country for the same purpose and with the same interests and to feel that wherever you go you will be sure of finding a welcome if there are any $\Gamma \Phi$ s near. I could talk about convention all night, but these are my chief impressions of it as a whole.

Pres.: Alida, have you anything to add?

Alida: I had about the same impressions that Lillian had. You girls can't realize, though, what a big convention like that means to the people who were there. It makes you realize more than ever what a vast organization $\Gamma \Phi$ is and makes you want to work all the harder to earn your place in it. It's a little like living in a village all your life and realizing that you are in the world and a part of it, and then suddenly going to New York or some other large city. It's always bound to be bigger and better than you ever dreamed it could be.

Pres.: The next best thing to going is to hear about it, and I hope you'll gradually tell us everything that happened there. Curtain.

ACT III

Scene: Parlor of $\Gamma \Phi$ house during regular meeting.

President: Is there anything more to come up tonight?

P. C. (after being recognized): When Miss Nachtrieb was here she suggested that I read my CRESCENT letter in meeting before sending it off to make sure I had everything in. I think I have about everything, but I'd like to read a list of the honors and if I've left anyone out, please don't be backward about coming forward. (*Reads from paper.*)

Flora Hottes— $\Phi B K$; athletic association.

Alice Moss— $\Phi B K$.

Hazel Barackman—class bowling team.

Alma Gerlach—class bowling team.

Amy Tillotson—vice-president freshman class.

Charlotte Welch—Alethenai Literary Society.

Mildred Welch—Alethenai Literary Society.

Helen McIlhiney—Illiola Literary Society.

Lillian Johnston—athletic association.

Lucile Pierson—vice-president Woman's League.

Gertrude Swift—Y. W. C. A. first cabinet.

Martha McCamman—Y. W. C. A. first cabinet.

Jennis Barry—Y. W. C. A. president.

President: Does anyone think of anything else? (*Pandemonium reigns while everyone tries to gain recognition.*) *President*: Jamie has the floor.

Jamie: She forgot to mention that we received highest in scholarship among the sororities last semester—86.64.

President: We surely want to put that in, and I hope we'll have just as long and as varied a list for the next CRESCENT. (*Meeting is adjourned.*)

P. C.: Thank goodness! I'll just have to copy this list and then my last letter will be written, and I imagine the editor will say "Thank Goodness," too. I think THE CRESCENT correspondent deserves a salary if any officer ever did!

(*Quick curtain.*)

ASTRID DODGE.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dear Every Sister:

Again we meet to part again for another year—if only in pen and ink, it somehow seems like a gathering of our thoughts and plans of the year,

In my last letter our formal was the all-important event still to take place but now it is a thing of the past, leaving pleasant memories for most of us but for some the thought of empty purses predominates. For "while the cat's away the mice will play" is a saying we found to be so sadly true. While we were joyously dancing to the best kind of music, robbers were prowling in our bedrooms and left with \$50 in their pockets. Great was the excitement on returning to have each girl show her empty purse and state her loss. Our only satisfaction was that they did not get any house money.

The all-Greek party which took place at the Alpha Sigma Phi house engaged our thoughts and interest. This is an annual party given by the Greeks at which each organization or group of organizations puts on a stunt. Three Gamma Phis with three Acacia's formed a sextet and sang *The Rag Time Opera* and Eleanor Frampton gave one of her popular dances, a Hindu ceremonial dance. After all the stunts were put on, dancing took up the rest of the evening.

University Night which followed later at the Auditorium is another annual affair rather similar, at which the organizations, and colleges of the university put on stunts relating to their work. Between some of the acts Bertha Bates danced with an $A \Sigma \Phi$ the new Nebraska song.

On Valentine's Day our freshmen delightfully surprised us by giving the house a beautiful mahogany piano lamp.

On March 13, we held our annual initiation and banquet. Now seven new Gamma Phi pins are shining on the campus—Doris Bates, Genevieve Addleman, Helen Haggart, Delia Cobb, Martha Leal, Orra Annette O'Neal, and Gladys Appleman, whom we pledged in January.

Miss McPhee acted as toastmistress at our banquet and carried out the thought of a Sun-dial. Each class was represented chronologically.

The Sun-dial	Genevieve Addleman
The Sunlight	Sarah Margaret Heitter
The Hours	Marjorie Cobb
The Style	Nell Morrissey
The Pedestal	Vivian Bahr

Between courses we had the freshmen sing us their songs they had composed and it was at that time Helen Haggart gave us her original song. This is Pi Chapter's first original words and music, and we think it must pass the board of censorship. After all the toasts were given, we had our three engagements announced. It was lots of fun to throw confetti but—let me tell you from one who had the experience—it was much more fun to have it thrown at you.

The junior class put on *Green Stockings* as their class play and Carolyn Kimball took the part of Aunt Ida. On April 14, the Kosmet Klub play is staged. Three of our girls Sara Cole, Orra O'Neal, and Gladys Appleman have parts in *The Diplomat*. The Girls' Club had the last of their afternoon parties in March. In their nominations for board members for next year which took place recently, Kate Helzer was renominated.

On Saint Patrick's Day we gave a dance at the chapter-house. The decorations were appropriately chosen and hung.

One of the most pleasing incidents of our scholastic year was the announcement of Phi Beta Kappas, and this year is our first, our president, Doris Weaver. Another honor came to us by Kate Helzer, who was recently initiated into Omicron Nu.

Since we have been declared in a state of war both men and women of the university are enlisting to aid our country. The girls are all joining

the College Woman's Navy League which has resulted in a great deal of patriotism.

And now we are back from our spring recreation and with it our delegates from their wanderings in the East. How enthusiastic they are! What knowledge they impart! What questions, frivolous and serious, they answer! And it all makes us wish we, too, might have had the pleasure of being with you. However, we feel there is another convention coming and Martha Leal, who lives in Denver, has promised a Pi Chapter house party in 1919. We quite envy our Pi Chapter girls that are East and had the privilege of being with you. Gladys Wilkinson was the only one who took the opportunity and from the article in the *Lincoln State Journal*, she is thoroughly enjoying her visit in New York, Washington, and other points beside the convention.

Just ever so many good wishes for a happy and restful vacation.

MILDRED PRICE REES.

PERSONALS

We were all pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Decker with us at our formal and again to have Mrs. Decker (Elizabeth Hays, Xi) with us for initiation.

Vivian Bahr, ex-'18, Lucille Coates, ex-'18, Bertha Helzer, ex-'18, helped celebrate our initiation and banquet.

Sylvia Prokes had a prominent part in the Komesky Klub play.

Alice Rees, Clarice Haggart, and Marguerite Morrissey visited their sisters and attended the formal.

Doris Bates was asked again to dance in *Mignon* put on by the Le Baron-Wheatley Studios.

Orra O'Neal will sing in *The Geisha Girl* produced by Madame De Vilmar Studios.

Kate Helzer is assisting in the Home Economics Department in the School of Agriculture.

Carolyn Kimball is on the Ivy Day committee.

Eleanor Frampton will have charge of training the seniors for the May-pole dance on Ivy Day.

Our freshmen and sophomores have been asked to take part in the Ivy Day program.

We are planning on having a Mothers' and Fathers' Day combined on May 12 during the May Festival.

Frances Huntington, Δ, and her mother, Mrs. DeWitt Clinton Huntington, have returned to Lincoln vicinity after an absence of three years traveling on the continent.

Isn't this a good climax?

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH

Mrs. W. J. Graham,

380 Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pi Chapter leads in scholarship first semester. Add to letter.

DORIS WEAVER.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mildred Price Rees, '19, announced her engagement to Leland George Landers, '17, Π K Φ.

Janet Thompson, '17, Σ, to Arthur Stacy, of Kansas City.

Frances Huntington, Δ, to Rev. John Edward Martin of Detroit, Mich.

BIRTHS

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Minor (Ellen Pollock, E) of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on April 2.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

With one's mind a jumble of enthusiastic notes on convention and plans for the future, it is no wonder that this letter will be hopeless.

Of course everyone at Iowa is talking war and patriotism. In two days the Liberal Arts students raised a fund of \$250. Stands decorated by flags were evident in all the university buildings, and red, white, and blue tags sold for ten cents. The money is to be used to build a cement and steel flag staff for the campus.

At five o'clock every morning our slumbers are disturbed by bugle calls, loud commands, and tramping of feet. The freshmen and sophomores are taking their compulsory drill. Now that war is imminent upperclassmen and professional men are joining the ranks by dozens. Saturdays are spent in digging trenches for practice or fighting in sham battles. Flags are flying everywhere. One of Rho's freshmen came home one noon proudly bearing a large flag on a long pole. With much pounding of nails, and admiring ohs and ahs the flag was put up on the front porch—the first flag to fly from a sorority house at Iowa.

Now we are planning a Red Cross benefit dance at our chapter-house. Invitations have been sent out to our friends to come in attire suitable for a Red Cross party. We are planning to make the programs and decorations original and appropriate. We hope to have as many couples as the house will accommodate, for we want the fund which we turn over to the local society to be a large one.

Nena Louis, our convention delegate, gave us quite a surprise on the evening of St. Patrick's day. She came to the house, ostensibly to bid the girls goodbye before going to Baltimore. When we went down to dinner, we found that she had decorated the table in green and white, had lighted candles, and had succeeded in giving a very festive air to the place.

All the girls are interested, even excited over proposed plans for remodeling the chapter-house for fall. If all the features suggested by the girls (some of which would drive a futurist architect insane), are materialized, our house will be among the best at Iowa.

So you see Rho is working, and planning, and wishing for improvements for Gamma Phi just as every other chapter from North to South, and from ocean to ocean, does. Our loyalty and enthusiasm are greatly increased by Nena's report of convention.

Best wishes to all from Rho.

HELEN SCHMIDT.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(No Letter)

OLIVE REYNOLDS.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The chapter letter has long been a means of telling each other the interests and activities of the life of each chapter through previous months, but it will be a difficult proposition to keep a personal touch out of this letter. However, we have all been taught not to talk too much of ourselves, so the few paragraphs following must first tell of the items of interest previous to convention.

There is an expression, very predominant at this time which begins, "In the spring a young man's fancy." The correction to this seems to stand. In the spring a young lady's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of May Fête, picnics, hikes, and other festivities. In the latter part of May, the gymnasium classes work together in the production of a picturesque evening of dancing. This in an annual event and is the finale of our year's work. A week previous to this and as a form of inspiration, the whole college gives a picnic. This occasion is almost a "legal" holiday. A vacation is declared and all buildings and laboratories are closed, so there is no excuse to stay home and work.

One of the main events of our past history in Aggies, "past" referring to any time previous to today, was the production of our Home Economics play, *The Food Dictator*. This had more bearing than just an ordinary dramatic performance for it was produced absolutely "on the campus." The play was written by Miss Marion Higgins, our librarian, and Miss Inga Allison, the head of our Home Economics Department. The dancing was original with Miss Edwina Layman, the physical director, and the music was the original composition of Katharine Leach, one of our Gamma Phi freshmen. Five of our girls took part.

Tau's own enthusiasm is mingled with all others for new endeavors. We have decided upon an incentive toward better scholarship in one or two ways. The contest is between the upper and lowerclassmen. Whoever has the lower average at the end of the semester must acknowledge this by a supper to the others. We hope that by this all will aspire toward a better average. The second idea we are planning on is to have the name of the freshman with the highest average each year inscribed upon a large seal, hung in the chapter-room. Our social service work was carried out as usual by having the waffle breakfast on Washington's birthday. We have this breakfast at the chapter-house, and this year torn between the pleasure of watching the parade of our college men, and the duty of serving the red hot products of waffle iron, we served one hundred and fifty people in two hours and a half.

During the spring vacation, Tau was hostess to Theta at the home of Mary Ryer. Definite plans were made and committees appointed for a joint affair to be given the first of the summer. This will probably be a house party in the mountains. It will be a splendid step to bring Theta and Tau closer together.

Now that this is all off my mind—this phrase "off my mind" being said in all sincerity because I am very anxious to speak a few words of convention. This was a wonderful and broadening experience. As an organized chapter it was Tau's first convention, and the delegate only hopes she can give such a report as to make the chapter feel in itself, every influential step and every progressive idea as presented to us from all parts of these United States. We appreciate the inspiration and assistance given us by those who have lived longer in our family, and we appreciate the hospitality of Zeta which made this convention possible. Now if this delegate had only realized how much nearer the ground Baltimore is than even she herself (and that is not a great distance above ground, as is readily noticeable), if this had been realized she would have brought a little mountain to play with and would have thus overcome the sheer embarrassment of "the effects of the altitude." But when you come to Colorado—when you do—words fail me!

DOROTHY F. MARTIN.

PERSONALS

Laura Pierce, of Pueblo, was initiated into Gamma Phi Beta, March 14.
Dorothy Martin has been admitted to membership in the Scribblers' Club,
a literary society in the college.

Mary Ryer entertained Tau at an informal dance at her home during
the spring vacation.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lutie Arnold, '17, to Rudolph Seyfried, '16, $\Sigma \Delta$.

Helen Light, '17, to Willard Grover, Aspen, Colorado.

MARRIAGES

Margaret McGregor, '20, to Fay Brink Prickett, Lieutenant of United
States Army.

Elsie Jamieson, '18, to Claude Chandler.

Lucille Schmidt, '16, to Ralph Giddings, '16.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

Dear Gamma Phis:

"Attention! About face! Forward march!" Now if you happened to
come to Hollins one of these lovely spring afternoons you might well believe
that you had landed in a camp on the Mexican border instead of a very
conservative college for "young ladies," but you would soon learn that you
were at Hollins. Yes siree! we have a battalion with really, truly military
drill and really, truly officers. No, you needn't smile and think it's all a
joke 'cause it isn't! If you don't believe it ask Governor Edge, and he'll
tell you that we're going to do patrol duty on the Jersey coast this summer.
Now, isn't that exciting? You see we are to have a summer camp, just like
any other camp except that we will have drill, Red Cross work, and do
regular coast guard duty. The part that will interest you most is that
it is open not only to the Hollins Battalion but to college girls all over
the country.

Oh! while I'm telling about military drill let me tell you what happened
just before Easter holidays. One night we had special formation and
were told that we were to drill by moonlight and be inspected by someone
from Roanoke. We had just formed on the campus when a band hidden
in the shadows began to play and down the walk under our crossed guns
(they are only wooden ones but we'll have real rifles this summer) came
the Rotary Club of Roanoke, armed with brooms. Of course, we were
surprised but like well-disciplined soldiers, we didn't move a muscle. Oh,
we made up for keeping quiet when the Rotarians entertained us with their
songs and stunts. The "pep" and vim we put into the cheers given for
everything from the announcement that ice cream would be served in the
Kellar to the last cheer for the Rotary Club and Old Glory would have
made the bull of Bashan green with jealousy.

I started in the middle of my letter instead of the beginning, but
February was such a long time ago that things seem a bit dim and hazy—
but here's an attempt at some "logical order." Initiation was the first event
for as soon as the semester grades were in we initiated our pledges and
they're just the best Gamma Phis ever. That reminds me that Upsilon
has come back to old standing in scholarship this quarter—second to none!

The last of February we were very much interested in Founders' Day,
the twenty-first of the month. It is one of our "big days" at Hollins and
is always remembered by the attractive stunts given by each class. The
stunts this year, *The Hollins Follies of 1916*, *The Hollins Family*, represent-

ing "Ma and Pa Hollins" and their children (school activities), and the pantomime given by the "Preps," were all separately and collectively pronounced the best ever presented.

I mustn't forget to mention the reception we gave to introduce our new members to the faculty and other sorority girls. Everyone seemed to "suffer much enjoyment," as the old negro said but they didn't have half as good a time as we had at the dinner party the new girls gave us at the Tinker Tearoom last month.

Upsilon was nearly frightened out of a year's growth last month when we learned that convention, a visit from Miss Morgan and Miss Nachtrieb were all coming at the same time. However, we survived and are thriving nicely, thank you. Poor things, we haven't any chapter or even any rooms but there's no use crying over what can't be helped, and so we just grin and bear it! (That is what I do when I have to write a chapter letter.) Well to come back to the subject we cleaned up beautifully for Miss Morgan and stood in fear and trembling—but when she arrived we immediately fell in love with her and felt that we knew her so well that I'm afraid we forgot to try to make a good impression. When Miss Nachtrieb came on her way back from convention we found that, though she was dreadfully businesslike at first, she wasn't quite as dignified as she appeared to be, and was human after all not just an address. Wonder if she ever found her blue—but I won't tell on her, if you want to know, ask her yourself. Even if she did become human she gave us the big view of National Gamma Phi Beta and filled us with enthusiasm and inspiration.

Upsilon's best wishes and love to each chapter from Alpha to Phi.

FRANCES MCINTOSH.

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Dearest Big Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

May I have the pleasure of introducing to you the members of your baby chapter? Now, first, there is Elizabeth Baker ever capable and truly irresistible. Next, Margaret Ewing who, in silence, performs wonders. How proud we were when her *Reflections* was played at the Little Theater of St. Louis last month! Margaret Johnson is our Phi Beta Kappa. Alas, how calmly she wears her laurels! These are our seniors three, whose equals we have yet to find. As for Mary Callahan, without her Phi would be less sunny; and Elizabeth Callaway, dark and dignified, well, Elizabeth seems able to cope with any situation. Next is Grace Lewis whose dancing last May Day and during the Shakespearian celebration charmed everyone. Lois Keim, our delegate, some of you have met. Was there ever anyone just like Lois? Who else could have gone to the convention and have brought back so much enthusiasm, so many ideas and plans? If such a thing is possible, I think, since her return, we love and appreciate Gamma Phi just a little more. I wish everyone of you could see Frances Lucas at the piano. Her playing is inimitable. Grace Sewing, well, she is the only sophomore girl taking chemistry, and yet how adorable we less scientific people find her. And last, but by no means least, of our sophomores comes Lucile Riedel with smiles for everyone. Now our freshmen—they are five—Dorothy Hetlage, Julia Jonah, Josephine Michael, Frances Murch, and Charlotte Robertson—praiseworthy everyone. It makes little difference what they attempt, be it social service work, basketball, or the writing of songs—they always succeed. And lastly here's to our pledge, Sarah Kennedy, from distant Carolina.

Now, big sisters, please don't think me too conceited. I just had to tell you about our family (each one will probably scold when she reads this letter.) You know Phi is not quite two months old and has so much to learn. I have told you a little of what we are; on other pages of this CRESCENT you may read of what we were and hope to be.

Your baby sends greetings to every one of you.

ELIZABETH CHAPIN.

PERSONALS

Beatrice Jennings, '15, is teaching this year at New London, Missouri.

Ada Marie Kelly, '16, is at home with her mother this year in Sedalia, Missouri.

Dorothy Jennings, '16, is teaching at Troy, Missouri.

Constance Roach, '16, teaches at Overland, Missouri, but is fortunate enough to be able to live at her home in the city. How happy we are when she attends our meetings!

Eleanor Berry, '18, is teaching in Sedalia, Missouri, her home town.

CHICAGO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The two events of special interest at the Gamma Phi luncheons since the holidays have been the visit of Mrs. Charles Haven Moss and her address to the chapter, which brought out a large number of Omicrons who claim her as their special patron saint. This is the first opportunity many of the members have had to see and talk with a real, live "founder."

Next to Mrs. Moss's talk comes the most entertaining and inspiring report of the convention given by Lillian Thompson at the April meeting. It was a model report, and gave all those who had the good fortune to hear a most vivid picture of what the Gamma Phis in convention say and do and think. It was a great pleasure to listen to such a fresh, vigorous, and interesting account of happenings at Baltimore.

The breakfast party planned by Ella Smith to meet the Gamma Phis at the trains on their way to Baltimore was successfully carried out with the help of the Epsilon Chapter.

At the Panhellenic dinner held at the College Club Saturday evening, April 14, a good number of Gamma Phis were present. The number responding to the roll call was not as large as the Kappas, for instance, but it was considerably larger than that of many other sororities. The name of Lillian Thompson was on the program of toasts with the topic "Rise and Development of City Panhellenics." It is needless to say that it was a brilliant speech and the whispered comment of an appreciative Gamma Phi, "Isn't she a star?" would have been applauded by all the chapter if it had been uttered audibly.

The Panhellenic dinner was a great success, a regular melting-pot of Greeks of different tribes. "When Greek meets Greek" there are bound to be some hits of a more or less witty character, but all the speeches were well tempered with good nature and a feeling of good-fellowship. While an alumnae chapter is in no way behind the undergraduate chapters in interest in Gamma Phi activities, there are great difficulties in the way of keeping up the attendance at the monthly luncheons and in organizing special charitable work on the part of the chapter.

There is scarcely a member who is not a member of half a dozen other clubs, and it is quite a test of Gamma Phi loyalty to make room on one's program for a Saturday luncheon for ten months in the year. Then, too; the husbands and children who have been planning a week-end outing claim

their share of Madam Gamma Phi's attention. Yet, in spite of all these counter attractions, the attendance this year has been very good, sometimes reaching thirty.

With such a group of social workers in the chapter as Minnie Patterson and her sister Florence, who are at the University of Chicago Settlement House, Mrs. Olivia Brooker, who is engaged in social service work at Sears Roebuck's, and Ruth Fox, who is working in the Psychopathic Hospital, all professional social service workers, the aggregate contribution to philanthropic work of the Chicago Alumni Chapter equals that of a whole chapter of amateurs. Besides those who have been mentioned, Mrs. Karl Koessler is distinguishing herself in scientific research, besides being on the board of the Bureau of Occupations for Collegiate Women. Mrs. T. S. Ford is state president of a missionary society.

Just now everyone who is not interested in a settlement is taking up Red Cross work. Mrs. E. D. Burbank has thrown herself heart and soul into the work, and a number of others have followed her example. Edna Hoskins, who has nearly finished her two years training as a nurse will probably be ready soon to go to the front. Augusta Krieger, our president, has just said goodbye to a brother who has enlisted in the army. Each member of the chapter is "doing its bit" for Gamma Phi and for the world at large.

FLORENCE N. JONES.

PERSONALS

At the Annual Members' Art Exhibit of the Chicago College Club which is held in the clubrooms during the week beginning April 20, Mrs. Karl Koessler has four oil paintings on exhibition, *The Pool*, *Homewood*, *Washing*, and a *Study*. In an exhibition of uniformly high quality Mrs. Koessler's work is conspicuous for its excellence. To those who have known her as a scientist and linguist, this further example of her versatility comes as a surprise. The Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi is fortunate to be represented by so gifted a member.

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters:

Are all of you talking about spring, war, convention, and just at the precise time I am writing, mostly convention? Our three delegates, Louise Klock French, Kate Gardner Cook, and Emily Price, are so brimming over with the enthusiasm imbibed at this splendid meeting of Gamma Phis from every part of the country, that they have instilled into each of us new enthusiasm and new energy and, best of all, a deepening of the realization of just how much worth while it all is anyway.

A fitting prelude to the stirring strains of convention was the visit of Miss Nachtrieb, which was a delight and inspiration to us all. On Monday, March 26, we held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Seth D. Baker, just for her especial benefit, and we did so enjoy meeting and talking with her. We hope there will be, not one, but many such meetings.

Since our last letter, we have been active and busy, but somehow, I can not find any very tangible things to write about.

Just at present, we are all actively interested in the work of the Red Cross, and we are hoping to become, as a chapter, an active unit in carrying on this work. Our plans are of necessity, rather indefinite just now because we have not been able to get very definite information, but we hope that before many days have passed, this work will be under way.

In the meantime, there are rumors—the mystic words—card party, chapter-house, Red Cross, social service, all of which seem to promise a time of pleasure and profit and we are rather anticipating something, although we are not sure just what.

There is one thing, though, that each of us is looking forward to definitely and eagerly, and that is our annual luncheon held with the active girls at Mrs. Krebs in Skaneateles during commencement week in June. It is always a happy time to mark the end of a busy, happy year.

By the time this letter comes to you all to be read it will be June, and time for each of you to go out and away from the close Gamma Phi companionship the winter months have meant, so I am sending to each of you a wish that this vacation may be just the best one you have ever had.

MARGUERITE G. COOKE.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Cora Willard Fredrick has returned from Atlantic City.

ENGAGEMENTS

Zayde Augusta Lighthall, ex-'15, to George Frederick Kinback, '12, Sigma Chi.

Marguerite G. Cooke, '13, to Ralph Stafford Doubleday, '13, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

MARRIAGES

Rachael Bulley, '12, to Charles Croasdale Trump.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters: Greetings!

The frosting must be eaten before the cake. If you had only been there! Where? Convention! Such a wonderful group of girls from all over the country bound together by a common tie could not help but impress one. Convention is now a thing of the past, but its influence cannot be soon forgotten, for it was there that the strong, steady pulse of the great organization of Gamma Phi Beta was felt.

You should have seen our President preside, and heard Miss Thompson talk! Then our hostesses were most wonderful in their thoughtfulness for our comfort and pleasure. We surely had the time of our lives.

You have heard that we have a system of great aunts and nieces in the alumnae and active chapters. Each active girl is assigned to an alumna for her special care during her college career, and very many happy friendships have resulted. We, who are great aunts, were invited down to Beth Hacker's in Lynn recently to meet the active girls. Great was our surprise when we found Isabelle Turnbull surrounded with flowers, and wearing a diamond. We knew that the lucky man was Robert Blood, who soon appeared ready for congratulations. It wasn't such a brave act as it sounds, for he has seen so many of us at Gamma Phi parties, that he looks upon us as sisters.

On March 3, Boston had a most delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. Francis P. Allen of Brookline. Luncheon was served at one, and we had a good get-together time. This meeting was a special reunion of the classes of '04, '05, and '06, and many who haven't come regularly arrived that day. After luncheon, we had a first-class business meeting, at which many things were accomplished, due to the careful work of Frances Tucker. A spring luncheon was planned to be given to Delta Chapter in honor of her thirtieth birthday, when a roll call will be taken of each member in every class since

the founding of Delta. It will be interesting to hear from everyone, for each initiate is expected to reply in person or by letter.

We are looking forward to Miss Nachtrieb's visit the last of April.

Now, my task is surely done,
I can flee, or I can run.

CONSTANCE FLANDERS.

NEW YORK

Dear Gamma Phis:

On February 17, a small number of alumnae went over to the home of Clara Ely, in Rutherford, New Jersey, and fairly reveled in the large old-fashioned house that showed it was the home of a large and happy family. After a delightful luncheon, there were several items of convention business that had to be settled, and then there was a little time for getting acquainted, as these meetings are our only times of coming together.

Mrs. Ben Witt Key, of 7 West 49th Street, New York, entertained the chapter at a tea on March 24. Convention business again occupied us most of the time, but the minute that was settled, everyone wanted to talk with the new Gamma Phis, so that the staid and proper home of Dr. Key was in an uproar of many female voices.

The delegates to convention, Edna Stitt Robinson, Blanche Shove Palmer, and Laura Latimer Graham, have reported a most wonderful time. One thing that impressed them greatly is the fact that the national organization is so remarkably efficient and well balanced. There was also a pleasing spirit of harmony, which was shown by the consideration of the greater good for the greater number whenever there was the slightest difference of opinion, due to differences in local conditions. This spirit of bowing to the will of the majority, when it is so willingly done, will help to broaden us all into more helpful women of the world, and will react on each local chapter as well. Miss Morgan presided ably and with charm, and Miss Thompson showed very clearly, her ability as our Panhellenic delegate, all of which makes us delighted to have them remain in office another term. The work of our visiting delegate, Margaret Nachtrieb, has been so widespread, and yet so intensive, that we are feeling the results in greater efficiency among the chapters, and will continue to feel them more and more. The Baltimore Alumnae and the Zeta girls made such wonderful hostesses that we haven't caught our breath yet. The convention was certainly a red-letter experience for all who were there.

On April 21, we had an Endowment Fund Tea at the home of Anna Paddock, 149 West 72nd Street, New York. Mrs. Taylor, Chicago Alumnae, sang three charming songs, which showed her voice off to very great advantage. Helen Carr, Alpha, who is training for a nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital, accompanied her. We are so proud of our record of having the largest contribution to the Endowment Fund that we are starting this early to raise our next installment.

The New York Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi have raised six hundred dollars in the last year, for their settlement work in Tennessee, a very inspiring example for the rest of us. To be sure, this particular chapter has over a hundred members, but that does not explain all of this grand total, by any means.

We are planning a Gamma Phi picnic, to be held the latter part of May, or the first of June somewhere up the Hudson. The arrangements are in the hands of the recent Iota graduates, and we expect a large number to attend.

A number of alumnæ have enlisted for war service. Florence Heermans has offered to work in a munition factory, Elva Russum has offered to drive her car in delivering Red Cross supplies, and Isabelle White has been knitting and sewing for soldiers. The rest of us play cards for the benefit of the Red Cross fund, and sew every week at the nearest headquarters.

We extend hearty wishes for a restful vacation to each Gamma Phi.

FLORENCE HEERMANS.

PERSONALS

At the tea at Mrs. Key's home, we were glad to welcome Gertrude Gaggin, A, and Gertrude Curtis, Δ, who are studying in the Y. W. C. A. Training School, Mrs. Dorothy Potter France, Miss Dorset, Γ, and Harriet Hunt, Γ, who is studying in Columbia.

Ruth Elva Russum has received her Master's degree in Modern Languages from New York University this spring.

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Isabelle White, who was called to Cambridge the latter part of April by the death of her father.

We were pleased to welcome a number of new Gamma Phis at the Endowment Fund Tea at Anna Paddock's: Miss Guppy, formerly dean of women at the University of Oregon, Miss Dorset, Mrs. Bayliss, Irma Latzer, Linda Eberbach, Doris Bradley, Elda Fink, Sophie Lingg, and Helen Carr.

Irma Latzer, Omicron, has received her master's degree and is now studying for her doctorate. She has a teaching fellowship in Teachers' College, and has two Gamma Phi pupils, Linda Eberbach, and Doris Bradley.

MARRIAGES

Helen Savitz was married June 24, 1916, to Mr. Frederick Wales Conlin, Lehigh '07. Mr. and Mrs. Conlin are living in Westfield, New York.

Elsa Louise Berghaus was married April 5, 1917, to Mr. William Townsend Fair in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Fair is serving with the 23rd regiment now stationed at White Plains.

DEATHS

We were very much shocked to learn of the death of Dr. Edmund Janes Palmer, husband of Blanche Shove Palmer, on May 29. Dr. Palmer has always been interested in Gamma Phi affairs, and has been a charming host to the girls whenever there was a tea or luncheon at their home. He was a physician of prominence in New York City, and will be greatly missed by his host of friends.

MILWAUKEE

(No Letter)

MARIE LEAVENS.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters:

And it does seem as if we are going to be dearer to each other in this near future—if that can be. This is good Friday and that day of all days which makes us feel serious is also the day on which our country is declared to be at war. The thought is altogether too immense for us to comprehend. We are just of the age to have brothers, sweethearts, and husbands for our country to depend upon and we will all the more have to be sympathetic, sincere, unselfish, and loving to help each other to be more courageous under such conditions.

I suppose when we hear from convention we will be told all those present helped to bring all Gamma Phis one notch higher on the scale of everlasting friendship, as each convention does take us up and up. We are so far away from Baltimore that this letter has to go to press before our delegates return.

We have had two alumnæ meetings since the last CRESCENT. One at my house and one at Mrs. Butler's. (She is one of those affiliates I told you about.) One meeting was large—very large and made us feel how big we could be if we all made the effort to get there and the other made us feel that not always is the success of a meeting in numbers—as we were all very intimate and had a good, chatty time.

I feel tonight like some editor of *Vogue*, whoever he is, who always in the next issue talks about the last one—why we are so proud of our last number, etc. But wasn't the last CRESCENT worth the money! I certainly take off my hat to some of my corresponding secretary sisters who are so all-fired CLEVER. I hope those of you who have college brothers accidentally leave THE CRESCENT open at two or three of the good letters so they can see how keen some of our people are and if you have husbands hold it open under their noses until they read it, and Gamma Phi in general will go up a million with our kinfolks.

And now I must apologize to May Atkinson right here in black and white—Please forgive me, May, I thought it was you they said. May Atkinson is not engaged to Chauncey Reed or any other man but Genevieve Atkinson is "very much so" according to May and May thinks he is fine and said she didn't care, of course, about the announcement in THE CRESCENT but "little sister and little sister's beau might object to such an arrangement." So now I hope it is clear and after this you people who tell me things to put in the personals please get them straight for I don't like to apologize on the typewriter; it takes too long to punch it out.

May also said at the last alumnæ meeting in Los Angeles, they voted to petition for a charter. Here's good luck to you Los Angeles alumnæ! We hope you get it.

The Mothers of all Gamma Phis in reach around here, active and alumnæ, are forming a club of their own. We think it a fine idea and hope they become as dear friends as we are.

I hate to sign my name to such a letter but I have to confess that this war talk has actually torpedoed everything out of my head which evidently isn't, wasn't, or amn't as level as I was in the habit of considering it. But even if our heads are swimming around on some dizzy heights, be assured our hearts are in the right place and will ever be open to all of you.

Lovingly,

MAY MORGAN BROWN.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

"The play's the thing" yet, for never has such a successful play as this year's been given, and we've been told that we've given some mighty good ones, too. (Truly we're not conceited!) The consensus of opinion seems to be that last year's play was a very close second, but that it *was* a second. Lindsey Barbee, the author, has distinguished herself again, and also the active and alumnæ chapters more than ever. *The Spell of the Image* had a very well-developed plot, many clever and charming situations, and lines so witty, that one was constantly alert for the "new" dialogue. Moreover, one couldn't but marvel at the audience, so keen, sympathetic, and

appreciative. But I have no doubt many of you will read the Theta letter, and get more details there. The active chapter has occasion to be proud of itself (and no doubt it is!) for the acting was remarkably well done in every instance, and the scenery was most effective. Miss Edna May Sprague, the coach, also deserves much credit for her splendid work. Many Denver people look upon this as one of the most delightful college events of the year, and always look forward to it.

February 10, we met with Mrs. Ned K. Woodward (Kathryn Allen) in her attractive apartment. Mrs. Woodward is one of our most enthusiastic members and we couldn't but have a delightful time in her home. Mrs. Plumer (Mabel Page, Δ) visited us at that meeting. She will be in Denver some time, as her husband's business brings them here.

As if February had not done enough for us with the play on the seventeenth, along came the initiation and banquet on the twenty-fourth. As usual the banquet was held at the Metropole Hotel and was as nice as ever. It seems that the girls always look their best that night, and the flowers and candlelight add much to the occasion. The "new" girls were so excited that even staid alumnae couldn't but catch the spirit. The toasts were carried out in a clever adaptation of the "Bluebird" idea.

We didn't get down to business again till March 9, when we met with Mrs. H. B. Young (Lucia Pattison) and then there was naturally much to be discussed. Among other things we decided to give a certain amount of money to our A. C. A. this year (and it will probably be given each year) to help in their Vocational Guidance Work. Much has been done in that line and the new bureau is well started. Probably no one has been more active in this work than Edna Howard, who is the president of A. C. A. this year; but all the girls in the chapter have been much interested in the work.

Mrs. M. B. Holt (Mabel Brown) opened her home to us again for the March program meeting and a very interesting talk on "Birds" was given by Mr. Fred Lincoln, Assistant Curator in the State Museum. Miss Chellie Wright, the daughter of one of our members, Mrs. F. R. Wright, played beautifully.

The following week an extra meeting was held for the benefit of the Denver teachers, who were having vacation. Clara Sperry entertained and everyone reported a fine meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Arbor Day, and will be at the Lodge. The girls plan to go out in the morning to plant shrubs and vines, and then the business meeting will be called in the afternoon, after a picnic luncheon has been served.

We understand that the active girls have just won the scholarship cup again, and surely we are proud of them. Now for the third time!

We also understand that we are to be honored with the next Gamma Phi Convention, and surely we of the "Queen City of the West" will welcome you with open arms. Till then—best wishes and farewell.

MADELYN MOORE KEEZER.

PERSONALS

Blossom Henry is studying in Columbia for her Ph.D. degree. We understand that she has made quite a name for herself there.

Mrs. John B. Milton (Lisle Brownell) has been visiting in California.

Esther Doll has been in the hospital but is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Carl Winchell (Mildred Morgan) writes from Unalaska that she and her husband are enjoying themselves there very much.

Laurel Grimes is taking up a homestead in northern Colorado.

Dorothy Steel is to be married June 18.

BIRTHS

Mrs. Ralph J. Gilmore (Ruth Carson) has a daughter, Mary Ella.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Carman is engaged to Thomas Selby.

Rose Haffner to Ray Gardner Henry.

Eleanor Reynolds to Talmadge Miller.

MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Gamma Phis:

Spring is in the air, even if it is cold as Greenland this morning, and I long to go out on a picnic. Come on with me—let's have a huge Gamma Phi picnic. Everybody who is ready to play hookey for a day, come—I know there will be lots who are willing to be wicked.

Katherine Silverson and Grace Ferguson have returned home from convention, and they surely do tell us stay-at-homes some glowing tales of convention. The meetings seemed to be *so* successful and the girls *so* charming, and Washington and Baltimore *so* delightful. (I am told that "so" is always overused by members of the female sex. Needless to say, a man said that to me.) No, but seriously we were so tickled to hear that Margaret Nachtrieb made such a hit at convention and was apparently most important at the meetings. And Katherine Silverson has given us most enthusiastic accounts of Miss Thompson's survey of the sorority—we are all anxious to read it for ourselves. And the Vagabond Players, and the Panhellenic tea, and the banquet—everything was perfect, and our Baltimore sisters certainly "done themselves proud."

As for Kappa's doings, the latest innovation is the Saturday Lunch Club. I suppose I shouldn't call it that, for Minneapolis has a real club called that, which is composed of several of the business men of the city, who meet weekly for discussion. No, ours isn't that one, but we do meet weekly for fun at Donaldson's tearooms, and it is a fine chance for us working people to see other Gamma Phis whom we should otherwise not see.

About the most startling thing that has happened was the wedding of Eunice McGilvra and Arthur Erdall, which took place March 30. They had told everyone that they were to be married next October, but they found out a couple of weeks beforehand that they could do it this spring and so they did. They were mighty clever the way they went about it. Arthur's parents gave a birthday party for Eunice and after the guests were through dinner little cards were passed around which were to the effect that if the guests cared to see Eunice and Arthur married afterwards they had only to go into the living-room. They did, and there was the minister and everything complete, Eunice had even had Helen Jewett, of Fergus Falls, visiting her for a few days before the wedding and never gave it away. She had settled her flat unbeknownst to anyone and had gone on working until the very hour of the dinner. The next morning Arthur sent down to the school a huge box of candy at the time when Eunice would naturally arrive, with a note explaining why she did not appear in person.

At initiation, which was held March 3, Margaret Menzel announced her engagement, which she had also kept a secret for some little time, ever since she came back last fall from the West, indeed.

Minneapolis seems to have gone crazy on the subject of plays. There have been dozens given this winter by clubs, university players, and even church organizations. The two most interesting ones, though, were *Pomander Walk* which the College Women's Club gave and *Alice in Wonderland*

given by the Woman's Club. *Pomander Walk* was extremely well done, as are all productions put on by our very talented club. Frances Works took the part of the hero in the play and was very good, of course, that goes without saying.

And now the girl that has spring fever will bring her letter to an end. It has at least unity inasmuch as it begins and ends with dissertations on spring fever. Here's to a happy, happy summer to you all and to our meeting in Denver in 1919!

Yours devotedly,

ELLA T. MORSE.

PERSONALS

Margaret Nachtrieb is visiting Mrs. Otto Zobel (Cora Ennes) in Maplewood, New Jersey, before she returns home.

Mrs. Howard De Vey (Louise McGilvra) and her little daughter, Nancy, are visiting Louise's father, Mr. J. H. McGilvra, of Minneapolis.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Menzel to Mr. Richard Lea Bronson, of Tacoma, Washington.
Enid Wilcox to Walter Newcomb, Jr., of Virginia, Minnesota.

MARRIAGES

Eunice McGilvra and Arthur E. Erdall, March 30.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Keating (Grace Keating), a son, Maurice Keating, Jr., March 15.

DETROIT

(No Letter)

HELEN TUTHILL.

BALTIMORE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Baltimore seems empty indeed, with only a handful of Gamma Phis to gather together, but instead of being gloomy, we are cheered most wonderfully by the pleasant memories of convention. It is said that the greater part of any pleasure is in anticipating it—but I am sure that not even our two years of anticipation could equal in any way the pleasure we derived from entertaining the Gamma Phis for those few days. We only hope that the lofty ideals, the enlarged vision, and the jolly friendships formed at that time, may be permanent and beneficial to us and to Gamma Phi Beta.

Our convention was a fleeting one, and now that it is over, and such a dark cloud is shadowing our country, we have gone back to our tasks with greater zeal than ever before. Some members of the chapter have become very active in war relief work, and now Nell Watts and Bess Brown may be found every day at the Governor's office, recording the war census, while others are active in different forms of work.

We are sorry that Miss Nachtrieb's visit was so brief—less than a day—but we are glad to have had the opportunity to get acquainted with her and all the national officers, at convention. However, not only do we feel that we know our officials, but every chapter through its representative.

So, in closing, I feel very much like saying "Baltimore Alumnæ send best regards to Gamma Phis everywhere, and please remember us to the chap-

ter, Joie, and Pansy and Helen and Thelma and Margaret," and so on down the whole list to Lois.

CLARA WAGNER.

PERSONALS

We were glad to have with us for convention the following members of Zeta: Blanche McNeill Smith, Helen Armor, Anna Blanton, Grace Atkinson, Bess McCabe Dahlinger, Etheline P. Austin, Mary Leary, Caroline Kline, Isabel Kline Rock, Matilda Omwake, Isabel D. Gibson, Margaret Handy, and Dorothy Wetherald.

For the past week Margaret Nachtrieb has been visiting Marjorie Templin at the Shepherd Pratt Hospital.

Bess Brown has been elected president of the Hampden branch of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association. Several other Gamma Phis are serving on the board.

Dorothy Sippel is attending the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington. She is acting as page to Mrs. Storey, the President-General.

ENGAGEMENTS

Charlotte Romberger, who is spending the month of April in Baltimore, will be married in June to Mr. Harold Steele, of Syracuse.

SEATTLE

(No Letter)

MRS. G. C. TEAL.

PORTLAND

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Some serious social service work is being undertaken by this chapter by our all but adopting a little eight year old girl. We found her through the aid of the Visiting Nurses' Association. The child's family is destitute, and she herself is an invalid. Our plan is to see that she has the proper medical attention, to clothe, feed, and educate her. Besides providing the necessary funds for this, we have willingly volunteered to visit the girl regularly, and oversee her upbringing as well as to keep her amused.

Easter holidays have come and gone and with them our "Oregon" contingent. During the vacation Panhellenic gave her annual dance for the benefit of the scholarship fund. This year the dance was of the "Jitney" variety. Bertha Masters was our enthusiastic representative who contributed much time and labor to the cause. There was a good attendance but owing to the excitement over the war and the fact that so many college men have enlisted, the usual enthusiasm seemed to be lacking.

The alumnae and active chapters coöperated in giving a dinner dance for a number of next year's freshman girls. The dinner was a progressive one and the guests were carried from house to house in machines. Mary Sellars, Irene Strawbridge, Florence Parelius, and Aileen Gehr entertained at dinner and the party wound up with a dance at the home of Flawnice Killingsworth O'Hanlon in her attractive new bungalow in Piedmont.

BEULAH BRIDGES.

PERSONALS

Grace Listman of Lambda Chapter has been visiting Zillah Crawford. Mrs. Carlos Close took part in the play given at the Art Museum.

ENGAGEMENTS

Zillah Crawford to Frederick Glenn.

Jean Gray to Samuel Powell, Jr.

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 Thursday afternoon at 4:45 in the chapter rooms, 196 Washington Ave., Boston, Mass.
- EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M. at the sorority rooms, fourth floor, Willard Hall.
- ZETA meets every Saturday evening at 23rd and Calvert, Altheim Hall.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 2732 Channing Way.
- THETA meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the chapter house, 310 10th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, 4524 17th 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 evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 227 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- TAU meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, 121 West Olive.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 A. M. at 284 Dartmouth 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 25, 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

FOR MARCH:—*Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *Beta Sigma Omicron*; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Gar-net* and *White* of Alpha Chi Rho.

FOR APRIL:—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Owl* of Sigma Nu Phi; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Alpha Gamma Delta*; *Centaur* of Alpha Kappa Kappa; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

From Preparedness for the Antifraternity War—From the report to the Interfraternity Conference, 1916, from the Committee on Publicity—we quote the following recommendations:

1. The chapters in state institutions, instead of discouraging the creation of new chapters, should encourage local societies to apply to national fraternities for charters and should help them to organize. The larger the proportion of Greeks among the students, the less will be the opposition to them.

2. Fraternities should not confine themselves to state universities and state colleges if there are other institutions that afford good material for fraternity membership. The more Greeks there are in a state the more influence they can exert to defeat hostile legislation. The numbers of Greeks in Ohio and Indiana, for instance, are a protection to some extent against legislation to exclude fraternities from the three state universities in Ohio and the two in Indiana.

3. It is vitally important that the fraternities should be conducted in such a spirit that the members will consider it their duty to support the college or university first and their chapter or fraternity second. Fraternity politics if injected into the student body will certainly react on fraternities and increase the clamor that fraternities be suppressed. Dr. F. K. Farr, editor of the *K Σ Caduceus*, has editorially recommended the "nominating committee" plan in force at Washington and Jefferson College. All students are free to nominate students for student offices. A representative committee of students, appointed by the college president, votes upon the nominations until all but three of the nominees are eliminated. The vote of the student body is then taken by written ballot.

Some such plan ought to be adopted to prevent election scandals in which there are charges of fraternity selfishness or unfairness. Selections for positions on athletic teams and for positions in other student activities should be made absolutely on the basis of merit, as scholastic honors are awarded by the faculty to the most deserving, and fraternity connections should not be allowed to have anything whatever to do with any honors within the gift of the students.

4. Non-fraternity men should be treated by Greeks with more consideration than they are accustomed to receive. They should be invited to chapter houses and made to feel welcome, and representatives should be invited to chapter entertainments and shown as much attention as is extended to any other guests. In other words there should be no sign of

snobbishness in the action of the Greeks towards non-fraternity men. Incidentally, they should not be called barbs or barbarians.

5. It is important that all differences between fraternities as to rushing and other matters should be settled amicably in local interfraternity conference agreements, so that there shall be nothing discreditable about interfraternity relations, and so that outsiders shall not learn through newspapers and other channels of charges of bad faith on the part of rival chapters. Local fraternities should be admitted to local conferences on equal terms with chapters of national fraternities.

6. One of the chief criticisms of fraternities has been on the ground of poor scholarship. In many institutions fraternity men have suffered the reproach of having made poorer scholastic grades than the average of the student body. In recent years there has been some improvement in the average grade of scholarship of fraternity men, but there is still much room for improvement in this regard. It is really a disgrace for fraternity men, who are supposed to be selected for mental capacity, to fall below non-fraternity men with respect to scholarship, and such a circumstance gives rise to the belief that the influences of fraternities are not wholesome.

The committee on publicity last year approved the plan of many college faculties posting the average grades of the students and the average grade of the members of each chapter. We believe that this plan will stimulate Greeks to make more creditable scholastic records than they have made, and we propose that the Secretary of the Interfraternity Conference inform the faculties of all colleges where fraternities exist that the conference approves and recommends the plan.

7. The committee approves the rule, which has been adopted by many college faculties, that prohibits the initiation of students who have not successfully passed the examination of one semester. The enforcement of such a rule will keep many undesirable men out of fraternities, men whose careers at college are in most cases very short.

For many reasons, however, we disapprove of the rule in some universities, which prohibits the initiation of a student until he has entered the sophomore class. The period is unreasonably long, and enforcement of such a rule will not produce good results for the freshmen, for the fraternities, or for the university.

From *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi:

The attitude of a group of sophomores at Princeton towards the traditional system of dining clubs which flourishes there is attracting much attention in the daily press. The story is told in this special to *The New York Times*.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 8.—Students and members of the faculty of Princeton believe the fate of the Princeton system of dining clubs may be determined by the attack made by a group of sophomores of which Richard F. Cleveland, a son of Grover Cleveland, is a prominent member.

The dining club system, which began in 1878, two years after the abolition of secret societies, is confined to the two upper classes at Princeton, and the seventeen dining clubs have 85 per cent of the two upper classes for members. The existence of the clubs was threatened when Woodrow Wilson was president of Princeton, but they survived when his efforts to establish a "quad" system failed.

The present attack is the first serious movement started from within the ranks of the students themselves. It was launched openly in a letter in today's *Princetonian* written by young Cleveland and four others, arraigning the alleged undemocratic tendencies of the clubs.

Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of the university, issued a statement commending the movement. Princeton professors said today that the majority of the faculty was in sympathy with the attack. Several prominent seniors, including George W. Perkins, Jr., all of whom are members of clubs, signed a letter to *The Princetonian* today, expressing sympathy with the stand taken by Cleveland and his associates.

The five signers of the sophomore letter of protest were D. K. E. Bruce of Baltimore, R. F. Cleveland of Princeton, S. Lloyd, Jr., of New York, J. S. Schmalz of Buffalo, and H. H. Strater of Louisville. Other members of the original group of ten which started the movement are H. D. Knower of Cincinnati, Duncan M. McCulloch of Baltimore, K. B. and R. Z. Mickey of Cleveland, R. C. Sailer of Englewood, and W. M. Fletcher, Jr., of Ivy Depot, Va.

These sophomores have announced that they would not accept nomination to any of the dining clubs which select their new members in March each year. About ten others joined in promising to refuse invitations. Richard Cleveland, a big, yellow-haired young fellow, refused today to make any prediction of the number of sophomores who would pledge themselves to board during the next two years at the commons. If a considerable body of sophomores agree to remain out of the dining clubs, some of the seventeen will necessarily go to the wall next year for lack of financial support.

President Hibben told a *New York Times* reporter today that the main fault of the club system was that, since 85 per cent of the students were members, the few who because of lack of money, or for other reasons, did not belong were marked in a disagreeable way.

A commons was established for the freshmen in 1906 and one for the sophomores in 1908. New buildings have been erected for this purpose, and President Hibben announced in his statement today that upper-classmen who wished to board at the new commons building, which will be opened next term, would have that privilege.

While this movement and that led by President Wilson during his last years at Princeton both contemplated the abolition of the dining clubs, their other objects are entirely different. Under President Wilson's "quad" system, the students would have boarded as well as lodged in separate buildings. The insurgent sophomores of today, however, want the clubs abolished so that all the students will dine at commons.

Cleveland and his associates expect that, even if the plan is successful, the forcing out of the clubs will be a gradual process. The property of the seventeen clubs is worth considerably more than \$1,000,000, and the question of finding other uses for it would be serious. Only graduate members living at Princeton, or who make visits here, are allowed to make the clubs their homes, as the students all live in the university dormitories. In the letter setting forth their position, the five sophomores said:

"In a small college such as Princeton, cut off from the outside world, conditions are most favorable for democracy, but the clubs, by setting up false standards, oppose this democracy. Making a club is usually considered the most important event in college life. Not to make a club constitutes failure; and a man's success is measured by the prestige of the club to which he is elected. In order to achieve this success, a man must repress his individuality enough to conform to the standards which upper-classmen may determine."

Other arguments in the letter are that, if the clubs did not exist, it might be presumed that the large sums which the alumni now contribute to them would go to the university for broader uses and that, after the

new commons are erected, there will be no necessity for the clubs, considered as eating houses.

In regard to the same matter, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma expresses itself as follows:

There exists at Princeton, as most people know who are informed about college affairs, a peculiar system of upperclass clubs. The system is all the more strongly intrenched, no doubt, because it is peculiar to Princeton, although it remotely resembles the arrangement of class societies at one or two other "rich men's colleges." A number of members of the present sophomore class have made it known that they will not join any of these clubs, but will continue to eat at the commons and to associate with whom they please, when, as, and if they please. Columns of newspaper space have been devoted to this strained situation. The editor of *The Caduceus* feels no interest in the affair and attaches no importance to it so far as the general college and fraternity world is concerned. The only comment he would make has been made for him in a letter from one of the District Grand Masters of Kappa Sigma: "Princeton needs some good chapters of general fraternities." There are some reasons why a man should or should not join these; the principal reason for joining a Princeton club seems to be that one may be sure of a bunk when he comes back to a class reunion.

The annual report of Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve of Barnard College is always eagerly read by those who are interested in the Barnard experiment of doing without sororities for three years. The following article—from the *New York Sun*—is quoted in *Beta Theta Pi*:

"The second year of the experimental three-year period, during which the fraternity chapters are not allowed to elect new members, has passed without any very definite development in our system of social organizations. Contrary to the expectation of the faculty, no new organizations have grown up to take the place of the fraternities; nor has there been any notable increase of interest and activity in the departmental clubs and other existing organizations. The omission of fraternity elections has brought a welcome relief from the agitations of 'rushing' and 'pledge' day and from some undesirable forms of college gossip. On the other hand, the lack of some such social organizations makes close acquaintance between students in the different classes far less frequent, and results in fewer opportunities for informal social intercourse and the formation of intimate and congenial friendships. An administrative office notices also some lack of that beneficial influence of older students on younger ones and that aid in the development of a sound public opinion in the colleges which the fraternities sometimes felt the responsibility of contributing."

From *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi:

Z T A is, perhaps, the only sorority to hold triennial conventions. The advantage is clear, for, in case of change of office, the President, who is the N. P. C. representative, is enabled to report upon her own accomplishments at N. P. C. convention, rather than upon those of her predecessor with whose efforts she may not be wholly familiar. With Z T A province and official conventions intervene. Thus efficient organization is maintained at a minimum expense.

From *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta, we quote the following significant paragraphs:

"THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN"

How many, many times have we wished, you and I,

"That there were some wonderful place,

Called the Land of Beginning Again,"

and then sighed at the vanity of our wishes. We have just been given a New Year. It is ours to do with as we will. Why not build for ourselves this "Wonderful Place" and let it be bounded by the year nineteen hundred and seventeen?

Let's draw up our architect's plans. For its foundations we'll have Truth and Sincerity. We will be true to our highest selves and to our ideals. The house will grow as day by day we perform well our daily tasks. Its doors will be the acts of kindness that open the way from our lives to others. And what will hold our house together and make it strong? Loyalty—to our friends, to our sorority, and to our college. The house will be made beautiful by the true thoughts we think. And the Spirit of the house will be Love and Thoughtfulness of others.

Have you ever built a house? Let us begin today. We shall know we have attained success and our house is a "Wonderful Place" if when nineteen hundred and seventeen is past we find that there really are not any

"things we intended to do,

But forgot and remembered too late,

Little praises unspoken, little promises broken,

Little duties neglected which might have perfected

The day for one less fortunate."

"RESPECTFULLY SUGGESTED"

In one of the chapter letters of the November issue, one of the writers said, "It is mighty hard to sit down and cudgel one's brain for items of interest and important events that took place weeks and weeks ago." That is very true, indeed.

If each chapter would keep a diary, this would not be the case. Each event should be written up at the time of occurrence—in detail and in an interesting way. The letters then would not have the appearance of "dry facts," written more or less in an outline form, but would have life and spirit. *That* is what we are all striving for, and *that* is the only thing that will help our ANGELOS.

Does this apply to any Gamma Phi?

"Oh, I never read any chapter letter except my own," remarked the busy undergraduate and the Editor sighed. "How can she expect," she thought, "to strengthen her chapter or broaden her vision of fraternity opportunity and activity if she fails to familiarize herself with the achievement and aspirations of her sister chapters."

Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

From *The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta:

Galesburg, Ill., March 10.—As a memorial to the late George Fitch, humorist, author and legislator, a chapter hall designed on the lines of a classic Greek temple was dedicated here today in the Knox College B Θ Π Fraternity House.

B Θ II fraternity men representing middle western chapters attended the dedication.

Among the speakers were Congressman Clifford Ireland, of Peoria; J. C. Hanna, of Joliet; F. W. Shepardson, of Chicago, general secretary of the fraternity, and George M. Chandler, Chicago, architect of the temple.—*Chicago Evening Post*.

The following is quoted in *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

An affair of interest to the national fraternities is the action of Beta Theta Pi at Yale. This fraternity has resigned from the junior fraternity agreement of which Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Epsilon [Upsilon?], Alpha Delta Phi and Zeta Psi are members, in order to introduce a new factor in Yale College fraternity life. Heretofore the Yale fraternities have been closed except to their respective brothers, and the buildings were tombs. But Beta Theta Pi have given up their tomb, constructing in its place an open house by which means they hope to make the open house a permanent thing in Yale College fraternities. The movement is an experiment and the ultimate result remains to be seen.—*Yale correspondence, Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

Again, the chapter letter!

FROTH FROM CHAPTER LETTERS

From The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi

LOVELINESS PERFECTED

On November 3, we had a perfectly lovely party at a perfectly lovely house and pledged two perfectly lovely girls.—*Northwestern correspondence, Delta Gamma Anchor*.

MADE ONE PLEDGE

Two of the brothers have made varsity football, as well as one of the pledges.—*Southwestern Presbyterian correspondence, Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

THEY HATE THEMSELVES

This chapter has a greater representative bunch of men than any chapter in the Northwest.—*Washington State College correspondence, Sigma Nu Delta*.

SOME JOB FOR A BOARD

We now have six men on the Tech board, which issues the weekly school publication, including the editor-in-chief and the athletic editor.—*Case School correspondence, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.

BUT OURS IS SIX INCHES HIGHER—SO THERE

In the same block with us are Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta with identically the same kind of houses except that ours is two feet larger across the front.—*Johns Hopkins correspondence, the Beta Theta Pi*.

U OF P STILL RUNNING

As is the general custom among colleges and universities in the United States the University of Pennsylvania opens in the early fall of each year, and this year, we are glad to state, was no exception.—*University of Pennsylvania correspondence, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.