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THE following collect for club women has been quoted in several fraternity magazines, and seems worth passing on, both because of its idealism and its humility.

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity and without prejudice. May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!



OUR GRAND PRESIDENT—MARTHA LOUISE RAILSBACK

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A Message From Our New Grand President

Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:

I wish to extend to you first of all my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me at this convention, and to express the pleasure it has given me. However to be selected to follow the person who has been for four years our splendid leader, will be a most difficult task and I ask your cooperation in attempting to make these next two years in our fraternity history as successful and illustrious as the past four have been.

To those of you who had the privilege of being present at our Lincoln convention, I am sure the predominant tone or spirit of the whole convention seemed to be as it was to me—enthusiasm—enthusiasm for work—enthusiasm to promote the ideals and policies of Delta Zeta. The inspiration received from a convention can never be entirely measured. It seems to me that one of the greatest benefits of a convention and of a fraternity is the inspiration from contact with other college women.

The study of college conditions and fraternity conditions in their various branches, scholarship, social and ethical life is an education in itself. We are all so much more interested in so far as this study is connected with our own fraternity sisters, all of whom are so dear to us.

Delta Zeta is just now at a critical period, a time when our new chapters and increased numbers cause new problems, problems which each one of you must help solve. I hope you feel as I and the other officers do that everything you have done and are doing for your fraternity is well repaid in the companionship and spirit of good fellowship experienced in the close friendship with so many wearers of the Lamp.

A member of one of our sister organizations once said "I would

consider a sorority one of the leading sororities if its organization were strong, its chapter spirit good, if it were prompt in all its business dealings, if it were democratic and held the good will of the non-fraternity members of the institution and most of all if its girls were of such different types that they could be seen in all school activities."

From this idea, we may consider Delta Zeta a leading fraternity and it depends upon all of us to maintain her present position. Let us make our aims high, let us be prompt in all matters, let us stand for democracy, kindliness, sympathy, and the highest characteristics of womanhood.

MARTHA LOUISE RAILSBACK, *Grand President*.

A Prayer

Give me clear eyes with which to view

This world of ours and all the breed of men

Give me the power to sift the false and true

That I may take' up faith again.

Renew once more the forward, upward look.

Let me forget the shadows backward cast.

Write once again my name within thy book

And tear out all the blotted past.

Set me again within the narrow way,

That shining path which climbs toward the sun,

Where I may yet ascend unto the perfect day

When I the arduous race have won.

—A Student, Ohio State Lantern.

Address of the President at the National Convention

MRS. H. L. STEPHENSON

IT is a pleasure to meet with Zeta Chapter—with the pioneer chapter of Delta Zeta west of the Mississippi. Zeta chapter was the opening wedge into the golden west. It is a chapter which has shown us a world to conquer. To this pioneer chapter we have now added seven new chapters west of the Mississippi.

It is a particular pleasure to meet in convention with Zeta chapter in as much as it was this chapter which made us national, this being the fifth chapter established.

There is just one thought which I wish to bring to you in opening this convention: We the members of Delta Zeta come representing different chapters in different states of the Union. We come differing in training, environment, modes of thought and habits of life. We even look upon different skies and breathe different air. Each one comes filled with a deep loyalty to her own chapter, to her own college, to her own home. We come as students, artists, musicians, scientists, business women, teachers and home-makers, trainers, each in her own line, and true to the ideal she has set for herself in that line, but also true to the ideals of Delta Zeta and loyal to her cause.

The condition just described will lead us to take for our motto, one also chosen by a large organization of women, "Unity with Diversity." We have chosen it as most fitly applying to our case at the present time.

To illustrate: In a beautiful mosaic each bit of stone is not cut out in the same shape as the other. One differs from the other in outline, size and color; but each adds something of beauty to the design and all join together to make the whole mosaic a harmony of form and color and a picture full of meaning.

In the panorama of nature, not even each blade of grass is just like another; all objects, the trees, the shrubs, are of different kinds, yet their colors blend, form combines with form and all unite to make a beautiful landscape. Each color brings out the other; the white clouds make the sky seem bluer. Each rugged rock sets off the fragile flower.

As it is with the mosaic, as it is with the landscape, so it is with us. We are not all cast in the same mold of habit, thought

or convention. Each one of us is here to contribute a particular charm, thought, opinion or talent to this assembly. Opinions may vary. We need diversity of thought to bring out the strength that in us lies.

With a fund of varied knowledge and experience at our command we can bring about a unity of action in the problems that confront us—holding, ever to those ideals of Delta Zeta which make it worth while in the world. With unity of action, we can make the fabric of Delta Zeta more durable, more lasting and precious to the world than it has ever been before.

Let each member of Delta Zeta, whether delegate, officer or visitor be heard upon the subjects which we shall discuss. Let us unite to establish a policy that shall make of Delta Zeta a stronger fraternity than she has ever yet been—a policy that will make the pages of *The Lamp* spread a wider influence—a policy that shall make our active chapters more influential organizations for progress in our colleges than they have ever yet been. Let us unite in establishing a policy that shall make our alumnae chapters active shares in civic life and work and a policy that shall give us a better trained and more efficient group of national officers, more strongly supported and upheld by members of Delta Zeta than ever before.

Let us keep the motto in our minds, "Unity with Diversity."

SUNG ON THE TRAIN GOING TO CONVENTION

TUNE—TIPPERARY.

It's a long way to our Convention

It's a long way to go:

It's a long way to our Convention

To the sweetest girls we know,

So goodbye to local chapter

Farewell kith and kin

It's a long way to our Convention

Out to Link-in, (Lincoln).



DELTA ZETA
Lincoln, Nebraska
June 1916
Maidenhead photo

Resume of Convention

IT was with great excitement that I left my kith and kin and local chapter to go to Lincoln to attend the Delta Zeta Convention. These first thrills were nothing in comparison with the quivers and thrills I had when I met about 20 Delta Zetas in Chicago at the Union Station who were ready to board our special Pullman for the last stretch of our trip. After bidding adieu to a number of Delta Zetas who had come to the station to bid us a "*bon voyage*" our train pulled out, and we were off for Lincoln.

We had a good time on the train—singing, chatting, and getting acquainted. At Galesburg, Ill., the girls of Nu chapter joined us, this completing the party we decided to say good-night and try to get some needed sleep. Alas! such cries, "Girls we are crossing the Mississippi." "No this is the Missouri," etc. After this disturbance we again tried to sail away to Slumberland—again we were disturbed by cries, no one was hurt—"just wanted to see if, *Our Martha* was still sleeping."

We reached Lincoln the next morning, where we were greeted by the Zeta chapter girls. They escorted us to the Lincoln Hotel, headquarters of the Convention. (Oh, happy memories!). After seeing about our rooms we were again ready for a jolly good Delta Zeta time.

Sunday morning we attended church and in the afternoon Mrs. Fayette Davis entertained us at her home. That evening Dr. Davis took us for an automobile ride out to the home of William Jennings Bryan.

With renewed thrills and amid much good cheer, Mrs. Stephenson called our first session of the Convention to order, Monday at 2 P. M. This was a most enjoyable meeting, all the girls had arrived—the East and West were all there—Frances Brown the delegate from Mu chapter being the last to arrive. (Last but not least, for Frances won us all).

Monday evening we were delightfully entertained at the home of Vivian Knights. Tuesday found us up early, for the morning session convened at 7 A. M. After this session we were given a ride by the Commercial Club of Lincoln. The afternoon was spent in hearing the chapter reports. Tuesday night was Pageant Night. It was held at the Temple Theatre, the following was the *Bill* for that night:

Alpha Chapter—Delta Zeta in Nebraska.
Beta Chapter—A Lone Stunt by a Lone Girl.
Delta Chapter—A Day at De Pauw.
Epsilon Chapter—Vocal Music, Nell Easley.
Zeta Chapter—Greek Mythology.
Theta Chapter—Vaudeville a la Mode.
Iota Chapter—The Talented Triplets.
Kappa Chapter—Kappalogues.
Lambda Chapter—A Fall Rushing.
Mu Chapter—Monologue, "How Rube Played."
Nu Chapter—Pantomime, "Blue Beard."
Xi Chapter—Music.
Omicron Chapter—Fraternity Poem.

Wednesday we assembled at 9 A. M. That noon we lunched at the Commercial Club. The afternoon session was rather long, but as a fitting climax to a hard day's work, Model Initiation was given that night by Zeta Chapter. Two *real* pledges were initiated, this being rather unique for a real initiation to take place at a National Convention. The two initiates were, Claudia Wells of Lambda Chapter and Florence Birch of Zeta Chapter. After initiation we had a *fruit shuffle*, a la Japanese style. (This was rather a popular style while at Lincoln for the temperature ranged around 103 degrees most of the time.)

The fourth day of the Convention was devoted to Panhellenic, which was very interesting. Thursday afternoon a reception to all the Greek-Letter women of Lincoln was held at the home of ex-Governor and Mrs. Aldrich. (Mrs. Aldrich is a patronness of Zeta chapter.) That evening the formal banquet was held in the ballroom of the Lincoln Hotel. The tables were arranged in the form of a square, and happy to say the square was completed, and 90 happy Delta Zetas sang our *Toast Song* with much fervor and spirit.

All too soon the closing day with the election of officers and the picnic at Capitol Beach came. We had had a most successful and happy Convention, but of course it could not go on for ever—but the spirit of love and enthusiasm can. Let each of us take back to our local chapter the real Delta Zeta spirit and enthusiasm, as we shared it at the Convention.

CHAPTERS WERE REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS AT
CONVENTION*Alpha*

Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson	Beulah Græer
Lois Pierce Zimmerman	Ann Hanlon
Rennie Sebring-Smith	Helen Coulter

Beta

Gertrude Ewing McElfresh	Margaret Luckings
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Delta

Martha Railsback	Mina Thompson
Myrtle Graeter	Minnie Pratt
Hope Graeter	Ann Younger

Epsilon

Nell Easley	Georgia Lee Chandler
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Zeta

Nettie Wills Shugart	Molly McComb
Grace Shuyter	Mrs. Ruth Mariener
Iva Swenk	Mrs. I. R. Davis
Esther Foster	Ruth Enyeart
Ruby Knepper	Helen Peck
Grace McIntosh	Ethel King
Pearl Barton	Elizabeth Seymour
Edna Brown	Vivian Knight
Janet Comeron	Vesta Mawe
Mary Mameron	Effie Noll
Bertha Wiese	Blanch Higgins
Ella Noll	Margaret Beesley
Katheryn Lowry	Elenor Wickett
Margaret Herman	Esther Ellinghusen
Leamer	Clara Dodds

Florence Burch

Theta

Ruth Murray	Arema O'Brien	Amanda Thomas
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Eta

Beulah Kelly

Iota

Hazel Putnam

Bernice Cole

Alice Hatcher

Kappa

Ruby Long

Esther Campbell

Hertha O'Neill

Gertrude Sisler

Caroline Bailey

Lambda

Dorothy Hadley

Miss Kramer

Mary Polsen

Mu

Frances Brown

Nu

Florence Sharer

Noama Carr

Marian Mowry

Xi

Norma Rost

Omicron

Helen Howard



A few of the past and present Grand Officers. Reading from left to right: Hazel Putman, Rennie Sebring-Smith, Mrs. McElfresh, Mrs. Shugart, Arema O'Brien, Mrs. Stephenson and Martha Railsback.

A Characterization of Officers and Delegates Who Attended the Convention

Editor's Note:—This is the way you impressed a few people, who sent these impressions to the Editor.

Mrs. Stephenson—*"Be thy own self always and thou art lovable."*

Martha Louise Railsback—*"She with all the charm of woman."*

Mrs. Shugart—*"A womanly woman."*

Mrs. McElfresh—*"Secure in the hearts of many friends."*

Arema O'Brien—*"With sparkling wit and refreshing personality we like her well."*

Ruby Long—*"Merry with a big heart."*

Anna Hanlon—*"Her heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong."*

Margaret Luckings—*"Her voice was gentle, low and sweet an excellent thing in woman."*

Mina Thompson—*"Her eyes, fair windows to a fairer soul, were brown."*

Georgia Lee Chandler—*"A daughter of the Gods, divinely tall, and most divinely fair."*

Esther Ellinghusen—*"She wears the rose of youth upon her."*

Beulah Kelly—*"The noblest mind, the best contentment has."*

Amanda Thomas—*So much the sweetness of your manners move
We cannot envy you because we love.*

Hazel Putnam—*"Mistress of herself tho China falls."*

Hertha O'Neill—*"Tho' vanquished, she can argue still."*

Dorothy Hadley—*"A happy disposition is a prism that deflects the blue rays."*

Frances Brown—*"She was like a summer rose."*

Florence Sharer—*"For she was just the quiet kind whose nature never varies."*

Norma Rost—*"Beware of two brown eyes."*

Helen Howard—*"She needs no eulogy, she speaks for herself."*

Beulah Greer—*"She who inquires much learns much," and it must be done in a business-like manner.*

Lois Pierce Zimmerman—*"With her sympathy and forgiveness are fast colors."*

Ruth Murray—*"Happy am I, from all care, I'm free."*

Kathryn Lourey—*"A maiden we all loved."*



Just a few of the Zeta Chapter girls.

A few of the girls on the porch at the Lincoln Hotel.

I Want To Be A Booster

Enclosed find One Dollar and Fifty cents (\$1.50) for one year subscription to the *Delta Zeta Lamp*.

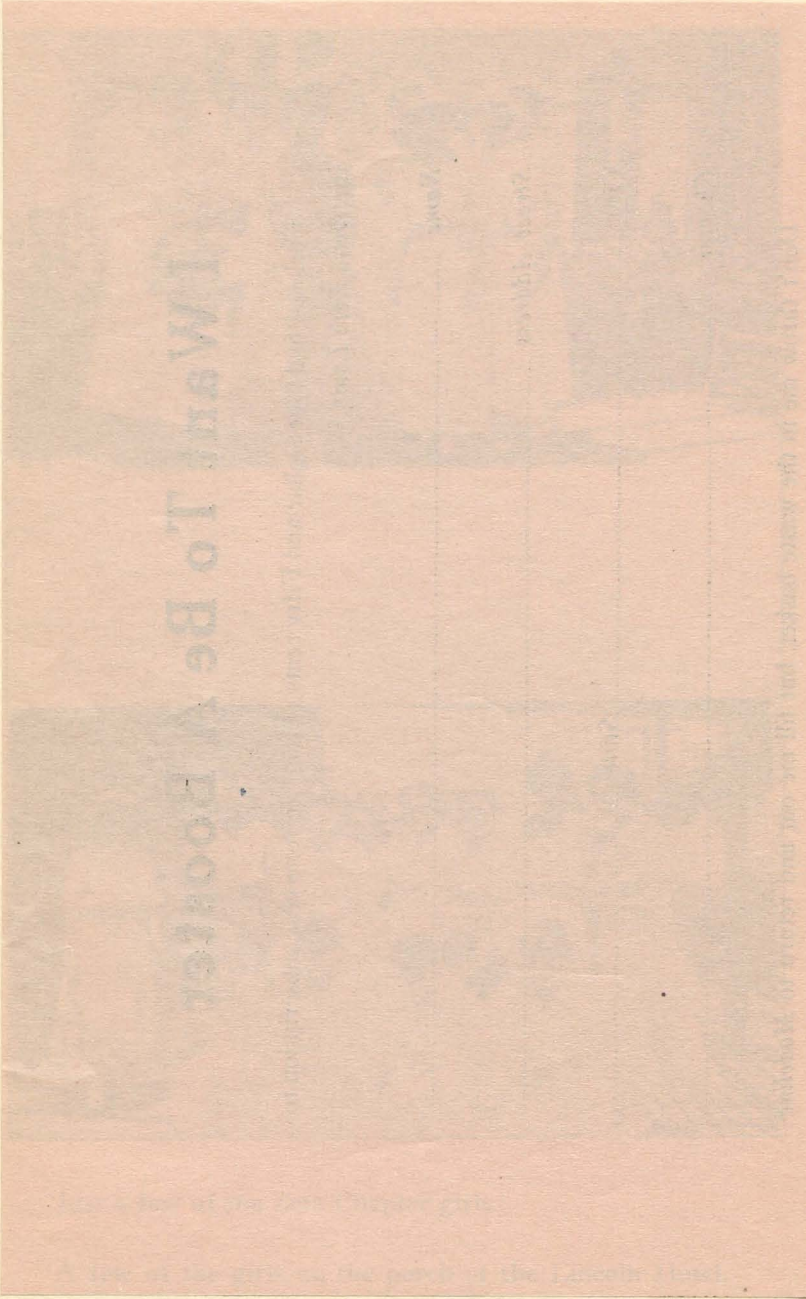
Name

Street Address

City State

Chapter

Don't throw me in the waste basket, but fill me out and return to *Madeline Baird*, Business Manager of the Lamp. 1115 NINTH ST., PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.



The Convention and Zeta

CLARA DODDS

BEFORE the onvention Zeta as a whole had a hazy idea of Delta Zeta nationally. The Lamp, Baird's Manuel, and a few visits from girls from other Chapters were the sources of her ideas. We of Zeta are so far away from the eastern and western chapters that few of us had the privilege of knowing any of their members. But we did know the Iota and Lambda girls, and in this there was much inspiration. But now Zeta knows the east and the west and all the *in-between chapters*—knows them and loves their girls which means that she knows and loves Delta Zeta better than ever before.

The convention helped Zeta Chapter in two ways—from within and from without. The “within” help came from the inspiration each Zeta girl received from the other Delta Zetas. The “without” help came from the publicity which the convention received. Each of these terms need further explanation. You girls who came from other chapters can understand what I mean by the inspiration received from meeting girls from other chapters. The morning the chapter reports were given it was nothing less than wonderful to hear of places which Delta Zeta girls were holding in other colleges; honors they had received, social service work they were doing, scholarship records and athletic records which they held. Weren't you delegates glad you wore the lamp with the diamond and the pearls then? Well just remember that Zeta Chapter as a whole heard those same reports. If you are good in mental arithmetic you will know that Zeta got about thirty-five times as much out of the convention as Beta, seven times as much as Kappa, etc. Discussion of aims and problems of other chapters was exceedingly helpful to the Zeta girls.

From *without* Zeta Chapter received a wonderful help. The publicity which the convention received meant far more to Zeta Chapter than many realize. Because of our youth locally Delta Zeta is, rather was, not well known in Nebraska. In choosing a fraternity many girls prefer one well known because they feel they will have a greater chance of having fraternity sisters in any part of the country. The convention press news showed many that with twenty chapters Delta Zetas are scattered all over the United States. Many realized for the first time that Delta Zeta

is not an eastern fraternity, but rather represented by a string of chapters from the East to the West. Our solid national foundation, our aims, our officers and our girls were made known to all Nebraska through the columns of the Nebraska newspapers. You will understand what this means to Zeta if you look about you in your daily life. Have you ever seen a new article which looked good? You thought of buying it but decided to wait until you saw your neighbor. Do you remember what an added respect you had for it when she said, "Oh! yes. That's highly advertised and well known—just as good as it looks." The comparison is rough and overdrawn but it illustrates the point.

As a result of the convention Zeta Chapter has a new and greater national interest, more enthusiasm for Delta Zeta nationally and locally, which means a fuller understanding of Delta Zeta. This will lead to success, and remember "nothing succeeds like success."

Biggest Song Hit of Convention

MY father was a minister, a Beta Theta Phi,
My Uncle was a howling sport, he joined the Sigma Chi,
My Brother is in college now, a gay young Sigma Nu,
And when I went to college they told me what to do.
My father said: "Now daughter dear, you're old enough to know—

That dear old Delta Zeta, is the only way to go—
You're mother was a gem of matchless price
So if ΔZ bids you, don't refuse the honor high
Be a wise girl like your mother was,
And pass the others by.

And Brother said, now, "Sis look here,
Don't be a little chump,
If you should make a mess of this
The family get'd a bump.
There's only one sorority and that is ΔZ
For it's the best of all the rest—
Now Sister don't you see?"

My Uncle Will just smoked his pipe
And blew the smoke away.

Before you go to college I have just a word to say,
Δ Z is the only bunch,
The girls you've got to win
And I'll send you fifty dollars
For a Δ Z pin.

My Mother said, "Now daughter dear
You're old enough to know
That dear old Δ Z is the only way to go.
So at the parties, where you see the diamond and four pearls,
That's the place for you to make a hit
For they are Δ Z girls.

And so I went to college
And I thought I knew a lot
And all the Δ Z girls were "Johnny on the Spot—"
The others tried to rush me
But their stories were not keen
And so now my heart
Is beating "neath a knot of rose and green."

Just a Little Fun

THE porter on the special car from Chicago to Lincoln was evidently not familiar with the route, or at least, he had not noticed such a small stream as the "Father of Waters." Just as the train pulled into Burlington, Iowa, about eleven-thirty P. M., a voice called, "Porter, what river was that?"

"Dat one we jus' crossed, Miss?" inquired the porter.

"Yes."

"Jus' a minute, I'll find out."

In a few minutes he returned and called out, "Dat am de Miss-is'-ippi."

"THE FITNESS OF THINGS."

Helen Coulter wearing a red hair ribbon, a rose colored hat, or a blue and gold sash.

(If you don't know Helen, ask someone who does.)

NOT WANTED.

Naoma Carr going to her room in the hotel one evening, saw several of the girls sitting in room 405. She stopped in the doorway and said "Everyone making calls?" Silence in the room for a second and then smiles at the sound of hurrying footsteps for Naoma suddenly realized that she had interrupted a meeting of the Nominating committee.

MERELY A SUGGESTION.

The afternoon sessions of convention were usually closed at five o'clock, but this particular day it was necessary to extend the time. At the session just before this one the privileges of visitors, other than delegates, had been defined.

It was a hot day and there had been a long discussion on some important question.

Helen Coulter (a visitor), "What I am about to say has no direct bearing on the question. I think if the Grand Council realized just how tired and warm they, and all of us, are, and if they further realized that it is now six-fifteen o'clock, a motion which *I* can not make would be in order."

Adjournment at six-seventeen.

FROM ON HIGH.

A group of happy Delta Zetas, dressed a la Japanese, assembled on the balcony, one evening, for the purpose of serenading Mrs. McElfresh. The songs were few, however, for a sudden icy shower descended from the apparently clear "overhead."

MAYBE.

From a guest at the Lincoln Hotel—"The best-looking, best-behaved, most talented group of girls he had ever met in all his travels."

Helen Coulter (hearing this quotation the day after the serenade.) "I should like to ask if that remark was made after last night?"

ON THE Q. T.

Ask Anna Hanlon and Lois Pierce Zimmerman why they come to room 471 at 4 A. M. one morning.

Really they had a good reason.

Our National Big Sister



Dear Girls:

Let us make of ourselves real true "Big Sisters"—Sisters not only of Delta Zetas but of girls everywhere. Let us be big in *thought*, in *loyalty*, in *kindness* and in *love*. May we not write ourselves as did Abon Ben Adhem "As those who love our fellowmen?"

Your committee consisting of Nettie Wills Shugart, Louise Sheppa and Dorothy Douglas will greatly appreciate the co-operation of each chapter. May we have a letter from each chapter telling us what your chapter has done, is planning or has in mind,—things that are awaiting the efforts of "Big Sisters."

Perhaps no phase of Delta Zeta work is receiving such favorable comment, or is carrying us farther toward the goal of great things than the launching of our bark upon the sea of Social Service and the taking up of the Big Sister movement. Only as we look away from self toward those about us who need us are we "Sisters."

Let us plan so effectually that the word "Sister" will have

meaning—will carry with it a wealth of love, loyalty and helpfulness, and bring into practice the power, and kindness we have been trained for through Delta Zeta.

You in your locality and in your college environment—know the needs there. Let us know them. We all have ideas and ideals of a sister's service and from them all may we not make a composite which will stamp with character and purpose our efforts as "Big Sisters."

No mariner sails into unknown seas without charts and compass, so let us chart our sea, let us light our path from our lamp of love and just so sure as our lamp fails not, as sisters—big in thought and purpose—we will be Big Sisters to far more than those alone who *wear* our lamp.

We shall expect to hear from every chapter along this line. We, your Committee, are depending upon it. Address your communications to the chairman of the committee 231 N. 14th street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Devotedly your Big Sister,

NETTIE WILLS SHUGART.

A *Big Sister* has been appointed for each chapter. It is her duty to help her respective chapter and advise them in every way she can. The following are the Big Sisters for the various chapters:

Alpha—Helen Lane.

Beta—Dorothy Douglas.

Epsilon—Grace Alexander Duncan.

Delta—Anna Younger.

Zeta—Venus Leamer.

Theta—Florence Hart McClain.

Iota—Grace Phillips.

Kappa—Anna Shelton.

Lambda—Mary Polson.

Mu—Gladys Burum.

Nu—Edna Thoreon.

Omicron—Helen Coulter.

Omicron's Impression of Convention

HELEN HOWARD.

AT THE recent Delta Zeta national convention in Lincoln I represented the youngest chapter, Omicron of the University of Pittsburgh. As first impressions are sometimes interesting I am asked to give my impressions of this gathering. Of course a new member representing the newest branch of the Delta Zeta family would not very greatly impress this family council—so I will not presume to say that I made any impression upon the convention but will speak of the impressions made upon me by it.

Upon my arrival in Lincoln two things struck me forcibly: the absence of real hills, such as we have in Western Pennsylvania, and the presence of real heat such as we never experience in the Smoky City. But our comfortable home in the beautiful Hôtel Lincoln made it possible for me to endure the oppressive atmosphere and to enjoy the Western landscape. And I might say just here that to me one of the most pleasant and helpful features of the entire convention was the week's life at this modern hostelry and the close association we girls had with each other.

What about the convention? Well, it was fine and inspiring. It gave me a realization of Delta Zeta's bigness; it taught me that there are other problems and greater problems to solve than our local perplexities in Omicron. And it warmed my heart and fired my ambition to know that we girls of Omicron are a part of this big sisterhood. The helpful spirit displayed throughout the sessions was cheering indeed; not a problem presented by any local chapter was disregarded or considered lightly. The entire program from Mrs. Stephenson's inspiring and pithy address to the last word spoken was helpful. And shall we ever forget the social features of this convention? Verily never. The banquet, the luncheon, the pageant with its stunts, the reception, the picnic—function followed function until our heads were swimming constantly. Those Lincoln girls are certainly wonderful and capable hostesses. The efficiency of our grand officers is something of which Delta Zeta may be proud: the Grand Council is composed of a corps of most capable women—how fortunate we are to be permitted to call them sisters.

The "sum total" of all the impressions made upon me by the convention is this: I am more proud than ever to be a part of Delta Zeta and to know that in other cities, all over the United States, there are other girls wearing the "Lamp with four pearls" whose hopes are our hopes and whose hearts beat in unison with ours. I cannot tell in words what this convention has done for me. How I wish that every girl of the entire fraternity could have been there.

The Lamp

MARGARET LUCKINGS (BETA)

THE LAMP is the source of that light which travels in funny little zig-zag lines all over the United States. I had often wondered by what fire the undying flame of the Lamp was lighted. Now I know—The convention furnishes the oil, the wick, the match for our great National Beacon, just as it supplies a kindling energy and inspiring gleam to every loyal Delta Zeta girl's heart. You physisists may refute my statement that the light of the Lamp travels in zig-zag lines, being well acquainted with the fixed law, that light travels in straight lines. But there is a simple explanation—We have a wonderful system of reflectors in our fraternity, which reflectors receive the light and cast it out in glory all about them. Each girl works for the dispersion of that bright beam, which falls from Columbus, Ohio.....The light of the Lamp never fails, but sometimes we, being but human reflectors, allow our surfaces to grow dusty or spotted, or do not successfully fight those forces which turn our faces ever so gently from this great common light. We are all shined up beautifully now. Let us strive to keep our surfaces just as brilliant up to the time of our next Convention, so that we may reflect the light of our Delta Zeta Lamp far and wide, and send our little bright beam to strike out the shields of formerly undiscovered reflectors. Thus we may increase the numbers of our Lamp supporters—Likewise, we need oil to keep our Lamp burning, and in this prosaic old world, oil is not supplied gratis even for the best of enterprises. So let us include in our Lamp, thru individual effort, a few of the lesser lights of the business world and so our Delta Zeta Lamp, will be the best regulated, most gloriously shining of universal lights.

Don't they look happy? Just after breakfast.



Beulah Greer and Anna Hanlon.



Hazel Putman, Amanda Thomas, Minnie Pratt, Arema O'Brien, Amanda Thomas, Ruth Murray, Ann Hanlon and Mrs. McElfresh.

From California to Convention

FRANCES BROWN

D ID you ever start out on an overland train for the first time all by yourself? If you did, you can appreciate the feelings of one Delta Zeta as the Pacific Limited is pulling out of Oakland, carrying her away through the valley until the big campanile that marks the University of California is nothing but a white dot. To think of being on the way to Nebraska to meet Delta Zetas from all over the country! It seems impossible that it is true, but the hills and fields slipping past, not to mention a perfectly real porter graciously accepting a quarter from our right hand, are evidences that the long waited for trip is actually coming to pass.

The Sacramento Valley is a little too warm to arouse enthusiasm, but when, late in the afternoon we begin to climb up through the foothills, newspapers are folded and everyone has the expression of an audience when the curtain starts to rise.

We fairly hang over deep canyons, looking down over myriads of firs and redwoods and out over vistas of hills just beginning to be blue with the evening shadows. Then we find ourselves right up in the heart of the Sierras. Beautiful snow covered peaks rise all about, shutting us into a more wonderful fairyland than any we ever dreamed of. Everywhere little lakes, clear and cool as only melted snow could make them, mirror the mountains and the dark fir trees. And now the sun, going down, behind the hills in a glory of rose and gold, tints the snow in soft shades of pink and sends a bright glow over the shadowy pools.

It seems too bad to leave this land of enchantment for the Nevada desert, but even here nature does her best, for during the night she drops little blossoms of snow all over the dull green sagebrush. Then too, we are going to cross right over the Great Salt Lake. It looks like such a little puddle in the "Advanced Geography" that it is quite disconcerting to have it stretch away from us for miles and miles, just like an inland ocean.

Two of our girls are in Ogden, so of course we must have a few days together, to talk about convention and wonder what it will be like. And the poor delegate begins to worry about stunt night and some of the other occasions when she will have to represent California all alone. One night she has an awful dream. She

dreams that she has to make a speech at the banquet and when she rises all the assembled Delta Zetas crawl under the table. And after all, there is nothing to eat but beans! We will state right here that when the time really came, the guests were all very polite and the things to eat were really wonderful.

But dear me, here we are in Ogden with convention just miles away. So after three glorious days of sightseeing, we take a long breath and prepare for the final stage of the journey. The next thing we know we are going right through the Rockies.

If you could see a certain person sitting out on the flat car used for observation, viewing the scenery from beneath a black hat and yellow goggles, you would certainly not think it dangerous for one so young to travel alone. We don't care how we look, though. We haven't time with all those huge masses of rock towering above us, some of them broken with gigantic chasms, just as if the gods had struggled for the earth and split it to the chore. You know, there is something about those mighty bulwarks of stone lifting their jagged peaks to the sky, that makes us realize as we never did before the tremendousness of the Power behind this universe. It seems as if the people who live here must think big thoughts. Everything is big!

But now we are getting to Lincoln. To be sure we have passed through lots of resorts, all advertising ideal climates, even while the heat almost melts the paint on the sign boards, but we are not interested in them. The Convention's the thing!

It is wonderful to be met by girls, all wearing our pin and all squeezing our hand as cordially as if they had known us all their lives. And those five days at the Lincoln Hotel—what they will always mean in inspiration and friendship and love could never be set down on paper. Those who have had the experience can understand, and those who have not—well, we will met them in 1918.

It has passed so quickly that after it is all over it seems like a dream, a very beautiful dream. And for a while it somehow isn't a bit interesting to be going away from the girls we have learned to love so much. How we wish they could be with us to enjoy the scenery and to meet those two Delta Zeta sisters of ours in Salt Lake!

Everybody has heard lots about the beautiful Salt Lake City with its stately old brick houses and splendid big trees, and best

of all, the great pipe organ in the Mormon Tabernacle. When the organist sits down there is a hush, and when he touches the keys, he ushers us into another world. The music seems to come from all around us and even the church is dim and unreal. And then when he pauses, the notes echo and die away, just as if someone were singing and slowly drifting away from us. It seems so much like human voices sometimes that people turn around to see if there isn't a choir somewhere.

Of course, too, we go swimming in the Great Salt Lake, or rather floating, for one's feet just will rise to the surface. There are quite a number of us from California, so we join in a little parade and entertain the sea gulls with some good old college yells. We discover that the lake is certainly well named, for besides swallowing a little of the briny deep (much to the delight of all the natives) we come out with our faces all caked with salt.

But we are almost forgetting about Bingham. That is the place where they have the biggest copper mine in the world, all the work being done on the surface. It is so exciting to get into a genuine mining camp, and then, just at twelve o'clock, things begin to happen. Powder is set all over the mountain; the whistles toot a warning; all the men run to get under cover and then everything blows up. Whew! Great big showers of rock shoot out and pour down and the crashes from the explosions rumble and echo back through the hills as if the world were coming to an end.

We are all too fascinated to move, but when we finally do, we find ourselves sliding down hill at a rate much faster than we climbed up in the morning. In fact, we find it rather hard at times to keep up with ourselves.

We would like to stay in Utah for weeks, but time flies, and the next thing we know the train is speeding away for Los Angeles. It is nice, in a way to feel that we are coming back to the coast to the state that is home, and heaven too, if we are to believe the guide books.

It is evident that the tourists do, for the sight of one scraggly palm tree sends them all to the end of the observation car in one grand rush, and when we reach whole avenues lined with palms at Riverside, they are simply speechless. Everyone jumps off at the first opportunity to buy baskets of oranges at fabulous prices, and the questions which one poor man from Pasadena has to answer would "stump" the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Of course though, we can't blame them for being enthusiastic over the myriads of flowers and the rambling, low-roofed bungalows. Then, too, there is the ocean just inviting everyone in, to jump and splash and frolic with it. And who can really appreciate it unless he climbs on to a big canvas fish and rides right in with the breakers, first up with the foam splashing in his ears, and then down as the wave breaks, speeding along with the water almost in to the shore. After that, who can wonder that the water always rushes right back to do it over again?

We must not forget to mention Universal City where the movies are made. Here is a Hindu city with natives and English soldiers all lying about among the ruins, while the director constantly urges them all to remember that they are dead. And then in the studio, —twenty scenes going at once, portraying everything from love to murder. It is such fun to eat in the restaurant with all the motley throng. They don't have time to remove the make-ups, so they come in just as they are, butlers, colonial dames, nurse-maids, Scotch highlanders, all apparently unconscious of the curious looking assembly they make.

But even the sunny south isn't home, so the day comes when the last bit of that precious ticket is removed and we pull into San Francisco. The trip is ended. Somehow there is something sad about that word, but yet is it ended? After all, our memories of it have just begun, and it is splendid to feel that we have warm personal friendships with our Delta Zeta sisters all over the land. Here's to the day *when we all shall meet again!*

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A HASTY RETREAT.

Time.—1 A. M.

Place.—Ball Room, Lincoln Hotel.

Conditions.—An a la Japanese dancing party.

Ask your delegates about it.

Lost but Found in the Chicago Union Station—A little girl wearing a rose suit with a *hugh* bow of rose and green. This is the way the Theta Chapter girls discovered Margaret Luckings from Beta Chapter.



The girls from Delta Chapter.

The trio from Nu Chapter.



Really these aren't very good pictures, for we took them before the girls had a chance to pose, in fact often they didn't know they were having their pictures taken.

Editorials

Spirit of Convention

ONLY one who attended the Convention, can tell you what a wonderful spirit prevailed thruout the whole of Convention week. We are happy to say that it was one of the happiest weeks we have ever spent. To see so many girls wearing our little *Lamp* and to know that we were all working for the same things and that our goal was the same, was an inspiration in itself. It was a great privilege to meet a girl from each chapter and to hear about the girls she left at home. We feel that we know many of you, even tho you were not at convention.

Now is the time to begin to prepare for the 1918 Convention. Don't miss it. I am sure it is worth your while and you will never want to miss another Convention, after you have once attended one.

Justify Our Existence

WE ARE living in an age in which opportunity is greater than ever before. Especially is this the Age of Opportunity for women. Only a few years ago it was thought unwomanly for a woman to get out into life and live as if she were free; to-day we find women in nearly every line of occupation in the world. She is still womanly and in fact she is in every way more desirable to-day than ever before for she is trying to justify her existence.

Remember if you cannot justify your existence you have no right to breath the pure air or to enjoy the beauties of Nature which our Maker has placed here for His children to enjoy. We must show by our work and our play some promise of truth and devotion, and some purpose. The world is only beginning to realize that society has only a part of the society girl and that she has a deeper side than just the mere thought of fun, clothes, and good time.

It was once thought that college made the girl queer, but now it has been discovered that college gives her a larger vision,

now she has the power of seeing the difference between a petty thing that to the untrained and selfish mind seems big, and a little thing that is lighted and glorified into a big one because it is a small outward sign of a great inward truth.

It has been said that "Woman rules the world," then let us be above the petty things and remember to always be truthful, charitable, and womanly. Let us so live that our acts and deeds will help others and our lives will show our Maker that we have justified our existence.

Be a Booster

YOU will find a subscription blank in this issue of the Lamp, which we wish you would fill out and return to the business manager of the Lamp. A copy of the Convention issue has been sent to every Delta Zeta, active and alumnae, whether a paid up subscriber or not. The Convention number is twenty-five cents (.25) extra, please remit the same to the Editor. Our object in doing this was to bring Delta Zeta with her news to you. Remember it is our alumnae that we need to help our younger chapters and to help with our fraternity problems. We will admit that many of you have graduated from college but you have not graduated from your fraternity. We need you and you need us. We need you nationally, and your chapter needs your support locally. You need us to keep you informed about fraternity and college affairs, you also need an outside interest. No matter what line of work you are in, you need an outside interest to keep a happy equilibrium. When you work for and with something, it makes life a lot brighter and far happier than if you did not have this interest.

Come on alumnae help out. Let's double the circulation of the Lamp this year, we said it would double, so don't fail us. *Remember you need us and we need you.*

Your Editor wishes to thank you for the great honor of reelection. She will try to do all she can to make the Lamp a success.

OUR attention has been called to the following remarks in the Scroll. "The sororities are constantly doing something to astonish us." "How the sororities raise enough money to issue such bulky magazines is a mystery."

We remark here to clear up any doubts as to which fraternities were meant, that Delta Zeta was not mentioned. We imagine someone says, "Well we are only a young sorority." True, but we cannot excuse every thing on the score of youth. We grant that it is not an easy task to raise enough money to finance successfully a fraternity magazine. It takes hard work, resolution and co-operation of all members, active and alumnae; and we should have in spite of our youth, enough level-headed business women, intelligent literary lights and loyal subscribers among our girls to put out a magazine that will compare favorably with others of its kind. We need girls, other than the appointed business manager to get advertisements and subscriptions and we need contributions from various chapters other than chapter letters. Let us each look the situation squarely in the face, acknowledge our errors, and as far as is possible add our share toward making THE LAMP what it should be.

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THINKING perhaps some of you would like to aid the lands whose men are in the great European struggle we are giving the address of a few of the Relief Societies.

National Allied Relief Committee, 200 Fifth Ave., New York City.

American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, 70 Fifth Ave., New York City.

The War Relief Clearing House for France and Her Allies, 40 Wall St., New York City.

Announcements

For the November issue, Miss Helen Bennett, Manager of the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupation, has consented to give us an article on "Vocations for Women."

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Criticisms and suggestions are appreciated by the Editorial Staff of the Lamp at any time.

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NOTICE TO CHAPTER EDITORS.

1. Write on only one side of paper.
2. Leave an inch margin on your paper.
3. Do not say school, sorority, but rather *college* or *university* and *fraternity*.
4. Write *Panhellenic* the way it is in this sentence.
5. Do not send special delivery letters.
6. Material to be in on following dates, Oct. 15, Dec. 20, Feb. 15, and April 20.

Average of Active Chapters in Fraternity Examination

1. Xi Chapter	97.02
2. Epsilon Chapter	96.94
3. Nu Chapter	96.84
4. Alpha Chapter	96.35
5. Delta Chapter	95.5
6. Lambda Chapter	93.40
7. Iota Chapter	92.39
8. Theta Chapter	92.1
9. Mu Chapter	90.03
10. Omicron Chapter	98.6
11. Zeta Chapter	89.07
12. Kappa Chapter	87.39
13. Beta Chapter	86.80

Only the average grades made by the active chapters are given in this issue, while the individual grades will be sent to each chapter.

Report of the Committee on Social Customs

Submitted at the

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS COMMITTEE

LIDA BURKHARD-LARDNER
Pi Beta Phi

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON
Gamma Phi Beta

THE work of the Social Customs Committee of the National Panhellenic Congress has been carried on with a view to finding out, if possible, direct ways in which fraternities, acting in unison through College Panhellenics, might serve their own and the college's best interests, socially and otherwise.

In the report of this committee to the Tenth Congress, recommendations were made regarding an adequate system for scholarship reports and the advisability of uniform house rules. Growing out of these recommendations, investigations have been ordered which have resulted in the adoption of a scholarship blank and uniform house rules, both of which have been valuable to individual fraternities and college communities.

Since the general criticism of fraternities for many years has been directed against their social life and activities, the committee endeavored to present to the Thirteenth Congress, a resume of such practices as are known to exist among our chapters, which are detrimental to the best interests of college democracy or the moral development of the members or such as are not in accord with the best social usages.

While a few specific instances were given of practices which are to be deplored and should be abolished, nevertheless the investigation showed that, for the most part, the customs were such as might be expected or are characteristic of the age in which we live. In other words, fraternities are too much like their neighbors to warrant all the special attention they get from social critics. Furthermore, the investigation showed that the criticisms and practices reported were such as might be attributed to individuals of chapters or single chapters of fraternities and not by any means, applicable to fraternities as a whole. However true these conclusions may be, there is still widespread criticism of the social practices of fraternities, which reduced to its final an-

alysis, strikes the fraternity system at its most vulnerable point today—the method and time of acquiring new members.

Before the first inter-sorority conference, thirteen years ago, it was a common practice of fraternities to rush and even pledge girls entering high school of the preparatory department of a college. Since that conference, the evils of the practice were exploited and as a result, all Congress fraternities have agreed to enforce the rule that “no girl shall be pledged to a fraternity who has not matriculated in college.” This has been the only legislation made by the Congress on the acquisition of new members. Enforcement of the rule led to what is known as “matriculation pledging.” After the evils of that system were exploited, the advisability of a later pledge day became apparent and a date as late as the beginning of the sophomore year was recommended by the Congress. College Panhellenics, acting on the recommendation were left to work out details and the long bitter struggle with petty rushing rules ensued. Since the recommendation for a late pledge day was made, our College Panhellenics have been in a state of unrest. Has it been due to the recommendation or our failure to agree on some definite plan to enforce? We agreed to enforce the regulation concerning pre-matriculation pledging and so far as is known, no difficulties have been experienced in the enforcement. When we come to a definite agreement on the high school regulation, the enforcement of that need give us no concern. It is not possible for us to come to some agreement concerning a practical rushing program in order to assist our chapters in the solution of the most serious problem now confronting them in their social life?

In order to get a general survey of the fraternity situation from the girls themselves, the following questionnaire was sent to fifteen chapters of each fraternity. One hundred and thirty-four replies were received, representing fifty-five colleges.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

Dear College Fraternity Girls:

The Social Customs Committee of the National Panhellenic Congress wishes to present to the next meeting of the Congress some definite workable suggestions as to ways in which our women's fraternities might be the strong factor which their organiza-

tion and purpose warrant, for developing the best interests of the college, socially and otherwise.

Your co-operation is desired by a careful consideration of the following questions and frank, fair answers to the same. An early reply would be appreciated, but a reply before the tenth day of June would be of service to the committee.

Thanking you in advance, we are,

Your sincere friends,
(Mrs. J. L.) Lida B. Lardner,
224 W. 61st Place, Chicago, Ill.
Lillian W. Thompson,
810 Milburn St., Evanston, Ill.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Have you a pledge day adopted by local Panhellenic?.....
2. If so, give date, Is it satisfactory?.....
3. If not satisfactory, please give criticisms.....
4. What would you suggest as an improvement?
5. Do you have a rushing Contract?
6. Have you been able to keep it conscientiously?.....
7. Does your rushing program interfere with college activities at the opening of the year?.....
8. If it does, can you suggest a means to remedy this?.....
9. Is fraternal social life in your college divorced from non-fraternity social life?
10. If so, what has your chapter or the women's chapters as a whole, done to relieve such a condition?
11. How many parties will your chapter have given during the college year, 1914-1915?
12. Have you entertained non-fraternity or other fraternity girls at them?
13. What constitutes the social life of the non-fraternity girls in your college?
14. In what way do women's fraternities in your college promote the best college interests?

The following replies were received in regard to pledge day:

19—Matriculation, eight by virtue of no Panhellenic agreement

6—Within week following matriculation.

14—On or before November 1.

7. After November 1.

3—In December.

4—After February 1.

2.—Not settled.

In thirty-nine of the fifty-five institutions represented, our chapters will pledge before November 1.

29 Find their pledge day unsatisfactory.

76 Are satisfie.

When pledge day was late and dissatisfaction was expressed, the obvious conclusion was reached that an early pledge day would solve the difficulty and vice-versa. In most cases no replies were given where a radical change had been made. At Ohio State University, the five chapters replying to the questionnaire expressed dissatisfaction with the May first pledge day. One secretary wrote:

“Rushing was prohibited entirely during the first semester, and only Sunday calling and one party, limited in time and expense before pledge day. Strain was constant during the entire year due to the fact that despite restrictions, rushing was carried on to some extent and rules were being continually broken. The plan for next year appears far more satisfactory. The faculty has consented to matriculation pledging, with rushing unrestricted, and initiation as before, to take place only after twenty-four hours of work have been satisfactorily completed. Having tried almost every other plan, we are for a solution in this.”

From the University of California, where matriculation pledging did not answer as to this and three were dissatisfied. One wrote:

“The date is too early for satisfactory acquaintance with the Freshmen.” She suggested as a remedy a pledge day after six months. Another wrote: “It is unfair to girls being rushed, as it gives them no time to know sorority girls.” Another secretary objecting to the early pledge day wrote: “One of the greatest faults is the great differentiation between fraternity and non-fraternity women which the formal short rushing period makes so pronounced. It encourages for a time a fraternity rather than a college spirit and makes the narrower vision, the commoner one, not because the girls desire it so, but because the early feeling is

hard to throw off. Because of this feeling, no joint parties of fraternity and non-fraternity girls are very successful or much enjoyed. They are made for a purpose and lack spontaneity."

Question 7, as to whether rushing interfered with college activities at beginning of year, brought out some interesting facts. Ninety-five of one hundred thirty-four chapters replying said: "No." In one of our large middlewest institutions, six chapters replied in the negative though the Dean of Women told the inspector of one of our fraternities only a year ago that she could do nothing for the women of the institution at the opening of the college year until the fraternities had pledged their new members. I do not cite this instance with any doubt as to the sincerity of the replies. It simply goes to show that our girls sometimes fail to get the larger viewpoint of the college. In this institution during the past year there were over thirteen hundred women, only two-hundred eighty-three of whom belonged to fraternities.

The replies to question 11 regarding the number of parties given would seem to disprove the general criticism of the extreme social activities of our fraternities.

93 chapters gave less than 6 parties each.

1 chapter reported 35 parties.

1 chapter reported 20 parties, 1-17, 1-15, 1-12, 6-10, and 8-18 parties.

The replies to the last three questions of the questionnaire were desultory.

In conclusion, the committee found the following customs regarding rushing, pledging, and initiation in use in many of our institutions:

1. Silence period for ten days to three weeks. No pins or distinction fraternity jewelry worn during this period. Time devoted to college interests exclusively and to natural intermingling of all girls.

2. Period for formal entertaining by chapters and free discussion of fraternity matters for one to four weeks. Pins resumed and fraternity activities begun as inconspicuously as possible.

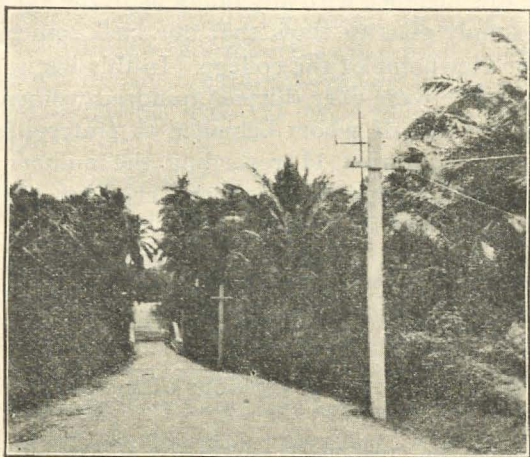
3. Individual entertaining of prospective pledges strictly "Dutch Treat" and carried on unobtrusively. One or two formal parties allowed each group, dates drawn by lot and amount of money to be expended agreed upon by College Panhellenic. No other entertaining by groups allowed.

School in the Philippines

Editor's Note: The following is a very interesting letter from Lucile Evers Sawyer, who now lives in the Philippines Islands.

Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:—

There is one topic upon which we who serve the United States Government in this far away isle are forbidden to speak; that is, politics. We are not allowed to say a word concerning the "administration" or concerning the ability of the Philipinos to govern themselves, so don't be afraid of



reading a long letter on *Independence*. I'm going to tell you about some Philipino young men and young women who are studying in Uncle Sam's schools.

If you will look on the map of the Philippine Islands, you will see on the eastern coast of the island of Luzon, a long narrow strip of land extending south from Isabela to Ambors Camarines. This is the Province of Tayabas. It has an area of more than 6,000 square miles and is of volcanic origin. Mount Banajao, an extinct volcano, which rises to a height of 8,000 ft. can be seen from my window, as I write. The great industry of the province is raising cocoanuts. There are more than 5,000,000 cocoanut trees in Tayabas and the people who own these trees are wealthy. Our High School is on the top

of a hill, just outside the town, and the road leading up to it is lined with beautiful cocoanut palms, which make it cool and shady. Since Mr. Sawyer is Superintendent of Schools for the Province of Tayabas, we live in Lucena, the capital. I teach English in the Provincial High School, having charge of girl's athletics, and one of the two literary societies of the school.

School opened on June 14th and closed March 31st, with 18 graduates, 17 of whom were boys. There were 80 students in the first year and of this number, 9 were girls. In the second year, there were 4 girls and 54 boys and in the third year, 25 boys and 5 girls. In spite of the scarcity of girls, we had a good indoor baseball team. As the Intermediate School is in the same building, and under the same principal, I had another team of Intermediate girls. The Lucena Indoor Baseball League, composed of girls from the High School, the Intermediate School, the Primary School and the "College of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" (Catholic), was organized by the Senior Class. A silver loving cup was offered to the winning team. These Filipino girls are very much interested in athletics, but they play only to win. If they lose, they cry. It is difficult to teach them that the real purpose of athletics is to benefit them physically and that defeat should be taken with a smile.

We have two literary societies in the High School, the "Oriental" and the "Rizal." I am in charge of the Rizal Literary Society, which boasts 98 members. Of the 19 girls in the school, we have 14 of them in our society. At the beginning of the year, we had only 25 members while the Oriental had 40. I told them about the sororities and fraternities in the United States and how rushing is carried on. They immediately "got busy" and as a result of their "spike," they now have 98 members while the Oriental has 52.

Every year there is held a joint debate between the two societies for a bronze loving cup. Each debating team consists of 4 members and this year, it happened that there were 3 boys and 1 girl chosen from each society, the two girls being sisters. I worked hard with my team and felt proud when the chairman of the judges announced, "The decision of the Judges

is unanimous in favor of the negative." Needless to say, the negative meant Rizal.

We gave an open meeting and reception on March 10, to which we invited the Faculty, the Oriental Society, all students who belonged to neither society and friends outside of



school. The literary program was held in the High School Auditorium. Refreshments were then served in the Court which was decorated with Japanese laterns, branches of bamboo and cocoanut palms. The boys moved the chairs out of the auditorium and everybody danced. The music was furnished by the Rizal Orchestra.

Perhaps you do not know that in the Philippines, no entertainment is complete unless it ends in a dance. While in the schools, we do have many programs without dancing; such as, Arbor Day, Christmas, Garden Day, etc., yet when the Philipinos, themselves, give a big "blow out" it is always a dance or they call it, a "baile." They have a square dance, called the "rigodon" which is the dance of honor and in which all officials are supposed to take part.

The girls' athletics and the literary society are what we call "outside work." My real work is to teach 6 classes in English. Composition is difficult for most Filipino students, as is also literature. As it is a rule of the Bureau of Education that no one shall be promoted unless he obtains at least 75 per cent in Literature and Composition even tho his general average may be above 80 per cent, this causes the downfall of many a boy and girl. This year, 2 boys in the Senior class whose gen-

High School Team



GIRL'S INDOOR BASEBALL



Intermediate School Team (Champions)



Nerissa



Portia



Jessica

Portia and Nerissa
Act I. Scene 2.

The Merchant of Venice.

eral averages were above 80 per cent but who made below 75 per cent in English were not permitted to graduate. One thing which makes English so difficult for them is their lack of practice; for they never speak English after they leave the school grounds. In all their homes and on the streets, they speak their native dialect, Tagalog.

The course of study in English is practically the same as in the High Schools of America. As we studied "The Merchant of Venice" in the Sophomore Class I decided to have the class present the play in the Opera House. After much hard practice, we gave it on March 11th and made over \$100 which is to be spent in buying pictures for the school. The students did their part remarkably well. In fact, the Filipino has a marvelous memory and an unusual ability for "acting." Not one of all the students who took part, forgot a word of his lines and they carried it through without a break. The scenery was painted by one of the Filipino teachers and was excellent.

Before I close, I must tell you about one little sixteen year old girl. Nativdad Marquez, who will be a Senior next year. She is really a wonder. Her general average for this year was 97 per cent and she earned it. All through High School, she has been the same. This year she played catcher on the High School Baseball Team, was the best speaker on the Oriental Debating Team, took First Prize in English and sang soprano on the High School Quartet. I wish that I could bring her home with me and put her in college (*De Pauw*, of course.) She would certainly make some American students sit up and take notice.

We expect to leave for the U. S. sometime this year if there are any boats left on the Pacific when we get ready to start. On account of the war, so many have been taken off and transferred to the Atlantic trade, that if all of the Americans should ever be suddenly forced to leave the Philippines, some of us would be compelled to swim.

With best wishes for success to Delta Zeta and to all her girls, I am,

Yours in bond,

LUCILE EWERS SAWYER, (Delta.)

Lucena Tayabas, P. I.

Society

Miss Victoria Carson of Miami University, who was sent as a delegate to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, which met in Indianapolis, was a guest at the May meeting of the Alpha Alumnae Chapter.

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Miss Martha Railsback entertained the members of the Alumnae Chapter in honor of her guest, Mrs. Charles F. F. Campbell (Epsilon) of Columbus, Ohio.

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Mrs. Cummings (Epsilon) of Bloomington, Ind., attended the state luncheon and dance of Delta Zeta.

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Mrs. Edith Breneman has returned from Rochester, Minnesota, where her husband underwent a serious operation.

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Mrs. and Mrs. E. B. Black (Alpha) of Kansas City, are rejoicing over the arrival of Robert Winslowe, April 24.

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Rennie Sebring-Smith (Alpha) has accepted the position of General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Hamilton, Ohio.

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Arema O'Brien (Theta) has accepted the position as Assistant to the Dean of Women at Ohio State University.

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Edith Cowles (Theta) is spending the summer with her brother Ted in Porto Rico.

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Ruth Odell (Zeta) is taking a trip thru Alaska this summer.

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Mrs. Andrew D. Schragg (Zeta) has a little daughter born May 8.

Columbia University has conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon Miss Nancy McFarland (Beta) who has been doing post-graduate work in Latin for the past year. Miss McFarland was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated from Cornell University with high honors in 1912. She was an instructor in Latin in Sweet Briar College, Virginia, 1912-1914.

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Miss Erma Lindsay (Beta) teacher of Latin in Miss Bangs and Miss Whitan's School, New York City has announced her engagement to Mr. George Land, Ph. D., Master of Latin in Lawrenceville Academy, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

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On February 19, twin sons John Warren and Edwin Nicholas were born to Mr. and Mrs. J W. Foley (Beta) 586 Boulevard East, Weehawken, New Jersey.

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Edna Chenault of Washington C. H., will soon become the bride of Mr. S. Woodmansee of Washington C. H.

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August 9th, Esther McNary (Delta ex '15) will become the bride of Lester Keller (Delta Epsilon).

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Grace Hart (Delta Chapter) was married June 21st, to Rio Cornelius H. Phipps.

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Verna Henninger (Theta) will be married in the Autumn to Clarence Hopp. They will make their home in St. Louis.

Conference of Charities and Corrections

THE Thirty-third Annual Session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections was held in Indianapolis, May 10-17. Some of the Delta Zeta women who are interested in social work and who attended the sessions are Martha Railsback, Hazel Coerper, Bertha Leming, superintendent of the Luella Cummings School for Girls in Toledo, O., Victoria Carson, normal teacher in Oxford, O., and Leila Brown and Helen Pearson, both doing truant officer work in Indianapolis.

Suggestions to Chapters

ONE chapter feels that the interest of their alumnæ is so necessary to their existence that they have instituted a plan whereby each active girl chooses as her special property one alumna and plans to keep awake the interest of that lady in her college and chapter by frequent letters, clippings from college papers, and the like.

Another good plan adopted by a chapter is that of having the pledges meet in the chapter room every two weeks in the endeavor to make the pledges feel at home in the chapter, get better acquainted with each other and with their future sisters. Some member of the chapter, either active or alumna, patroness or housemother, is chosen to give talks to the pledges which may be beneficial to them.

Two of our chapters have a plan by which an older girl takes under her protection one younger girl who is a pledge, acts as a foster-mother to her, helping her in every way she can, giving advice, trying to bring out her strong points and helping her to overcome her weak ones.

Nowadays when so much interest is taken in dancing, it is well to learn the very best dances. The National Association of Dancing Masters of America recommend five—the Fox Trot (new), Onestep (new), Walk Waltz, Hesitation (new), El Camino (Spanish Waltz, danced to 4-4 time). A great advantage is gained by any one learning these dances as she can then dance the correct dances in whatever city or community she may be.

Co-operative buying has proven successful among the men's fraternities. Why should not women try it in college communities where there are sufficient women's fraternities to warrant a trial? Much waste of time and money might be eliminated.

MRS. H. L. STEPHENSON.

Social Service

Editor's Note:—We are happy to be able to say that at our Convention, Miss Greer's suggestion was adopted and Delta Zeta endorsed the Consumers' League. All its members, in so far as is possible, are to use only Consumers' League goods.

Consumers League

IN response to a letter from our Delta Zeta social service chairman (Mildred V. D. McKay) asking for news or ideas of Delta Zetas in social service, I am offering some old ideas to be reviewed! I stayed in professional social service field only one summer after graduation but although I am teaching now, I feel an individual responsibility in social service outside of the profession, and I am hoping to hear some of the ideas of other Delta Zetas on their individual responsibility in social service.

We all realize that the spirit of altruism is here to stay and that its power is great as is shown in the innumerable organizations working for the social welfare. And each of us, of course, is deeply glad that Delta Zeta as a group is seeking a place in this large field for special work. The problem still remains—what specific work for the group—but our reading, experience, discussion, and interchange of ideas in the "Lamp" are giving us a breath of view and foundation upon which to erect our desired work when we shall choose.

In the meantime comes suggestions for individual work. Most of us at some period of our college life have seen with a clarified vision, how the entire social system could be reformed! More than that we have planned, perhaps vaguely, how we could and would help to reform some evils when we were "out in the world."

But whether undergraduates or alumnae we each are a unit of a community. We have a daily routine—with varying variations—and we decide, rather hastily sometimes, that we have no surplus time for any additional duties. Even though our

chosen vocation is in itself social service, as associated charity work, Y. W. C. A. work, court work, truancy, etc., I believe that our town, state, and country, determine some additional duties for us which we must assume because of our heritage, an education. As home-makers and mothers the responsibility of pure food, clean cities, the best schools, decent picture shows and innumerable problems of similar character must be met, or shirked. But whatever occupation is yours, you know that you are a consumer of manufactured goods. Then are you interested in better laboring conditions for men, women and children, and especially women and children? Are you interested in better laws toward scouring these conditions? Yes, you'll all say. So did Alpha Graduate Chapter. In following our program on phases of sociology this year, we discussed at length the horrors of child labor, the bearing of our state law on the subject, the working conditions of wage earning women in the United States. And as is the usual result of such discussions, there were ejaculations of pity, and indignation that such a state of affairs could exist in a country such as ours; a discussion of preventative measures followed. What had been done—was being done, etc. And then, what could we as individuals do? We passed a resolution that we as individuals would buy only goods manufactured under the Consumers' League Label unless impossible to secure such in our community. No, I am not trying to secure members for The Consumers' League, nor as yet am I a member. But we all ought to be familiar with its work, of improving industrial conditions, especially with reference to women and children, and of protecting the public from disease laden products. This League, organized about twenty-five years ago, is National, as many of you know, and has branches in many of our large cities and in some colleges. The purchaser is responsible for the evils connected with the manufacture and distribution of goods and just as soon as the purchaser realizes his responsibility, and buys only goods manufactured in sanitary establishments, where wages and hours are regulated for the good of the laborer, then the products of the sweat shop and child labor will remain unsold. The Con-

sumers' League Label and the Trade Union Label mean better conditions.

Perhaps some of you feel as I do at present—that your time is already too full to join yet another organization, or that your purse is too heavily taxed now by dues, but the inability to belong to the League does not excuse us from our responsibility as a consumer to help by intelligent cooperation and buying to abolish such great evils as the underpaid woman, the sweat shop system, the ten hour day, and child labor.

You ask what articles bear the Label? Almost any article of woman's wearing apparel can be found made by some establishment using the Label. Ask for it, look for it! In our city we are fortunate in having one of our best stores carry almost every article possible with the Label.

I am indebted to our Dean of Women at Miami for my first information on the subject. Some of the eastern girls' colleges have their own leagues. Do you think it a worth while suggestion for our active Delta Zeta chapters to start such a movement in their respective colleges if they have not such an organization already?

How many of you have used a few minutes each week in watching the progress of the child labor bill in Congress? It denies the privilege of interstate commerce to products made wholly or in part by the labor of children. There was strong opposition to it as many of you read. Booth Tarkington said this child labor question wasn't one upon which there could be two opinions: "Two ways of looking at the child labor evil are like two ways of looking at a massacre." And yet last year a similar bill passed the House as this one has and the Senate permitted it to die. A New York paper says: "—and it is hoped that popular interest in it will be so strong and so many people will write their congressman and senators in its behalf that it will pass both House and Senate at this session." It is in the Senate now. Have you directly or indirectly through a club, let your senator know your position? ? A note takes about five minutes.

And now I'm almost through. If the college women of to-day do not assume their individual responsibilities in the social

service field, in the making for the welfare of society, what is their education doing for the world? In your busy routine of life Delta Zetas, in college, or homes or business or profession, answer the little Miss Opportunity that comes a-knocking at your door every day, and give a minute of your thot, if you have no more time, and your actions thereafter will show fruit of the thought.

BEULAH GREER (ALPHA)

The Social Worker and The Librarian

ALMOST daily we hear of splendid things which are waiting to be done *if* some one would only co-operate with some one else. But there is always that eternal *if*. In a few remote cases librarians even have been found whose co-operative spirit was not too highly developed but this is of course the exception and not the rule. A real live librarian if she understands the needs of her community will have this co-operative spirit.

Some people do not co-operate because they do not know, and do not take the trouble to find out the conditions under which a given piece of work is being done. They do not know enough about the work in question to know whether or not they care to co-operate. This may apply in some cases to the relations between the social worker and the librarian. Does the librarian always understand the social worker? The library's eagerness to ally itself with any and all movements for the betterment of the community and the many ways in which this has been manifested are too well known. The library should be vitally connected with social work. And in order to fall into line, I believe the librarian must know two fundamental things—the meaning of modern social work, and the needs of the social worker in the community.

In the first place, what is a social worker? Organized charity, social betterment, modern philanthropy, social legislation—these are the terms which we use often and mean to many—what? Suppers for bums, and frequent packing off to some resort, or farm car loads of happy, clean, and ragged youngsters. All this may have been a part in old time social work, but not the brand of today. "The negative policy of relieving destitution or even the more generous one of preventing it is giving way to the positive idea of raising life to its highest value." These are the words

Miss Addams uses to show the difference between the old and the new social work. This is the character of the social worker. The social worker is the one who is trying to improve the physical, mental, and moral life of the individual and the community thru better housing conditions, by the regulation of the hours of labor for women, by the forbidding of child labor, and thru the crusade against infectious diseases; and hundreds of other activities, all for the conservation of life. And all this is but a suggestion to get in touch with social work and be part of it. Once familiar with social work in its broader sense, it is easy to find out the needs of any community.

The library is a social worker when it familiarizes the citizens with its resources, methods and aims; when it co-operates with other educational institutions and agencies; when it co-operates with the municipal authorities; and lastly and perhaps best known when the library becomes a social center for the community immediately around it, especially in the case of the branch libraries.

Last winter, I had the opportunity to visit and inspect the Chicago library system. The branch libraries there are social centers, as is natural, owing to their local and neighborhood character. Each has an assembly room and one or more club rooms which are given free to any organizations desiring to use them for intellectual advancement or for legitimate forms of recreation. This is especially true of those branches which are located down on the south side in the Jewish, Polish and Bohemian districts. The branch librarian makes an effort to get and keep in touch with all labor and industrial organizations in the vicinity, to consult their needs and wishes in the provisions of reading matter, and to make them feel in every way that the library is to be looked upon as an intellectual center in the community. The rooms are used by organizations of widely different aims and elements. They entertain the women's clubs, groups of foreign workmen, political associations, reading circles, dramatic clubs, and it is not an uncommon thing to have classes for study in English for recently arrived immigrants.

The social features of a library come to the surface most strongly in the children's room when the personal relations between the children and their "library teacher," as she is often called, may be very close. They go to her for advice, not about books only, but about lessons, play and personal conduct. She can control, if she

will, the habits of thot, their personal cleanliness, the whole trend of character development. At the Dvorak branch, the Bohemian branch library in Chicago, each child signs a pledge before receiving a library card—a promise to obey the library's rules and care for its property. The librarian explains the meaning of the pledge and the promise is regarded as a serious undertaking. Chicago is only one city in many to recognize the social service side of the library.

If I had the time and space, I could give you other examples of what other cities are doing with the social side of the library. But you can see that library work is a contribution toward the performance of a social service just as much as the Y. W. C. A. or the other social workers, and that the librarian must be wide awake to the needs of the community.

EFFIE ABRAHAM—*Beta Graduate Chapter.*

Assistant Librarian, Miami University.

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You will hear us acclaim and give praise to the name of our
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We will love you now and ever, we always true will be,

And we know we shall be, until eternity, firm in the bond of
Delta Zeta.

To the tune of "I Love You California."

To the tune of "I Love You California"

HELEN MYER, *Mu.*

Exchanges

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS IN SEATTLE

The city of Seattle is at the present time, very much interested in the sharp fight being waged between advocates of better pictures and friends of the theatre men. The chief cause of dispute developed over the new moving picture ordinance, ostensibly drafted originally, merely to increase the membership of the local censor board from seven to nine members, and to prohibit the use of the board decisions as advertising matter for films, but which in some strange manner not yet discovered, was cleverly filled with "jokers" which rendered the measure worthless.

Questions have come up lately as to whether or not Seattle's board of censors are doing their best to give Seattle clean pictures or have they through association with theatrical men come to see things from the movie men's viewpoint. People interested in the welfare of the community, who believe motion pictures have enormous power for good or evil, have expressed disgust at the objectionable character of many of the films shown of late.

A great forward step in government regulation of business and social conditions was quietly taken on February 23, 1915, when the United States Supreme Court, in three unanimous decisions sustained the Ohio and Kansas statutes creating official censorship of motion pictures before exhibition.—*Eleusis of Chi Omega.*"

A TEACHER'S IDEAL.

There was one particular afternoon when I had not long been a teacher that a most discouraged moment came, but that moment also brought me a friend with an idea of such true and deep encouragement that I now cherish that day as one of the most valuable of all my teaching experiences.

At the time I was teaching in a small town where the high

school had not long been established, and where the spirit of the town was hardly up to high school standard. My college ideals were fresh and urgent within me for immediate realization. But at every turn I found myself forced by misunderstanding and prejudice to bid my time, or arouse unavailing hostility. My pupils were learning a few rules and mechanical operations, but these seemed to me hardly worth while, and they were so far, far short of the ideal I had of what I wanted to accomplish! And that particular day it seemed as if neither the rules nor the operations were going in very far, nor sticking very fast!

Then it was that the thought was given to me of the vision required of the teacher. The vision meant the power to look into the future, and to a very real and great extent, the power to live in the future. It brought up the question of whether when Mary and Jack do not learn their algebra lesson today, nor tomorrow, nor for a whole term, must I needs ponder whether I am failing as well as they? Perhaps I am, if the algebra lesson in itself is what I am trying to teach. Clearer thinking, however, will bring the knowledge that I cannot tell whether I am failing or not, until Mary and Jack have grown up, and are out in the world, even perhaps until they have children of their own to "send to school." That is a woefully long time to wait, but at once the idea brings an enlarging and broadening of one's effort that is like a big open space in which to draw full, free breaths.

For it may be that neither Mary nor Jack have foundations enough in themselves on which could ever be built any real appreciation of the beauty and value of numbers, and all they may be capable of learning may be these mechanical operations. If I can teach them these, and give them even a far-off glimpse into the broader outlook, I can feel I have done my work for them, though I cannot know concerning the success of it until they begin to show in their lives the qualities I have tried by means of numbers to give them. Nor if their lives disappoint me, need I yet feel utter discouragement; the real and final test and reward of my work for them will be the better foundations which they may give their children to build upon. If these foundations are firmer and broader, I will have done

my share not only in their lives, but in the service of my ideals.

This assurance of course is very intangible, for each person in this world is the product of so many forces, and of the influences of so many friends and enemies alike, and to those who have taught well-prepared children in well-established communities, all this may seem utterly visionary. But even with the best of pupils does not this idea help to give life to the teacher's work, and above all, does it not individualize the teacher, who stands so often in danger of becoming systematized? It enables her, too, in her first year of teaching to turn from discouragement to hopes, and to fill her later years, which would otherwise become dry and barren, with seeing and rejoicing. It keeps her, too, in touch with this broad world from which she sometimes tends to drift away.

I doubt if Browning had the teacher in mind, but she can assume he did when he wrote, "the last of life for which the first was made."

They might not need me, yet they might,
I'll let my heart stay just in sight;
A very little smile might be
Precisely their necessity.

—EMILY DICKINSON.

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