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GAMMA PHI BETA'S CAMPAIGN FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

In the October number of THE CRESCENT our readers were told of the national war work that Gamma Phi Beta has taken up for the relief of the children in Belgium. They were told that at the suggestion of our honored member, Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, Gamma Phi Beta consented to this undertaking and the California Committee for Belgian Relief graciously turned the work over to us that it might become a nation-wide movement, instead of a California movement alone.

The ball was set rolling by Gamma Chapter, which became very enthusiastic about the matter at the time of Mrs. Kellogg's visit to them in May. Letters were sent out by the chapter to all other chapters asking them to cooperate in making this a national undertaking. As so many colleges were closing at that time, little could be done in the way of a beginning. However, the work was started as a national movement in July. In California where the work had been organized by the California Committee for Belgian Relief, the first beginning was made by the taking over of the milk bottle stands already placed in the moving picture houses and the placing of many more stands. Colorado was the next state to get things started and Minnesota and Wisconsin began in earnest in the fall. Work was started in a number of other places also; but the terrible epidemic of influenza, which swept our country shortly after a number of our stands were installed, resulted in the closing of moving picture houses all over the country and the consequent reduction in

revenue from the milk bottle stands. However, early in November, our National Treasurer sent to Baron de Cartier, the Belgian minister in Washington, a check for \$1,000.

Other contributions have been coming in to the National Treasurer and at the time of writing it is hoped that another check may soon be sent in spite of the general closing of houses that still exists in many towns.

A report from all chapters has been called for, so this article will not deal with that phase of the work. The committee has met with many handicaps beside the influenza. The chief one was the difficulty in securing state chairmen to undertake the work. Naturally many of our most prominent Gamma Phis who were appealed to to undertake this great work were literally overwhelmed with other war work which they had undertaken. Mrs. Brittingham of Madison wrote many, many letters in search of chairmen, only to be disappointed, so the work has not been organized by states to the extent we had desired. Most of our chapters have responded and have started the work independently in many quarters and we hope, if health conditions improve and general war work decreases, to have our milk bottle stands in full swing all over the country before long. The need for Belgian relief is one of the crying ones today. It will be long before this stricken people can manage things alone. If Gamma Phi can in any small way help to alleviate the suffering it should be done. It would be a source of great pleasure to the Council if every Gamma Phi reading this article would write to us, offering to start a stand in her town, if one or more are not already established there. We cannot reach isolated Gamma Phis except in this manner, but we have appealed to all chapters, have written to every state where a Gamma Phi lives, and are trying to get in touch with all of you to help in this work.

Another source of trouble we have had in getting workers is the fact that many of our members have moved since the war began or have changed their names, and letters have come back undelivered. If you are one of the movers or have acquired a new name and are not doing work now, please let us hear from you immediately. Letters of instruction, blue-prints, and posters for the stands will be furnished upon application. Who will be the first to volunteer to extend the work?

Now that the demand for Red Cross work is growing less, we should put our energy into other relief work and what can be more necessary than to help build up suffering Belgium by strengthening and educating her children?

The funds thus collected are turned over to Baron de Cartier to be divided between the Countess Van den Steen, a personal friend of Mrs. Kellogg's, who is caring for a colony of children, and the

Santé de l'Enfance, which is doing such noble work for Belgian refugees. Both of these relief committees have received the approval of the Central Committee for Belgian Relief in this country and Gamma Phi Beta is a recognized auxiliary for this work.

CARRIE E. MORGAN, *President of Gamma Phi Beta.*

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Colorado	\$ 275.00
Illinois	17.70
California	1159.41
Wisconsin	155.00

\$1607.11

Disbursements

To Belgian minister	\$1000.00
Expenses	207.60

\$1207.60

Balance \$399.51

MARY F. RICHARDSON,
National Treasurer.

REPORT OF GAMMA PHI BETA MILK BOTTLE COMMITTEE FOR CALIFORNIA

LILIAN M. ALLEN (*Chairman*)

The privilege and opportunity of being of great national, yes, international, service to mankind has been offered to Gamma Phi Beta, and the challenge, with its entailed responsibilities, has been accepted by us. The history of this undertaking, nationally, through a concatenation of circumstances involving the Belgian Legation,

Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, Gamma Chapter, and the California Committee for Relief in Belgium and France, you are all familiar with, and upon the success of this undertaking is staked our national worth and reputation. Only in proportion to the extent of our vision of the possibilities for good in this particular movement, and the perseverance and consecration of our effort towards its accomplishment, can we hope to be of that spiritual value which can feed the hungry children and heal the aching mother heart of Belgium. With the cessation of arms does not come at once the cessation of want, whose cumulative effects have penetrated deep into the vitals of Belgium, robbing even her children of the vigor, vitality, and joy of youth, which is their inheritance.

The local history of this undertaking in California is only a continuation of what had already been done by the California Committee for Relief in Belgium and France. This committee had active branch committees in 105 cities and towns in the state, each sending in a tidy little sum each month for overseas. We had resident Gamma Phis in but forty of these places, although to offset this, we had girls in fifty-five towns where they had established no branch committees. Notices were first sent to all the Gamma Phis, about 325 in number (with an enclosed postal with return address on it), explaining the plan and asking if they could help and to the extent of how many hours per week. The answer determined our next move, as those replying earliest were made chairmen of their respective towns, and all circulars of information, posters, blue-prints, etc., were immediately forwarded to them, so they could start right in. After this we sent out letters to the chairmen of the branch committees of the C. C. R. B. & F. in towns where we had no available Gamma Phi, asking them to appoint someone to represent us in this work. We had already an agreement with the C. C. R. B. & F. whereby milk bottles, wherever established, were turned over to us, as our property, and these branch committees had been informed of this through their state secretary. As a result of this correspondence many of their branches have arranged to represent us. The money is turned in to the C. C. R. B. & F. State Headquarters, which forwards the sum of all turned in each month to the Gamma Phi Beta state chairman in a draft, which she tallies up with reports sent her separately, and then forwards to the National Treasurer of Gamma Phi Beta.

At first glance it appeared a very simple matter to just "take over" a good running business, like the milk bottles. But the days lengthened into weeks and the weeks into months before we had our first money to send by draft. Writing took time, printing the posters took time, and above all the ever changing complexion of the situation out here kept altering our plans, for no sooner were we

decided upon a move than a new phase developed and called a halt. This complexity was brought about by the fact that there was an entirely separate group of monied people also conducting a Belgian Relief work in this state with whom it was impossible for the C. C. R. B. & F., or for us to coöperate or consolidate, yet whose activities on all sides overlapped ours.

When the War Donation of the State Council of Defense came into existence, its function was to pass upon the legitimacy of all charities for war purposes. It licensed the C. C. R. B. & F., but debarred the other from collecting money in any manner in the state. Then, in order to avoid a seeming duplication of work, we became an authorized sub-committee of the C. C. R. B. & F. and are now a definite branch of that organization, operating under its state license from the War Donation Board. However, as the State Council of Defense has no legal power, the patriotic support of local authorities to its rulings is relied upon to remove the unlicensed receptacles. Several communities have been successful in their attempt at removal and others are still at work about it. But the cleaning up process has been begun, and we hope it will continue to the end.

Right here it would be most opportune to acknowledge to you all how splendidly the women of California have risen to the occasion, and how fine their effort has been and how successful! They are real Gamma Phis!

Then came a time when we felt the necessity for jogging up the ones who had not replied. We were quite successful and added several more places with good workers to our list. But there is some more jogging to be done before we are in charge of all the bottles which this state is able to hold. We hope to have a better report next time, as the field is increasing all the time, each day bringing letters telling us of some new place where the bottles have been installed, or of some place where they are glad to represent us. Already we have sent in to National a little over \$1,000 with about \$150 on hand which was late being sent in.

While these figures look and are encouraging, yet Gamma Phi must take no credit to herself for the California showing, as, with the exception of but two or three towns, this sum represents the work and patriotic endeavors of the C. C. R. B. & F., which established them originally. Their generous transference of the bottles to us (when they, themselves, are pledged to a tremendous sum each month, to which the milk bottle fund contributed considerably) in order to further the national plan, will have been a needless sacrifice, and our acceptance of it unworthy of our high ideal, unless we prove ourselves equal to the task. Our success will be measured by the number of states organized and operated under the auspices of Gamma Phi Beta, and sending checks each month to our National Treasurer.

My loyalty to my sorority, my enthusiasm for the cause, and my yearning to see the suffering in Belgium ever more and more ameliorated, impels me to urge each sister to spontaneously arise and enlist in this work. Not only to prove that GAMMA PHI CAN, but to show that we, as women, especially blessed by reason of our educational opportunities, are not asleep but awake, and responding to the cry of stricken humanity with our whole heart and undivided energy. We owe it to ourselves, our community, Gamma Phi Beta, and Belgium to accept this new and precious opportunity to be of universal service.

With the explanatory letter which was sent to each Gamma Phi in California was enclosed the following return postal:

MRS. LILIAN M. ALLEN
2317 PROSPECT STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

NAME [Please write last name first] Address
I can.....help. [Write the word "not" if unable to help.]

I can devote.....hours per week. [Fill in number]

Below write names and addresses of college women or active workers in your city who would collect weekly from a few stands.

Names

Addresses

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.....

Each chairman received, along with the necessary paraphernalia for installing the milk bottles, this certifying card.

This is to certify that

Signature
has been appointed Chairman of the City of

.....
and represents the California Branch of the
Gamma Phi Beta Milk Bottle Stands Committee

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Copy of return postal for monthly report of each chairman.

Name of Chairman

City or Town

MONTHLY Report for (month).....191.....

Names of Collectors	Total Number of Stands	Amount Collected
		\$.....
	Remarks:	

The following letter and agreement in connection with the work of the California Committee will be of interest.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Allen's letters of appeal and of explanations are marvels of clearness and enthusiasm. The stationery used by the California Committee has a heading, *Gamma Phi Beta*, and underneath it the slogan, "Help save the children of Belgium." Attractive and diminutive copies of the official poster are used in advertising; also a triangular slip which bears the words, "Every penny counts."]

Legation de Belgique,
Washington, D. C.

Le 27 Mai 1918.

Miss Harker,
California Committee for Relief in Belgium and France,
337 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Miss Harker:

In view of the ever broadening scope of the various works of relief for Belgian victims of the war, I have found it imperative to centralize, as far as possible, all activities concerning each charity in the hands of a special committee.

Accordingly I have requested the ladies of the Gamma Phi Beta school to establish a national committee which will take exclusive care of the milk bottle stands all over the country. The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority has branches all over the United States and they possess an extensive number of members which is a necessary condition to make a success of the work.

The Legation has approved a pattern for a special label for the milk bottles. The application for copyright of this label has been introduced. Only bottles wearing the label may be used to collect money with the approval of the Legation.

I am writing to Miss Archer and to Mrs. Spreckels with the same object. With high regards, believe me, my dear Miss Harker,

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) E. DE CARTIER.

August 29, 1918.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC RECEP-TACLES

Authorized by

THE CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE AND
THE GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

1

Inasmuch as the use of milk bottles for Belgian Relief is granted exclusively to the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority by Baron de Cartier, all such receptacles wherever placed and operated under the "C. C. R. B. & F." are hereby turned over to aforesaid sorority, which shall henceforth collect from these places, as long as desired.

(Request of Baron de Cartier.)

2

Moving Picture Theaters—a field for Gamma Phi Betas exclusively.

(State Agreement.)

3

In the future, the California Committee for Relief in Belgium and France and the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority shall not place their respective receptacles in the same office, shop, etc.

(Signed)

(MISS) SARA D. HARKER,
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
(for the California Committee for
Relief in Belgium and France,
Headquarters, 377 Mills Building,
San Francisco, California)

(Signed)

(MRS.) LILLIAN M. ALLEN
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Phi Beta Sorority, Headquarters,
2317 Prospect St., Berkeley, Cali-
fornia.)

October 4, 1918.

To whom it may concern:

The California Committee for Relief in Belgium and France has appointed the Gamma Phi Beta Milk Bottle Committee, a sub-committee of their organization with exclusive rights to collect throughout the state all funds deposited in milk bottles for relief in Belgium and France.

SARA D. HARKER,
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF GAMMA PHI BETA MILK BOTTLE COM-
MITTEE FOR MINNESOTALEORA CHASE SHERMAN (*Chairman*)

When the call came to the Gamma Phis of Minnesota to take up the particular phase of Belgian Relief work outlined for our sorority, the members responded heartily. The appeal to render assistance to the Belgian children struck a responsive chord in the hearts of every one of us.

We commenced by ascertaining whether any Belgian Relief work was being carried on at that time, and found that whatever activities there had been at the beginning of the war in Minneapolis had subsided, and the field was free and open to us for our work. One

of our preliminary moves was to get official recognition, because, with the war work, anything that was not specifically authorized was tabooed. We had no difficulty in procuring, in writing, the endorsement of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

We began then to arrange for the actual work. Plans and drawings for the manufacture of stands were furnished by our National President. A committee called on the superintendent of the manual training schools of the city, and arranged for the manufacture of the stands. The only expense was the cost of material, the pupils donating their time and skill. Thirty-two stands were ordered. The total cost, including the padlocks, is a few cents over two dollars apiece. It was decided to pay this out of sorority funds, instead of taking it from the collections.

For a little while we were left guessing as to where we might obtain milk bottles, for they are not an article in reach of purchase for the public at large. In a moment of inspiration we called by telephone the president of a large milk distributing company, and explained our need. He very generously offered us enough bottles to get started. It gave us a real sense of satisfaction and was inspiring to meet everywhere hearty coöperation and assistance.

Before the stands were completed the influenza epidemic reached Minnesota. Theaters and schools were closed, and public meetings prohibited. The closing of schools prevented our stands being finished as soon as we expected. In fact we got out only three of them, and as far as the others were concerned, we were simply obliged to suspend activities until the ban was lifted. Simultaneously with this came the great forest fire in northern Minnesota, which I mention only to record another interruption to our work.

As suitable places for our stands we chose three of the leading hotels, four moving picture houses, the united railway ticket office, the union depot, and a large department store. We intend to place several more in Minneapolis, changing them occasionally, from place to place, in order to reach different groups of people. The others we will send to towns and cities throughout the state.

So far we have arranged to send to Fergus Falls two stands, with Marion Parsons in charge; two to Winona, where Mrs. Earnest Shepard and Miss Grace Muir are superintending the work; Miss Katherine Sullivan will take two stands at Stillwater; one goes to Brainerd to Mrs. Wilber C. Cobb; and one to Agnes Maloy Moore (Mrs. Geo. A.), at St. Cloud. These stands will be delivered this week.

Miss Agnes Andrews has charge of the work in St. Paul. She has succeeded in getting all materials for thirty-six stands donated by leading wholesale houses in St. Paul, and is having them made in the schools there. By the time the stands are completed she hopes

to have permission to place them in the theaters, restaurants, and other public places in St. Paul.

The central committee, that has planned the state work and is conducting the campaign, meets once a month. The names are as follows:

Chairman.....	Mrs. V. C. Sherman
Vice-chairman.....	Mrs. Joseph Finley
Secretary.....	Miss Grace Ferguson
Treasurer.....	Mrs. F. B. Kingsbury

FINANCE AND AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. F. B. Kingsbury, <i>Chairman</i>	Mrs. Donald Simpson
Mrs. W. H. Sudduth	Miss Louise Jenkins

COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Charles Silverson, <i>Chair-</i>	Mrs. E. S. Smith
<i>man</i>	Mrs. Arthur Erdahl
Mrs. Morton Hall	

PUBLICITY

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, <i>Chairman</i>	Miss Grace Ferguson
Mrs. Joseph Finley	

CHAIRMEN IN DISTRICTS OF STATE

Mrs. Willard Cobb, Miss Rhodie Sargent, Duluth
 Mrs. E. E. Shepard, Winona
 Miss Harriet Ahlers, St. Cloud
 Miss Lorena McFarlane, Virginia
 Mrs. LeRoy Hall, Hibbing
 Miss Katherine Sullivan, Stillwater
 Miss Marion Parsons, Fergus Falls
 Miss Alice Andrews, St. Paul

We are especially appreciative of the ceaseless and untiring aid given by Mrs. Silverson. Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Kingsbury, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Hall, too, have been particularly helpful. The committee have all put enthusiasm into the plans and made them a success.

Money collected from the three stands so far amounts to \$350. The larger part of that, a check for \$200, was the donation of a generous contributor, Prof. Wm. S. Davis of the University of Minnesota. This gift was a part of the royalty received by him from the sale of his book, *The Roots of the War*, a history of Europe from 1870 to 1914. Mrs. Davis (Alice Redfield) is a Gamma Phi sister.

Inquiries have come to us how to go about this work. Instructions are sent out from the national headquarters which we have used with variations. Carrying out these instructions is an individual

matter. A proper introduction is quite necessary and a certain diplomatic method of making your request. It does not work out alike in all cases. Much depends upon seeing the right person and presenting the subject in the right way. Personal acquaintanceship helps much. We were able to get one of our stands into the Union Depot by a telephone call, but it was to the superintendent of the division. We were acquainted, old neighbors. In some cases it was more difficult, but we were never refused.

Care has been taken to point out that this is a work of benevolence, that the money is handled by people of highest integrity and on absolutely business principles, that no expense money is taken from the funds, that it is forwarded promptly and directly to the proper authorities in Washington, who in turn send it on to Belgium.

Newspapers have been most generous in their publicity, giving space and favorable mention whenever we have anything in the way of news to present. In this connection we would say that, since we are dependent upon the generosity of the public for the success of our enterprise, it is necessary to keep before the public the needs of the Belgian babies, hence we wish to recommend to the national committee that material for publicity be sent periodically to each state chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. V. C.) LEORA CHASE SHERMAN,
Chairman, Gamma Phi Beta Belgian Relief
Committee of Minnesota.

From the *Tribune*.

Twenty stands, topped by small milk bottles, now invite stray coins at moving picture theatres, hotels, and stores for milk for the little ones, sponsored by the Gamma Phi Beta Belgian Relief Committee. The number has been increased from five. All the stands are the work of the boys of the Franklin Junior High School manual training department and the majority were just completed with the resumption of school work following the epidemic.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman, who heads the Gamma Phi campaign in the state, issued a letter yesterday to her sorority sisters putting the great need before them. She wrote in part:

"In a letter recently received from Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, he tells of the great needs of the people there. There are hundreds of thousands of sick and defective children, of infirm old men and women, of many and increasing victims of tuberculosis and hosts of other individuals requiring special food and care. These cases cannot be taken care of by the general funds, nor, according to Mr. Hoover, can these general funds be used to provide the pittances which might justifiably be given to various people in order to keep them off of the soup-lines and allow them to maintain the last shreds of home life and self-respect.

Mr. Hoover recommends and asks our help for the special charities which he names, among them *Le Santè pour les Petits* and *Le Santè de l'Enfance*. It is these organizations that the subscriptions to the Gamma Phi Beta Belgian Relief Committee are sent."

A letter has come from the Belgian minister at Washington, E. de Cartier, in which he thanks the Gamma Phis of the nation for a check for \$1,000, the fruits of their nation-wide milk bottle campaign.

NEVADA

Mrs. W. H. Bray of Sparks, Nevada, was appointed chairman of Nevada. Upon investigation she found that the only source of supply which the Belgian Relief Committee possessed was the bottles. Accordingly, she left the same people in charge of the committees and is, herself, placing more bottles and getting the coöperation of the school children; the money is sent to the Belgian Relief Committee. Placing the bottles in the various schoolrooms has proved a great source of interest and the rivalry stimulated has helped the work. Brief talks concerning Belgian Relief are occasionally given as a part of the Junior Red Cross programs, and the amounts contributed by the different rooms in schools are published in the local papers; also the donations of the proceeds from the theaters.

REPORT OF GAMMA PHI BETA MILK BOTTLE COMMITTEE FOR WISCONSIN

FLORENCE STOTT SULLIVAN (*Chairman*)

The milk bottle stands were instituted in Wisconsin by Helen Davis, Gamma '18, who, after Mrs. Kellogg's visit to us, went to Miss Morgan for guidance and immediately wrote over the state to a number of Gamma alumnæ asking their coöperation. When Helen assumed her duties in the Wauwatosa High School this past fall, the writer was appointed state chairman.

From my directory I chose sub-chairmen in each Wisconsin city of importance and sent out a form letter—an appeal for information and help. From the replies I gathered that stands were then in operation in five cities: Appleton, Beloit, Monroe, Hartford, and Lake Geneva. I learned that the project slept in many a locality but the dust was at once brushed from the material and many a carpenter was set to work. Letters of coöperation came promptly from other sub-chairmen and I sent on the folios of blue prints, photos, and printed matter containing Miss Morgan's splendid letter, "How to Proceed." In the above cases the stands are now placed.

Some alumnæ failed to reply and to those I have written second and third letters. I hope for better results from my latest appeal. Some few have refused because of an abundance of war work or because of a belief that the project would not be practicable in their localities. To those I shall write again but for the present I have been most concerned where I could get quick results and thus add to the fund.

In my letters I offer to have the stands made in Madison and shipped out but most sub-chairmen prefer to have them built by a local carpenter. I instruct each sub-chairman to meet all expenditures by the first money collected. Not a few generous spirits have contributed the stands. I have newspaper clippings to forward for

the use of the sub-chairmen in connection with their local papers, if they are desired. I ask for a report the twentieth of each month, either a card saying the funds are not sufficient to warrant opening the bottles, or a check to cover the contents. In return I send a receipt and I keep a set of books with a page devoted to the activity of each city.

At present there are eighty-four stands operating in fourteen cities in Wisconsin. I am in correspondence with sub-chairmen in fifteen other cities. The receipts to date are \$156.10 but we have only started. It's a splendid start though and you are bound to hear more from us.

Town	Name of Sub-chairman	Number of Stands	Funds Received
Appleton	Morgan, Miss Carrie	5	
Beloit	McLenegan, Miss Annie	2	\$123.25
Eau Claire	Bundy, Miss Katherine	4	
Edgerton	Roethe, Mrs. Angie	1	5.85
Hartford	Coerper, Miss Dorothy	1	
Janesville	Tallman, Mrs. Stanley	2	
Lake Geneva	Allen, Mrs. Jas. G.	1	
Madison	Hanks, Mrs. Stanley	9	
Milwaukee	Lafin, Mrs. Herbert	50	
Monroe	Dodge, Mrs. Leroy	2	27.00
Menomonie	Rudow, Mrs. H.	?	incomplete
Platteville	Royce, Mrs. A. M.	4	
Stoughton	Anderson, Mrs. Earl	1	
Whitewater	Johnson, Mrs. L. G.	2	
		84	\$156.10

Receipts

Beloit	\$123.25
Edgerton	5.85
Monroe	27.00

156.10

Disbursements

Ch #1-6-7 Miss Richardson	130.00
Ch #2 Ledger and receipt book85
Ch #3-5 Stamps	3.90
Ch #4 Stationery	7.00

\$141.75

On Hand \$14.35

SYRACUSE AND ALPHA

Syracuse and Alpha are unable to take a part in the national Gamma Phi Beta war work on account of the rulings of the Syracuse

War Chest. This Syracuse War Chest forbids any individual or any group of people engaging in a campaign of this sort for war work, Red Cross interest, or charitable purpose.

EPSILON (Evanston)

Epsilon, through an unavoidable delay, has just started out on its Milk Bottle Campaign, and as yet has no report.

THETA AND DENVER

When Denver and Theta first received instructions in regard to the milk bottles, Jessie Austin Weiner was chosen from the alumnæ to superintend the work and Felice Davis from the active chapter. An immediate tour of the movie districts proved successful and a contract for twelve stands was made. An unfortunate and unavoidable delay in the construction of these stands postponed the venture until the first of August when the stands were duly installed at eleven of the film houses and at the leading confectionery store. At the end of the first week, the sum realized was \$79.80; when three weeks had passed, the chairman reported a total of \$331.35. Of this sum \$275 was sent to Miss Richardson (the first contribution to reach her), all bills were settled, and a small sum was left in the bank. In the meantime, the *Denver Post* had given publicity to the enterprise by an editorial in the society column and a long article in the Sunday edition.

In order to bring the matter before the public, it was decided to ask each minister to announce the work from his pulpit, to present the matter to each club in the city, and to prepare an advertising slide for use in all the picture houses. And then came the influenza. No church, no school, no meeting, and—alas for us—no movie! Naturally, since then, the work has languished—and now that the war tax has been removed, our cause will undoubtedly suffer. Accordingly, several of the stands are to be moved to the popular tearooms and drug stores and it is hoped that this change will help to swell the fund. At present, there is a balance of \$150 which will be forwarded to Miss Richardson.

Owing to some misunderstanding, no chairman for Colorado was appointed; and, as yet, sub-committees throughout the state have not been organized. But this condition of affairs has been remedied. Mrs. Weiner has been chosen state chairman and the work will be extended as quickly as possible.

JESSIE AUSTIN WEINER (*Denver*).
EDITH QUINBY (*Theta*).

From *Denver Post*.

Among the most appealing of all the war charities to which Denver is contributing generously is the "Belgian babies' milk bottle fund," which

was started in this country by Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, and is being conducted by members of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, of which she is a member. For weeks the milk bottles in the picture houses on "Movie Row" have been gathering in their daily quotas of dimes, nickels, and pennies, but an even more generous response must come if Denver is to equal the record that has been made in other parts of the country.

Of unusual interest is the personality of the woman who started the fund in this country. In many ways has Mrs. Kellogg been honored by Belgium. She has the personal friendship of the king and queen and wears an exquisitely jeweled miniature of the little princess; she has the gracious assistance of Cardinal de Mercier, and her name has become synonymous with the Belgian cause.

WAR MEMBER OF RELIEF COMMISSION

For Mrs. Kellogg was the only woman member of the commission for relief of Belgium and spent the last six months of 1916 in Belgium, where her husband, Prof. Vernon Lyman Kellogg of the Entomology Department of Stanford University, one of the world's greatest authorities on the subject of natural science, was in charge of the chief office of the commission on the field at Brussels. Untiringly, unreservedly, and unselfishly has Mrs. Kellogg labored in behalf of Belgium; sympathetically and graphically has she presented the incessant and staggering needs of the commission; with a profound understanding she has told in her book, *Women of Belgium* (the proceeds of which further the work which it describes), of the noble service which the Belgian women have rendered and inspired. Possessed of a strong personality and an indescribable charm, she has won many hearts and dollars for Belgium, and when she suggested to Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, of which she is a member, the splendid possibilities of a milk bottle campaign, the organization eagerly accepted the responsibility and was duly accredited by the Belgian commission with the sole right of sponsoring the cause.

"HELP BELGIAN BABIES," SORORITY'S SLOGAN

Thus it was that "Help the Belgian babies" has become the slogan of Gamma Phi Beta, and to the music of jingling pennies the sorority girls all over the country are bending every effort toward aiding the stricken children of this war devastated land. In each moving picture house, a stand, bearing milk bottles, and marked with an appeal for the stray pennies, has been erected, and the hope that each passerby will give a material thought to these poor babies across the sea leads to the greater hope that the little unfortunates, through the gift of the pure milk which they so need, will find health and strength. Pennies count and accumulate in a wonderful way; it is a small contribution for anyone and it means so much to those innocent victims of cruel war. Don't shut your heart and purse against this need of little children; heed their mute appeal for a chance to live; drop your penny into the national fund; play your part in saving Belgium from famine and desolation; help sustain the spirit and courage of this thrifty, worthy, and capable people. Don't be slackers—save the babies—for in them lies the future of Belgium!

NU (Eugene, Ore.)

The Eugene branch of the Oregon Association for Belgian Relief had started their campaign here and their milk bottles were installed before we received our communication from Gamma Phi National. As they greatly resented any interference it was impossible for us

to accomplish anything. The Portland Alumnae Association met with the same situation and after communicating with them we decided that nothing could be done.

XI (Moscow, Idaho)

Since the opening of the college year, we have been in very strict quarantine and have been unable to do anything in regard to the Milk Bottle Campaign. Quarantine will soon be lifted and we hope to be able to do our share in this work. We also have the misfortune to be in a very small town where there is little interest above the Liberty Loan drives; but, even against such odds, we shall endeavor to get the public interested in our work.

GLADYS CLARKE.

OMICRON (Urbana)

There has been an endless amount of confusion and delay in obtaining the consent of Urbana and Champaign to establish the milk bottles in theaters; also in gaining the consent of the National Council of Defense. As a result, we have accomplished very little as a chapter, although during the summer some work was done by two individual girls in their own home towns.

RHO

The work has not yet been started.

TAU (Fort Collins, Colo.)

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Tau has almost taken this maxim as her slogan during the first few months of her Milk Bottle Campaign.

The plan which has been followed here has resulted in erecting six milk stands in the most prominent parts of Fort Collins. These stands, amounting to forty-six dollars (\$46) have been paid for out of the treasury.

Our hardships began while the stands were being made. A brother of one of our girls started the work but after finishing two, he found the task too heavy, and so was compelled to give it up. At this time "rush" season came, and we all know what that means—everything put aside. After pledging, college closed on account of the influenza epidemic; consequently during the following four weeks nothing could be done in regard to the milk bottle stands. College began again the eighteenth of November, our stands have been completed, and although Fort Collins has been tightly closed because of the epidemic we have collected forty-one dollars (\$41) to date. We Tau girls think our slogan has been effective, for thus far we

have been greatly rewarded for our work. Just think how much milk that will buy for the little Belgian babies!

RUTH E. BINFORD.

From the Fort Collins paper.

NO, IT ISN'T YOUR CHILD

But the Belgian babies are starving. Wishing to help relieve this situation we are offering you a chance to cooperate with us through the Belgian milk stands. These stands are located in the Cafeteria, Scotts, First National Bank, Poudre Valley National Bank, Northern Hotel, and the Lyric Theater. Definite information is given on each stand.

A few pennies dropped in as you pass means little to you, but so much to these orphaned babies.

UPSILON

The Milk Bottle Campaign was started by two alumnae of Roanoke, but the epidemic of influenza has interfered with the work.

PHI (St. Louis)

Phi has been a victim of circumstances, a victim of *women's committees* and Spanish influenza. It was weeks after we had received notice to go ahead with the campaign that we were finally able to get an answer from the St. Louis Women's Committee as to whether or not they would permit our campaign to come into being. Then when we had made all of our arrangements as to where the stands were to be installed, the "flu" ban was upon us with all its rigors, and, among other things, picture shows had to go. As yet, we have been unable to start our work, but we shall be ready when the picture shows are.

CHI (Corvallis, Ore.)

Has not received information concerning the Milk Bottle Campaign, other than a letter asking for approval.

HOW THE CALIFORNIA BELGIAN WORK BEGAN

[From the office notes of the Stanford Committee and the California State Committee—so zealous for the cause of Belgium and so preëminent in practical help—we are privileged to quote some extracts. This shows the beginning of the splendid work which has meant so much to the suffering little nation.]

October 22, 1914—Mr. Hoover appointed by Ambassador Page, Chairman of the Committee for Relief in Belgium, with office in London. About that time Mrs. Hoover left London to bring her two boys to America. In November, she spoke in many places on

behalf of the C. R. B., and Mr. Hoover cabled in regard to the pressing need. Wherever Mrs. Hoover spoke there was response.

November 2, 1914—President Branner of Stanford issued a call for the raising of some thousands at once in the university. Large committees of students, professors, and townspeople made an intensive campaign for (1) cash down, (2) 6 months' pledges. Stanford and Palo Alto worked entirely separately, each under its own chairman.

November 9—First minutes of Stanford committee bear this date. Comprehensive plan for the local work on campus outlined.

November 11—Mrs. Kellogg elected chairman.

November 23—Mrs. Adams' first letter to alumni—a selected number only. During late October and November clothing collections everywhere. Food ship sent in November. Palo Alto committee organized in response to November 2 appeal under chairmanship of mayor of city.

March 13, 1915—First outdoor market. Both committees. Proceeds over \$1,000.

March 27, 1915—\$2,200 more telegraphed.

June, 1915—Food sales in Circle in Palo Alto begin.

November 25, 1915—Second market. Both Commissions. Receipts \$3,300, other sources in November \$1,033. Total \$4,333. Stanford Committee and Palo Alto Committee unite.

November and December, 1915—Mrs. Kellogg works in conjunction with San Francisco committee and other Belgian relief workers to form State Central Committee—California Central Committee of Relief in Belgium with headquarters in Mills Building.

January, 1916—First official report of new state committee. Cash total \$21,071.36. Contributions in clothing to value of \$21,000 more.

February, 1916—Receipts \$6,483.21. From this date down to the present, the work of the State Committee has been unbroken. Notwithstanding necessary changes in policy and the disintegration of the general work in the United States at the time when our government took over the actual feeding of Belgium, California has been held together in a large group of active and devoted local committees. During the past year the growth of local committees and the increase of contributions is noticeable, culminating in our contribution for July, 1918, of \$32,239. We all know that Mrs. Kellogg has been from the first the moving spirit in this organization, and with the backing of most efficient coöperation of many local workers has accomplished this noticeable result.

DELTA GAMMA'S BELGIAN WORK

[Delta Gamma's splendid success in establishing the Delta Gamma Shelter in Ossendrecht is of especial interest to all Gamma Phis.]

Légation de Belgique,
Washington, D. C.
September 26, 1918.

Mrs. Frank R. Roberson,
Boulder, Colorado.

My dear Mrs. Roberson:

I have just received a letter from Mme. van de Werve, chairman of the "Oeuvre de la Santé à l'Enfance Belge." Her letter, dated August 19, acknowledges receipt of the cheque for 15,841 guilders, a gift of the Delta Gamma Fraternity to the Ossendrecht Colony. I quote and translate the paragraph of her letter concerning this matter:

"Your letter of July 2, enclosing a cheque for 15,841 guilders from the Delta Gamma Fraternity, has brought us great joy. In compliance with the wishes of the contributors we shall appropriate this sum to the upkeep of the Ossendrecht Colony during one year. Henceforth, Ossendrecht will bear the name of the 'Delta Gamma Fraternity.' We shall send the photograph of each of the children cared for at Ossendrecht and also several views of the establishment." Mme. van de Werve says that she is writing to you directly.

Allow me to renew to you and to the members of the fraternity my most sincere thanks for their great generosity for the Belgian children in Holland and believe me, my dear Mrs. Roberson,

Very sincerely yours,

E. DE CARTIER, *Belgian Minister.*

"CARRY ON"

"Over the Top" with \$13,400 for Delta Gamma's children in occupied Belgium and France! Isn't it a splendid record for five months of dime gathering? Now comes the call to "Carry On." It finds us ready and eager to seize this new opportunity to prove that Delta Gamma's high ideal of service and loyalty means, not only service and loyalty to those within the bonds of our sisterhood, but to our country and to our allies, to all those who need our help. The Delta Gamma Shelter at Ossendrecht must not be closed as long as the pitiful line of sick and desolate children comes to its door for protection against hunger and disease.

At one time it seemed that we could ask for much less money this year; that we could rest pleasantly on the oars of our past achievement. But, when every report from occupied Belgium and France tells of the increasing ravages of disease, that the dread tuberculosis

has fastened its grip, in some form or other, on nearly every child, then we realize that *this* is the year of our greatest endeavor. We must go "Over the Top" a second time. Each chapter, each girl must work to the limit to collect money for our fund. It will not be so easy with the heavy demands that the second year of war is making upon us in man power and money, but France and Belgium have had four years of war, their beautiful country occupied and scourged by the most efficiently cruel enemy the world has ever seen. Well may we ask what have *we* given in comparison to our gallant Allies!

We will work by chapters this year. It will be a good opportunity to renovate the chapter list, and renew the friendships of college days. To the alumnæ we look for the biggest results, but our actives are workers too, as one can tell by glancing through the honor roll of chapter contributions. The seven captains will continue to supervise their divisions and report to the committee in charge. No captains at the front have been more energetic and loyal than these Delta Gamma captains, and to them much of our success is due. Each girl will contribute through her own chapter unless she is affiliated with an alumnæ chapter or association.

From the *Anchora*.

THESE CHILDREN KNOW WAR

CONINGSBY DAWSON in *Good Housekeeping*

Through villages swarming with troops and packed with ordnance we arrived at an old caserne, which had been converted into the children's hospital of the district. It is in charge of one of the first of America's children specialists.

Here are 500 little patients. This barracks converted into a hospital is full of babies, the youngest being only six days old when I was there. Many of the children have no parents. Others have lost their mothers; their fathers are serving in the trenches. It is not always easy to find out how they came to be orphans; there are such plentiful chances of losing parents who live continually under shell fire. One little boy, on being asked where his mother was, replied gravely: "My mamma, she is dead. Les boches, they put a gun to 'er head. She is finished. I have no mamma."

The unchildlike stoicism of these children is appalling. I spent two days among them and heard no crying. Those who are sick lie motionless as waxen images in their cots. Those who are supposedly well sit all day brooding and saying nothing. When first they arrive their faces are earth colored. The first thing they have to be taught is how to be children. They have to be coaxed and induced to play; even then they soon grow weary. They seem to regard mere playing as frivolous and indecorous; and so it is in the light of the tragedies

they have witnessed. Children of seven have seen more of horror in three years than most old men have read about in a life-time. Many of them have been captured by and recaptured from the Huns. They have been in villages where the dead lay in piles and not even the women were spared. They have been present while indecencies were worked upon their mothers. They have seen men hanged, shot, bayoneted, and flung to roast in burning houses. The pictures of all these things hang in their eyes. When they play it is out of politeness to the kind Americans, not because they derive any pleasure from it.

Night is the troublesome time. The children hide under their beds with terror. The nurses have to go the rounds continually. If the children would only cry, they would give warning. But instead they creep silently out from between the sheets and crouch against the floor like dumb animals! That is what they are when first they are brought in. Their most primitive instincts for the beginnings of cleanliness seem to have vanished. They have been fished out of caves, ruined dugouts, broken houses. They are as full of skin diseases as the beggar who sat outside Dives' gate, only they have no dogs to lick their sores. They have lived on offal so long that they have the faces of the extremely aged. And their hatred! Directly you utter the word "boche" all the little nightgowned figures sit up in their cots and curse. When they have done cursing of their own accord they sing the *Marseillaise*.

From *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

THE CITY OF THE CARDINAL

(From "A Cinema of the C. R. B.," by Charlotte Kellogg, published in the *Atlantic Monthly* for April, 1917.)

Unquestionably, the one Belgian whom above all others the Germans would rid themselves of if they could is Cardinal Mercier. He is the strong Prince of the Church, but in the hour of decision he stepped swiftly down and, with a ringing call to courage, took his place with the people. Ever since that day he has helped them to stand united, defiant, waiting the day of liberation. Others have been silenced by imprisonment or death, but the highest power has not dared to lay hands on the Cardinal. He is the voice, not only of the Church, but of Belgium heartening her children.

Malines has her cantines and soup-kitchens and *ouvroirs*—all the branches of relief work necessary to a city that was one of the centres of the German attack; but these are not the most interesting things about Malines. It is, above all, as the city of the Cardinal that she stands forth in this war. Her task has been to give moral and spiritual support, not only to her own people, but to those of every part of Belgium.

Since under the "Occupation" the press has naturally been "controlled," this support has been rendered chiefly through the famous letters of the Cardinal—messages to the priests to be reread to their people. After the war there will be pilgrimages to the little room where the first one was printed. It is much as it was left after soldiers ransacked the place: books are still disarranged on their shelves, papers and pamphlets heaped in confusion on the tables. The red seals with which the Germans closed the keyholes have naturally been broken, but their edges still remain. Standing in the midst of this disarray, remembering that the owner had already been six months in a German prison, and looking out on the shattered facade of the building at the end of the garden, I realized, at least partly, another moment of the war.

The Cardinal's message of courage, then, is distributed chiefly by letter, but continually by his presence and speech in Malines itself, and occasionally in other parts of the country. On the 21st of July, 1916, the anniversary of the independence of Belgium, all Brussels knew that the Cardinal was coming to celebrate high mass in the cathedral of Sainte Gudule. The mass was to begin at 11 o'clock, but at 9:30 practically every foot of standing-room in the vast church was occupied. In the dimness a great sea of people waited patiently, silently, the arrival of their leader. Occasionally a whispered question or rumor flashed along the nave. "He has come!"—"He has been prevented!" There was a tacit understanding that there should be no demonstration. The Cardinal himself had ordered it. Everyone was trying to control himself, and yet, as the air grew thicker and others fought their way into the already packed transepts, one felt that anything might happen! Almost every person had a bit of green ribbon,—color of hope,—or an ivy leaf,—symbol of endurance,—pinned to his coat. The wearing of the national colors was strictly forbidden, but the national spirit found another way. Green swiftly replaced the orange, black, and red.

We all knew that this meant trouble for Brussels, and the fact that the shops (which had all been ordered to keep open on this holiday) were carrying on a continuous comedy at the expense of the Germans, did not help matters. Their doors were open, to be sure, but in many the passage was blocked by the five or six employees, who sat in stiff rows with bows of green ribbon in their button-holes and indescribable expressions on their faces. In the biggest chocolate shop, the window display was an old pail of dirty water with a slimy rag thrown near it. There was no person inside but the owner, who stood beside the cash-register in dramatic and defiant attitude, smoking a pipe. There were crowds in front of the window, which displayed large photographs of the King and Queen draped with the American flag. Another shop had only an enor-

mous green bow in the window. Almost every one took some part in the play. Not a Belgian entered the shop, and if a German was brave enough to do so, he was usually made the victim of his courage. The clerks were delighted to serve him, but unfortunately peaches had advanced to ten francs each, or something of the sort!

In the meantime the packed thousands were waiting patiently in the cathedral. After an interminable delay a priest appeared in the pulpit and made an announcement which from our distance we misunderstood. We thought that he said that the mass would be celebrated, but unfortunately not by Monseigneur, who had been detained. Bitterly disappointed, a few of us worked our way inch by inch to the transept door and out into the street. There I found an excited group of Belgians running around the rear of the cathedral to the baptistry door. I joined them, and learned that the Cardinal had just passed through.

For no particular reason I waited there. Before long the door was partly opened by an acolyte, who was apparently expecting some one. He saw me and agreed that I might enter if I wished; so I slipped in and found room to stand just behind the altar-screen, where, all through the celebration, I could watch the face of the Cardinal, a face at once keen and tender—strong, fearless, and devout; one could read it all there. He was tall, thin, dominating—a heroic figure in his gorgeous scarlet vestments, officiating at the altar of this beautiful Gothic cathedral.

The congregation remained silent. Three or four fainting women were carried out; that was all. Then the Cardinal mounted the pulpit at the farther end of the nave, to deliver his message—the same message that he had been preaching for two years. His people must hold themselves courageous, unconquered, with steadfast faith in God and in their final liberation. Tears were in the eyes of many, but there was no crying out.

From the pulpit he came back to the catafalque erected in the middle of the nave for the Belgian soldiers who died in battle, a great towering coffin, simply and beautifully draped with Belgian flags, veiled in *crêpe*. Tall flaming candles surrounded it. As the Cardinal approached, the dignitaries of the city, who had been occupying seats of honor below the altar, marched solemnly down and formed a circle about the catafalque. Then the Cardinal read the service for the dead. The dim light of the cathedral; the sea of silent people; the great cenotaph with its flags, its stately, flickering candles; the circle of dignitaries chosen to represent the city; the sad-faced Cardinal saying the prayers for those who had died in defense of the standard that now covered them—was it strange that as his voice ceased and he moved slowly toward the sacristy door by which he was to depart, the overwhelming tide of emotion swept

aside all barriers, and the ancient cathedral echoed with cries of "Vive le Roi!"—"Vive Monseigneur!" We held our breath. Men were pressing by me, whispering, "What shall we do? We need to cry out—after two years, we *must* cry out!"

The Cardinal went straight forward, looking neither to the right nor to the left, the tears streaming down his cheeks.

Outside, to pass from the rear of the cathedral to the Archbishop's palace, he was obliged to cross the road. As I turned up this road to go back to the main portal, the crowd came surging down, arms out-thrust, running, waving handkerchiefs and canes, pushing aside the few helpless Belgian police, quite beyond control, and shouting wildly now, "Vive le Roi!" and "Vive Monseigneur!" I was able to struggle free only after the gate had closed on the Cardinal.

This was the day when in time of peace all the populace brought wreaths to the foot of the statue erected in honor of the soldiers who had died for the independence of Belgium. The Germans had placed guards in the square and forbidden any one to go near it. And so all day long throngs of people, a constant, steady procession, marched along the street above, each man lifting his hat as soon as he came in view of the statue. All these things, I say, did not help Brussels in the matter of the demonstration at the cathedral. And a few days later a posted notice informed her that she had been fined one million marks!

But the people had seen their Cardinal—they had received their spiritual *secours*. He had brought heavenly comfort to their hearts, put new iron in their blood. They had dared to cry out just once their loyalty to him and to their King, and they laughed at the million marks!

"THE CHILDREN'S PLIGHT"

"If the children of Belgium and Northern France are to grow to healthy maturity, they must be provided with more food than is now supplied to them, and to this end the Commission for Relief in Belgium will ask the people of the United States to give at least one million dollars monthly toward the cost of a special meal which will be served every day in the schools," said W. L. Honnold, who has just arrived in New York to succeed to the directorship of the Commission in America, after having filled a similar position in London in close association with the chairman, Mr. Herbert Hoover.

Just before he sailed for America, Mr. Honnold made a thorough inspection of conditions in the occupied areas and he comes here convinced that the Commission must augment its activities on behalf of the children, and, particularly, must combat an alarming increase of tubercular troubles among both children and adults.

It is the opinion of the Commission that the war will continue for at least another year and that further relief must be afforded for a corresponding period. This means that the Commission, which has now been in operation for two years, will probably have to deliver during the next year about 1,250,000 tons of foodstuffs into Belgium and Northern France, calling for an expenditure of more than \$150,000,000. A large portion of the population, say 5,000,000 people, owing to the cessation of export and import trade, are wholly or partially destitute and have to be provided with food free of charge. This class will call for fully \$60,000,000 of charity in the coming year, or over \$5,000,000 per month. Notwithstanding that certain localities and, more particularly, certain individuals, have most generously supported the Commission, the fact remains that up to date the United States has only contributed an average of less than \$500,000 per month, a relatively small amount in comparison with what others have done, and in view of the fact that the Commission's purchases in this country have averaged over \$5,000,000 per month, recent months averaging over \$10,000,000. It would seem, therefore, that the more adequate feeding of the children now so urgently calling for additional funds, offers an opportunity for further generosity which the American people cannot but welcome.

The steel ring which encircles Belgium and the occupied portion of Northern France is not a fictitious structure; it actually exists. On the northern, or Holland side, there are two lines of wire fences running from the River Scheldt to Maastricht, a distance of over 100 miles. This fence is about four feet high, and the two lines of posts are about twenty feet apart. There are four wires suspended on each post, and one of these wires is charged with electric current, and from day to day the particular wire that is charged is changed. Inside this fence sentries parade along a well-beaten path, and these sentries have reserves in nearby cabins who may be called upon in case of necessity. The fence is about four miles inside the Belgian line, so that anyone escaping through the fence has this distance to cover before he gets into Holland territory.

On the other sides these countries are hemmed in by the North Sea and the English Channel and the line of the German armies. On the eastern side they are bounded by the German Empire so that it is not possible for anyone now to go from any of this occupied territory into any other place than Germany unless he succeeds in getting through these fences or the army lines.

Sigma Kappa Triangle.

THE COLORADO COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM

When Mrs. Kellogg visited Denver in early June, those Gamma Phis who heard and met her were immediately inspired with a desire to be of some practical use to Belgium. An attempt to organize was made, but the summer proved a poor time for organization of any kind; and with the fall months came the influenza epidemic which proved an obstacle to any plan. Still eager to make some stand and to be of some real assistance in the Belgian work, several alumnæ of Gamma Phi Beta contracted to sell a thousand of the exquisite Christmas cards forwarded them by the California committee. These cards were placed at four department stores, and at a leading stationery store, and encouraged by the success of their efforts, these same alumnæ formed a committee consisting of the following members: Chairman, Mrs. James R. Henderson; vice-chairman, Mrs. Harold W. Moore; secretary, Mrs. Grove Griffith; corresponding secretary, Miss Lindsey Barbee; treasurer, Miss Grace McDonough; chairman of Milk Bottle Fund, Mrs. Joseph H. Weiner; University Committee, Edith Fales, Mary Buchtel, Felice Davis, Edith Quinby, and Helen Campion.

At the very time of this organization, Madame Victor Horta, so well known in Belgian Relief, stopped in Denver for a few days and, meeting not only the Gamma Phi representations but also the officers of another group known as the American Aid for Homeless Children, formed a new and authorized state committee of the two societies, to be known as the Colorado Committee for Belgian Relief. Mrs. Henderson remained chairman of the new organization, Miss Barbee retained her office, and Mrs. Weiner became assistant treasurer. Mrs. Remson McGinnis of the other group was chosen vice-chairman, Mrs. Frederick A. Adams, secretary, and Mrs. James N. Wright, treasurer. At present, a large executive committee is being chosen, each member of which is to secure ten subscribing memberships. With this start and with much individual and collective enthusiasm, the state committee will authorize branch societies in the various Colorado towns and hopes, as soon as the epidemic abates, to begin a definite and successful work for Belgium.

KAPPA'S WAR ORPHANS

Kappa has received the following quaint and appreciative letter from the teacher of the two little war orphans whom the chapter is supporting and clothing. It should be an incentive to other chapters! Miss Jeanette Monroe

Thank you for parcel that Ivette and Germaine Raynal have just received of the United States. The grandmother was weeping for joy and the little

girls laughed for pleasure. The mother, very far to factory shall be satisfied; her dears shall be nice and warm a great way off. I send to you the photography of yours two little friends.

In honour for you their hair has been curled—and they are proud of that. Poor lasses. God protect them.

Receive, Miss Jeanette, the expression to our profound gratitude.

M. LAVIGNE.
Schoolmistress.

Cemmac Sorlat, France

Ce 26 juin 1918.

Please give thanks to Miss Caroline McDowell.

TWO GOLD STARS IN THE SYRACUSE SERVICE FLAG

The October *CRESCENT* made mention of the distressing news that the two sons of Genevieve Ostrander Porter (Alpha '86), were dangerously ill—one from injuries received in France and one in the Boston Naval Hospital. Since then, each has passed away; and Gamma Phi Beta offers her sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

"The boys were far above the average," writes a Syracuse alumna, "such fine types of Christian manhood that the loss seems all the more tragic. Both were graduates of our university and each looked forward to a life of great usefulness. As the editorial says, no other Syracuse family has, so far, sustained so great a loss."

We quote the editorial from the *Syracuse Post Standard* of September 17.

THE TWO SONS

The sympathy of the people of Syracuse will go out to W. W. Porter and Mrs. Porter for sacrifice more agonizing than any other family in our city has been called upon to make for the cause of America.

Two splendid boys, young, strong, proud, enlisted in the cause which stirs every patriotic heart, commissioned on their merit, enthusiastic and eager in the service they were to render, have laid down their lives for the country.

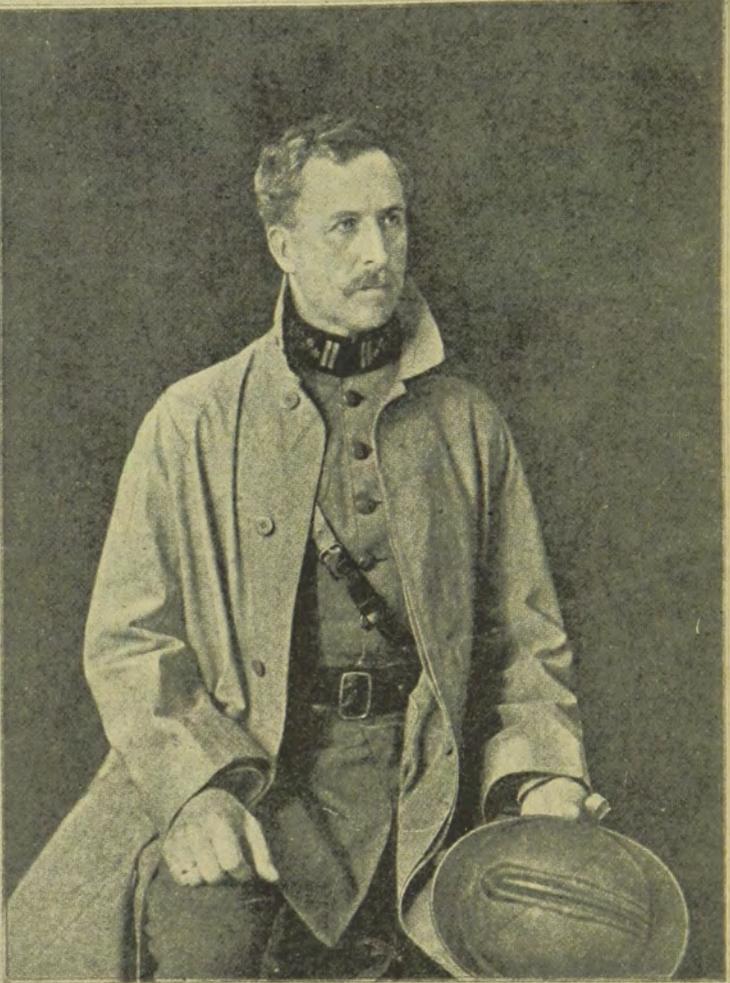
The one died in France, fighting. The other died over here, from the exposure incident to camp life. Both died heroes, offering themselves in full knowledge of what fate might have in store.

That W. W. Porter, Jr., and Harold Porter died heroes, giving up their lives that civilization may endure, will mitigate somewhat the anguish of the parents—the deepest grief that men and women are called upon to face in this life.

Also from the issue of October 20:

PRESIDENT SENDS PERSONAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO
MRS. W. W. PORTER, WHO GAVE ONLY SONS TO
HER COUNTRY

President Wilson has expressed his sympathy to Mrs. Wilfred W. Porter in the death of her two sons, Lieut. W. W. Porter, Jr., in France, and Lieut.



To Mr. Hoover
With my feelings of deep gratitude for the eminent
services he rendered to the Belgian people
Albert

Harold G. Porter at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. The letter from the White House tells of the President's grief of learning of Mrs. Porter's loss and speaks of the pride she must feel in the boys having given their lives for their country.

News of the death of Lieut. Wilfred Porter in France was received early in September, when his brother was dying in the Chelsea Hospital, and the funeral service for Lieut. Harold Porter was made the occasion for a memorial service for the two brothers, the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, whose service flag now has two gold stars.

The letter from President Wilson to Mrs. Porter follows:

"The White House,
"Washington, October 5, 1918.

"*My dear Mrs. Porter*—May I not say with what genuine grief and sympathy I have learned of the death of your two sons? I know that in your heart you will be glad that they gave their lives to the service of their country, but I know, too, how deep the grief of your loss will go, and I wish the privilege of saying that I am one of many who sympathize with you most deeply.

"Sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

"Mrs. W. W. Porter,
"Syracuse, N. Y."

"FRIEND OF THE BELGIAN PEOPLE"

[From the report of Mr. Hoover's recent trip to Europe, published in the C. R. B. *Bulletin* for October, 1917, this account of his visit with the royal family of Belgium is interesting.]

Landing at Boulogne, the party motored to La Panne. There they lunched with the King and Queen and Crown Prince and Princess, and in the afternoon the Chief and Poland met with the Cabinet for the discussion of matters relative to the Relief situation. During the course of this conference, M. Heymans, the Premier, endeavored to persuade the Chief to reconsider his determination not to accept a decoration, which he firmly declined to do.

The party dined with the royal family and ministers in attendance, and after an evening of informal conversation started for Boulogne. At the moment of leaving, the King addressed Mr. Hoover, telling him that he wished to express for himself and the Belgian people the debt of gratitude which could never be repaid; that they would always look on him as their savior in time of national distress and disaster; and that he had created a new order, of which Mr. Hoover would be the sole member. On behalf of himself and the Belgian people he thereupon conferred upon Mr. Hoover the title of "Friend of the Belgian People."

The royal party then escorted Mr. Hoover to the motor. As the car moved away the King and his staff saluted.

The text of the decree conferring the title follows:

Texte de l'arrêté soumis au Roi.

ALBERT, Roi des Belges,

A tous présents et à venir, Salut.

En considération et par reconnaissance des services inappréciables rendus à la population belge par le Ravitaillement Américain, dès le début de l'occupation ennemie;

Sur la proposition de nos ministres réunis en conseil;

Nous avons arrêté et arrêtons:

Article 1er.—Le titre de: "Ami de la Nation belge" est conféré à M. Herbert Hoover, ministre du Ravitaillement des Etats-Unis, fondateur et premier président de la "Commission for Relief in Belgium."

Article 2.—Notre ministre des Affaires économiques est chargé de l'exécution du présent arrêté.

Donné en Notre Quartier Général, le 1er août 1918.

Par le Roi.

(*Suivent les signatures de tous les ministres.*)

THE KAPPA SIGMA FUND FOR FRENCH CHILDREN

[After presenting an ambulance to the Red Cross and endowing a bed in a convalescent hospital, Kappa Sigma is now campaigning in behalf of the French war orphans. They intend—but let the *Caduceus* tell you all about it!]

THROUGH "THE STARS AND STRIPES" AND THE RED CROSS

Last March Bro. Guy T. Viskniskki (Pi), Captain Inf., N. A., who is detailed as editor and manager of *The Stars and Stripes*, Paris, started in his paper—official organ of the men of the A. E. F.—a campaign in the interest of the orphan and homeless children of France.

The idea "took" with the Yanks. They began to telegraph "Reserve one orphan: check coming." To date they have provided for 500 or so.

UTTERLY DESTITUTE, WHOLLY DESERVING

But there are plenty of orphans left. This is what *The Stars and Stripes* said in description of their condition: "Some of these tots saw their fathers go to war two or three years ago. They never saw them afterward. Others saw their fathers come back blinded or crippled so seriously that they no longer can provide for their families. Still others—those who lived in the territory entered by the boche—are homeless. Their fathers and mothers are held by the Germans because they can work; the children have been sent into France because they can not work. Some are ill, all are hungry and poorly clothed."

THEY KNOW THE A. E. F.

"We of the A. E. F. know the French children. Not a soldier in France but loves and admires them. They were at the dock to greet us with their handshakes and salutes and their *bon jour Americains*. They were our first and our firmest friends in France."

CHOOSE YOUR MASCOT AS YOU WISH

"These children need assistance. They deserve the prerogative of every child, *a chance*.

"You can take your choice—an orphan, a tot bereft of its father by the war and living with its mother or other relatives, the child of a crippled soldier, or one of the needy youngsters from the north of France who have no one to look to now but strangers. You can name the age of the child and specify whether you want, for your live, human thankful little mascot, a boy or a girl."

THEREFORE

Because this particular movement originated with a Kappa Sigma brother who had seen for himself the French children's need;

Because *esprit de corps* in Kappa Sigma is more than a phrase;

HOW TO ADOPT A WAR ORPHAN

For every 500 francs (\$87.00; *The Caduceus* will look out for fluctuations in the rate of exchange and will bear any expense of forwarding the money to France) contributed, one French child will be adopted for one year.

The money will be sent by *The Caduceus* to *The Stars and Stripes*, Paris, to be turned over to a special committee of the Red Cross for disbursement.

All of the money contributed will go to the children. The expenses of administration are borne by the Red Cross.

A photograph and a history of each child will be sent to *The Caduceus*, through which givers will be advised of the child's whereabouts and receive monthly reports of its progress.

The Red Cross committee will determine the disposal of the child. It will either be sent to a practical agricultural or trade school or supported in a French family.

Individuals or chapters contributing the entire amount necessary for one child may specify age and sex and state whether an orphan, the child of a disabled soldier, or a homeless waif from the invaded districts, is desired.

Because the appeal is one no human heart can resist;

Because all funds are handled and arrangements made through the American Red Cross;

Because this is a practical way of showing our gratitude to the people whose armies stood between Hundo and civilization;

Because our men who are bound for "over there" covet a share in the welcome of the French children for their friends from overseas—

The Caduceus invites contributions in any amount to the KAPPA SIGMA FUND FOR FRENCH CHILDREN.

Kappa Sigma has Presented the Red Cross with an Ambulance, and a Further Fund of \$700 for a Bed in a Convalescent Hospital for Yanks in France is all but Complete.

What'll we Do Next to Increase Our "LOYALTY, PRIDE AND ENTHUSIASM?"

Well, a Former Editor of *The Caduceus* is Running the Snappiest Paper Anywhere—*The Stars and Stripes*, Official Organ of the Men of the Amexforce.

And He is Campaigning for the Support of French War Orphans through the Red Cross.

Eighty-seven Dollars is Five Hundred Francs when It Gets to France—

And it Provides for the Needs of One French Orphan for One Year.

All the Arrangements are Made through the American Red Cross.

The Caduceus with Confidence Invites Subscriptions from the Active Chapters and Alumni toward the Support of One or More War Orphans in France. Contributions will be acknowledged by Us and Forwarded to the Red Cross in Paris through *The Stars and Stripes*.

"INCREASE THE PRESTIGE, THE HONOR, THE TRADITION."

A PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY

A large per cent of the college women of this country have been helping to run the war machine. On November 11 the power was turned off. Those on whom the country has relied for war work it naturally turns to now for reconstruction. The "Help Wanted" signs have simply been removed to other windows. The need is so great for the college-trained woman and the field of service so varied, that the question resolves itself into one of personal inclination. Now, if ever, is the time to translate into action the thinking inspired by the war.

In seeking a professional opportunity, the Blue Triangle of the Y. W. C. A. has a special significance for the college-trained woman. The program of reconstruction that the Association is planning, in this and other countries, calls for her general and specialized knowledge.

This plan includes: social and recreational work among industrial women; club organization and activities in communities affected by war; social and educational work among foreign-born women in the United States; extension of the Y. W. C. A. to women of France,

Russia, China, and other lands; physical directors and recreation leaders; cafeteria directors; business secretaries; religious work.

Intensive and regular courses of training are provided in these subjects for qualified candidates in all parts of the country. Such a candidate for a position in the Y. W. C. A. must have a college education, or its equivalent in experience, or technical training in household economy, physical training, or business training. She must be at least twenty-two years of age and a member of a Protestant Evangelical church. Address the Personnel Bureau of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

“EARN AND GIVE”

[In a recent Denver competition for verses relative to the Victory Boys and Girls, those of Felice Davis, Theta '20, were selected.]

Valiantly the pennies join their forces for the fight
In step beside the dollars they are marching in their might,
Camps and trenches, soldiers, sailors feel their help and cheer,
Throughout the world all troubles fly whenever they are near.
Overseas they're working in a canteen or a hut
Refreshing weary heroes, for the door is never shut.
Yankee pennies, side by side with Yankee pluck and grit,
Besiege the pfennig's army, which is packing up its kit.
Onward they are marching and their banner is unfurled,
You have a chance to help them win the Freedom of the world.
Stand behind a soldier, Boys, for you are fighters too,
And show the little Germans what Americans can do.
Never be a slacker, Earn and Give's your battle cry,
Display the badge which shows that you're a fighter's staunch ally.
Girls all Pull Together for the Victory and the Right,
In glory and in sacrifice shall everyone unite.
Reach the shining goal and make your pledge triumphant stand
Loyal to the Government, a Nation hand in hand,
Steadfast to the Stars and Stripes that guard our own free land.

FELICE DAVIS.



"Help Save the Children of Belgium"

"Peace on earth!" Never before has the Christmas message meant so much to a world long weary with dissension and conflict; never before has the Thanksgiving season brought so deep and so solemn a significance. We have seen history in the making; we have watched the old order of things pass away; we shall behold a strange reconstruction, a new world and a wide democracy. From the terrible chaos of war a different civilization will emerge, and foremost in this reconstruction period will be woman; woman who has had her part to play throughout the long, hard struggle, who, by her own personality and her own service has become a national asset, who has so proved her efficiency and her individuality that at present a universe is solemnly regarding her from a new viewpoint.

November 11, 1918—the ending. November 11, 1874—for our sorority, the beginning. Can we not, as Gamma Phis, find a significance in the similarity of the dates? November 11, 1918, marked the end of war but the beginning of a world-wide recognition of woman's service; November 11, 1874, indicated the beginning of an order which must prove its right to exist. Accordingly, it rests with us, as individuals and as an organization, whether we shall cease to keep our place in the history of the future or whether we shall "carry on."

A little Kingdom kept its Word,

And, dying, cried across the Night:

"Hear Us, O Earth, we chose the Right."

—Alfred Noyes.

"Ah, sire, there will be no lagging steps when your men return home," was said to King Albert, as the evacuation of Belgium began.

The good King smiled. "And they can never keep pace with their hearts," he replied.

In the hour of victory and in the thought of the Belgian people restored to their own, there is apt to be an abatement in the effort

for Belgian relief. But Belgium's troubles are far from over; the winter has come and the needs are pressing; and as never before American friends must rally to the support and assistance of the brave little nation. Germany will undoubtedly be forced to pay for the reconstruction; but until the money is actually forthcoming, the people must be fed and clothed, their houses must be rebuilt, and their industries resumed. The Belgian Minister at Washington writes as follows through the *Literary Digest*.

It must always be borne in mind that over four million of our seven million people are destitute and are to-day subsisting in soup lines; that except for the garments provided through the Relief Commission they have had no textiles for over four years; that the whole clock of industry has been stopt, and that the Germans have carted away to Germany all the machinery which they did not destroy in Belgium.

"They destroyed our railways, our mines, and our canals. Never before has a country been reduced to such a plight as ours to-day and never has a country had such friends. We have won the war. We must now bend every effort to restore our country and prepare it for its glorious future."

*He who gives a child a treat
Makes joy-bells ring in Heaven's street,
And he who gives a child a home
Builds palaces in Kingdom Come.—John Masefield.*

Our first report in regard to the Milk Bottle Fund is encouraging but incomplete. It takes time to organize a work; it takes time and patience to realize any material result; and it takes persistence and determination to succeed. Time in abundance we have not had; and in so many cases the terrible epidemic which has swept our country has seriously and indefinitely interfered with our progress. However, persistence, determination, and—above all—enthusiasm we have in fullest measure, and our enterprise is surely destined to be a glorious success. At present, Mrs. Kellogg is in Brussels planning anew for Belgium's welfare; Madame Horta soon joins her, and from them we shall undoubtedly receive new inspiration and counsel. Meanwhile, let us lose no opportunity to further the work; let us not forget for a moment the obligation and the responsibility which rest upon us; let us ever keep in mind our slogan—"Help save the children of Belgium!"

(This little poem, written by Theodosia Garrison in the *Delineator*, and dedicated to the American Committee for Devastated France, can well be applied to our own chosen war work.)

*My children in their sheltered garden play
With sound of laughter and with footsteps fleet—
There was a garden bloomed in France one day as cool and
sweet,*

*Now burned and bleak and desolate. And they
Who ran and laughed there? Little, tired feet
You stumble now along a weary way
By mothers in whose hearts all sorrows meet.*

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*My children in their sheltered garden play,
With sound of laughter and with footsteps fleet,—
But, O dear God, those little, tired feet
That stumble on a road in France today!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE FOR ALL CHAIRMEN OF STATE COMMITTEES OF THE MILK BOTTLE FUND

Reports of the Milk Bottle Fund are to appear regularly in the magazine, and it will save the Editor many personal letters if the chairmen remember that the financial statement for the next CRESCENT is due by February 15, 1919.

NOTICE FOR ALL ASSOCIATE EDITORS

The June CRESCENT will probably be given over to "Before Convention" matters. As soon as the chapter elects its delegate, will the associate editors send the name, the photograph, and an informal "write up" of the chapter choice? Due by April 15, 1919.

For the March CRESCENT, chapter contributions are due from Gamma, Epsilon, Eta, Theta, Kappa, and Chi. For the benefit of the new chapter—this contribution is upon any subject of college or sorority interest and must not exceed 500 words.

The March CRESCENT will be known as *Overseas Number* and will contain letters from Gamma Phis who are engaged in war work in France and Italy. Each member of the sorority who is "overseas" has been asked for a contribution and we hope that as a result there will be many interesting articles.

On account of the influenza the installation of the chapter at Iowa State College has been postponed. Accordingly, information concerning the new addition to our chapter roll will appear in the next issue of the magazine.

Will active chapters make the following addition to the outline found in the Information Number of the CRESCENT for June, 1918.

On page 275 under section V (d), add Pi Beta Phi. This history appeared in 1915 and is a large volume, the work of Elizabeth Clarke Helmick, the sorority historian. The Editor regrets this omission and asks that the correction be made immediately.

Margaret Nachtrieb's new name is Mrs. Arthur H. Isbell.

Make a note of Miss Gerlach's new address: South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

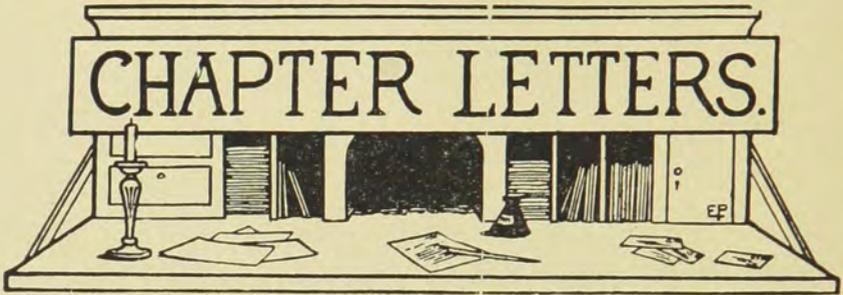
NOTICE!

The chairman of the Committee upon Uniform Examinations desires to urge all chapter examiners to prepare their outlines of study for the coming examinations from the June, 1917, Information Number of THE CRESCENT.

LOIS MILES JACKSON,
Chairman.

Belgium! Among the lands men have made fair,
How great great art and civic virtue may
Render a people, it was given to you
To show; with what a ready royal heart
Who lives for beauty shall know how to die
For faith—which is the beauty of a state,
For truth—which is the glory of great art,
For freedom—without which nothing can be true.
Nations should envy and not mourn your fate!
You have lost nothing; down the imperishable years
Music shall be your name in all men's ears;
A luster to their eyes shall Belgium blaze,
Mankind's heroic measure be taken anew,
And a new course be chartered for who steers
A nation's ship henceforth—because of you.
No tears for Belgium! If there must be tears,
Weep for the slayer—not for that he slew,
Which never can be slain. Yet once again
Children shall dance down your remembered ways
And the stones break in blossom, for the praise
Of human hearts that knew not human fear.
Thanks to the foe who took away your name
And for a mortal gave immortal fame;
Glory to you, and for his portion—shame!

GRACE ELLERY CHANNING in *Saturday Evening Post.*



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 *February 15*.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phis:

Things happen so fast, lately, that no sooner is anything written down than it becomes ancient history. Syracuse University being a stronghold of the S. A. T. C., we have felt, this fall, as though we were living in the midst of an army cantonment. Our chapter-house is very near the campus itself, and the girls are awakened in the morning by the bugler, blowing reveille, and by the sounds of marching feet. During the night, the guards walk back and forth almost under our very windows and their sudden cries, "Halt. Who's there?" give us almost as real a thrill as if we were near the scene of the war itself.

But to leave the all-absorbing military, and tell you a little about our own affairs, our rushing was all we hoped it would be. Several alumnae showed their spirit by coming back and helping us to pledge sixteen of what we think are the nicest kind of freshmen. To describe the sixteen of them, here, would not be in line with present efforts at conservation of paper, but THE CRESCENT will know more of them later. They are the sort that are sure to be heard from.

Our formal pledging was held Monday night, November 28, and we were glad to have a good many of our alumnae back to help us make away with the traditional peanuts and olives. November 8 we held our annual alumnae banquet changed into a buffet luncheon. Mrs. Rachel Bulley Trump, a one-time Alpha, had charge of the program. One of the most interesting parts of the entertainment was the reading of letters from Mrs. Trump's sister who is in France, entertaining soldiers in the rest billets. Mrs. Trump showed us part of a movie film picturing her sister playing the piano for some of the soldiers.

Of course, when the peace news came last Monday we were all quite carried away, not only figuratively but literally, for big army trucks carried crowds of singing and cheering girls down town to help celebrate in the impromptu parade. The morning of the news, the whole college assembled in the gymnasium for a great mass meeting to get up enthusiasm for the United War Work Campaign which has been going on all over the country. For the last few days we have been working madly to make the drive a success in the college.

When this letter is printed, January, 1919, will have come, so I'm going to finish by wishing you all a "Happy New Year."

MARGARET GANT.

LIST OF PLEDGES

Helen Archbold	Ruth Halstead	Helen Brown
Judith Timmerman	Charlotte Leonard	Dorothy Hawkins
Ester Posthill	Janet Cook	Hannah Price
Verna Ortloff	Marion Peters	Florence King
Julia Gant	Mary Ellis	Dorothy Frisbie
	Helen Myers	

PERSONALS

Dorothy Price, '21, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the newly organized Patriotic League.

Helen Cobb, ex-'20, has her passport to England and is expecting to leave soon for work in hospitals over there.

MARRIAGE

Irene Cuykendall, '18, to George Garrett.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dear Sisters:

The news from our section of the map is truly warlike and martial. Life here in Ann Arbor is very different this year. An army of S. A. T. C. and another, somewhat smaller, of navy men throng the campus and drill in the streets. Uniformed men are everywhere. They live in various barracks in different parts of the city, these same having been in previous years fraternity houses. Indeed, we have two of them next door to us and they rake their lawns and air their beds thereon in a thoroughly orderly fashion. They take courses in the university and attend them regularly, except when on K. P. Dotting the campus are various sheds which, though detracting somewhat from its beauty, doubtless add to its usefulness.

Even so, it seemed not so much changed the first few weeks. But after that the dreaded "flu" cast its shadow over all and enveloped all gay and festive scenes in a dark cloud. If there are any of you who have not been surrounded and overcome by this so called "flu" or Spanish influenza, I may explain that the damper goes into effect in this wise. All college activities are immediately and effectively stopped short. No meetings are held, no dances, nor even any football games. The "flu" raged here for two weeks, growing steadily worse. Then the university authorities announced their plan, which was that no one should appear on campus without a face mask. Wherefore we made a virtue of necessity and obligingly retired from the public view. While this form of dress prevailed, one greeted one's friends or not according as one recognized their articles of apparel. But the excitement is waning and we are coming back to life. Again we go to dances and again we go to football games.

Our ten hectic days of rushing came to an end October 6, our pledge day. Sixteen lovely girls came to us: Dorothea Flintermann (a daughter), Frieda Stewart, Bertral Summers (a sister), Nona Doherty, Barbara Duncan, Harriet Gustin, Sylvia Cooper, Margaret Crittenden, Hilda Bowen, Doris Sprague, Ethel Williams, Laura Gridley, Francis Weimaer, Helen Bishop, Olive Hatton, and Margaret Simonson. These freshmen of ours are all loyal and enthusiastic Gamma Phis. On October 13 they gave a tea for our own seniors and all sorority freshmen. This it is a Beta custom to give each fall in order to have our own freshmen meet the other freshmen. We have three representatives on the freshman girls' social committee.

The college courses are changed in many ways now. In the first place our old year of two semesters and an eight weeks' summer school has been

redivided into four terms, each of three months, so that what used to be a college year has now three terms. Many courses have been entirely dropped and others are given only for S. A. T. C. men.

During the "flu" quarantine the sororities adopted different barracks to which they sent (when need arose) food, hot soups, fruits, etc., and magazines for the men convalescing. The sergeant would telephone when need arose and the girls would send the food. In the way of entertainment for the boys, one Sunday afternoon three of the girls visited the infirmaries and helped cheer up the sick men with singing.

And now I doubt not that you all are sufficiently informed on Michigan and its ways. Hence do I, in the name of Beta, wish you all the best of luck in all undertakings.

QUINNETH C. SUMMERS.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The many interesting changes at Wisconsin this year make a chapter letter quite a proposition, for who can tell where to stop when an account is once started?

First and foremost, however, the university is truly military in aspect. Battalions of foremen are quartered in the dormitories and fraternity houses, and squads are drilling in the streets at all hours of the day. We awaken and retire to the martial call of a bugle.

To a returning alumnus the entire college would seem upside down, and many a man groans at the present defamation of his sacred fraternity house, for the dormitory girls have been moved "en masse" from their former haunts and are installed in those fraternity houses that are too far from the campus to be used as barracks.

However, the adaptability of the students has been absolutely proved, for the university is swinging contentedly along with no visible friction. Social affairs have been necessarily curtailed by the recent epidemic, and thus far there have been but few entertainments and parties. The ban was raised last week to the joy of us all, and things are already beginning to adopt a more festive air.

Among the new reconstruction courses offered at the university, one in particular prepares the girls for immediate service. It is a three-credit laboratory course, teaching the manufacture of baskets, trays, and other wicker articles, from raffia, reed, and pine needles. The fashioning of clay into pottery and work on leather will be taken up later. Hospital practice is given in connection with the course so that the graduates will be ready to go directly to reconstruction camps and teach the injured men how to use their hands. Several of our girls are taking the course, and expect to go on with the work after finishing college.

In our rushing, for the first time, we have used the new closed bidding system, and, as far as I can learn, Gamma Phi is the only Wisconsin sorority that radically approves of the plan. The eighteen new girls are as follows: Beatrice Cumnock, Lucile Campbell, Julia Colman, Dorothy Carlock, Marian Downing, Esther Guerini, Ella Hull, Marcia Hinkins, Doris Lovell, Catherine Meyer, Marian O'Meara, Harriet Scofield, Florence Schraeder, Dorothy Shaner, Katherine Scheu, Louise Smith, Gladys Wang, and Leona Yerly.

Having acquired these eighteen very desirable pledges, it is now our rather difficult task to realize that it takes as much true grace to bear success as to endure defeat; and to remember that where it is often possible

to meet disappointment with real pluck and nobility, there is ample opportunity to fail in the midst of a pleasing victory.

Gamma Chapter can only wish such luck as has been hers to everyone of her sister chapters, and the best of success to them in the fulfilment of all of their plans!

FLORENCE DEAKIN.

PERSONALS

The following Gamma girls are in government service in Washington: Kay Mabis, '18, Dorothy Funk Clarke, '19, Miriam Smith, '18, Helen Dodd, '18, and Marie Leavens, '12.

Aline Ellis, '20, is at Camp Hancock, Georgia, in the Army Nurses' Medical Corps.

Mrs. Allen Briggs (Winifred Douglass, '14) is spending the winter in St. Louis with her husband who is in service there.

Mrs. Edith Dodd Culver, '16, is living in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bruce Foster (Adelaide Rawson, '14) is spending the winter in Eau Claire, Wis. Mr. Foster has enlisted in aerial service.

Mrs. Milton Hill (Kathryn Ryan, '14) and daughter are spending the winter in Milwaukee with Mrs. T. E. Ryan. Mr. Hill is in service.

Mrs. Damon Brown (Jessie Summer, '14) is assisting in the Clinical Department of the university.

Kathryn Mount, '13, has gone to St. Luke's Hospital, New York, to receive practical training as a nurse. Miss Mount completed a course at Vassar before entering the hospital.

Katherine Bundy, '18, has been accepted for the Student Nurses' Corps.

Helen Scofield, '12, has been appointed to canteen service in France. She expects to leave about December 1.

Norma O'Neil is teaching school at Peoria, Ill.

Helen Davis, '18, is teaching at Wauwatosa, Wis.

Irene Jones, '18, is teaching in Duluth, Minn.

Gertrude Germer, '18, is teaching in Sioux Falls, S. D.

Mrs. E. W. Hoffmann and Ethel Garbutt returned for rushing and gave many valuable suggestions.

Hazel Driver, '08, is now a real farmer at Crichton, Ala., R. F. D. 1. She reports that she is a good Hooverite, as she has 362 jars of fruits and vegetables on her shelves, and she is still doing the fall fruits.

Helen Marie Nielson, '19, returned to California for the year, and is taking work at Pomona College.

Mrs. Brittingham has been in Tulsa, Okla., for several weeks.

MARRIAGES

Isabelle Upman to Mr. Freeman Doolittle Lohr, at Orange, N. J., on September 3.

Edith Winslow to Mr. James Milton O'Neill on September 17. Mr. O'Neill is a professor in the English Department of the University of Wisconsin.

Helen Aurland, '17, to Mr. John E. Grimm at San Antonio, Tex., August 25. Mr. and Mrs. Grimm are at 141 Fuller St., Brookline, Mass., while Mr. Grimm is taking work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Dana Dishmaker (Olga Haney, ex-'16), a son, John Haney, September 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bryan S. Reid, a daughter, Margaret Brittingham Reid, September 29. Little Margaret is a granddaughter of Mrs. Brittingham.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. MacMillan (Cornelia Mathews, '15), a daughter, Marjorie, November 5, at Greeley, Colo. Mrs. MacMillan's mother is also a Gamma girl, Bertha Van Dusen Mathews, '91.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

College is so different this year that I hardly know where to begin. To be quite accurate, we hardly have begun at Boston University owing to influenza and the plans for the men's training and so on. We are going right into things, however, to make up for lost time.

The university has an S. A. T. C. of 800 men. The halls are filled all morning with blue and khaki (honesty forces me to admit that all the uniforms have not come yet); while in the afternoon the streets of our historic city resound once more to the steady tramp, tramp of soldiers' feet and above the city's hum rises the soldier song.

Men may train for infantry, field or heavy artillery, air service, transport and tank service, or the navy. Courses are the same at all colleges I imagine. There is, "on dit," a splendid course in war issues for men only. We can take sanitation and hygiene with them if we want to get to town by eight o'clock. There are a few early birds among us. There are large German classes; and military and conversational French are really popular courses. It is quite inspiring to be in a class with S. A. T. C. men. Upon the arrival of the professor they stand at attention and make you sigh and wish you were a man. Not that you might have the privilege of greeting the professor in this fashion, but because you'd like to have a uniform and be a soldier.

After drill the men can come back to college if they choose (and they are rapidly getting over their bashfulness) to the Hostess Room. Here there are ten girls, who, aided by the faculty wives, play hostess to "our men." The pianist of the Girls' Glee Club is there and the minutes from five o'clock to mess call just fly.

Last night we had a Y. M.—Y. W. C. A. joint social when the members of the S. A. T. C. made their formal début into the social life of the university. I laugh at country newspapers for this expression but the only coherent (?) thing I can say is "A good time was had by all."

As to the university war work. We are carrying on with fresh enthusiasm and this year is to count for more than last, of course. One improvement is to be a more centralized organization. The War Union plan is to coördinate every branch of endeavor, be it class, club, or individual. The girls are all signing up for work at the Red Cross rooms down town.

Among the alumnæ of the university you will be interested to know that Mary K. Taylor, '10, daughter of Professor Taylor of C. L. A., is in France doing casualty research work for the Red Cross; and keeping the home fires burning is Kat Hardwick, '06, who is secretary of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Red Cross Home Service Bureau. (I trust that's her official title. It has lots of capitals in it anyway.) *En passant*, both the above mentioned (forbidden expression) wear crescents.

And Gamma Phi? Well, we are in the throes—very much so. Next Saturday is our first rushing party, a Mother Goose affair I'm told. The second party (twenty-five cents per head) is the following Wednesday and pledge day the next Monday. We are to have a short "hunting season" this year and an unusually strenuous one it seems to me. That may be due to my advanced years. (I'm a junior, now. And I suppose that is a "Personal" and should be separate from the letter proper. My modesty (?))

forbids.) Old though I am, I know I'm just going to war-whoop in my next letter over our splendid freshmen. Till then,

EDITH N. SNOW.

P. S. I'm so hoarse I can't talk except on paper, and I *must* let off steam. Boston got the glorious news at four this morning. Being a heavy sleeper, I missed an hour of it, but I haven't missed much since. College was the most joyous place. We had an impromptu mass meeting in chapel where we cheered everybody from prexy to the janitor; sang the *Marseillaise* till we nearly raised the roof and applauded one staid professor who executed a dance of joy on the platform. There have been parades and parades, and bands and bands, and kazoo-horns and Fourth of July horns and tin cans, and confetti and flags. It's Fourth of July and Christmas and weddings and birthdays all in one. Tomorrow we have our formal Thanksgiving when Brewer Eddy is to talk to us, and no classes tomorrow either! I almost said three cheers for the Kaiser. It's time I went to bed. THREE CHEERS FOR US.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

I'm so glad the war is practically over for now I can tell you all about rushing first of all. We all worked so hard during the summer that by fall our plans were well in hand. Our parties were lovelier than ever. As usual we had a brown and mode cotillion for our big evening affair. It was about the prettiest party I have ever seen. The freshmen all seemed to like it too, and especially the last number on the program. The favors for this were blue sailor hats, and red, white, and blue liberty helmets with spread eagles on top. The orchestra played one of Sousa's most inspiring marches while the girls filed in, four abreast. The rest of our parties were planned with the same care, and were almost as impressive. As a result, we have eleven pledges. They are as follows: Four sisters of Gamma Phis—Helen Williams, Josephine Weston, Betty Kornish, and Louise Meacham. The other girls are—Nell Purcell, Mildred Trick, Marnie McConnell, Martie Strickland, Dorothy Riock, Dorothy Brewster, and Adrian Stainfield. We feel very happy and satisfied with the list and feel sure that Gamma Phi will benefit from their membership.

We have a greatly changed university this year owing to the presence of the S. A. T. C. We have great numbers of men on our campus but to all intents and purposes we are at a girls' school. We have our chapel and our own classes, and the men have theirs, but nobody gets to see very much of anybody in between hours. The quarantine only added to the queerness. Now that it's lifted, though, we will have to do some entertaining. Dances are planned for Saturday evenings till everyone gets acquainted. What's going to happen then nobody knows. Of course, it, like everything else, depends upon war, and peace, and epidemics, and elections, and weather, and goodness knows what else.

In spite of all the drawbacks every one of us has been mighty tickled to be able to go to college this year. Just being together makes up for everything else. Farewell for the present.

ANN LATIMER.

ENGAGEMENTS

Anne Roy to Lynn Sifford, first lieutenant, U. S. A.
Dorothy Chapman, ex-'20, to Blan Canther.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Loveland (Marjory Grantham), a son, Gilbert, Jr.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi:

We are so sorry that Elizabeth Wingert, who was to have been the correspondent from Zeta this year, has not returned to Goucher. We begrudge the Omicron Chapter its new member and feel it has gained much by our loss. We are hoping that she may come back to us some other year.

History does not always repeat itself for surely the history of Goucher College this year has been different from any she has ever known. We went to our first classes on October 5 and on October 9 we were dismissed to await developments of the influenza epidemic. The Baltimore Health Department ordered all schools closed until further notice. Little did we dream that four weeks would pass before classes could start again. Many girls left for their homes at once but others stayed thinking that the quarantine would not last long. By the end of three weeks most of them had gone. Those who stayed and kept well showed once more the ability of Goucher girls to rise to an emergency. They gave such willing and efficient assistance to the over-worked nurses and doctors caring for the many girls who had the influenza that Miss Brown, the head nurse, said that she did not know what they would have done without the girls' assistance. Our student organization president, Katherine Manning, whom we are proud to own as a Gamma Phi, proved most capable and efficient in organizing and systematising the work of these emergency nurses. They worked in shifts, serving trays, taking temperatures, carrying messages, and even running the elevators and waiting in the dining-room when servants could not be secured for love or money. The members of the faculty also helped a great deal. One of the silver linings to this cloud of sickness and distress was that the students and teachers were brought nearer together.

This prolonged vacation has kept us from getting acquainted with the freshmen but we are rapidly beginning to find and know some very attractive new girls. We hope to be able to tell you of some fine additions to Zeta in our next letter. Already we have pledged a splendid girl of the sophomore class, Margaret Hill.

You may be interested in the new rules here this year. Pledge day does not come until the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. In rushing we are allowed to have only one tea a week and we dare not spend over *one* dollar for each tea! Imagine our perplexity as to what we can buy in these days for the vast sum of one dollar. Surely the days of ice cream and dainty little cakes are gone. Unless Mr. Hoover comes to our aid we are afraid that we will have to decide between animal crackers and water, and Uneda biscuits and plain tea.

Most of our war work at college is that of knitting and making surgical dressings. Just now we are busy with the pledges for the War Work Fund. Heretofore we have done very well in subscribing to Liberty Loans, Red Cross, and funds for the Belgians. We have chosen for our work as a chapter this year, the establishment of milk bottles at every theater throughout the city for the relief of the Belgian babies. We are hoping that we will have as much success with it here as we hear they have had at other cities.

Zeta's love and best wishes to you all.

EMMA E. THOMAS.

PERSONALS

Nellie Snowden Watts has gone over to France with the Goucher Unit. She is now working with the Home Communication Department of the American Red Cross.

Anna Blanton expects to be working overseas before long.

Several Zeta alumnae are doing work for the government in Washington.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Gamma Phis:

When college opened for the fall semester we found an entirely changed campus, student body, faculty, and course of study, but we are gradually becoming "acclimated." The west end of the campus, where the gardens were, has been covered with barracks for over 2,000 S. A. T. C. men. The Naval Unit has not been quartered on the campus as yet. As for the rest of the student body, we've hardly been able to get acquainted because of the "flu" epidemic. The whole university has been in quarantine as much as possible and every student has had to wear a mask all the time. The mask is made of eight thicknesses of cheese cloth and covers the mouth and nose so the germs cannot get in. The university Red Cross made 15,000 masks to supply the students. Those which the military organization uses the Red Cross has to mend, wash, dry, and sterilize every night. The masks are really quite a protection. You can chew gum, cut your enemies, yawn, sell tags, and do lots of other things with perfect propriety and boldness. Fortunately, however, the epidemic seems to be subsiding. There has been a pretty long death list. The infirmary and barracks were only too crowded with sick patients, and the girls have had to do nursing all night besides their college work during the day. The whole epidemic has been a terrible experience and we are certainly thankful that it comes only once in thirty years.

Of course, there has been some real college work although the "flu" has made that a minor consideration this semester. Practically every course is given a warlike aspect. The old French, history, political science, and economics courses are hardly recognizable. Then there are some fine courses for women in nursing, occupational therapy, and psychology. We have girls in all of these. The baskets and bath mats which they make are especially handsome. Besides these there are the Red Cross sewing course, the surgical dressings, and the food administration courses, one of which every lowerclassman is required and every upperclassman supposed to take.

Our own Elizabeth Bridge is in charge of sending out the Food Administration *Bulletin* all over California. When the Eta girls languish for something to do they can always find real war work up in her office.

When it comes to war work, the University of California has so many prominent alumni that one could write a book on them. First to us, of course, comes Mrs. Kellogg. Besides, there are Ralph P. Merritt, food administrator of California; Prof. Lincoln Hutchinson on the National Council of Defense, one of a small body of men who control the world's supply of tin; Brigadier-General Hugh S. Johnson; Henry Beatty, decorated by Serbia and France for his Armenian Relief work, and an innumerable list of others. Our service flag has 3,000 blue stars and forty gold stars on it. Perhaps by the time this letter is published no more stars will have to be added.

In spite of the Food Administration, the "flu" epidemic, and the consequent cessation of all social activities (no dinners or teas were allowed), we managed to get a fine new freshman delegation, two sophomores, and

one junior. Our new girls are Ethelwynn Crockett, '20, Charlotte Cocroft and Eleanor Lee, '21, and Edith Ackerly, Elizabeth Allardt, Janet Bostwick, Dorothea Epley, Margaret Godley, Doris Hoyt, Ivy Little, Ellen Penniman, Elisa Roeder, Frances Stowall, Marjorie Vaughan, and Helen Wurster, '22. Each one deserves special mention and we have been bursting with pride ever since they were pledged.

Eta wishes you all a most successful and happy New Year.

MARGARET W. SMITH.

PERSONALS

Eta Chapter is glad to welcome Frances Murch of Phi Chapter.

Annette Ruggles, '20, is a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Cora Keeler, Ellender Wills, and Florence MacCauley, all '17, are teaching in the Normal School in Honolulu.

Jeanette Dyer is assistant material engineer in the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Eunice Barstow, '19, is radio draughtsman at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Hannah, '20, to J. Floyd Cutler, '18, Phi Gamma Delta.

Helen McLean, '19, to James Jongeneel of Hawaii.

Ruth Anderson, '19, to John Pressley Phillips, Chi Phi.

MARRIAGES

Ellen Power, '20, to Lieut. Walter Baird, Kappa Sigma.

Annette Holroyd, '21, to Lieut. Carlisle Graybeals.

Anna Kessler, '19, to Ensign Charles McNeill.

Bess Harshmann, '17, to Dr. Baldwin Woods.

Carol Bolles, '19, to Ensign Dudley Steeves, '19, Theta Chi.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Gamma Phis:

Since last we met through the medium of THE CRESCENT Theta has had a regular Indian summer vacation—six long golden weeks because of the influenza. Of course, the lid has been clamped on all activities; rushing was virtually left hanging in the air, but we have had time to lay many plans. The expense of rushing has been reduced to the minimum by all the sororities for patriotic reasons, so we've put our heads together (metaphorically speaking, for the Health Department has sternly forbidden the actuality) and planned to have the cleverest affair possible with our allowance. As usual, Lindsey Barbee has played fairy godmother and supplied our *pièce de resistance* which is a very clever and appropriate little play, *When Greek Meets Greek*. It is to be given at a matinée with an all star cast and following there is to be a supper. Small tables are to be used, each representing a training camp, Plattsburg, Camp Kearney, etc., and each place-card will bear a war-time verse. The rushees will be commissioned captains, the seniors lieutenants, the juniors sergeants, and so on. After much discussion it was decided that out of sheer politeness the rushees should be in command. (They will be washing dishes soon enough as pledges. Such is fate.)

During the epidemic the Lodge was offered to the authorities as a hospital for the members of the S. A. T. C. who were ill. So for several weeks we tried our skill at making dainties for the invalids. One boy took rather an unfair advantage of our hospitality. Instead of having the regulation influenza he experimented with the mumps and so, although everything has

been disinfected and scrubbed, we regard the Lodge rather dubiously. It must have such a beautiful variety and collection of germs.

Theta extends to every chapter best wishes for a successful year and a cordial welcome to the pledges.

Sincerely yours,

FELICE DAVIS.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

College opening was postponed until the last of October on account of the "flu," and by the time it did open we were all ready and willing to get back to work. We had expected nearly everyone back, but owing to conditions arising at the last moment, several of our girls didn't return, and we started college feeling rather incomplete. Second semester will see them all back, however, and Kappa Chapter will start the New Year with most of her old members, plus several new ones.

It is of these new ones that I must now speak. We were allowed to pledge only upperclassmen first semester, and as all the sororities rushed the same handful of girls, we felt rather proud on pledge day when our pin appeared on three wonderful new Gamma Phis. They are Blanche Mowat, Dorothea Simons, who attended Carlton College last year, and Virginia Owen, who attended Smith College last year. The pledging of freshmen isn't allowed until second semester, so a new season of rushing will start for us just after Christmas.

There hasn't been much gaiety at the university this year, as we are all working too hard, making up for lost time. On that wonderful November 11, however, the chapter celebrated all day. Some of the girls had a luncheon, and some of them went on an all-day hike, and at night we had a party at the house for a few of the S. A. T. C. men in training at the university. We had some real excitement on the first meeting night when a huge box of candy, sent to the chapter, was opened and found to contain the cards of Margaret Gillespie, one of our seniors, and Bain Carey.

There has been a great deal of war work in evidence on the campus this year, and the Gamma Phis have taken a large part in it. We have helped furnish the various hostess houses for our S. A. T. C. and have spent many afternoons sewing curtains and pillows for them. The university Red Cross station has not opened yet, but when it does several of our girls will assist in supervising. One's knitting is a constant companion nowadays, and the house doesn't seem natural without the continual click, click of someone's needles.

Best wishes to all Gamma Phis for the year's work.

HELEN HART.

PERSONAL

Margaret Aldrich of Epsilon is attending Minnesota this year.

ENGAGEMENT

Margaret Gillespie to J. Bain Carey, Alpha Delta Phi and Nu Sigma Nu.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

No letter.

MARIAN CARRIGAN.

Notice returned to Mrs. Graham.

MU—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY

Sisters Dear:

This year has seen a great many changes in national life and ideals. They have reached the innermost constitution of every individual, and as our university is a truly representative group of people whose intelligence has taught them to look at the war in a serious and thoughtful manner, the spirit of war efficiency has naturally permeated the institution and found expression in changed conditions. More of serious thought, of frugality, and economy is seen, but on the other hand, the new thriftiness has not restrained a greater willingness to give for the aid of others.

Preparations are being made to carry on the war to a successful finish. Military training for the men is given through the Student Army Training Corps which claimed ten hours of drill, bayonet practice, and athletics a



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week and leaves only five hours for academic work. Strictly military rules prevail and no class distinctions, except by companies, are permitted. Fraternity men as well as all others are forced to live in barracks at Encina and Sequoia Halls, and the majority of fraternity houses have been rented to the university for the housing of civilian students.

Due to the fact that the majority of their time is required in military training, the men find few chances to devote themselves to college activities and the women are being forced to replace them as fast as possible. This condition is offering splendid opportunities to active women to "go over the top" in almost every department of work. Many of the minor organizations have found it advisable to disband for the period of the war.

All courses of study have been more or less revised to suit the ends of a soldier, since the university has been placed on a war basis. None of these courses are closed to women. The one completely new course offered is entitled "War Issues" and is given under the direction of Professor Tatlock of the English Department. He has charge of instituting similar courses in the technical training camps for drafted men in the western division. It treats war aims from an historical standpoint.

Society has been rather conspicuous for its absence during the first part of this quarter due to the influenza epidemic and our partial quarantine which prohibited any social gatherings. Now that this ban has been lifted the university is coming back into its own again, and dances, sports, and society are as prominent as last year. We have managed to keep our spirits up pretty well in the house by our faculty dinners and our tea for Mrs. McConnell, our housemother.

Rushing this year was of a concentrated and strenuous nature. We were allowed twelve-hour dates and we began rushing on the Monday before college opened. Bids were sent out the following Sunday night and we were happy to learn we had taken in thirteen freshmen.

Everyone was so weary after the week of rushing that it was some time before we were ready to give another dress-up dinner or party, but we managed to pull ourselves together and give a dinner dance for our freshmen. Then the third floor prepared its regular entertainment for Halloween. The party was decidedly successful from the standpoint of costumes and entertainment. Every type of person was represented there, from the Hottentot savage to the sophisticated vampire. Guests were led through various hazing stunts on the way up the stairs which were darkened to make a black passage way. This was their introduction to the party and the exit was made on a mattress by way of the front stairs.

The winter quarter promises to be a pleasant one, earnestly spent and full of good, sincere thought and wholesome life. War may scatter the Stanford spirit to the four corners of the earth but it can never despoil it. It is of a firmer fabric than that—made from the soul of Stanford students—and cannot perish.

THELMA CARLISLE.

OUR PLEDGES

Istalia Rhine	Elizabeth Chambers	Ruth Lee
Grace Jones	Helen Dominguez	Josephine Terrill
Therese Beckwith	Jennettee Booksin	Elizabeth Velie
Margaret Duff	Doris Fowler	Wila Ashley
	Marjorie Grant	

ENGAGEMENT

Gladys Knowlton, '17, to James Irvine, '17, Theta Xi.

BIRTH

Sylvia Duncan to Agnes Boezinger Duncan, '16, in October.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

The girls of Nu at Oregon are rejoicing with the rest of the campus after a dull and monotonous six weeks of quarantine, but all the "flu" bugs have now been conquered and campus life and activities are fast resuming their normal trend. Our triumphant return from the biggest football game of the year at O. A. C. has done much to revive our spirits and start things going again. Many of our girls took the opportunity thus offered

to visit Chi Chapter and all had a wonderful time. We hope to have them here with us some time early in December if a return game can be arranged.

Nu is proud of her eleven pledges and can hardly wait until they have completed their nine hours of college work and can be real Gamma Phis. They are Nadine Bohlander, Helen Houton, Vivian Hopson, Bernice Craig, Madge Calkins, Helen Nelson, Geneva Stebno, Helene Kuykendall, and Lillian Brock, all freshmen, and Rinalda Cameron, a junior who has attended college at Monmouth, and Edna Hyde, also a junior, from La Salle Seminary near Boston.



NU'S FRESHMEN

We are planning a Sunday night supper in honor of our freshmen. This is one time in the year when the freshmen sit in state and watch the upper-classmen hustle around and serve them.

Best wishes to all other chapters from Nu.

DOROTHY DIXON.

PERSONALS

Emma Wootton Hall is acting as military secretary to Colonel Leader on the Oregon campus.

Florence Sherman and Ruby Steiwer are both at the base hospital at Camp Lewis.

Helen Curry and Helen Johns have been doing clerical work for the government at Washington.

Dorothy Dunbar is teaching English in the La Grande High School.

Marguerite Gross is teaching at Castle Rock.

Alice Benson Beach is at the head of the Woman's National Defense League in Portland.

Helen McDonald, one of our seniors, has been elected secretary of the student body. She is the third Gamma Phi to hold this important office in the last four years.

Eileen Tompkins, '21, Buena Morgason, '21, Myrtle Albright, '20, Beatrice Porteous, '21, and Helen Guttery, '19, did not return to college this fall, but all expect to be here after Christmas.

Mrs. Hamilton Weir is with us as housemother again this year after spending last year in the East, and she and the girls are to be "at home" to their campus and town friends the first and third Thursdays of each month.

We have been fortunate in having Ruth Lorraine Close of Mu with us this year. Mrs. Close is president of our Portland Alumnæ Chapter, but came here while her husband was in the Reserve Officers' Training Camp.

Marguerite Gross, one of our own alumnæ, has been with us this year.

Beatrice Locke is very active in war work in Portland, as she is chairman of two committees.

ENGAGEMENTS

Helen McCormack, '16, to George Colton, '16, Sigma Nu, of Portland.

Genevieve Dickey, '19, to Carl Nelson, Beta Theta Pi, who is now in the Naval Aviation Service.

MARRIAGE

Nita Helen Hunter, '19, was married to Lawrence Dutton, Phi Delta Theta, at Tacoma in June, 1918. Mrs. Dutton is with us at Oregon while Mr. Dutton is with the 91st Division in France.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watkins (Mary Alice Hill), a daughter, Mary Helen, in August at La Grande.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

It seems so good to be back at college that I just can't settle down to write a chapter letter, although I want you all to know of rush week and its results.

Rush week was a huge success. We had several clever and original parties. One that was especially interesting was our Red Cross dinner. The place-cards were pen sketches done by Gertrude Hays. For favors we had tiny Red Cross nurses made of white yarn. Our last rushing date was a carnival with popcorn, candy, balloons, horns, and real fortune tellers. We went to bed that night a tired but hopeful crowd of girls. The next day our hopes were realized, and we came out victorious with fourteen freshmen.

Marguerite Yingst, Bernice Harding, Nell Cornelius, and Eleanor Faris are all from Buhl, Idaho. Eleanor is a sister of Nona Faris, one of last year's seniors. Mercedes Jones and Violet Seeley are Moscow girls. Mercedes does very clever literary work. Lyla Harsh is from Deary. She is well known here, having graduated from Moscow High School. We have three out-of-the-state girls: Verna Wilkinson of Salt Lake, Utah, and Helen Bloom and Ruth Coffey of Spokane, Washington. Ruth is the daughter of Capt. E. N. Coffey, U. S. A. From southern Idaho we have Geraldine Nusbaum of Burley, Margaret Knipe of Emmett, Bessie Newman of Shoshone, and Florence Allabaugh of Boise. Florence recently appeared as soloist in an entertainment for the S. A. T. C. men. She has a clear, high soprano voice.

There have been many new war emergency courses offered this year to meet the demand of war work. The Home Economics Department is offering a course in home nursing and there is a large enrollment in this

class. Courses are also being offered in war cookery and food products, the latter course drawing many freshman girls. The History Department offers to the S. A. T. C. men a course in war issues, which deals with the roots, the stakes, and the ideals of the war. This course is also open to the women of the university, and one-third of the women have registered for this work. "Economic Causes of the War" is a new course which is being offered by Professor Lewis of the Economics Department. This course will discuss the conditions in the larger countries of Europe that underlie the national diplomatic expressions. These causes are of economic nature, according to Professor Lewis. The Commerce Department has recognized the call for business courses, and is offering a new course in shorthand and typewriting. Dean Eldridge has taken a French class this semester. He has just returned from France, where he was with the Y. M. C. A. for a year.

All the fraternity houses have been turned into barracks, and the fraternity men rent what they call "shacks." One fellow remarked that the sorority houses were to be taken over for the officers' wives. One of the gentler sex piped up with, "Well, if that's true, I'll marry an officer and still live in the house, so there."

Some of the girls are lamenting the fact that there won't be any fraternity house dances this year. A dance of any kind seems a dream now, because we're all in close quarantine on account of the influenza. There have been no classes for three weeks, but they are to be held in the sorority houses until college opens. So far the girls have escaped the epidemic, and the cases among the men have been very few as compared with other colleges.

Xi sends love to all the chapters and their new pledges.

GLADYS CLARKE.

PERSONALS

Maude Bauman, '20, from Starbuck, Wash., is our newest Gamma Phi Beta. She was initiated October 19, 1918.

Bernadine Adair, '19, is student assistant in the Zoölogy Department.

Helen Douglass has been elected vice-president of the junior class.

Angeline Burns, '19, and Mary McKenna, '20, are acting as student assistants in the History Department.

Charlotte Lewis, '17, and Florence Richardson, '17, are doing dietitian work at the Inland Hospital during the influenza epidemic.

Gladys Clarke is treasurer of the sophomore class.

Helen Douglass, '20, is vice-president of the Y. W. C. A.

Bernadine Adair and Marjorie Lyons are nursing influenza patients.

Muriel Bucklin, '21, has accepted a government position in Washington, D. C.

Freda Marie Soulen, '20, is taking violin at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Helen Douglass, '20, is secretary of the Associated Students of the University.

Verna Johannesen, '18, is head of the Home Economics Department at Tonapah, Nev.

Marjorie McCrea is private secretary to Dean Hulme, who is dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Nora Ashton is secretary to Dean Iddings of the College of Agriculture.

ENGAGEMENTS

Marion Snyder, '21, is wearing the Beta Theta Pi pin of Strohm Lewis.

Marjorie McCrea, '21, to Guy C. Colquhoun, Kappa Sigma.

MARRIAGES

Nona Faris, '18, to Russell P. Ostrander, Sigma Chi, from Michigan.
Abbie Mix to Curtis Richardson, a Moscow contractor.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Barton (Lorraine Selby), a boy, John Selby Barton.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Gamma Phi:

If only we had a time clock set up somewhere in the chapter-house, which would register all the important events which are constantly taking place around us, then would the writing of chapter letters be greatly simplified, and the reading of chapter letters be more of a joy. Such a clock would surely have succumbed to nervous prostration by this time, however, if it had made even a feeble effort to tick off the countless happenings and changes which have occurred in Omicron Chapter this fall.

To begin with there is the complete revolution of all things academic. Our general routine of university life and work has undergone an entire change. Instead of semesters we now have quarters; instead of fellow-students among the men, we now have a very distant and segregated association in classes among student-soldiers; instead of many dances and social functions we now have the flu and quarantine. But in spite of all these changes this has been and is going to be a wonderful year in the history of our university and in the history of Omicron.

All organized houses on the campus are now living under slightly revised Woman's League rules, which have been so revised in order to conform with the general change in the academic life here. Military regulations have made it necessary to change the hour of closing of such functions as dances and open house, and this necessarily changes the hour of beginning as well. All university dancing now takes place between the hours of seven and ten-thirty, and open house is allowed from six-thirty until eight-thirty. At first these regulations seemed rather stringent and unnecessary, but upon giving them a trial they have been accepted as very satisfactory. As war measures they are a great success, and as rest and sleep providers they are wonderful.

The general curricula in the different colleges have not changed a great deal here as the result of the S. A. T. C., although several new courses have been added. Probably the most widely taken course is that given for S. A. T. C. men only, a course in war issues. For women there are courses in home nursing and first aid and also in food conservation.

We have moved into a perfectly wonderful new chapter-house and have pledged eighteen equally wonderful freshmen.

Can you grasp the full significance of that statement at the first reading? *Eighteen* freshmen, and all but three of them living in our new home. Rushing season came this year at a very unseasonable time; there were any number of conflicts which seemed determined to break up all rushing plans, but we were victorious after a prolonged struggle, taking said eighteen freshmen as the spoils. The "flu" was one of our most formidable foes, and made it necessary to do all rushing out of doors, in fact any place but in our own house, or any theater or confectionery. Also rushing hours were radically changed. We were given just one week for rushing and that one week was a mad dash from morning until night. But at the end of that time came pledge day, and with pledge day came the following girls: Lenore Eversole and Christine Hyland, Champaign, Ill.; Martha Coe,



View from Hall
Living-room



OMICRON'S NEW CHAPTER-HOUSE
Exterior



Dining-room
View from Hall



Springfield; Mary Parsons, Riverton; Mary Henley, Matoon; Margery Mangold, Anna, Ill.; Esther Kirchhoffer, Kansas City, Mo.; Esther McVay, Barry, Ill.; Roxie Stuart, Lettie Gay, and Ruth Pumpelly, Quincy; Catherine Clark, Winchester; Beulah Clute and Mary Barrette, Joliet, Ill.; Ruth Montjoy, Luella Moline, Chicago; Sophie Theilen, Camp Point; and Helen Meyer, Highland, Ill.

We also have two transfers, Betty Wingert from Zeta and Anita Hostetter from Sigma, for both of whom we feel greatly indebted to Zeta and Sigma.

On Saturday night, November 2 the upperclassmen in the house gave a party for the pledges. In spite of the fact that Halloween was over, the party was of the masquerade species and included such Halloween features as a chamber of horrors and fancy costumes. The chief event of the evening was a stunt show given by the upperclassmen representing a take-off on any Orpheum bill. The whole party was just like all Gamma Phi parties, which is the highest tribute we can pay any form of entertainment, no matter how elaborate.

MARY COOPER.

ENGAGEMENTS

Frances L. Withrow, '19, to Wayland W. Dayton, ex-'19, Alpha Chi Rho.
Alida Moss, '18, to Burt Skinner, '19.

DEATH

Gertrude Elliot Goodyear, died October 13, 1918.

HONORS

Lois Marie Scott: President of Woman's League, President of Mortar Board, President of Alethenai Literary Society.

Marian McAnally: Perfect Scholarship Record, Woman's Glee Club, Vice-president of Athenian Literary Society.

Gladys McCaslin: Vice-president of Illiola Literary Society.

Mary Barrette: Woman's Glee Club.

Christine Hyland: Freshman Commission.

Astrid Dodge: Theta Sigma Phi, Honorary Journalistic Society.

Emma Esther Kirchhoffer: President of Gamma Epsilon Pi, Girls' Commercial Organization, State Secretary of the Illinois Woman's Association of Commerce, Treasurer of Junior Illinæ, Student Council Representative.

Mary Cooper: Yo Ma.

Sophie Theilen: Archery Honors, First Basketball Team.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

At the beginning of the college year, any sorority on the campus which found itself possessed of one chapter-house, considered itself fortunate, but when the Gamma Phis came back and found themselves the proud possessors of two residences, they felt like heartily congratulating each other. The new chapter-house which we had just bought and moved into presented to the world outside two welcoming front doors, and within two sets of stairways, two fireplaces, and even two furnaces. In fact each house is an exact duplicate of the other, but in spite of this fact, we have made them all one house, one big, good-looking, comfortable house, and the home of twenty-seven Gamma Phis. In addition to these twenty-seven, there are four more of our big family who do not live in the house.

Like everyone else who has the opportunity, we gave a house-warming soon after becoming settled. Members of other sororities, our own alumnae,

and our friends all came in great numbers one Sunday afternoon and explored our new domicile from third floor to basement, expressing admiration and approval in every breath. Yes, we admit that we like it ourselves and and heartily endorse everything that was said.

There have been stunt shows and stunt shows this year. If there is anything around this university of which there is always a profusion, it is stunt shows. If you ever have aspirations toward belonging to any sort of a society it means you must put on at least three stunt shows, one on being pledged, another just for the general amusement of the members of the order, and a third before initiation. But the stunt show of all stunt shows is that which our freshmen in the house put on last week for the entertainment and extreme gratification of the upperclassmen. They changed the old bromide about safety in numbers to that of success in numbers. Although two of the performers were ill and could not take part, the other sixteen acquitted themselves nobly, in sooth quite professionally. The audience, dressed in a manner befitting such a gala occasion, breathlessly viewed from their box seats six clever acts. Freshman talent and versatility ran riot that night, displaying itself in diverse forms of singing and dancing, acts of burlesque and high comedy, most of the latter being directed at the outstanding characteristics and peculiarities of upperclassmen.

Because of the fact that no regular Thanksgiving holidays were given this year, we had our own Thanksgiving dinner in the house and tried to make it seem just as much like a home Thanksgiving dinner as possible. All things considered, it was very far from a failure and did a great deal toward counterbalancing our disappointment in not being able to go home.

We have only two weeks left before the end of our first quarter. It scarcely seems possible that it is almost time to go home for Christmas vacation. This year our vacation will be even more of a joy to us than usual, because there will be no black thought of examinations hanging over us. Next week all of that will be over and when we come back after the holidays we shall begin a new quarter.

Before bringing this to a close I must mention a great honor which has descended upon Omicron—or which she has pulled down upon herself and that is that four of our girls are on the staff of the *Daily Illini*. The four girls are Astrid Dodge, '19, Ruth Pumpelly, '22, Beulah Clute, '21, and Marjorie Mangold, '22. We almost feel as if we were putting out a Gamma Phi daily with so many representatives on the staff.

MARY COOPER.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

"Have I by accident dropped into a military cantonment?" one might ask himself as he moves along in the rear of a swiftly marching squad of khaki-clad men, or finds himself confronted by a long line at attention.

The military is very much in evidence here in the university. Classes are arranged for S. A. T. C.s and we poor civilians fall into a vacant seat. But we like it, even though we can squeeze in no sly moments with a John or Harry. He is now allowed for such trivial events as dates with girls only Saturday evening and Sunday, with perhaps every other Wednesday night.

Telegraphy has sprung into mushroom popularity over night as it were, under the new régime. Men are trained until proficient as key operators. This work for men students later changed to buzzer service instead of sounders. From this school alone 275 men have gone into service. Girls who wished to serve their country in some manner in its moment of need have taken up telegraphy as well as all Commercial Courses offered. Per-

haps the men, all of them in military or naval training, might not so joyfully elect the drill and study of war aims which takes so much of their time; but it has now become as hard to avoid as the insistent "Reveille" and "Taps."

Sororities vie with each other in their military parties. It has become a matter of social competition to see who can give the coveted Company C a genuine good time. Gamma Phi Beta is "doing her bit," and has put in a special order for twenty-five men for a dance on November 22. Every Sunday dinner also is to be graced by men in olive drab, who will appreciate a taste of Gamma Phi hospitality.

Nebraska has made a notable contribution to the fighting forces "over there" as well as "over here." General Pershing's star is given a special place on Nebraska's service flag. From the university campus we have lost several of the staff who have been granted leaves of absence until the end of the war. Chancellor Samuel Avery was commissioned as major in the Ordnance Department. Prof. F. M. Fling was appointed major in the United States army by Pershing, and was sent to Washington to collect historical data in connection with the war. Prof. Alice Howell of the dramatics Department has been cited for courageous action as a canteen worker in France. Pi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta also has a representative in the war zone, and another girl has been accepted for overseas service.

Despite the rule of all things military in the university, the rushing season was voted by all sororities to be one of the most hotly contested in years. In the whirl of gay little sugar plums dancing from one Greek party to the next, Pi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta stuck in her thumb, and pulled forth seven of the most attractive.

Who might resist the time-honored candle-light tea with its fluffy bows of lavender and yellow and its painted candle-stick place-cards to whose tiny flame the moth clung—the young coed attracted by the radiance of Gamma Phi Beta. If the dainty appeal of lights and favors failed, plates of golden brown waffles at the breakfast next morning dispelled any trace of indecision. At the soirée camouflage, last of a series of successful parties, the following members-to-be danced away a happy evening, and drank each other's health in a flower-decked French tea-room: Marvel Trojan, Chicago, Ill.; Margaret Henderson, Chicago, Ill.; Alice Rees, Norfolk, Neb.; Mary Hardy, Norfolk, Neb.; Gladys Kleinke, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Marguerite Morrissey, Chadron, Neb.; Lugene Hudson, Flatonia, Tex.

VIOLA KLEINKE.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Undoubtedly, the first week in the fall at Old Iowa is the most thrilling, the most exciting, at least for Rho. The first three days are really just a matter of greeting all the crew, of unpacking trunks and "hashing over" all the news of the summer. But beginning with the fourth, that's when the real thrill, rushing, commences. No, we prefer it not to be called work! This year Iowa seemed particularly favored with desirable material and it is needless to say that Rho went "over the top" with fourteen lovely girls. We're so proud of them that we'd like you all to know them personally but as that is impossible the next best thing is to introduce them. We're sure they will be delighted too.

Evelyn Babcock, a law student; Frances Nelson, a junior from Drake; Alberta Vasey, a junior from Lake Forest, Ill.; Viva Barslow, a junior from Ames; Lucille Everett; Ruth Daggett; Lorraine Taft; Louise Johnston; Clarah Hamilton; and Eleanor True. Then we have four sisters, Ruth Bergman, Grace Carson, Jane Bell, and Josephine Gage.

We are most grateful to Omicron for Helen Williams, who is here for graduate work, and Anna Belle Robinson, who is an instructor in the Home Economics Department. We have as a chaperon a most delightful Gamma Phi, whom we pledged last year, Miss Alice Camerer, a teacher in the S. U. I. Model School.

This fall our university has felt many changes brought about by the war. The men over eighteen are all enlisted in the S. A. T. C., live in barracks, and are under strict military discipline. All dating and parties have been abolished, except on Saturday afternoons, Saturday evenings from seven to nine-forty-five, and Sundays until five-thirty.

S. U. I. has given several faculty members to war work. Those engaged are: Dr. Russell, Dean of Education-Propaganda work-Vladivostok; Professor Bush, head of French Department, Y. M. C. A. work in France; Miss Aleeth Willard, Department of Public Speaking, Staging plays in France; Miss Mary Anderson, secretary, Y. W. C. A. work, Base Hospital No. 27, in France; Miss Wardell, head of Home Economics Department, established and in charge of first home economics bureau in the world, to be located in a bank, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Schroeder, physical director for men; head of athletics in eastern camp; Professor Larson, English Department, secret service work in Russia; Mr. E. E. Norris, secretary to President Jessup, secretarial work in Christiana; Mr. Conger Reynolds, former head of Journalism Department, diplomatic service in France; Dr. Sylvester, assistant professor of psychology, psychological work in southern camp.

Rho sends greetings to all in Gamma Phi.

VIRGINIA J. CARSON.

PERSONALS

Eva Wright, June Cummins, Imogene Porter, and Chloris Waterbury were week-end guests November 9.

June Cummins, Esther Boysen, Lila Wareham, Lucy Scales, Kathryn Crosby, and Vera Dutton are teaching.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Dear Gamma-Phis:—

There has been so much excitement this year, with the university having military training and then the Spanish influenza epidemic arriving, and last the signing of the armistice, that none of us has had time to bother with such mere trifles as studies and sorority affairs. We have had only three weeks of college as the university was in quarantine for five weeks on account of the influenza.

The six girls that stayed at the house during the quarantine were volunteer nurse's aids. Three of them worked down at the S. A. T. C. barracks and three of them out at Haskell Institute, an Indian school. Marguerite caught the "flu" out at Haskell and had to come home, but Florence and Earline stayed for three weeks, and came trailing back with two Indian blankets, perfect beauties, gifts from their patients. Earline insists that her patients called her "Dog-eater" and "Knife-sticker" at first. This is rather hard on Earline, as she doesn't look in the least ferocious, and to be quite frank, she won third place in the beauty contest last spring.

Well, I simply can't refrain any longer. I *must* talk about our pledges. Here they are, all nine of them, Grace Jeffries—there! I have to stop the very first thing, because it isn't Grace Jeffries. It's Mrs. Edward Hyatt. Yes, we pledged her one week-end, and the next week-end there appeared our first five-pound box of candy for this year, announcing her marriage. However, we didn't lose her. We still have our nine pledges, and the others are Gladys McKinley, Ida Tudor, Laura Harkrader, Berenice Bridgens,

Ethel Nowlin, Lila Martin, Jenny Glenddening, and Mildred Sanders. Now I don't dare tell you just what we think of them, because I'm afraid they might read this, and anyway, words aren't very satisfactory. All I will say is, that after pledge day we all tried to keep from looking too complacent whenever we met any of the pledges, or introduced any of them to our various friends.

"The good old days are gone," murmur the seniors and juniors sadly as they view the eight new barracks on the campus, the home of the S. A. T. C., and all the khaki and sailor uniforms. Whether these days are better or not, they are certainly far removed from the old days. The university has adopted the quarter system of semesters, with work all the year. All men in the S. A. T. C. must live in the barracks. All of the fraternity houses are closed and their members scattered. The social life of the university has been made as simple as possible. Men students usually are off duty on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. give mixers for the students; the Women's Student Government Association gives occasional dances, and the War Camp Community Service gives weekly dances at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club.

I must stop now, for my letter is way past due, and it will never get into the next CRESCENT; and I have a fear of the disapproval of my sisters, so good-bye till next time.

FLORENCE INGHAM.

PERSONALS

Muriel Brownlee, Marie Nusz, and Mrs. Paul Simonds (Beta) were here for rush week.

Sarah Rowe was assistant hostess at a Y. W. C. A. recreation camp near Detroit last summer. She is now club secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of Battle Creek, Mich.

Clara Kent, '16, is a senior nurse at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENT

Marjorie Templin to Lieut. Chauncey Hunter.

MARRIAGE

Grace Jeffries to Edward Hyatt.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

We are at the beginning of a new year, and as we look back over the changes of the past months, we wonder what this coming year holds in store for us. We sincerely hope that it brings peace to the world.

Our college has been very busy converting itself from a civilian to a military basis. This transformation was barely completed when the influenza situation became serious. Fraternity houses were closed, the men were moved into the new barracks, and on October 22 the women's classes were closed. With the closing of the classes the women took a splendid step, and as a proof of the value of their education, the members of the upper classes took up their special line of work in the barracks hospitals, especially in the diet kitchen, where they prepared meals for the invalid soldiers. The Students' Army Training Corps continued its work undisturbed.

Courses of study have suffered few changes this year. The academic work is practically undisturbed, except for the changes due to military instruction. These, of course, apply only to the men of the college. The social life of C. A. C. has been a secondary consideration, and there have been very few college functions. Every affair is marked by simplicity.

Tau has just passed a very successful rushing season and wishes to announce as pledges, Helen Eggers of Denver, Ruby Franklin of Severance, and Catherine Somerville of Fort Collins. We are very proud of these girls and know that each one is a true and loyal Gamma Phi. Rushing was greatly simplified this year extending over only five days. Each sorority was given one day for rushing, and Tau had Thursday of the rushing week. From one o'clock until five, we entertained the rushees informally at tea. Our evening party was in the form of a military dinner. Ruth Fuller was commanding officer with Anne Correy as officer of the day. Flags, guns, miniature tanks, and liberty bells were used in the decorations, and we even ate "cannon balls" and "shrapnel"! The rest of the evening was given over to singing of war and patriotic songs. The feeling between the different sororities was much less antagonistic than ever before and the local Panhellenic feels that in simplifying rushing a big step has been taken in the right direction.

As this letter is being written, the most wonderful message has come that at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, that Peace has at last found her way into a troublous world and that the calm power of Right will rule with all magnitude and glory. Let us stand at attention and give our salute to the Allied armies, and let us bow in reverence to those who have made the supreme sacrifice that Liberty might live. May this coming year be one of noble enterprise as inspired by the problems set before us in this new and better world through which we shall live through other years to come.

FRANCES R. FOSTER.

PERSONALS

Faye Porter, '18, is teaching domestic science in the Monta Vista High School.

Gladys Thornton was initiated on October 2, 1918.

Myriam Haynes, who is in charge of the extension service in home economics at the college, has gone to Washington as a member of the National Food Council.

ENGAGEMENTS

Florence Jones, '18, to William Briggs, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Mildred Lee Mitchell, '20, to Aubrey Bennet, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Rumor says that Olga Heisen also has a Sigma Phi Epsilon pin. We are thinking of going into partnership.

MARRIAGES

Helen Humphrey, '17, to Lieut. Ralph Robinson, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, on September 25, 1918.

Ramona Woodhams, '19, to Harold Ryan.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Peace has settled upon our troubled souls and we all rejoice. You can't wonder why this pæan of thanksgiving, for you all know. Pledge day is over and we have six new Gamma Phis. They are all the kind of girls our founders had in mind and that is the highest compliment we can pay them. On account of war conditions we felt that we could not have a big party for our pledges, but we had a nice one, not omitting the "peanuts and olives too," for what is a Gamma Phi party without peanuts and olives?

Stenography and typewriting have been added this year as new courses and many are the girls who have taken them up. We all feel that we want to do something when we leave college.

It's a very difficult matter to write a letter when before my eyes I see dancing up and down letters which finally evolve themselves into the sentence, "Hostilities have ceased." It is such a big thing that we can hardly grasp it. When it was announced, all of Hollins, faculty, students, servants, and children, had a patriotic parade. The girls wore white skirts with red, white, and blue sweaters. We had no whistles, but those in Roanoke were blowing full blast. There was a great racket, for many had small horns, and I doubt if Gabriel himself could have made himself heard, if he had tried to summon anyone.

The girls of Hollins had a call for \$7,000 for the United War Workers, and we raised \$8,600. The spirit with which the girls are giving is wonderful, and many are the dresses and hats which will repose in the stores as a result of the drive.

Upsilon sends congratulations to Mrs. Isbell.

It seems early for Christmas greetings, but when the time comes around there are some for every Gamma Phi from Upsilon.

LETA ADAMS.

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Gamma Phis:

We returned for classes September 26, and found everything in a state of chaos, for somehow the work of the Student Army Training Corps would not fit in with the regular work of the college. Finally, when we were used to the unearthly hours for classes, and the courses which we had to take, not because we wanted them, but because they were the only ones offered, the influenza ban stopped all activities. After the first week of expectant waiting for the ban to be lifted and three weeks more of disgusting boredom, numbers of the girls of the university decided to help in relieving the economic situation, and took positions.

We feel that the part of Washington in the war has not been altogether insignificant. A great many of our boys have distinguished themselves as officers, two of them having been made lieutenant-colonels. Miss Julia Stimson, the head of Red Cross nurses in France, is a Washington girl. She has recently published a book of her experiences. Our Gamma Phi relatives have not been content to remain in the background. Major Jonah has been made lieutenant-colonel, and we have also two captains, several lieutenants, and a few noncommissioned officers. Our campus, like all others, swarms with uniforms. Our best professors are giving courses in war aims and other allied subjects, mostly for the benefit of the Student Army.

Thus far the social life of the university has not been greatly affected by the military activities, except in short hours. All of the S. A. T. C. men must be in bed by ten o'clock, after studying from seven-thirty to nine-thirty. They will have Saturday night free, for which some special festivity will always be planned. The students have a first-class football team this year, so we are looking forward to some good games.

We had a long, hard campaign in rushing, and now have eleven pledges: Mary Jones, Virginia Callahan, Marcella Yeargain, Edith Gonzalez, Ethel Knobloch, Katherine Brady, Louise Brewster, Ruth Fox, Charlotte Briner, Margaret Burnet, and Beulah Rackerby. We wish to thank Epsilon for Irmgard Zetlmeisl. She is living in St. Louis near the university, where she has a government position.

Greetings to you all from Phi.

FRANCES BARBOUR.

PERSONALS

Lois Keim is taking a course in educational therapy in Chicago.

Charlotte Robertson is publishing a series of children's stories in the juvenile section of the Sunday *Saint Louis Republic*.

Frances Barbour has recently been made a member of the Missouri Folk Lore Society, for work done in Ozark ballads.

Mary Jones has recently sold a scenario to the Vitagraph Company.

Minna and Ruth Fox and Sarah Kennedy have been doing influenza relief work in the South.

CHI—OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

With so many things to tell you, I am afraid I will omit something, for now that college has really started one's mind is certainly busy. You will be glad to hear that we are all nicely settled in our new home, and wish that every Gamma Phi might enjoy our davenport around the fireplace.

Many changes have taken place in our college. We are very glad to be in an institution which is so intimately connected with war activities. We have a Students' Army Training Corps here composed of 2,200 students. To accommodate these boys, our two women's dormitories, the women's gymnasium, armory, and men's gymnasium have been taken over and used as barracks, and the girls sent out to the fraternity houses. During registration there were so many more applicants than expected, that it was a big problem to feed the men. Every available resource of the town was called upon to care for them.

The girls were very crowded at first, but now are nicely settled and thoroughly enjoy the nice homes of the fraternity men.

Beside the S. A. T. C. there is a Naval Reserve here and also an Engineers' Reserve. Of course these are not nearly as large units as the S. A. T. C. However, with all of these men under strict military discipline, our campus is much like a military encampment. The men are offered splendid courses and are allowed their choice, but all must take a course in war aims. This course is also offered the women, together with nurses' and dietitian courses for war work. There are about 700 women registered in war courses.

At present O. A. C. has about 2,400 men in the service and several women. Among the latter are two Gamma Phis, Miss Eva Brunell and Miss Laura Campbell. We are very proud to claim, as one of our old commandants on this campus, Colonel McAlexander, who distinguished himself in the battle of the Marne.

One cannot possibly help but feel the spirit of the time in the midst of such active preparation. Any time of the day one sees squads of men drilling or marching to and from classes. Even in the evening men are marched to study halls and held for two hours for preparation. The government requires monthly examinations for men and women, the grades of which are to be posted within one week for the benefit of all.

Owing to the conditions at registration time, we were only allowed one week for rushing, in which each house had three dates. We have nine pledges, those being: Grace Hovendon, Portland; Vera Jamieson, Astoria; Vida Rich, Seward, Alaska; Blanche Minor, Heppner; Gladys Morton, White Salmon; Dorothy Walker, Glenva Gray, Rhoda Taylor, Catherine Fjelstead, and Nita McKellops, Corvallis. We are very happy with our new pledges and know you would like them.

The new girls were completely worn out by such strenuous rushing, but nevertheless were pledged the following Friday and allowed to move into the houses immediately. Previously, you see, they were required to live one semester in a dormitory.

Since rushing everything has been quarantined for influenza, so we have had no social life whatever. The boys have the advantage of the Hostess House, but otherwise we have nothing of that nature.

We have been very successful in preventing an epidemic here, but have only done so by very careful methods. It will not be long before we can all be out and resume our social activities. They will be very different this year as men's fraternities are not allowed any social activities and all men are subject to military discipline.

We hope, therefore, to put more time and effort on war work and our college work, which is now so closely connected with the former.

Sincerely yours,

HELEN B. SANDON.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Dear Sisters:

There has been such a rapid succession of events since that first great event, our installation, that we have been busy keeping up with them. Just as we had made our house look like a real Gamma Phi house, the S. A. T. C. boys began to arrive, and, as there was a dearth of empty houses, the Government asked to have the larger chapter-houses used as barracks. We have heard that whenever the boys want to get warm they go to visit Company A, which is located in the Gamma Phi Beta barracks. That may be due to the new furnace, but I think that the spirit of Gamma Phi, which creates an atmosphere of warmth and good cheer, has something to do with it.

Everything has taken on a military air now, even our moving. When we were ready to vacate the house, the soldiers came in battle formation, and transferred all of our belongings to our new home. We were no sooner settled than the Spanish influenza arrived. The university did not close, but a rigid quarantine was kept for three weeks. We could not go to town or visit other houses. The yellow jitney, usually loaded far beyond its capacity, went slowly by with an air of melancholy, but we did not let this depress us, for we had many a jolly spread. The pledges gave us an opera. The older members came in evening clothes, as was fitting for such a special occasion. In the front box was Major Mahier just back from France and his lady, Helen Berg. Just behind this couple sat Seth and Samantha, in from the country, and, as they had heard of the "opry," they decided to try out their "opry" glasses. Other young men who were exempt from the draft on account of faint hearts were there with their fair ladies. Even Dr. Fry, professor of dead languages, who had never before shown any interest in the modern world, was there. The curtain was drawn back, and this put an end to the barrage from the major, who seemed desirous of having the audience appreciate his medals, wounds, and the story of his retreat from No Man's Land. The first number was a selection by the symphony orchestra, led by Waltereski. Music in rhythmic measure poured forth from a Ford horn, a meat grinder, a washboard, and other articles of kitchen furniture. There were dances, songs, and a wonderful magician, but the most enjoyable was the act that enabled us to see ourselves as others see us. Marian Wann, dressed as an old Louisiana ducky, showed us the "family album," some clever cartoons that she had drawn. As we gazed at our portraits, our second selves marched by, clad in our raiment, and imitated us to perfection.

All play and no work would make Psi a poor chapter, so we will tell you of our work which is just beginning. One of our girls acted as a captain in the financial drive for the Y. W. C. A., and turned in the largest amount of money collected by any one district. Ida Hoover was at the

head of the United War Work Campaign. Mrs. Cheadle, one of our patronesses, is at the head of the social service work in this county, and is planning some special work for us to do, as she has about twenty-five poor families in her charge.

We are sorry not to be able to report on the "milk bottle campaign," but we did not know about it in time. We hope to report more progress in organization and constructive work the next time we write.

Sincerely,

EDITH MAHIER.

SYRACUSE

Because of influenza, which put a ban on all gatherings of people, Syracuse Alumnæ has had but one meeting and that at the chapter-house just preceding our "get-together" supper with the Alpha girls that took the place of our regular fall banquet. So we send you greetings, and with them, as "personals," all the interesting things that were gleaned at this meeting—things that anybody knew about anybody else.

MILLCENT HINCKLEY.

PERSONALS

Syracuse Alumnæ welcomes the following 1918 delegation into her membership: Alice Kenyon, Marguerite Woodworth, Carolyn Archbold, Johanna Potter, (Mrs.) Irene Cuykendall Garrett, Agnes Ayars, and Elizabeth Archbold. Also from 1917, Dorine Lyman and Louise Buckley. Ruby Beckley Newing, formerly of Binghamton, has come to Syracuse to live and we are glad to receive her as a member.

Genevieve Joy, '12, is training at the Crouse Irving Hospital.

Merriam Ernhout Barnes is living in Schenectady.

Fannie Helner, '16, has charge of the Musical Department of the Mansfield Normal School in Pennsylvania.

We have greatly enjoyed having Mrs. Ernest Dudley with us for the last two years and regret her return to California.

Alice Kenyon has resigned her position at the Halcomb Steel Company to become secretary to Miss J. M. Richards, dean of women of Syracuse University.

Elizabeth Campbell, '18, expects to go to France in the near future to do canteen work.

Martha Schultze Chandler's husband has been given leave of absence from his duties as commander of the New York State Constabulary. Major Chandler is commissioned in the Medical Corps of the army and will serve there for the present.

Marion Weaver, who has been playing second lead in *There She Goes*, is making a tour of the army cantonments.

Gladys Fearon is teaching just outside of Pittsburgh.

Marion Barker, who has been doing canteen work in Chicago, was at our November meeting.

Fannie Cobb Stevenson has received word that her daughter, Marguerite, has reached France in safety and that she is working with "Mary Elizabeth" distributing her "sweets" to the army men in Paris.

Esther Potter Darby and her little daughter are to spend the winter in Syracuse.

We are sorry that Blanch Shove Palmer's visit in Syracuse was interrupted by her daughter Gene's summons to Red Cross duty overseas. But we congratulate her. Gene has been preparing for over a year, taking a business course at Columbia and doing practical work in a bank in York City in order to be more helpful in the work overseas.

Letitia Price is industrial secretary of Y. M. C. A. in Providence, R. I. She has also been appointed associate chairman of the Industrial Board War Work Campaign in Rhode Island.

Carolyn Archbold has gone to West Virginia because of ill health.

Dorothea Keeney is teaching in Carmel, N. Y.

Gertrude Hall Gaggin, '99, is acting as hostess at Y. M. C. A. Hostess House at Fort Wright Aviation Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Dorine Lyman is teaching at Auburn, N. Y.

We congratulate the eastern chapters that they have Dorothy Potter France as their visiting delegate. Since her husband's absence from his business to do his part in the war, she has been taking his place in his father's business in Cobleskill, N. Y.

Florence Palmer Baker's son, Alva, is a sergeant in S. A. T. C. at Syracuse University.

Gertrude Dada Fuller's son, Chester, is in the Signal Corps in France.

Alvia Horton Fish's son, Albert Winthrop, is a lieutenant at Camp Grant, Ill.

ENGAGEMENT

Dorothea Keeney, '17, to Mr. Ivan Terwilliger. Mr. Terwilliger is a student at Drew Theological Seminary.

MARRIAGES

Helen Dyer Carr, '18, to Joseph S. Dale in New York City, October 25, 1918.

Jean Leete, '16, to Captain Andrews, October 7, at Hotel McAlpine, New York City. Capt. Archie Roosevelt was among the guests.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters:

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one brain to reflect upon the signing of the armistice, the epidemic of "flu," the closing of schools, the United War Work drive, the departure of the President, and the return of a Republican Congress, one is reminded of the enterprising chameleon which was deposited on a piece of Scotch plaid. In this sad case, however, it seems to be the news that is vacant, with no appreciable bad results to said brain. I know that Gamma Phis work at Red Cross rooms, drive motors for nurses, make appeals for everything from Belgian babies to Italian tags, but they are too busy to stop and give me facts, cold facts! We had a meeting at Bess Sanger's November 2, and enjoyed seeing Ann Moulton Haywood, as she is a great stranger to us. A few braved the virulence of the "flu" early in December, and gathered around the cheery open fire in Florence Savage's home. The children in these two homes are very representative Gamma Phi products, and are as interesting as we were at their age.

Ladies, as Professor Copeland would say over his eye-glasses, "Ladies, this is positively all!" If there had been more news there would have been less letter, which is no cryptic saying to any CRESCENT correspondent. I wish you all the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years in a world no longer shadowed, a new world and a better.

KATHARINE A. WHITING.

PERSONAL

Amy Buck, '18, is teaching in Eastport, Me. She has been gaining practical experience this summer by serving her country in the Chemical Department of a munition factory.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Marion E. West, '09, secretary to Dean Warren of the College of Liberal Arts, to Sergeant Kenneth Ballou, Dartmouth, of the Ordnance Department, now serving in the Personnel Department of the University of Vermont.

BIRTH

Born to Isabelle Turnbull Blood, '17, a daughter, Elizabeth Ramsdell, October 6. Robert Blood is still abroad, but expects to return very soon.

NEW YORK

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Between the influenza, Liberty Loan drive, and the armistice celebration, there has been little chance for much intercourse between the members of our chapter. A special meeting was called early in October to discuss plans for war work. As that was the day when the T. N. T. at the munition plant in South Amboy, New Jersey, was exploding vociferously at intervals, and warnings had been sent out to avoid the subway and the bridges, many were afraid to go, but a few from the neighborhood of Barnard were present, and decided that we would adopt two French orphans. The committee that was given the care of the orphan fund has reported very favorable progress.

The first regular meeting was on October 26, at Students' Hall, Barnard. The milk bottle scheme was the subject of much prolonged discussion, with the final decision against our taking up the scheme. The size of the city, the great number of theaters and moving picture houses, and the transient population all seem to point to probable failure. One can't get onto a subway, elevated, or surface car, but that some one is taking a collection for some kind of war work, so that it would take a most undaunted and unchastened soul to venture to suggest another collective agency. Then too, our membership in the *alumnæ* chapter is very transient, as we have many girls with us for a few meetings, and then other new ones take their places. Those of us who are permanently located here feel that we have as much to do as we can manage.

The next meeting will be held December 7 at Students' Hall, Barnard, at three o'clock, and we look forward to seeing many Gamma Phis present, for by that time all danger of the influenza should be over.

FREDERICKA BELKNAP.

PERSONALS

Grace Banker is continuing her splendid work with the Signal Corps in France. She was one of six chosen from 250 to go to the front with the First army for the San Mihiel offensive. She was chief operator, and the official reports state that she and her girls worked all night, conveying messages. She has been living close to the front line, within easy hearing distance of the guns, and has experienced several air raids, among other diversions. We are looking forward to her return.

Bert Sayre has enlisted as a yeoman in the navy.

MARRIAGE

Florence Heermans to Mr. Cameron of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

BIRTHS

Mary Mulqueen Carr has a young son, Edward Hugh, Jr., born October 15.

Josephine Stone Cohn, Z, has a son, Joseph Hoffman, Jr., born September 22.

MILWAUKEE

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Everything looks so gloriously wonderful now that it may be that we will have to change some of the war-work plans which we made at our first meeting on October 16 at the home of the Misses Barnes. However, we are glad to be able to tell you that our milk bottle campaign is well under way. We have fifty stands ready for distribution and are meeting with very hearty response from the hotel and theater managers. We expect to place the stands next week and will be eager to tell you something of the results.

We had the pleasure of having Mrs. E. P. Sherry (Laura Case, Gamma '94) at our meeting. Mrs. Sherry sailed for France on November 6, where she is to be a director in the "Over There" Theater League. We hope to be able to tell you something of her work in our next letter. The "flu" surely put a stop to our activities during the past month but we are not planning to let that time be lost. So you may hear surprising things from us. This is not a promise, it is a threat.

Milwaukee sends best wishes to all Gamma Phis.

BEATRICE BARNES.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kieckhefer announce the birth of a son on Saturday, October 5. Mrs. Kieckhefer was Mary Boarse of Gamma Chapter.

DEATH

The chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kieckhefer (Allicon More, Gamma) upon the loss of their dear little daughter, Betty.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sisters:

These are such busy times that it's hard to get a letter in and harder to find anything to write about. The "flu" has caused every amusement place to close and all meetings. So we find everyone hard at nursing someone and all activities suspended. But all that is nearly over and we can cast aside our masks and be able to recognize our friends and otherwise go back to normal living.

Our first activity then will be our milk bottles. Of course, proceeds have been poor the last month but we have many dozens of bottles up with the Gamma Phi poster all ready for change from movie patrons. The state committee has kept on with their work and report splendid success in getting the work taken over by our girls.

Our last meeting was in August and took place at the Eta chapter-house. The active girls had their rushing tea for mothers and the alumnae enjoyed seeing the girls and meeting the rushees and their mothers. Eta has such a splendid class of fifteen freshmen that we are all mighty proud of them. The alumnae were especially interested in two Eta sisters who are pledges. They are Doris Hoyt, sister of Alice (Eta '10) and Beth Hoyt (Eta '15), and Charlotte Cockroft, sister of Thoda Cockroft (Eta '14), and a cousin of Margaret Garthwaite (Eta '15).

There are several alumnae on the campus this year and we feel that we are having much pleasure in being able to keep in touch with the active girls. Margaret Garthwaite and Barbara Bridge (Eta '17) are in the alumnae secretary's office, which just completed the university honor roll with over 2,300 names on it. Elizabeth Bridge (Eta '12) is assistant secretary of the Volunteer Food Conservation and is assisting in the Home Economics Department. The writer, Ruth Genung, is taking occupational therapy work.

We are planning an Eta, Mu, and alumnae party for some date right after the epidemic. Everyone will be so glad to see everyone else that of course we'll have a good time. But you can hear about that in the next letter.

RUTH GENUNG.

PERSONALS

Eleanor French (Eta '12) is visiting her family in Berkeley while the Auburn schools are closed.

Congressman J. A. Elston, husband of Tallulah Le Conte (Eta '08) was just reelected to Congress.

San Francisco has a number of her members in Washington, D. C., where government work has called their husbands.

Mrs. Vernon Kellogg (Charlotte Hoffmann) is in the East.

Mrs. Max Thelen (Ora Muir, '12) has taken her children and joined her husband in Washington.

May Morgan Brown and Laura Van Buren Stearns have been in Washington for the past year.

Alice Hoyt, '10, has headquarters in New York, from which she goes to various colleges as collegiate Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Thoda Cockroft, '14, is doing newspaper work in New York. She specializes on war activities.

Marguerite Sheehy (Nu) met some of the Eta girls while she was in Berkeley nursing her brother. San Francisco hopes she will be able to come to meetings.

Jeanette Dyer (Eta '17) is at the Mare Island Navy Yard, where she is doing draughting for ships.

Mrs. George N. Barker (Bernice Arnold) has just returned to visit her parents in Berkeley till her husband has shore duty again.

DENVER

Although I realize that it is "according to Hoyle" for every perfectly good chapter letter to begin with, "We have been so busy since our last letter," I shall omit it, for with such an introduction you will expect a letter brim full of news, and exciting news items are about as plentiful as dancing partners in war times.

We enjoyed just three meetings before the Board of Health sent us into hibernation for a month, and all our plans and activities were suspended. Our thriving milk bottle enterprise received a severe blow when the movies closed, but we hope the pennies will come dropping into the bottles with renewed pep, now that the movie-mad world is at large again. The milk bottles have been very splendidly advertised in the clubs, Panhellenic, and from the pulpits in Denver. We have had two "write-ups" in the daily newspapers and also a slide is being made to throw a notice on all the picture show screens, so there will be no doubt in the minds of the great army of the film followers where to deposit their stray pennies.

Mrs. James Henderson, as chairman of the State Committee, has very efficiently handled the Belgian Relief work. Christmas cards have been ordered from the California Committee and are to be placed on sale by the largest department stores, the entire proceeds for the Belgian Relief. Mrs. Harold Moore is vice-chairman of this committee and Lindsey Barbee is secretary.

Panhellenic, in accordance with the spirit of the times, has decided that this year's gatherings shall be very informal with no refreshments, but we hope "Après la guerre" Panhellenic will not forget that refreshments furnish added charm to any gathering. Kitty Lee Clark is our representative to Panhellenic and is vice-president on the board, with Lindsey Barbee alternate.

Our Flying Squadron is composed of alumnæ whose duty is to report whenever called, for all or any emergency Red Cross work, under the leadership of Grace Burgard Holcomb as captain. They have just finished making books for the hospitals; they are folders on which are pasted colored pictures with jokes and stories on the inside which will bring joy and sunshine into the lives of wounded soldiers.

Look for a most thrilling letter next time, dear Gamma Phis, for we shall doubtless burst forth with many new activities because the sheer joy of living in a world from which the war cloud is beginning to lift will inspire us to greater enthusiasm and success. I hope that the coming year will bring all chapters abundant opportunities for constructive service, good times, and all around success.

LUCIA HERBERT GRIFFITH.

PERSONALS

Kathryn Allen Woodward is living in Omaha and has been fortunate in meeting Bertha White (Epsilon).

We are rejoicing over the recovery of Mabel Brown Holt, who is out again after a severe illness of two months.

Grace McDonough is sailing soon for France on war work.

Margaret Parkard Taussig holds more positions in Red Cross and war work than we can keep track of, but a couple of her chairmanships are: head of the Junior Red Cross work of the Denver Chapter of the American Red Cross and chairman of the Women's Division of the United War Work Campaign. Mrs. Harold Moore is captain of her district in this same drive.

Kathryn Herbert is head of the information at the Mountain Division of the American Red Cross.

Helen Fales is in the civilian Relief Department of the Mountain Division of the American Red Cross.

Mabel Burton has left for Washington to take a course in nursing.

Lindsey Barbee had the pleasure of a visit from Helen Curry and Katherine Johns (Nu) on their way home from Washington, where they have been engaged in war work.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. John Lippincott are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Louise, at South Bend, Ind. Wanda Seeman Lippincott (Beta) was formerly of Denver Alumnæ.

DEATHS

We sympathize deeply with Ruth Coldren Strauss in the death of her husband, Lieut. Melvin Strauss, who died of influenza in the service of his country.

Our thoughts are also with Caroline Wolfe Dittus in sympathy for the loss of her husband, who died very suddenly of pneumonia following influenza.

MINNEAPOLIS

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Our little alumnæ world has turned around an axis whose two poles are the end of the war and our Belgian milk project.

My letter is chiefly concerned with the latter, and I don't know of any better way to tell you what we are doing than to quote parts of the write-up the *Tribune* gave us on October 6. Our publicity was stupendous, rivalling that of the Kaiser's abdication; and highly satisfactory in both of our leading papers; with heavy type, scare headlines, and good-sized pictures of Sara Preston Finley and Margaret Nachtrieb (as she was then), all on the first page of the "Society" and "Women in Warwork." As a result, in spite of the fearful Minnesota fire and the "flu," the returns have been most gratifying.

"GAMMA PHI GIRLS START FUND FOR REFUGEE SHELTER AND RELIEF
OF BELGIAN TUBERCULAR BABIES

"To help put new life into the little bodies of Belgian babies whom exposure and lack of food have left tubercular, and to establish a shelter "over there" for the refugees, Minneapolis will be called upon to contribute to a fund which is being raised by the Gamma Phi Sorority of the country.

"Stands with the milk bottles containing the bank tops, will be placed tomorrow at the Radisson Hotel, Union Station, and four theaters to receive contributions. 'Every penny counts' will be the slogan, and an effort will be made to impress the children here with the good they may do in saving their pennies to help the little Belgian sufferers.

"Mrs. V. C. Sherman has been appointed chairman for Minnesota, and Mrs. Joseph E. Finley vice-chairman, and the Misses Nachtrieb and Grace Ferguson will handle all correspondence.

"MRS. SILVERSON HEADS COLLECTORS

"Mrs. Charles Silverson, assisted by Mesdames Francis E. Kingsbury (Katherine Whitney), Edward Smith, Morton Hall, and the girls in the active chapter of the sorority, will look after the placing of the additional stands in the city, and take care of the collections. A special committee composed of Mrs. W. H. Sudduth and the Misses Louise Jenkins and Doris Leach will audit the accounts.

"The state woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has indorsed the work, and yesterday Mrs. George H. Partridge, chairman of the Approved War Organization Committee, wrote Mrs. Sherman offering all possible assistance in making the Minneapolis contribution a substantial one."

Then follows a detailed and most interesting account of the work done in Belgium under the guidance of Madame Van de Werve. Mrs. Vernon Kellogg is paid high tribute.

The remainder of the article tells of Mrs. Sherman's plan to issue letters to the Gamma Phis throughout the state with the hope of developing the work. She has already made arrangements to have stands placed in Winona, where Mrs. Ernest Shepard is chairman; in Brainerd, with Mrs. Wilbur C. Cobb as chairman; in St. Cloud, under Mrs. George More; and in Duluth Irene Keyes and Rhobie Sargent are in charge.

In St. Paul the work has been extremely well organized under Miss Alice Andrews, who has arranged for the placing of thirty-six stands with more to follow.

Both here and in St. Paul the stands are being made by the manual training departments of the high schools, and are extremely attractive.

The official report of what we are doing will be found in another part of the issue.

Yours,

SARA MARSHALL.

PERSONALS

Ruth Eaton Lansing is in Boston for the winter. Her husband is in training in the Harvard Ensign School.

Rachael Beard Thompson has returned to Minneapolis. Her little son is nine months old.

Cordelia Paine and Madame Blandin (Ellen Paine) left for France the week of November 11, to engage in war work.

Harriet Young Burchard and her family have returned to St. Paul to live.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lewis are in Minneapolis for the winter.

Margaret Menzel Bronson, whose home is in Tacoma, is visiting her parents in Minneapolis.

Alice Andrews is in charge of the Belgian milk fund work in St. Paul. Ethel Works Kerr is visiting her family in Minneapolis.

Maude Hart Lovelace is state publicity director of Iowa for the merged war work campaign. Mrs. Lovelace is the youngest director in the United States.

Frances Works is head of the Interview Department of the Bureau of Personnel for the Northern Division of Red Cross, which has its headquarters in Minneapolis.

Margaret Bell Corson has landed in New York on her way home.

William Stearns Davis, husband of Alice Redfield Davis, is author of *Roots of the War*. The work has received official recognition to the extent of being introduced as text into some of the S. A. T. C.s.

Mrs. Henry Nachtrieb is visiting in Buffalo, N. Y., her old home.

ENGAGEMENT

Alice Westley to Charles Davis Bigelow of Boston.

MARRIAGES

Margaret Nachtrieb to Arthur H. Isbel, October 16. Mrs. and Mr. Isbel will make their home in New York. Margaret is our Visiting Delegate and chairman of the Committee upon Expansion.

Jeanette Welch to Milton Brice (Ensign), October 17. They are living in Pensacola, Fla.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Michelson (Dalie Lindsay), a daughter, in October.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Keating (Grace Wilcox), a daughter, Barbara, August 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elba White (Mildred Gamble), a daughter, Margaret, born August 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leonard (Marion Slater), a son, Judson Green, July 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wallace (Maude Hyser), a son, John Bent, September 21.

DEATH

The chapter extends deepest sympathy to Blanche Wilcox Way on the death of her husband, Stanley Way. Mr. Way was overcome by gas in his mine at Virginia, October 9.

LOS ANGELES

Dear Sisters:

Our first meeting of the year was truly a success. We were at the charming Hollywood home of Mrs. George Hunt, who was Harriet Haraszthy (Eta '99). Three of the girls helped with the luncheon. Our new scheme of all-day meetings and a luncheon seemed to work beautifully. We had the great good fortune to have with us Mrs. Willoughby Rodman, who is at the head of the Commission for Belgian Relief in Southern California. She told us about the immense work which is being done here, and aroused great enthusiasm among the girls. There is a plan to place receptacles for pennies in many places, and she would have liked them to be milk bottles, but these are already being used for another object, and we shall have to invent something else. Mrs. Rodman asked our president and one other girl, Ruth Hutchinson, to come to the meetings of the Commission for Belgian Relief, so that we can work constantly with them.

Los Angeles was to have had a Liberty Fair, and the Relief Commission had planned an eating booth, where luncheon and dinner would have been served, and tea and ice cream in the afternoon and evening. This would

have necessitated two shifts a day of twenty-five girls each. We had agreed to serve one day. The influenza has prevented the fair and has brought all other activities to a standstill, but when the epidemic is over the fair can be held and we can do the bit which we had expected to do last month.

FLORENCE MACKEY JEFFERS.

DETROIT

No letter.

HELEN TUTHILL.

BALTIMORE

No letter.

CLARA WAGNER.

SEATTLE

Seattle Alumnae has held no meetings during the early fall because of the ban on public gatherings. A few of the old-timers gathered in the alcoves of the chapter-house during rushing, but were denied the "pleasures" of sitting in at the peace table of the second week by Sister Flu, who cancelled all rushing dates and caused the bids to be mailed at the close of the first week. We will leave it to Lambda herself to unfold the happy results of this year's conflict.

AIRDRIE KINCAID COATES.

PERSONALS

Anna Young Rabel, ex-'13, has just been appointed divisional head of the Surgical Dressings Department of the Seattle Red Cross.

Elizabeth Chadwick, ex-'21, entertained the Olympia alumnae at her home there recently in compliment to the Olympia girls who were pledged to Gamma Phi. Elizabeth whispered that she slipped her guests in at the back door to dodge the health authorities. And we, knowing Elizabeth, have no doubts.

Four more members of our chapter are awaiting call for overseas service. Grace King, '10, will go as an assistant in the casualty work of the Red Cross. Zella Steele, '13, Geraldine Doheny, ex-'15, and Myrtle Rude, ex-'16, leave soon in the recreation hut service of the Red Cross. Pauline Ederer, '18, is doing war work for the navy in a civilian capacity at the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton. Marriane King, '16, and Doris Ives, ex-'20, are doing confidential government work in Seattle.

Katherine Jerome, ex-'20, varied the "monotony" of her daily existence the other day by staging a true movie thriller. She was racing along in her new roadster, plus a handsome lieutenant, of course, from Camp Lewis to Tacoma to keep a dinner engagement. The car skidded on a curve and crashed into a heavy touring car. Katherine's car was minus an engine; the fair driver fainted, and came to to find herself being cared for by the owner of the other car, Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt, U. S. A.

Lois Kiefer-White, ex-'20, whose marriage to Ensign Russell H. White took place in September, is honeymooning in Pensacola, Fla. She writes, "We've taken a cottage on the shores of the Gulf, right on the beach. Most wonderful white sand, palm trees, and everything. Simply ideal."

Lucy Gallup-Rawn, '17, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Clarke Gallup (Theta). Lucy's husband is "treating 'em rough" as a lieutenant in the Tank Corps overseas.

Marguerite Motie, ex-'16, is teaching dramatics in the high school in Spokane, Wash.

Gezina Thomas-Upper, '16, is with her husband, Lieut. Ewart Upper, at Fort Sill, Okla.

Anna Baker-Williams, '16, is in Akron, Ohio. She is recovering from a serious case of pneumonia.

Hester Hill-Moore, ex-'16, and small son have arrived in Seattle from Philadelphia to spend the winter with her parents during Lieutenant Moore's absence in France.

Elfreda Smith, '19, will enter Stanford University in January. Her father, Dr. J. Allen Smith, has been exchanged from the University of Washington faculty for six months' special work there.

Helen Harvey, ex-'21, of Walla Walla, Wash., is visiting here for several weeks.

Helen Allan, ex-'19, is holding an important secretarial position with the U. S. Shipping Board here.

Marion Alexander-Walter, ex-'16, and son, Richard, are living with Dr. and Mrs. William M. Dehn (Lois McBride, '16) during her husband's absence in service at Camp Taylor, Va.

Harold Hartman, the husband of Emmy Schmitz-Hartman, '15, is in service, stationed at Camp Taylor. Emmy is "carrying on" his work.

Mrs. J. Arthur Younger (Margaret Meany, '15) is living at the chapter-house. Captain Younger is in France.

Josephine Eisenbeis-Emerly, ex-'15, is in Port Townsend, Wash., during Major Emerly's absence in France.

Helen Beard-Wolfe, ex-'16, is visiting relatives in Pennsylvania. Captain Wolfe is on active duty abroad.

Persis Buell-Welts, ex-'16, and daughter have come to Seattle from Mount Vernon, Wash., to make their home with Mrs. Frederic Buell, as her husband, Robin Welts, has enlisted in the S. A. T. C. at the University of Washington.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Crowder (Katherine Kerr), a daughter.

DEATHS

It is with sorrow that we give the news of the deaths from influenza.

Mrs. Roy McCarthy (Tessie Preston, ex-'10) became a member of Lambda in 1907, and was constantly a charming and dearly loved addition to Gamma Phi gatherings. She and her husband had moved to Minneapolis, where they expected to make their home, but both died just a few hours apart. Four little children are left with their grandparents.

Mrs. Carl Homer (Pauline Potter) came to us from Nu Chapter last year, and entered into the war endeavors of the alumnae with a happy enthusiasm. Her passing, after a short illness, was a sad surprise.

Mrs. Henry Goodyear (Gertrude Elliott) affiliated with this chapter after her graduation from the University of Illinois. She was loved by the active and alumnae Gamma Phis here for her unflinching interest and kindly help in every problem. Her death came within a month after her marriage to Dr. Goodyear.

PORTLAND

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Thanksgiving season is with us—a Thanksgiving that began on November 11 and that will be never ending. To the millions of men who gave their lives to give us the world as we have it today, we utter supreme thanks. As Colonel Leader said, "The countless Allied and American heroes who have given their lives were waiting Sunday night and saying, 'Watchman, what of the night?' and in the morning came the wondrous answer, 'Peace on Earth.'" And how thankful are we as Gamma Phi Betas that it has been our privilege to be of slight assistance in war work. Nothing

was too much to do and how we wish that our little bit might have been more.

Before the girls of Nu Chapter returned to Eugene we were so pleased to have luncheon with them at the Waverly Golf Club and a most enjoyable tea party at Ruth Beach Mehlin's home at Riveria. We have had but one meeting this fall, the October meeting with Helen Cake Heusner, a delightful meeting with the adorable little Helen Louise to assist her mother. Since then, of course, all meetings have been postponed on account of the influenza.

RUBIE HAMMERSTROM.

PERSONALS

Beulah Bridges is with the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington, D. C.

Ann McMicken was with us for a while, taking the reconstruction course at Reed College, but she has recently been sent across.

DEATH

Deepest sympathy is extended to Ada Kendall Cobb, '13, in the loss of her husband, who died while in service at Camp Taylor.

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 7:30 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 2119 Maryland Ave.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 2723 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 at 7:00 at the chapter house, 227 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- RHO meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 310 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- TAU meets every Thursday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, 121 West Olive.
- UPSILON meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 in Room A West, Hollins College.
- PHI meets every Monday afternoon at 3:45 at the chapter rooms in McMullan Hall.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 A. M. usually at the Delta rooms, 22 Blagdon St., Boston.
- 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.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Wednesday of one month; third Saturday of next month.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Saturday of every month at the homes of members.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR SEPTEMBER—*Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

FOR OCTOBER—*Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Adelphian* of Alpha Delta Pi; *Association Monthly*; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

FOR NOVEMBER—*Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Beta Sigma Omicron*; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Mu Phi Epsilon*.

And still the war work of the sororities goes on: Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Chi Omega, and Beta Sigma Omicron give us further accounts of their national activities:

Every Theta who contributed to our war fund last year will be interested to know about the use of that money and about our plans for work this year. The total amount received was \$5470, of which sum \$3800 was sent in April to Miss Jane Delano, head of the department of nurses of the American Red Cross. As no group of nurses was sailing for France at that time our gift was put into the general nurses' fund and later used to equip a small unit. Up to October no letter had been received from the leader of that unit; perhaps, due to her probably changing addresses, our letters have failed to reach her. Of course our gift did as much actual good as if we knew exact details of its use. We are disappointed, however, that we have now no unit in which the fraternity can feel a particular interest and to which we can give further aid. Moreover, as equipment and uniforms for nurses had to be provided for every base hospital unit and as there were only a few contributions such as ours, the War Council made a special appropriation last spring of \$400,000 to cover all such costs and our help in that direction is no longer needed.

Two of the first matters, then, for Council consideration at its September meeting were the disposal of the \$1670 left from Theta's response to the call of the War Work Committee last year and our further work as a fraternity. The decision reached was that the \$1670 together with all money that may be contributed this winter shall be used to send Theta war workers to France. We expect to work through the Intercollegiate committee on Women's war work abroad, whose headquarters are at the Women's university club in New York. This Intercollegiate committee is recruiting for both the Red Cross and Young Men's Christian association. Two thousand dollars provides a year's maintenance for one woman abroad and less than that is needed for some forms of service. Kappa Alpha Theta's plan is to give through the Intercollegiate committee as much as we can and arrange that with that money Theta war-workers be sent to France. We hope to be able, then, to hear occasionally from our representatives over there and so have a personal and interesting connection with our fraternity war work.

Kappa Alpha Theta.

There was, however, another call to service, the call to establish at some industrial center, a foyer, a home with reading and reception rooms for the brave, broken, loyal munition toilers who needed enlightenment and rest and comfort and service of meals in moments of leisure, when weariness and thoughts of losses and bereavement conspired to crush their spirits to earth, a foyer to be known as Alpha Phi Foyer, in charge of an Alpha Phi, under the general supervision of the Y. W. C. A. This was the all compelling call. There was danger that it would be too lightly regarded; that its fundamental importance would be overlooked. As provision is made for keeping in fair balance the spirits of the men at the front, so provision must be made for these women at their strange posts and unaccustomed and inappropriate tasks. Here was work, exacting in its demands, worthy of Alpha Phi's best endeavor and Alpha Phi will gladly assume it.

There will be need of patience while the Y. W. C. A. works out its plan in detail. War planning requires much time and especially since what is proposed must have permanent sanction and approval. Meanwhile Alpha Phi is ready for immediate service. The General Board is looking to each chapter, active and alumnæ, and to each member for hearty and enthusiastic support of this war program. With a profound sense of our obligation to our country and to the cause of the Allies and of humanity, we yield to no temptation for individual fraternity glory and to no desire for mere spectacular or exclusive performance. We consecrate ourselves to the task, as true Americans, desiring to make the fullest contribution possible to the successful outcome of this great struggle.

Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The *Triangle* Red Cross Fund, started a few months ago, has accumulated to \$1,258.88. It was the conviction of the delegates that our duty was divided between the care of our own men and the assistance of our French friends. So this money, as well as that which comes into the fund from now on, will be divided equally between American Red Cross recreational camps and the relief of French orphans.

The convention authorized the sale of Christmas postal cards and gift cards. In another place in the *Triangle* you will find details about the sale. But any project whose purpose is the augmentation of our war relief fund is worth double attention. There should be a tremendous sale for postal cards, for every one of us sends from ten to fifty cards each Christmas and we will surely be glad to buy them at a place where the proceeds of the sale will go to the cause uppermost in all minds now. The gift cards are to be used in place of the customary gift and state in beautiful wording that the money which the sender would otherwise have spent for a gift has been sent to the European sufferers through the Sigma Kappa War Relief Fund. These can be purchased at a minimum price of twenty-five cents but it is hoped that the purchasers will pay for them the full amount that would otherwise have been spent for the gift. The use of both postal and gift cards is not limited to Sigmas and we hope that you will all get out and sell some at least to your neighbors and friends and farther if you have the time.

The convention recommended that each chapter adopt a French orphan. This can be done at an expense of ten cents a day.

Sigma Kappa Triangle.

"Like rain to parched ground is a cheering entertainer" to the soldiers. Are there any Alpha Chis who sing or play to the forces overseas? Are there any Alpha Chis who have anything significant to do with women in industry, with the conversation of our great stores of raw oils, with the distribution of those vast crops which are to win the war? Just what professional

service have our own college girls been able to render in this crisis? Many readers of *The Lyre* have subconsciously wondered concerning these things. And we shall try to let you know. For more than three years, every issue of the magazine has been vitalized by accounts of the efforts of our organized groups in their coöperation with the colleges and with the government, with Y. M. C. A., with the Red Cross, and as you all know so well, with many other agencies for local work. *The Lyre* has told you of the investment of various surplus funds of chapters in Liberty Bonds, until the Fraternity holds bonds to the amount of \$5,000 to date. Chapters have gathered bravely large sums for relief work among the prisoners, for the Red Cross, and for hostess houses. The Fraternity as a whole through its Orphan Unit shouldered valiantly and graciously the support of fifty French orphans. As a result we have now on our roll the fifty children, and a good many more. The pages of some future *History of Alpha Chi Omega* will be brightened and ennobled by the fine and deeply appreciative deeds of these groups of sisters all over the United States.

Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.

At last it is possible for us to announce that real war work is being done by Beta Sigma Omicron. The last of April we decided to give up the convention and give the money usually spent on it for some definite patriotic work.

The campaign for money was begun the first week in May and by the middle of June over \$1,000 had been subscribed. The Council met in St. Louis and discussed the best way to give the money. In the end it was decided to wire the American Red Cross asking if they would like a Ford ambulance and if not to send some suggestions. The following message was received:

Erna B. Watson,
Hotel Statler,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Large ambulance \$2,400 complete delivered seaboard. Small Ford ambulance cheaper but not being sent at present as large number on hand. As alternative to large car suggest maintenance hospital bed one year \$700. RED CROSS handles all details including inscription on receipt of remittance.

RED CROSS PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

On receipt of this we decided to endow a bed in a hospital in Paris, France. The following inscription is placed on the name plate:

Given by
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1918

"We live to do good."

With the remainder of the money we have adopted nine of the Fatherless Children of France, one for each active chapter contributing.

Beta Sigma Omicron.

The *War Work Bulletin* of the Y. W. C. A. is a most welcome visitor, telling as it does of the splendid work of this organization. From recent numbers we quote the following articles: the letter telling of the popular foyer which has been established; the second clipping describing a characteristic entertainment for the soldiers;

and the third, a message from Louise Fitch, the president of Delta Delta Delta, who has accomplished so much in her work for France.

FROM A FRENCH GIRL

Paris

Dear Jane,

I don't know well your language, but I will try to tell you all what your good countrymen are doing.

While your brave soldiers fight with ours and prove their heart, kind American ladies founded some "Foyers" where war-women can rest and spend a good time.

I remain from twelve to two and sometimes at six, when I have an English lesson, singing and drawing; I listen the piano, I read or look at pictures. The whole apartment is very nice and gay; the furniture are made of clear wood, and all seems comfortable and pretty.

Everybody is kind with us and we feel ourselves in family. We can take some baths, when we want, what is very agreeable.

We also have our lunch and coffee, tea or chocolate.

At last, we are the most happy, and I wish of all my heart there are many "Foyers" for all young girls which work and don't know often how spent their time between the hours of work.

I sincerely thank the good ladies which took this initiative and hope the French will go on themselves this happy institutions.

I am waiting impatiently your answer and remain, dear Jane,

Your affectionate

RENEE.

While the girls were gathering for one of their evening meetings at "an Atlantic seaport Industrial War Service Center, masses of men in khaki suddenly filled the street outside of the room where the girls were meeting. Immediately the room buzzed with questions, "Who are they?" or "Where do they come from?"

"They're Australians here for a few days en route for the front, ventures an enlightened member. The excitement increases as the soldierly men file past and someone suggested, "Why not give them a party to-night?"

In an instant we communicate with the commanding officer of the ship, who warmly accepts our invitation, asking if he may send us 150 men.

The club members rapidly assemble, and almost at once they suspect that something interesting is afoot. But we who are in the secret refuse all entreaties to tell them what pleasure is before them.

Supper over, the girls go to their classes. Suddenly a shout is heard from a girl near the window, and others rush to join her. The brilliant moonlight reveals an unending stream of tall, robust men, wearing broad-brimmed hats, led by a dashing officer, who presents himself at the door with a flourish of his cane, and the announcement that he has brought not 150, but 250 men.

At once the girls assemble from all parts of the room, and headed by the Red Cross workers, in fetching veils and aprons, they array themselves in a long double line to receive their guests. At a signal from their officer, the soldiers enter the hall. Instantly they are greeted with an Australian yell, learned for the occasion, and mixed with laughter and hearty clapping. The tall, husky lads enter, erect and solemn, but cannot hold back the broadest of grins as they encounter the merry welcome from the girls. Still they come, until the room is a sea of khaki.

The evening is given up to informal games and fun, and soon all forget that we are Australians and Americans, but seem one happy party, each side giving and receiving expressions of good will. Anzac songs fairly make the room ring, and blushing youths and girls individually and collectively sing their native songs.

The party ends as men and girls stand at proud attention for the playing of "God Save the King" and "The Star-Spangled Banner." Out and in the street again the moon shows columns and columns of men drawn up with lines of admiring girls on both sides. As the men fall in to march away, our girls sing, "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot."

The evening which meant so much of inspiration to our girls as well as to the boys from Australia was repeated every night that week until 1,400 Australians from that ship had been entertained.

"Although peace shall come," said Miss R. Louise Fitch, just returned from France, where she has seen at first-hand conditions among French women munition workers and American women in France, "the Y. W. C. A. secretaries are planning to stay at their work until after our army is back. Not only will there be reconstructive work for them to do, but there will also be an opportunity for them to assert a constructive influence when important readjustments take place among women in industry."

Our American women in France must of necessity stand by until our men leave France. Telephones will still be needed. Hospitals cannot be hurriedly moved, nurses will be on duty—and more than all the American women on reconstructive work must still be housed.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma gives an interesting account of Mrs. Hoover's war work. Mrs. Hoover is a member of the Stanford Chapter.

There would not be space enough in a whole *Key* to tell about all Mrs. Herbert Hoover's war work, because she began in 1914 in London, with her famous husband, and has worked every minute since then in all sorts of useful constructive ways. But her efforts now are being given principally to the war workers' housing problems in Washington.

The government is going to take over many houses in all parts of the city, and then give a certain number to each government department. Mrs. Hoover will have charge of the houses that the government gives to the Food Administration.

She is at the head of the Food Administration Club which has aided the women working in the offices of the Food Administration. This occupies two large, old houses at 1708 and 1710 I Street, Washington. In it is a wonderfully attractive dining-room open to the public, but at which you may eat three meals a day for \$30 a month if you are a member of the club. Sleeping-rooms are reserved for club members; also a writing-room where stationery is furnished free; a reading-room where are all the papers, magazines, and books you want; a stage where amateur dramatics are put on; parlor for guests; and that unattainable thing in Washington, a sewing machine and an electric iron!

There are now, on September 15, thirty girls at the Food Administration who have found no quarters at all in Washington. They have had to go out of town to live, and it takes them three hours to reach their rooms, and the same to come in to Washington in the morning. It is to ameliorate conditions like these that Mrs. Hoover is working.

From the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

On September 18 announcement was made of President Wilson's selection of John W. Davis, Virginia Beta '89, for the past five years solicitor general of the United States, as American ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Walter H. Page.

Lieut. Walter B. Shafer, Illinois Beta '14, who had previously been reported as wounded and a German prisoner was reported in the casualty list of August 29 as having "died of accident and other causes." Lieutenant Shafer had a stirring military record in France, having been the first American officer to go over the top.

Here are two comments upon our "Information Number:":

INFORMATION NUMBER IS RIGHT

The June number of THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta is a veritable encyclopedia of Greek lore. It begins with the Greek alphabet and ends with a brief history of Gamma Phi Beta, and in between is sandwiched information galore about you and me and the other fellow.

There's Phi Beta Kappa, the Alpha of fraternity history. There you'll find the standards necessary to be eligible to National Panhellenic Congress, recognition of scholarship in various women's fraternities, social service work and war work, alumnae associations, all about Panhellenism with the model constitution for college Panhellenics, professional sororities, men's literary fraternities and honorary Greek-letter societies, fraternity literature.

A survey of the history of Gamma Phi Beta is inclusive and interesting.

But that which draws the interest of every Greek is the fraternity examination which Gamma Phi Beta submits to her members and which was apparently written for the first time this year. They include twenty-seven questions on the history of Gamma Phi Beta, twenty-nine Panhellenic questions, and thirteen parliamentary questions.

The June, 1918, issue of THE CRESCENT is a valuable addition to the fraternity house bookshelves.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Here are Gamma Phi Beta's fraternity examination questions for 1918. Substituting Alpha Xi Delta in the fraternity history questions, how many Alpha Xi Deltas could pass this examination? Gamma Phi Beta passed it with an average of 90% and a *freshman* average of 91.7%.—*Alpha Xi Delta*.

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