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## For the New Year

SUNLIGHT and laughter and tender joy—  
That be your lovely part,  
You, for whom glows the fireside warm.  
You, of the home-keeping hearth.

Patience and valor to win our way  
In a world of working men  
For us who are fighting the fight of faith  
'Till we turn back home again.

For us all may it chance that this toil of ours  
Be sweet for another's sake  
That the web we weave on the loom of life  
Be the fairest bards can make.

And to Delta Zeta, our mother-of-love  
Be honor of us at last  
That the deed we do and the seed we sow  
Be worthy the promise passed.

BUDA KELLER, *Iota*.

## Message for Nineteen Sixteen

*By our Grand President, ELIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON.*

IN looking over the past three years, we see that Delta Zeta has made a growth of which each one of us who has helped with our money, our time and efforts ought to be proud. Enthusiasm which was so hard to arouse, even such a little while ago as 1912, is now growing with each month. It is easy to predict a much greater Delta Zeta by the close of 1916.

We are all proud of the results gained for extension through the efforts of Zeta chapter, Beta chapter and Delta chapter. That dear little bird of proverbial fame whispers in my ear that Alpha chapter and Theta chapter are even now doing work which will add two new chapters to our bright roll.

Individuals are doing spirited work that adds to our strength daily. The increase in the number of enthusiastic workers for Delta Zeta is to be praised. All of our alumnae chapters have been formed since 1912—in each case the outgrowth of individual effort of one enthusiastic alumnae.

To my personal knowledge there is not one officer who is not striving earnestly in the performance of her duties in the office to which members of Delta Zeta have elected her. This is a great advance and a thing which was not true in September, 1912. At that time it was often necessary to write three letters to an officer to get a response.

Our extension fund, while not yet enormous, has contributed the result of sacrifices cheerfully made, contributions voluntarily given and continues increasing slowly but surely. Our National treasury is getting to be worthy of a name and shows signs of prospering.

The Delta Zeta Song Book enterprise will soon be out of debt and at work upon a larger and completer edition. The Delta Zeta Lamp has increased in its staff, in its subscription list and in the number of departments published.

The individual chapter has grown. Greater efforts are being put forth to increase the standard of scholarship; to conform to a higher standard of womanhood. Each chapter has its own line of special endeavor, each a worthy one.

For all of these things we are proud. When we are making our resolutions for the New Year let us resolve that we—each one of us will daily be more worthy of the advance Delta Zeta has made and aid in its advance, not by letting others work but by spending our own talents for this our fraternity which is so dear to us. Let us each make the resolve—as an active girl “I will help in every way I can; I will not be a problem to my chapter; I will not shirk my part; I will use my talent of scholarship,



musical ability, domestic ability or personal charm for the good of my college and my chapter; I will live up to my responsibilities to my college, my chapter my national." As an alumnae let each one of us say, "I will not forget my chapter, nor the days of my own college life; I will help my college, my chapter and my national in every way I can." Let us both say these things and do these things believing as we do in the sisterhood of woman and the good to be gained by a united effort to advance the cause of womanhood wherever we find the opportunity.

### **Sorority Examination Grades 1915**

THE following are the examination grades for 1915. The Examination Committee is made up of Mrs. O. H. Hayes, of Alpha chapter; Mrs. R. A. Stephens, of Epsilon chapter, and Martha L. Railsbach, of Delta chapter.

#### **Alpha Chapter**

Seniors—Helen Lane, 92; Edna Chenault, 89; Mildred Boatman, 97.

Juniors—Marvine Howard, 95; Rennie Sebring Smith, 93; Anne Habekost, 92.

Sophomores—Anne Hanlon, 90; Hazel Coerper, 88; Elsie Butz, 93; Olive McCune, 98; Margaret Devine, 95; Leta Brown-ing, 95

Freshmen—Marjorie Carson, 93; Bertha Hutchens, 96; Ernestine Cookson, 94; Ellen Finley, 93; Ruth Kelsey, 95; Lenore Hartzell, 88

#### **Beta Chapter**

Seniors—Helen Blewer, 93; Dorothy Douglass, 92; Ruth Brace, 88

Juniors—Maude Ellis, 86; Helen Judd, 90; Adelaid Mifflin, 93.

Sophomores—Hilda Eulenstein, 95; Anita Lynch, 90; Virginia Van Brunt, 96; Rosamond Wolcott, 88.

Freshmen—Margaret Chapman, 92; Cecilia Coad, 65; Dorothy Cotton, 85; Margaret Luckings, 89; Alice Quinlin, 92.

### **Delta Chapter**

Seniors—Ruth Jones, 96; Anne Younger, 97; Ono Shindler, 91; Ruth Line, 92.

Juniors—Catharine Sinclair, 95; Myrtle Graeter, 97; Edna Harris, 93; Ruth Miller, 97; Merle Nicely, 97.

Sophomores—Lena McNeel, 97; Mildred Crull, 97; Lois Castell, 84; Mina Thompson, 97; Eva Carnell, 92; Ruth May Railsback, 96; Bonnie Miller, 97; Mary Small, 95; Helen Figel, 95; Edna McKeever, 67.

Freshmen—Garnett McNary, 94; Gladys Yarborough, 97.

### **Epsilon Chapter**

Seniors—Flora Ruth, 90.

Juniors—Sue Reed, 92; Irene Gwartney, 91.

Sophomores—Elizabeth Carothers, 91; Katherine O'Connor, 93.

Freshmen—Madeline Connor, 91; Jane Durrenberger, 83; Marguerite Kisner, 89; Sabina G. Medias, 86.

### **Zeta Chapter**

Juniors—Clara Dodds, 87; Helen Peck, 95; Marguerite Beesley, 92; Fal Tolles, 88; Winifred Estes, 96; Ethel Arnold, 88; Ethel King, 91.

Sophomores—Nettie Jeffrey, 94; Ruth Burch, 93; Ruth Enyeart, 92.

Freshmen—Vesta Mawe, 80; Grace McIntosh, 81; Eleanor Wickett, 90; Gladys Houtz, 95; Esther Ellinghusen, 92; Myrtle Orton, 76.

### **Theta Chapter**

Seniors—Marguerite Loos, 92; Mary Van Meter, 86; Nathalie Oram, 92; Gretta Tully, 95; Arema O'Brien, 91; Ruth Murray, 92; Gladys Laughlin, 84; Helen Kaetzel, 94; Edith Cowles, 72.

Juniors—Emily Neighbor, 91; Lauretta Kreuson, 79; Henrietta Jettinghoff, 88; Verna Henninger, 92.

Sophomores—Ruth Young, 93; Gladys Headley, 65; Georgia Hixson, 85; Josephine Jones, 89.



### Iota Chapter

Seniors—Merle Oakes, 90; Verplank Bennett, 95; Hannah Ward, 85; Harriett Koch, 87.

Juniors—Edna O'Hara, 81; Myrtel Tudor, 89; Hazel, Putnam, 92;

Sophomores—Ruth Gray, 89; Alice Hatcher, 90; Mary Dunn, 89; Ruth Deckerty, 90.

### Kappa Chapter

Seniors—Fanny Berglund, 87.

Juniors—Lottie Kellogg, 91; Hertha O'Neill, 93; Rhea Haynes, 89; Olga Liska, 89.

Sophomores—Irene Jones, 90; Christine Pollard, 91; Hilda Knausenbarger, 92; Gladys Hitt, 88; Martha Johnson, 87; Clara Knausenberger, 88; Lucy Shelton, 91; Margaret Jones, 85; Caroline Bailey, 91.

### Panhellenic'

MISS MARTHA LAND, editor of the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, who was appointed at the Editor's Conference to report in regard to the correct form to write Panhellenic, send the following report:

"At the Editors' meeting, preceding the National Panhellenic Congress, I was asked to find out the correct way of writing the word Panhellenic and to notify each editor of the result of my investigation.

I had a friend ask Professor John Adams Scott, the greatest Homeric student on this side of the Atlantic, in regard to writing the word Panhellenic, and he says that the way it is written in this letter is correct. The professor at the head of the Greek department at the University of California considers *Panhellenic* the correct form. The Century dictionary uses this form also."

Chapter editors, please use this form in your letters.



### Martha Railsback

**T**HROUGH the courtesy of the *Banta Greek Exchange* we are able to print the picture of Miss Martha Railsback, our Grand Vice President. Delta Zeta owes many things to Martha, who hails from Delta Chapter. Martha is also our National Panhellenic representative, and the Indianapolis Panhellenic Association has elected her to serve as its treasurer.



### Jerry

“**J**UST the luck!” I vociferated as I slammed a book on the library table, then, picking up a pillow, headed it for the window-seat. Merry laughter greeted me from that corner.

“Don’t ‘bust’ my head, anyhow,” cried a tormenting voice, and I spied the little elf whom I had been hunting for the past hour. There she sat in the cozy recess, her black head close to the window pane as she bent over a piece of fancy-work upon which she was working rapidly, to finish it before the fading rays of light had completely vanished. This was the second Christmas season that my niece, Molly, had brought this charming Jerry Bulkley home from college to spend the holidays with us. The whole family had fallen in love with her, I myself—but that’s the story. I’m a bachelor, and she’s but twenty.

“March out of here,” she demanded pertly, as I approached her. “I’m making Christmas presents and you mustn’t see them.”

“I’m awfully comfortable here, and I do not intend to move,” I drawled tantalizingly, for I’m fond of provoking the little vixen.

“Horrid brute!” she exclaimed, as I came closer to her, and deliberately picked up a piece of the material that she was embroidering. Exasperated and maddened, she jumped upon the floor, stamped her little feet, and exclaimed with all the anger she could muster into her voice, “Uncle Hugh, if I were a man I’d ———!”

“If you were a man, I’d run,” I laughed, and caught her slender wrist as she darted toward the door. “Sit there!” I commanded, placing her in a large chair near the fire and seating myself on a low stool near her feet.

“Jerry, do you like me?” I demanded.

“No,” she declared stoutly, and her black eyes declared war.

“Jerry, you must! Do you hear?”

A short pause followed.

“Jerry, I have something to tell you.”

Her dancing black eyes were raised to mine, a rosy blush increased her beauty, and she became more charming than before.

“I don’t care to listen! You have teased me all afternoon. I

can't stand a bit more! I've heard you were a flirt, now I know it!"

"Don't, Jerry!" "Not that. Listen to me!"

"I'll not," she cried, as she strove to free her hand from the grasp that retained it.

"By force, then if you will. I need your help, Jerry."

She straightened.

"You saw the beautiful girl with whom I had so many dances last night?" I inquired.

The color faded from her pink cheeks, she clenched her little fists, and demanded that I let her go to Molly.

"What! Jealous!" I tormented. Then, bound to be game she sat down and listened.

"She's beautiful, talented. I do love her, but I am such a 'rube' at proposing. Won't you help me?"

She seemed on the point of refusing, but looking at my distorted features she yielded.

"I'll try," she consented, "but," and here her voice became hollow, "if I were she I would not believe one word you'd say! Not unless you proved it."

"Jerry, tell me how to do that."

"I don't know, Mr. Reynolds."

"Why don't you call me Uncle Hugh?" I demanded.

"Because ——"

"Why!" I growled.

"Because—— This is strictly a business affair, Mr. Reynolds. I'm to help you propose to Miss Drexel, I believe?"

"Well, yes."

"And she's hard to manage?"

"Yes."

"She likes you."

"My machine better."

"Then you are a ——"

"What?"

"Chump for asking her."

"Thank you."



"Jerry, hurry, my——" I coughed to hide my embarrassment.

"Mr. Reynolds, if I were a man as big as you, I would not ask a girl ten years my junior to help me secure a bride!" She straightened her figure, made the tilt of her chin as haughty as possible, and sentenced me thus: "I loathe you!" She turned and started to go.

"Thank you for your advice. And Jerry, I have a Christmas gift for you tomorrow. Will you promise to love it for me?"

She was silent.

"Jerry, please! You'll find it in a bag on the porch.

"Bag? Porch?" She promised to accept it and "keep it always."

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Christmas morning. I had scarcely slept during the whole night. I dressed and walked as quietly as I could down the creaky stairs. I reached the front door, opened it, and confronted a world of Christmas snow. From the ceiling of the porch I suspended a long bag, then placing a ladder beside it, climbed to the top and with much difficulty slipped into the bag. Colored John, whom I had ordered to appear at this time, on pain of his death if he failed to do so, carried the ladder away. I waited. Cold, phew! The musty old burlap suffocated me. My heart thumped wildly; then I felt foolish, bagged in there, as the minutes lagged by. Would Jerry never come? Could she suspect? Was it really a little sob I heard last night as I passed her door? Soon some one was at the door. It opened, closed.

"Oh, how cold it is!" exclaimed the voice I had been waiting to hear.

"For my own dear Jerry, a Merry Christmas," she read on the bag.

"If he only knew that I really, really cared," she sighed, and after a moment's silence fell to examining the bag. "It's frightfully big! I can't get it down. I'll have to call John! Oh, goodness! the door's locked and I am almost frozen!"

Then I was frightened. I struggled to get out, but in vain.

She saw the wiggling mass and, with a scream, beat on the door.

"The wretch!" she cried wrathfully. "Some old thing to scare me."

"Jerry, Jerry!" I entreated.

John flung open the door, Jerry almost frozen, ordered him to cut down the bag. He cut the ropes which held it and I landed sprawling on the floor.

"Jerry, dear," I cried, as I crawled from the bag.

"Oh, how funny!" shrieked the little sprite and fled, I pursued her.

"Uncle Hugh! Go!"

"I can't, Jerry! Last night you promised to keep me always. Don't you see?" I begged.

"No, I don't. Last night you loved Miss Drexel."

"Jerry, I only wanted to tease you. Jerry I want you, I love, aw, I can't propose!"

"You're getting on famously!"

"Jerry, I loved you when I first saw your picture. I made Molly bring you home last Christmas. Won't you take me?"

"Poor Uncle Hugh. You do look so desperate. But you do make a dandy Christmas gift. I can give only 'me' in return," will I do? she pleaded winsomely.

"Will you do!" I cried, as I took her in my arms. Then the family came down to breakfast.

HELEN MARIE GUY.

#### DELTA ZETA.

*Tune—Dear Old Blue and Gold.*

From the states both far and near

Came the cheery delegates.

Staunchest Delta Zetas all

They've gathered together here in California, dear

They're bro't a message, good and high, I swear,

Listen to this message bringing the best there is to us.

It makes our hearts so strong, our eyes so clear,

We gaze down the long path laid for us,

We pray for strength and vow our best.



### Ohio State University

IN 1870 the Legislature of Ohio passed an act providing for the establishment of an Agricultural and Mechanical College in Ohio, to be located in Columbus. This college was opened on September 17, 1873. There was one building and nine professors. In 1878 the Legislature passed an act providing that the institution be designated as the Ohio State University and that it should be generously supported by state funds.

Since, the university has grown by leaps and bounds, we now have ten colleges, including Agriculture, Arts, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Homœopathic Medicine, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine, and also a graduate school and a summer session. The twelfth college, the College of Commerce, will open its doors July 1, 1916. No other university has a four-year course in applied optics.

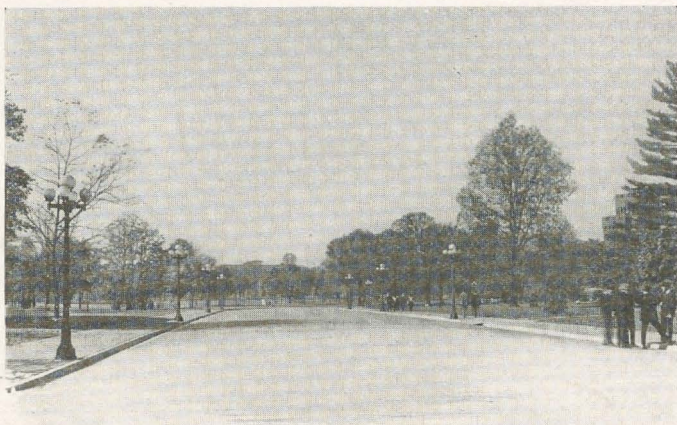
The current enrollment is 4897, 1099 of which are girls. This year there are 470 members of the faculty, and in 1915, 789 degrees were given. Dr. William Oxley Thompson, our president, is very prominent in Ohio educational circles and we can expect to grow constantly.

Ohio State University abounds in school organizations. Miss Caroline Breyfogle, dean of women, is helpful in promoting them and through her, we received the Woman's Union, including a dance floor, a rest room and a hall for meetings. The Women's Council, the self-government association, consists of three members from each class, a lodging house girl, an Oxley hall (dormitory) girl and a town girl. The offices of president and vice president are occupied by senior girls, the office of treasury by a junior girl and the office of secretary by a sophomore girl. The north end of Columbus, where the university is located, is divided according to streets and over each street is a president, who has jurisdiction over the girls rooming on that street. Oxley Hall also has self-government. We are so proud that our Arema was president of Women's Council last year, because it is the most important woman's office in the school.

The Strollers Dramatic Society includes in its membership both men and women, while the Browning Dramatic Society is

a girl's organization. The Girl's Glee Club, of which Treva Pearson, Delta Zeta, is president, offers both vocal and instrumental music. There are the History Club, French Club, Deutscher Verein and literary societies. To the senior honorary society, Mortar Board, belong the girls who have been prominent in student activities throughout their four years.

The girls of Ohio State are interested in all sorts of athletics, and we have basket ball teams representing each class. Those who excel in every form of athletics are invited to join the Varsity "A" Association, a society which is also social.



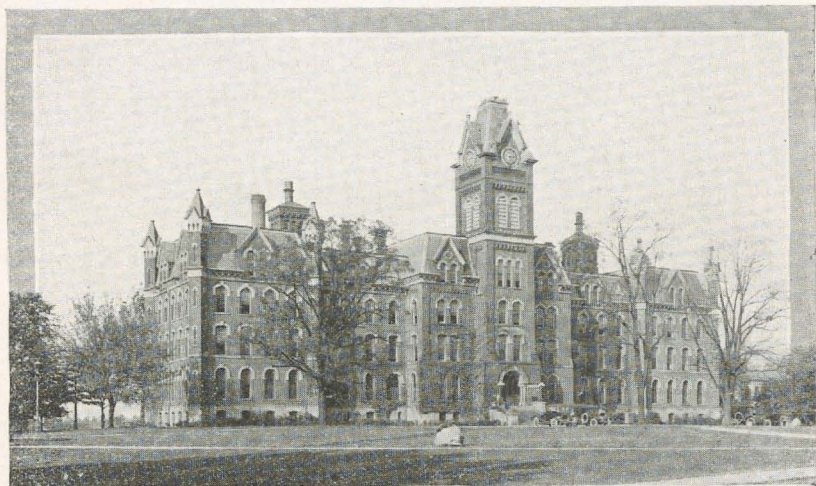
ENTRANCE TO THE CAMPUS.

We now come to the Greek letter organizations. There are twenty-six fraternities, beside the various professional fraternities, so I won't attempt to name them all. Nine Greek-letter nationals are represented: Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Phi Mu and Alpha Xi Delta, members of which received their charter just last week. A local sorority, Alpha Gamma Theta and Alocuin Sorority, are also active here. The national fraternities have formed the Woman's Panhellenic Council, consisting of one junior and one senior



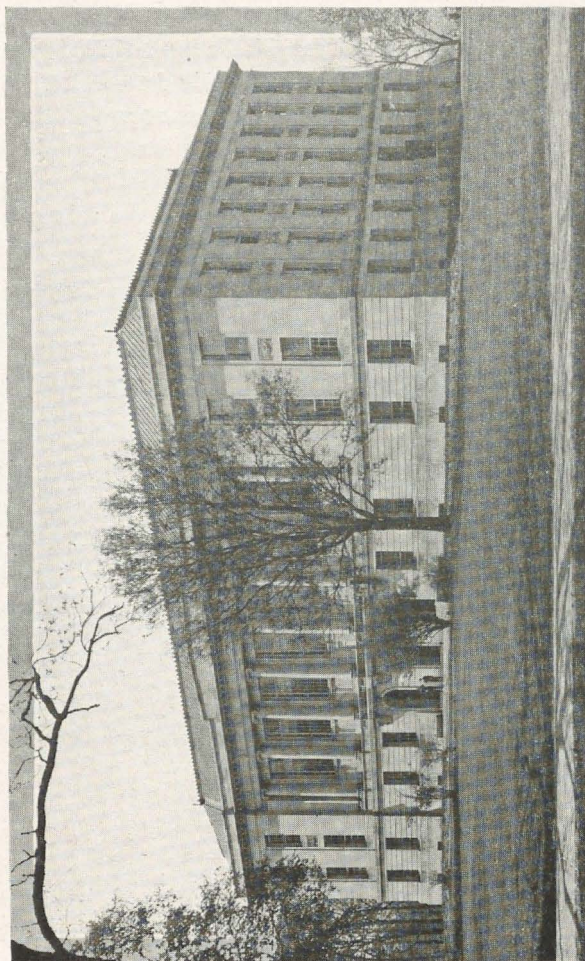
representative from each fraternity, and the officers are selected in rotation, according to the date of the founding of the fraternity. The alumnae Greek-letter women in the city form the Alumnae Panhellenic Council and they help us ignorant young "things" in a great many ways.

This all sounds more or less like a bulletin of the college instead of the interesting article I was asked to write. To introduce a little interest, I am going to tell you now about the annual functions which the girls carry out every year. Early in the fall the Women's Council puts on a "Council Supper" in the Gymnasium. Every girl in school goes and we upper classmen see



MAIN BUILDING—THE OLDEST BUILDING ON THE CAMPUS.

that the freshmen go, for we surely do get acquainted. About 6 o'clock the gym begins to fill with hundreds of happy girls, out for a good time. The first thing on the program is "eats" and we line up, clutching the half of our ticket, for which we paid a good "two bits," and get a hand-out of baked beans, sandwiches, hokey-pokey and—oh well, you know the regular "spread." Then we dance until the amateurs, mysteriously skulking about the room, get ready, and then comes the climax—



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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY—THE LAKE AND SPRING.

"stunts." Each woman's organization has something to show us and they're always funny, at least a thousand girls find them so. We go home radiantly happy, and the best part of it is, that fraternity is never mentioned throughout the evening. We all meet as girl to girl, nothing else.

Then along in the spring comes the coed prom. Weeks before we start a mad rush for partners, and the cries of "Will you be mine?" make it sound like Leap Year. We all dig out our ridiculous costumes and dance to our hearts' content with all our "best girl beaux." I wouldn't miss it for anything.

But the most beautiful thing is the May Fete—a happy and artistic mixture of dancing, bright costumes and lovely tableaux. Here the May Queen is crowned, who is selected from the whole senior class, on account of her beauty and charming personality. And we are all so proud that "our" Arema was May Queen also.

I cannot stop without telling you of the Gab Room. Some call it by the prosaic name of "the girl's rest room in University Hall." But we call it the home of candy, gab-fests and mirrors, where we can eat, talk and drink to our hearts' content. And all this is presided over by the gab-room queen, a delightful little gray-haired woman, Miss Mary Powers. She tells our fortunes, finds us pins, loans us handkerchiefs, sells us candy (sometimes when we haven't any money) and mothers us in general. She has saved many a homesick freshman for Ohio State.

And since I am only a struggling journalist who anxiously cuts out her "stories" every week, I must tell of our daily paper, *The Lantern*. It's quite the best paper in the country; every one tells us so, and why shouldn't it be; it is put out by Ohio State.

RUTH YOUNG.



### The High School Sorority

SINCE Delta Zeta is one of the leading fraternities opposed to high school sororities, it will be of interest to note what other national fraternities think of this question. The following is taken from *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi:

#### OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL SORORITIES.

This September marks the fatal day, after which no N. P. C. sorority, according to the interfraternity compact, can bid a girl who becomes or remains a member of a high school sorority. I am just wondering what the results will be when the rule goes into effect. We all agree that the so-called high school sororities are, as a rule, very pernicious influences. They are responsible for a sinful amount of extravagance and dissipation and for the lowering of standards of both scholarship and morality. But still, I wonder—are we taking the right steps in regard to them?

Evidently the aim of the present ruling is to abolish them by making it disadvantageous to belong to one. But only a small per cent of high school students even enter college or even anticipate it; so our decree will not affect the vast majority of them, except, perhaps, to make them feel our disapproval. Possibly this may work only to arouse a contrary disposition and strengthen their entrenchments. For we must remember that the girl of high school age is just beginning to feel the mighty force of the "gregarious instinct." She is not normal if she has no desire to associate with other girls on intimate terms and in some organized group.

It is an established fact that, just as college fraternities arose from imitating such fraternal orders as the Masons, so the high school fraternity and sorority are imitations of college Greek-letter societies. It appears that we are, to some extent, responsible for the existence of our secondary school namesakes. We do not like to acknowledge this relation for we feel that our groups are on an entirely different plane. So we emphasize our difference and superiority by putting the ban on members of high school secret societies. It is well for our sakes, for the world to understand the difference; but are we doing the best thing for those of whom we disapprove? In view of the fact that it is as natural for a high school girl to want to be a member of some more or less secret organization as to fall in love, it seems doubtful whether such negative measures as we are taking will have great effect. This is no prophecy. They may.

But do we want to annihilate these organizations? Would it not be the better part of valor to propitiate the high school sorority? Inasmuch as the only harm to ourselves comes from popular confusion between the names (for the average newspaper reader cannot

discriminate but attributes to the college sorority the error of the high school), could we not induce them to assume Latin names for their organizations. Pleading the cause that as the black gown and mortar board are the insignia of the college diploma, and, as is universally coming into practice, the gray gown and mortar board the insignia of the high school; so the Greek names should be the insignia of college organization and Latin names those of high school clubs. Our interest there ceases and it becomes a duty of the principal to regulate the latin club as he sees fit.

### Indianapolis School Board Takes Action to Prevent Organization

WITHIN the last month the School Board of Indianapolis, Ind., has taken action to prevent the pupils in the high schools belonging to the Greek-letter societies which are forbidden by the state law. The following is taken from one of the Indianapolis papers, The Indianapolis News:

More stringent regulations against the participation of pupils of the public schools in secret societies, fraternities or sororities were provided for at a meeting of the board of school commissioners last night. There are reasons to believe that efforts are being made in some quarters to evade the law, and the school authorities desire to have the spirit as well as the letter of the law obeyed.

#### NOTICE FOR PARENTS.

It was decided that in the future when pupils enroll in the high schools, the following notice shall be sent to parents and guardians of the pupils, signed by George Buck, principal of the Shortridge High School, and by M. H. Stuart, principal of the Manual Training High School:

"Your attention is called to the existence of a state statute forbidding public school pupils to have membership in, or in any way to be connected with secret societies, fraternities, sororities, or similar organizations, and requiring school authorities to enforce the provisions of that act, even to the extent of suspension, or, if necessary, expulsion from school. In compliance with this law the following resolution has been passed by the board of school commissioners:

"Moved, That in view of the state law relative to secret societies and similar organizations, the principals of the high schools of Indianapolis be instructed to inform the pupils and their parents and guardians of the obligation which this law imposes upon them as well as upon the school authorities, and to secure in return their signed pledges to co-operate in carrying out the provisions of this law."

The pupils and parents or guardians will be asked to sign a card indicating they have received the notice and are willing to co-operate in carrying out the letter and spirit of the statute.



## Commercial Education for College Women

BY EDITH BOTSFORD COWLES.

"I BELIEVE that a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting should be made a requirement for an Arts Degree," said Miss Margaret Knight, head of the Women's Vocational Bureau, Ohio State University, while addressing an alumnae meeting of Theta chapter. Miss Knight's statement comes from the depths of her experience in trying to place numbers of college women in positions, and she knows whereof she speaks.

A college graduate comes to a Vocational Bureau full of ambition and various courses in economics and thinks she is qualified to enter the business world.

"Can you use a typewriter?" they ask her.

"No, but I can learn," she replies confidently, blissfully unaware of the fact that it will take at least three months.

"Can you write a business letter?" Vainly she searches her memory and finds that about the only business letter she ever wrote was to order the home paper sent to her college address.

"Do you know anything about filing systems?" Remembering the letter press on father's old desk at home, she answers "Yes."

"Can you write shorthand?"

"But I don't want to be a stenographer," she explains, "I want to do real business work, private secretaryship, supervisor, or something like that."

And then the Vocational Advisor sadly explains to her there are very few positions in the business world which can be held without at least a rudimentary knowledge of these fundamentals; so the college woman goes back sadder and wiser; she registers with a teachers' agency, and the next year gets a school at Four Corners at sixty-five dollars a month.

This is the reason why so few college women take up business as a career. There are plenty of places for them—places way at the top; but to get to the top, they have to start at the bottom with the little business school girl and learn shorthand and typewriting. This they think they cannot afford to do because it means at least six to nine months more school after four

long years at college. There are many capable business women wasted in poor teachers.

If the college woman expects to enter a profession other than teaching; if she wants to be a lawyer, doctor, or minister; the most advisable thing for her to do is to associate herself closely with some prominent member of that profession, serving an apprenticeship, so to speak. How better can she accomplish this than by starting in the humble position of stenographer? Here she has a chance to grasp daily the details she wishes to learn; here she can assimilate readily the methods of her employer.

If she is going in for social welfare work, she must be able to prepare reports accurately and neatly. She will find typewriting an essential. After she has mastered it even by a laborious one-finger method, her working efficiency will be fifty per cent improved.

The would-be librarian also finds typewriting a necessity. The young woman with such an asset at her command is the one whom the head librarian will prefer for the vacant position.

The field of secretaryship is a large and remunerative one. Today the statesman and the prominent politician must have secretaries; they need some one with initiative and brains; some one to keep up on current periodicals, outline reports, take care of their correspondence, write their speeches; they prefer college women. The scientist now has his assistant who follows his research work, takes notes on his investigations, edits his manuscripts, and types them ready for publication. The ordinary business school graduate is not capable of filling such a position; only the woman with the college experience can do it, and her services are at a premium. But such a college woman must be able to write a good business letter, accept dictation, and have a fair rate of speed on the typewriter. Are there many of them with these qualifications? Charitable and religious organizations likewise now employ paid secretaries. They prefer a college woman, but they cannot always get one qualified to handle both the executive and clerical work, and they cannot afford to hire both a secretary and a stenographer. Consequently the stenographer gets the place.



Then there is the field of Civil Service. Although the position itself may not call for any practical use of shorthand and type-writing; nevertheless, "Training and Education" is one of the subjects of every examination and it counts at least one-fifth in the final rating. The woman with both a college degree and a good business education need have little fear that she may not secure full credit. Let such a woman once enter the service of the state or federal government and promotions will come soon and frequently. Civil Service ought to prove a very attractive field for college women.

The woman who expects to enter journalism can find no shorter route than through the medium of shorthand and type-writing. If she does not know how to operate a typewriter before she goes into a newspaper office, she soon learns, because handwriting is not popular with linotype operators.

The situation is the same with the embryo author, the woman who wants to get in publishing house work, the ambitious suffrage worker, and the statistician. They will all find the door of opportunity opening much more readily if they knock with a practical knowledge of shorthand and typewriting at their command. A college degree is a recommendation but a commercial education is the introduction that secures the position in almost any of the professions except teaching and domestic science.

And we need not altogether exclude it in the teaching profession. Teachers of commercial subjects in high school command larger salaries than any other branch. The field is less crowded and the opportunity for advancement greater. The work is interesting and the students as a class are very earnest and thorough in their work. And again, the commercial teacher is more independent, she may at any time leave the teaching profession to accept a business position, or she may spend her summers in practical business work thus supplementing her salary.

I cannot attempt to give a complete resume of the opportunities open to college women with a commercial education. They are numberless. Stenography in itself offers little in the way of a vocation, but it is a means to an end. It is the key which unlocks the door of advancement.

Where shall a college woman get this practical education? Our universities should offer special courses, but very few of them do. Simmons College, Boston, Mass., offers an attractive one year course for college graduates. The curriculum includes shorthand, typewriting, economics, office methods and filing systems, and either French, German, or Spanish. There are a few private business schools which offer special inducements to college graduates, but for the most part these institutions do not fulfill their promises. "The Office Training School," Columbus, Ohio, makes a specialty of graduating commercial teachers, and their instruction is very thorough and adequate.

But if a college woman is sincere in her desire to get to the top, she can buy the text books and instruct herself. This is not always satisfactory but it is the best we can do until our universities see the importance of providing us with adequate commercial courses. You, as undergraduates, ought to see the opportunities ahead and begin to prepare for them. Do it in your summer vacations; and then, when you have your sheepskin nicely tied up with your college ribbons, register with a College Vocational Bureau. Opportunity will not be long in knocking at your door.

### **The Collegiate Alumnae Association**

THE Association of Collegiate Alumnae is an organization originally founded with the idea of raising the standard of education for women. For this reason the founders excluded from membership women graduating from colleges which did not come up to their requirements in granting degrees, salaries to women teachers, women's dormitories, and the like. The funds raised yearly form a scholarship for some college woman of special genius, to use in advanced education in Europe. This association, working for advanced education for women, has been an important factor in raising the standard. College women are anxious to get their colleges to conform to the reasonable standard required that they and their classmates might join this honored group. Graduates of Ohio State University, University of Indiana, Cornell, University of Cincinnati, University of Nebraska, University of Washington and University of California are among those from colleges on the eligible list.



## Editorial

### Our Ideal Girl

MANY times we have been asked to tell about our ideal girl. Perhaps she may be only a fanciful dream girl! You say she doesn't exist? You ask what is the color of her eyes and hair? Is she tall or short? Slender or plump? She may be the one or the other, that makes no difference. But we know the ideal girl must be *democratic* in all things, including the idea of religion. She is full of life and likes to do things merely for the sake of the doing and not for the reward she might hope to gain. She is ambitious; she is the girl who will listen to all our troubles and then, in a good, friendly way, cheer us by her good advice and high mindedness. In giving this she gives us the better part of herself and shares with us those ideals which make us better and encourage us to strive to be like her.

She loves the old and young; in truth her heart is open to all and she wishes to help all. Yes, indeed, she is interested in *Social Service*, and she is filled with "purity, truth, loving kindness and charity." She greets all with a smile and the children love her dearly, and run to meet her.

You ask her what her ambition is, for you know she is *ambitious*. She doesn't answer directly, but we gather from her temperament and love for the little ones that it is a home and fireside, and an earnest desire to live in such a way that the world will be just a little better because she has lived.

No, she isn't always serious; she is just a jolly and fun-loving girl sometimes and thoroughly enjoys the things all girls enjoy. In fact, she is the center of attraction wherever you find her. She is a loadstone and all are attracted to her, for she radiates the three sound Delta Zeta principles—*faith, hope and love*.

### The Value of a Smile

**W**E have just finished reading the following from a small volume which we greatly admire:

"Are our dreams and our ambitions childish things that should be put away? It is the dreamer and the thinker, the man who takes time to reflect, the man who can see the idealistic when the realistic is evil, who will live to achieve victories such as we did dream of before the fireplace (in our childhood days) after the story book was finished."

It would be idealistic if we all would try to see the idealistic when the realistic is evil. Train yourself to be optimistic and not pessimistic. What did a frown ever get you? If you would answer sincerely, your reply would be "nothing." No, we are quite sure a frown never got anyone anything. But a smile—what does that get one? First, we might say that it helps the one who smiles by putting him in an optimistic frame of mind. Who can think evil with a good, true and genuine smile upon his face? A smile also helps others, for you do not know of the many hidden worries your friends and acquaintances are concealing from you, but if you greet them with a smile, it helps to kill and scatter these worries as a sunbeam does bacteria. Not only your friends are cheered, but the people you meet on the street are cheered by your pleasant countenance, and it helps to dispel dark and ugly spots in everything about you.

Be optimistic and cheerful, not pessimistic and somber. Try to see the idealistic yourself and help others to see it, even though the realistic be evil.

### Do not Pay too much for the Whistle

**W**E wonder how many of our readers have read "*The Whistle*," by Benjamin Franklin. In it he tells a story of his childhood days. On a holiday his friends filled his pockets with coppers. He then went to a shop where they sold toys for children and became charmed with the sound of a whistle which he purchased, paying four times what it was worth. Upon his return home with his newly purchased toy, his sisters and brothers laughed at him for spending all his money for the whistle which was not worth the price he had paid for it, and pointed out things he could have bought with the rest of the



money if he had only paid what the whistle was worth. Franklin tells us that the reflection gave him more chagrin than the whistle gave him pleasure.

The following quoted portion will show how he was helped by this early experience:

"This, however, was afterwards of use to me, the impression continuing on my mind; so that often, when I was tempted to buy some unnecessary thing, I said to myself, *Don't give too much for the whistle*; and I saved my money.

As I grew up, came into the world, and observed the actions of men, I thought I met with many, very many, who *gave too much for the whistle*.

When I saw one too ambitious of court favor, sacrificing his time in attendance on levees, his repose, his liberty, his virtue, and perhaps his friends, to attain it, I have said to myself, *This man gives too much for his whistle*.

When I saw another fond of popularity, constantly employing himself in political bustles, neglecting his own affairs, and ruining them by that neglect, *He pays, indeed*, said I, *too much for his whistle*.

If I knew a miser, who gave up every kind of comfortable living, all the pleasure of doing good to others, all the esteem of his fellow citizens, and the joys of benevolent friendships, for the sake of accumulating wealth, *Poor man*, said I, *you pay too much for your whistle*.

When I met with a man of pleasure, sacrificing every laudable improvement of the mind, or of his fortune, to mere corporeal sensations and ruining his health in their pursuit, *Mistaken man*, said I, *you are providing pain for yourself, instead of pleasure; you give too much for your whistle*.

If I see one fond of appearance, or fine clothes, fine houses, fine furniture, fine equipages, all above his fortune, for which he contracts debts, and ends his career in a prison, *Alas!* say I, *he has paid dear, very dear, for his whistle*.

When I see a beautiful, sweet-tempered girl married to an ill-natured brute of a husband, *What a pity*, say I, *that she should pay so much for a whistle*.

In short, I conceive that great part of the miseries of mankind are brought upon them by the false estimates they have made of the value of things, and by *their giving too much for their whistles.*"

We should have charity for these unhappy people, for most of us are not infallible in our weighing and balancing of things which make up life. Do not give too much for the *whistle*; keep your valuing powers normal and clean, then you will be better able to balance the scale and see which things are of value and which are not.

### Announcements

Which chapter will have the longest roll call at the 1916 convention?

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Begin to plan your trip now!

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What member of Delta Zeta is so benighted that she does not own a Delta Zeta songbook?

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What chapter will be next to add a new chapter to our number?

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Be ready with all measures which you intend to present at convention. These must be sent in to the Grand Council six months beforehand.

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What suggestions for revision of the constitution have you?

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Wanted: More subscribers for The Lamp! Solicitors are asked to volunteer.

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Dear Alumnae:—Have you paid your dues? You will be so relieved when you send a little check to the Treasurer! Try it and see!

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Be sure to patronize our patrons.



The pictures of the Exposition used in the last issue of The Lamp were kindly loaned to us by the School Art Magazine and the Outlook for the Blind. Through these pages we wish to extend thanks.

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Owing to the lack of funds the last Lamp from necessity had to have a cheaper cover than the previous issues, but by the hard work of our advertising manager and business manager we are now enabled to return to our former cover.

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The editor wishes to thank all chapter editors, active and alumnae, for having their letters in on time for this issue. The Gamma Graduate Chapter at Columbus, Ohio, being the only one late, and this issue would have had to go to press without it, had not Marie Bluett, the vice president, consented to write one at the last minute.

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Through these pages we wish to thank Marie Bluett of Gamma Graduate Chapter for her assistance in reading proof for this issue.

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A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

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Leading Greeks, the new interfraternity encyclopedia, is out and is almost like a Panhellenic Congress, so thoroughly does it include the workers of prominence in all the Greek-letter societies. Its advent marks another addition to the list of general fraternity publications which is not a large one. The book will be of special value to the editors of our fraternity magazines who will use it generously in their work. The chapters which are wisely making a collection of fraternity publications will add this volume.—Reference Bureau Bulletin.

Sigma Iota is the only fraternity to have chapters abroad. It is a Latin-American fraternity founded at the University of Louisiana. Its foreign chapters are reported to be in universities in Spain, Switzerland, Germany and England.—Banta's Greek Exchange.

# Delta Zeta

ANNOUNCES THE

Installation of Xi Chapter

AT

University of Cincinnati

*January*  
November 15, 1916

AND OF

Omicron Chapter

AT

University of Pittsburgh

*January*  
November 20, 1916



## Social Service

### Social Service Suggestion

THE plan which I should like for Delta Zeta to take up eventually, is a student loan fund. At the present that seems to be rather impractical, but the following is within reach of all of us:

So many times the girls from the chapter houses do not know what to do with their old magazines and other people confront the same difficulty. As a result the papers are often destroyed, and just so much reading material is wasted that would delight someone who is less fortunate. This is particularly true of people in the mountainous districts of Kentucky and Tennessee. To the women and children of these places our magazines would open up a veritable fairyland, and give them a glimpse of what is happening outside of their narrow lives.

Anything in the line of social service in order to be done efficiently must be done in a systematic way. So if this is commenced, the papers should be sent regularly each month for a year. The chapters could get names of families through churches who support missions in parts of the country where magazines would be appreciated. Then if each chapter would send two magazines each month for an entire year, think how much pleasure it would give the recipients! The only outlay of money would be for the postage, and that would be very small.

HELEN COULTER, *Alpha*.

### The Situation in Texas

THE following is an extract from a letter written by Irene Glad-  
ding of Beta Chapter, who, since her marriage to Mr. Millar  
Burrows, has been living "social service" near Canton, Texas:

Do you know how it feels to have been swinging on the end  
of a limb and then to find yourself suddenly dropped to the

ground? I lighted one day three years ago on one of the branches of this Social Service tree and began to feed my mind on the many problems which are in the process of being solved through Camp Fire Girls' Clubs, Widows' Pension Bills, and Eugenics, in so far as it is concerned with the removal of causes of delinquency and dependency and feeble-mindedness, and here I am today as far away from these things as the branch is from the roots of the tree. Nevertheless, I am with the same tree, though I am not in its branches.

We have ten acres of land and government experts in agriculture to try out new experiments and machinery. We are also demonstrating public libraries, home economics, playgrounds, etc. I believe Dr. Wilson, of New York City, calls our work a "demonstration of efficient living."

Away down here in this northeast corner of Texas the people have never heard of the great things that are being done for the social betterment of those in the big cities. The problems here are different. Just one glance at the picture of the first page of the Survey for October 2, will show you partly what this difference is. Here is a little lad of about twelve years of age wearing out his body and soul picking cotton in the middle of winter when he ought to be in school. He never had a chance and probably never will have one until some one goes into his community and tries to educate him and his parents. These people need to have some one to direct them and to show them how to live efficiently. Both men and women, in addition to being taught scientific farming, need lessons in sanitation, public health, and general community improvement. The women, especially, need to learn something of Domestic Science. And these boys and girls need recreation. They do not play. Nobody ever told them how to do it. The girls work in the cotton patch till they are fourteen or fifteen. Then they get married, keep house, bear a dozen children—and work in the cotton patch. The boys usually work all the time. Only once in a while one of them gets away and makes good. A few are attracted to the cities by the stray words of some passerby and once there the sudden brilliancy of the lights dazzle them, and they go in for those pleasures



that only a large purse can buy for an enormous appetite that has been starved and cheated out of its natural rights of education and innocent amusement at home.

A volume would be too small a compass in which to tell you all about the necessity for intelligent workers in the cause of these sturdy American people. For they are the truest Americans of us all, as yet untouched by any foreign blood. The problem of immigration has not affected the south as it has the north, but with the opening of the Panama Canal the "tide of immigration" is bound to come this way soon.

Am I too hasty in telling you about the bad conditions which we have found in the southland? I have been here but four months, but already all my waking hours are filled with plans for the alleviation of some of these conditions. But everything is not all bad here. I might write you many things about the beauties of the south and about the wonderful hospitality of its people, but I must reserve that till another time. I cannot even tell you about the plan for a demonstration church and farm which are being put under way by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church for social betterment in this place, for all these things are as yet in the larvæ state, and while we expect great things from them we are not prepared as yet to talk about them.

### **Social Service in Various Women Fraternities**

THE following are extracts from a recent article on "The Service of the Women's Fraternities," by Sarah Gertrude Pomeroy, editor of Pi Beta Phi's journal, *The Arrow*. They will be of interest to all as showing the very wide field of activities and service given by various fraternities.

The alumnae of Pi Beta Phi have established at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, a lonely mountain hamlet, sixteen miles from a railroad, a settlement school, and cottage, where live the four women who try to make it a model mountain home and give freely of their help and advice to the sick and afflicted of that country. Their model school building was dedicated last July, and a proposed hospital will soon increase the size of the equipment.

Chi Omega is foremost among the fraternities laying stress on civic work and the activities of her alumnae in public service have been recognized in various cities. This fraternity has had for some years a department in its quarterly journal, devoted to education and social and civic service. It has also legislated that each of its chapters offer annually a prize to the women of the college where it is represented for the best essay or thesis on a subject relative to social service work.

Delta Delta Delta has an employment bureau and a department in charge of a competent woman of broad experience for the express purpose of advising them how to "train for service."

Alpha XI Delta, and Sigma Kappa, in particular have offered money prizes for scholarship in two colleges, where the recipients are chosen by the faculty, irrespective of fraternity affiliations, and special incentives are offered for graduate study.

Pi Beta Phi for three years maintained from its national funds two undergraduate and one graduate scholarship, but for the past five years has substituted a graduate scholarship with a value of \$500.00. Kappa Alpha Theta also has a fund designed for a traveling fellowship which will soon be available.

Alpha Chi Omega maintains a studio in the artists' colony at Peterborough, N. H., where, under the rules and regulations of the McDowell Memorial Association, the fraternity furnishes free a work-room for an artist in ideal surroundings for creative work.

Two years ago all the chapters of Alpha Phi voluntarily contributed toward the endowment of Goucher College, Baltimore.

All the fraternities, through the Panhellenic Congress, have contributed to the support of the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupation during its period of pioneer work.

Among the fraternities which have by positive legislation barred liquor from all fraternity functions are A T Ω, B Θ II, Δ T Δ, Φ Δ Θ, Σ A E and Σ X. Nearly all national fraternities have for many years forbidden the introduction of liquor into chapter houses.—The Palm of A T Ω.



## Society

Mrs. Joseph S. Myers, patroness of Theta Chapter, entertained with a tea December 11, in honor of the Active and Alumnae Chapter. Miss Mabella Minton was the honored guest.

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Beta Chapter entertained for Miss Minton when she was their house guest in November.

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Miss Grace Helen Burritt (Zeta) became the bride of Carl Sluyter (Acacia) October 27. They are now residing at Hastings, Nebraska.

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December 27 Miss Bernice Birch (Zeta) became the bride of Mr. Ralph Bodley, of Bozeman, Montana. They will reside in Montana.

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Miss Lillian Johnson, of Theta Chapter, attended the installation of Xi Chapter at Cincinnati January 15.

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Theta Chapter will entertain with a formal dancing party in February.

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The following members of Delta Zeta Fraternity attended the ceremonies incident to the installation of Omicron Chapter at the University of Pittsburg: Mrs. Florence Hart McClain, Mrs. Charles F. F. Campbell, Miss Verna Henniger and Miss E. Josephine Jones, president of Theta Chapter.

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September 8th Viene Caswell of Beta chapter and Mr. Theodore Williams of Chicago were married at Miss Caswell's home in Freeville, N. Y. They will live in Chicago, where Mr. Williams is connected with the Illinois Central Railroad.

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Gertrude Whitney Young, Beta, was married to Mr. William A. Humphries, October 21, at her home in Delhi, N. Y. They will reside in Delhi.



## Our Post Box



ALPHA—MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

*Dear Sisters of Delta Zeta:*

Our days here at Miami have been very busy ones since I last wrote you. But as the time draws near to the date of initiation we feel that these days have meant much for Delta Zeta.

I think I told you in my last letter how proud of our pledges we were; but we are more than proud of them now, we have had time to know them all and we love them—oh so much! We can hardly wait for the time to come when we can see the little lamp with its diamond flame shining on each girl and feel the warmth of the flame grow stronger as she realizes what Delta Zeta does and can mean. I use the word “can” because I am firmly convinced that in each chapter Delta Zetas could mean more to each other if they remembered their vows more constantly and were less selfish.

I read a short motto the other day which appealed to me very much. It hung in one of the sister's room and it was very appropriate to find it there for it is her practiced conception of friendship. It read thus: “A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same.” It is a wonderful thing to have as sisters in our sorority girls of whom we can know all about and love them just the same. In choosing our pledges, it seems to me that this motto would be good to remember. I am happy to say that every girl in Alpha chapter can stand the test. I hope this is the condition in your chapter also.

Alpha instituted a new system of helping its pledges this year. All mistakes in grammar, disobedience, and lack of respect to upper class girls were productive of demerits for the offending pledge. When the number of demerits reached one hundred the pledges were campused for the weekend. This system was very successful but it has now been replaced by special individual conferences for each pledge with our president, Rennie Sebring-



Smith. Rennie is president of Y. W. C. A., is strong-minded and fearless in expressing her opinions when the good of a cause is at stake so she is well fitted to assume this duty.

I am sure you will be glad to know that our semester grades stand higher than usual. Several of our pledges are excellent material for contestants for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. This seems very encouraging to us as one of our aims for the year was to raise our scholastic standing.

The evening of the 13th of December our chapter had a most delightful Christmas surprise dinner-party. It was all made possible by two of our sisters who did not return this year, Zeta Browning and Ruth Kelsey of Battle Creek, Michigan. These two sent the chapter an enormous box of home-made candy, "made with loving care," and with it two dozen pink Delta Zeta roses. Rennie kept the secret to the end, only summoning us to a dinner party at "University Inn" at the last moment. Twenty-four laughing, excited girls gathered around the long table and gazed with expectation at the large box at one end tied with a big pink bow. The candy couldn't have been better—but even sweeter than the daintily-wrapped pieces was the little message from Zeta and Ruth, which accompanied the box. Not a few of the active members who had known and loved them last year were found with tears in their eyes.

Isn't it beautiful? This lasting, far-reaching love of Delta Zeta?

Your sister,

MARJORY RAY CARSON, *Chapter Editor.*

### Personals

Howard Smith visited his sister, Rennie Smith, over the 11th and 12th of December. He was a guest of the "Betas" during his stay in Oxford.

Mrs. Arthur Gee, nee Dorothy Sloan, returned home for a visit during the holidays.

BETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

*Dear Sisters of Delta Zeta:*

We of Beta have been enjoying the most exciting times with

the closing of a successful rushing season, initiation and a visit from one of our glorified charter members, Mabelle Minton. It was such a coincidence! Just a few days before the date set for initiation (December 5th), we received a letter from Miss Minton, announcing her arrival within short time—and she came the morning of the 5th. Though she could give us only a little of her time, she made friends with us all, offered such helpful suggestions, and left a lasting impression upon every one that spoke with her. She told us so much about you all—little intimate things that even the friendly Lamp omits. We were so delighted to hear of the two new chapters that will bridge the gap between the east and the west for we Betas have felt a bit isolated from the rest of you, somehow.

Dorothy Douglas, '15, our president of last year, was also with us at initiation, and though she is still "enjoying the leisure life of the Southern maid," somewhere she acquired a Kappa Sigma pin and an accompanying fiance—a very satisfactory one—as far as his picture shows—and, indeed, we were very critical in our judgment of the man who is going to take "Dot" from us—and her initials will be D. Z.! Isn't that fate?

We had such a good time at our initiation banquet. Marion Lowe made a wonderful toastmistress, and all the toasts were excellent. Anita Lynch, toasting, "Love, sweet misery," in one of the cleverest after-dinner speeches that I have heard, announced the engagements of Marion Lowe, '17, and "Dot" Cotton, '18, and though we had sort of suspected the first, the latter fairly hauled us over. Dear me, if this thing keeps up, I fear for all our "careers" in the wide, wide world!

We have six new girls—Margaret Clark, Ida Raffler, Marie Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Martha Miller and Dorothy Balliett—are all wearing shiny little lamps.

Well, I guess I've exhausted Beta news, so I'll close with a Happy New Year wish to you all.

Yours in the bond,  
VIRGINIA VAN BRUNT, *Chapter Editor.*



*Dear Girls:*      DELTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

This has been a wonderful day out-of-doors, in that everything has been covered with a coating of ice; every tree branch, grass blade and hedge leaf has been alike, shimmering and beautiful. I recall seeing a sloping wire which mightily reminded me of a measuring stick, the markings being icicles, and a certain street light I saw had cut-glass fringe, as it were. But, of course, it has been a mite uncomfortable under foot. Then to add to the unpleasantness this afternoon a fine cold rain began to sprint diagonally downward. Some of us girls were uptown shopping—and, on the side, buying a few things—but with the waiting on one another the dampness of boots and the coldness of the occupants of the same, we finally came home rather disgruntled.

But now! such warmth and happiness since we're gathered home!

"Won't this be pretty?" Gladys is dressing her doll in a lavender suit and hat.

"Mine's going to be a party dress, beaded net over green silk." Mary went over home and procured some especially fine pieces to clad her lady.

"My, but this doll is starry. She just glares at me. Well, we couldn't expect so very much for 10 cents. And anyway she'll look better when she's dressed in red velvet and gray furs."

"Mrs. Fuller (our house-mother), will you cut a little waist for mine?"

You see, we are to have a party next Saturday for poor children of whose worthiness we have made sure through the neighborhood teachers. The youngsters are to know where on Hanna Street to stop by a brilliant little fir tree in the front yard. Then Santa is to give to the girls dolls and gloves, and to the boys, marbles (Leotta and Edna are stitching up some gay little cretonne bags for them), toys and mittens. Everyone is to have candy, ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Jenkins, our next-door neighbor, has arrived with a big box of doll-dress goods and she offers to crochet tams for the dollies. What a lovely spirit the Christmas spirit is and how good it makes us all feel!

Me thinks I smell fudge cooking and I wouldn't be surprised if it was going to have pecans in it. Ruth May is always doing something sweet for someone.

"Where's that paper?"

"Why, it is some place in our room."

Myrtle and Mina are here at my left, wrapping pennants, DePauw ones with Deltas near one corner. We are sending these to each Delta Zeta chapter and we would like to receive one similar from each of them. We want the banners in our dining-room.

That must have been a Freshman singing:

"Love, I am homely,  
My ears are long,"

but a Senior, joined by us all, drowns out the homeliness with:

We're D. Z. sisters,  
We love the name we bear.  
We're loyal to each other,  
Each other's sorrows share.  
Our school days here are numbered,  
We know we soon must part,  
But we feel we're not forgotten  
By D. Z. hearts.

LOIS CASTELL, *Chapter Editor.*

#### EPSILON—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sisters:

Not that we Epsilons are at all boastful, no, not a bit of it. But we can't help priding ourselves on our Faculty reception, just a wee bit. It was held Saturday afternoon, December 4th, and everyone pronounced it the loveliest reception they'd ever attended. But oh, you should have been with us, helping to get ready for it. We sent wagons out to get loads of pine and cedar boughs. The ceilings of two of the rooms were fairly covered with these twigs, held up by criss-cross green strings and the hand of a divine Providence; and down from among the greenery hung a thousand red stars. I *know* there were that many, anyway, 'cause I helped cut them! We had all the "dates" for two days before assisting in putting up the decorations, and I emerged



from the fray with several cuts to exhibit as battle scars, gained in wrestling with a particularly sharp knife and a particularly tough bough. And beside that, we had veritable masses of flowers and ferns and things, and even a considerable number of faculty *men* turned out, an occurrence unheard of before!

But I mustn't take up all my space telling about the reception when I have our wonderful house-party to tell you about. I hardly know how to tell you of all its delightful surprises. Do you know, at the risk of answering to the charge of being egotistical, I must say that I think we Delta Zetas have been the most original of any organization here in our mode of entertainment. Igitur, it was held at a beautiful bungalow in Brown County (no doubt, you've all heard of that, the rendezvous of all true poets and painters) about twenty miles from Bloomington, and I'll just proceed to take you right along with us on that house party. We girls went out the evening before the boys came so as to have just one night all to ourselves in that ideal spot. And do you know, I don't believe there's another place quite like it on earth. We had perfect weather for our week-end, just as though we'd ordered it for the occasion and it had arrived exactly on time—and the rolling, undulating hills, the rusty greens, and browns, and reds with sunshine spread all over, the roomy house perched right on the top of the very highest hill of them all with big swings, wide verandas, and interesting nooks and cranies to explore, with nature rampant everywhere were enough to inspire any group of young people to have the best time of their lives. We "hiked" ourselves almost to exhaustion and then disproved all charges of it by having an old-fashioned "hard-times" dance Saturday evening, and a ten-mile hay-ride to Nashville and back in vehicles provided by our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Penrod, the parents of two of our girls. There wasn't a dull moment during the whole of our short stay, and we'd even planned an outdoor weinie-roast and all sorts of nice things for which we didn't have time. And best of all, we had a big sleeping porch, all cozied-in, and when you awoke in the morning (if you'd ever got to sleep) there was all that grand work of nature sweep-

ing out before, with probably the smoke from an approaching train winding in and out, looking like a miniature toy.

But don't for a minute think that all of our endeavors have been in a social direction. Sue Reed, a mighty Senior, and Maude Eudaly, a lowly Freshman, are both captains of their respective class hockey teams. Maude, together with Edna Moore, both of Sheridan, are our very latest acquisitions in the way of pledges, and we just know they are sure to be heard from in their school careers, judging from the activity they've thus far shown. Betty Carothers was elected Junior Representative for the "Arbutus," the annual Senior publication, out of a wide field of experienced journalists. And she's also one of the leading editors of the co-ed edition of our school paper. Sh—, Marion MacMillin took first prize in the Domestic Science cake-baking contest. And do you know what I overheard the other day? Whisper it,—“How *do* the Delta Zetas manage to get out in so many activities and keep up in their studies so well at the same time?” It's a secret!

But how can they help but say it, when a number of our girls are making themselves felt—or heard—in the Glee Club, and three of our Freshmen, Mabel Robbins, Grace Mason and Blanche Penrod are on the staff of reporters for the big co-ed edition, and other things too numerous to mention?

There were quite a number of our alumnae back for the Purdue game, with some husbands dragged along as necessary baggage, though I'll admit they were awfully nice. Grace Alexander Duncan, Edith Landeau Brineman, Kathryn Goodwin were all here, beside Kitty O'Connor, who is teaching now, and quite a number of sisters and guests.

My, I almost forgot to tell you that Madeleine Connor is president of the Home Economics Club, and we also have among us the secretary of Der Deutsche Verein.

Well, I'm afraid the editor will be charging me extra for over-running my allotted space in this letter; so I bid you all a fond farewell till next time.

Yours in Delta Zeta,

SABINA G. MEDIAS, *Chapter Editor.*



## ZETA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

*Dear Sisters in Delta Zeta:*

So many things have happened since the last chapter letter was written that I hardly know where to begin. First, I must tell you what a success the Mothers' tea was. We decorated the house in pink carnations and green ferns, carrying the same color scheme out in the candies and wafers which we served with tea. There were over thirty present and we even had two fathers who dropped in long enough to receive one of the carnations which we pinned on the departing guests. Just before they left we took a picture of all the mothers standing in front of the chapter house. Everyone expressed themselves as so delighted with the afternoon that we have voted it an annual affair.

At mid-semester time we pledged two Freshmen girls of whom we are justly proud. Geneve Cole of Denver, Colo., and Nina Hull of Fremont, Neb. Nov. 19th we gave our pledge dance in honor of our pledges. Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Professor Pool and wife and our house mother, Dr. C. F. Larrimore chaperoned the forty couples present. We think our most successful affair was the "hard time" dance given at the chapter house during Thanksgiving vacation. The programs were made from brown wrapping paper with brown penny pencils dangling on an extremely long wrapping cord. The windows and lights were decorated with newspapers and doughnuts and cider were served throughout the evening. Only old and sadly out of style costumes were allowed, while the quadrille and the circle two-step were the most popular dances of the evening.

The Cornhusker party, an all-University affair for ladies only, was unusually good this year. This is a costume party and creations evolved are often quite startling in their effect. Our plump-est Freshman was a work of art in a Peck's Bad Boy costume while the rest of us went as sailor lads and lassies in real sailor costumes. The "stunts" included a foot ball game, with all the harrowing details of broken arms and "knocked out" players, dramatized songs, and picture shows.

December 4th Effie and Ella Nolls entertained the active chapter and rushees at Kensington. December 11th the town girls

entertained the house girls at the home of Vivian Knight. Last month we also gave a "Pink and Green" afternoon party, entertaining our rushees with dancing, and cards for those who did not care to dance. A Japanese painting was the first prize for the card players with a tiny deck of Japanese playing cards as the consolation prize.

Taking up more serious subjects I must not forget to tell you that six of our girls have taken up social settlement work in connection with the McKinley night school. They are Blanche Higgins, Marguerite Beesley, Florence Burch, Esther Ellinghusen, Vivian Knight and Ruth Burch. Vivian Knight has charge of a class in china painting.

Our athletic girl, Blanche Higgins, won a place on the Sophomore Inter-class Hockey team and then proved that she was a versatile young woman by taking charge of a booth at the Y. W. C. A. party. Our other recent attainments I shall put in a list:

Ethel Arnold—Assistant on Girls Edition of Daily, Nebraska.

Elizabeth Seymour—English Club.

Nettie Jeffrey—Junior Play Committee.

Ethel Arnold—Senior Play Committee.

Three Alumnae Librarians.

Esther Ellinghusen—Sophomore Christmas Committee.

Yours in the bond,

RUTH BURCH, *Chapter Editor.*

THETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

*Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:*

It doesn't seem possible that it's nearly time for exams, does it? We have all had such a busy year and when we're busy the time goes so quickly.

We have lost one of our best girls, Vera Henniger, who was forced to withdraw from school on account of nervous breakdown. She was president of the Panhellenic Council and also of the sorority, so we had to elect new officers. Lillian Johnson was chosen president of Panhellenic and Josephine Jones, president of Delta Zeta. They make splendid leaders and are bubbling over with new ideas.



The second week in November we had a spread at the home of Henrietta Jettinghof, where we entertained some prospective freshmen. Later in the week we pledged Zora Johnson of Lima, Ohio. She is a freshman representative on the Woman's Self-Government Association and is a strong girl in every way.

After Thanksgiving vacation, we initiated Amanda Thomas and Margaret Castle, both of Columbus. In their honor an informal dance was given at the Progress Club Rooms. We had favors of pink roses and I think it was one of the prettiest dances I ever attended. We were so glad to have as guests Mildred Boatman and Frances Haliday, both of Alpha chapter.

We are now nicely settled in our new home. Every week we receive gifts from our friends and alumnae, so that we have the beginnings of a good establishment. We highly recommend chapter houses.

On December 10th and 11th the Alumna City Panhellenic Council held a Christmas Shop on the campus. Here articles, donated by the members of alumnae and active chapters of the eight national fraternities, were sold, the proceeds to be used in establishing a loan fund for helping needy girls through school. Delta Zeta had charge of the apron booth and quite a large amount was realized. Over \$250 was taken in from all the booths, but since there were some expenses, \$175 was the profit made. This makes a good beginning in social service work by Greek letter women and they plan to repeat the enterprise yearly.

Delta Zeta is certainly making herself known in student activities. Treva Pearson was elected president of the Girls' Glee Club and was invited to become a member of the Varsity "A" Association, a social club including girls who take an active part in athletics. Josephine Jones has one of the leading roles in a musical comedy, "Chop Suey," to be presented by the Girls' Glee Club. She was also elected into the Browning Dramatic Society. Frances Barker has a part in the French play to be given soon. Four of us are thriving young journalists and Delta Zeta is widely advertised in the daily college paper by these reporters. But I can't tell you anything more about that because

Delta Zetas have heard so much on the journalist question from these enthusiasts that that subject is "taboo."

We had a distinguished visitor at the house. Mabelle Minton stopped on her way home from Beta chapter and told us some interesting things about our new chapters. We hope she liked us, because we certainly liked her.

We had a chance to get acquainted with our alumna "school teachers" again when Madeline Baird gave a joint party during the Christmas vacation. Well I must stop now so that there will be some space left for the rest of you. I could tell reams of things about our girls and their enthusiasm for Delta Zeta. There are so many things, though, that one can't put into words, aren't there? Wasn't the last issue fine? We Theta girls are certainly proud of our Arema. And hurrah for our active extension committee.

Yours in the bond,

RUTH YOUNG, *Chapter Editor.*

IOTA—IOWA UNIVERSITY.

*Dear Sisters:*

I have the mood, from the rush and bustle just before Christmas vacation now, that you will have when you read this just before semester exams, but the greeting must be different. Anyway—Peace and good cheer to all.

Right away I must tell you about the big thing we have done this year. On the twenty-third of November we brought the Ben Greet players to Iowa City to give "Twelfth Night." You may imagine how we worked when I tell you of the lull that followed. We have done absolutely nothing but the routine business of meetings since. December 18th we entertained some freshmen, upperclassmen, faculty, and town women at a Christmas tea. It was worth all the trouble, for we had a good house and cleared over a hundred dollars for our Fine Arts Loan Fund. Oh yes, we have done something else since--we've been having enthusiastic visions of our next venture along the same line.

The next most important thing was our initiation, but I told you about our two new sisters the last time. We had our new robes for the occasion! We initiated in the afternoon and fin-



ished up with a fine dinner and evening full of fun at Myrtle Tudor's, one of our town girls. I mustn't forget to thank Alpha for suggesting a custom for Iota. We, too, have initiated the practice of going to church en masse on the Sunday after initiation.

As for the rest, it would read in the usual way—trips to the movies, one to Cedar Rapids to hear Fritz Kreisler, meetings in the L. A. Hall between classes, a waffle spread way out here at my house, an oyster supper, etc., etc., etc. We are working just as hard as ever, busy as ever, happy as ever, and the good old same all the way around.

Good-night, now, and happy dreams to each one and fine deeds for tomorrow. ALICE HATCHER, *Chapter Editor*.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

*Dear Sisters:*

I haven't time for a very long letter—so just a few lines to tell you what we are doing and how we are getting along.

In the first place, as the result of a little more pledging, we have two new pledges. Dorothy Dare and Clara Murray are the happy addition to our circle.

Last Monday night saw quite a bit of excitement and interest at our house. Three of our pledges, Dorothy Morehouse, Martha Liska and Gertrude Sissler were initiated. For their little stunts they staged a vaudeville and had composed some Delta Zeta songs. They were clever and original and greatly enjoyed by all of us.

In order to get the girls together more, we have adopted a little scheme and find that it works fine. Every other Monday night each girl brings something and we have a "spread." Everybody sits around the cloth spread on the floor and we sing, laugh, talk, and eat. So far it has been very successful and lots of fun.

Also all the sororities on the campus have adopted another plan for the same purpose. Every other Wednesday night we have an exchange dinner. Six of our girls go to some other house and six girls of another house come here. Everybody leaves before 7:30 after a very pleasant hour or so.

Then every Tuesday night we have a "pledge meeting." All the pledges come and an older girl or a patroness talks to them on various subjects.

I must tell you a little of our social affairs. The Wednesday of Thanksgiving vacation we gave a little dance here at the house and Friday night before Christmas vacation, our pledges gave a dance here for all of us.

Last, but not least comes our athletics. Our two varsity stars, Clara and Hilda Knausenberger made their hockey teams as usual; and on the crew we have a representative from every class but the freshmen. Hertha O'Neil made senior crew, Lucy Shelton made junior cox and Dorothy Morehouse made sophomore cox. The Senior, by the way, won in the regatta.

I believe that is all I can think of now. With many wishes for a happy New Year. Yours in Delta Zeta.

ESTHER NELSON, *Chapter Editor.*

LAMBDA—KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

*Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:*

Lambda sends greetings and good wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

I want to tell all of you what grand Freshman we have this year. On December 3rd, we received, through the college mail, invitations and on opening found this little verse:

The little Delta Zetas of 1-2-1-9

Want the big Delta Zetas with them to dine.

On Sunday the 5th, come along at one,

The rest of the program by them will be done.

We all looked at each other in astonishment as we had never received a hint concerning this and what was more, our freshmen kept "mum" and would tell us nothing. Sunday arrived and there was a very excited bunch that gathered around the dinner table. Toasts were given and responded to and still we all seemed very dense as to what the motive of this dinner was. When the dinner course was served, one of us remarked about the dishes, we all looked and to our surprise found we had new dishes. It



did not take us long to find out the motive, our Freshmen presented us with a new dinner set including sherbet glasses and a water set. Wasn't that dear of them? It was all done so secretly which made it much nicer.

On December 12th, our Freshmen also entertained us with a Christmas dinner at the end of which we all declared there were no Freshmen like our own dear girls. We all bought gifts presenting them to the house. The house received many beautiful and useful gifts.

We held a formal initiation on December the 3rd and 4th for Mildred French, Boise, Idaho; Blanche Baird, Topeka, Kansas, and Edith Parkhurst of Kinsley, Kansas. I also want to announce the pledging of Neva Anderson of Salina, Kansas, Hazel Phinney of Russell, Kansas, and Trixie Knight of Jamestown, Kansas.

We are all so enthused over Delta Zeta and have such grand times together that we want to again tell you how very, very glad we are to be a part of the Delta Zeta fraternity.

With love to all, yours in bond,

RUTH HUTCHINGS, *Chapter Editor.*

MU—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

*Dear Sisters of Delta Zeta:*

The days of this semester have followed so rapidly that we can hardly realize that the end has come, but as we look back, we feel that many things have been accomplished. First of all was rushing and we are proud to report ten new names for Delta Zeta. We expect splendid things from all of these girls. They are:

Dorothy Porter, Berkeley, Cal.

Regnia Reis, Ferndale, Cal.

Dorothy Morris, Berkeley, Cal.

Winifred Cummings, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Margaret Taylor, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Katherine Perkiss, El Canto, Cal.

Caroline Tilley, Arcata, Cal.

Zelma Fultz, San Rafael, Cal.

Marion Barber, Berkeley, Cal.

Mildred Swanson, Eureka, Cal.

Several active and alumnae members of Enewah have also been initiated during the past term. Our rushing followed so quickly upon our installation that we had little time to make plans, but we managed to have some very jolly evenings. One of the most successful was our "Little Kid" party when everyone appeared in short skirts and pigtails and ate pink and white sticks of candy.

Saturday, the 23rd of October, was a great day—moving day, in fact. The whole week before we were in a turmoil. We were moving. Our new home is on Bancroft Way at Warring Street, quite up "Philosophy Hill," and in a very beautiful neighborhood. Numerous advantages are, four garages (which we rent) a furnace, a fine sleeping deck and fine fireplaces. There is also a beautiful garden, which the landlady keeps up at her own expense, much to our pleasure.

Can moving day be described? Dorothy Porter and her ever dutiful automobile did faithful service in carrying small things. A huge van took the large ones. By Saturday noon we were all settled except for the trunks in the halls and the mud on the floor.

Principal points of interest in the new domicile are "The Belfry" with its fine view of the bay and the cities, the "Sky Parlor," the "Padded Ward," the "Cheese Box" and the genuine library. New curtains show delightful blue and pink parrots perching amid blue and brown flowers in a cheerful cretonne design; which combined with the cozy window seats, the polished floors and a white colonial staircase make the entrance into the new Delta Zeta home a happy prospect.

We have all been busy in college affairs and are much pleased at having another of our members elected to Prytaneau honor society. Two of the girls are interested in journalism and are members of a newly formed journalistic honor society, the Estyc club. One of them is to be a co-editor of the Y. W. C. A. publication at the beginning of the new year. We feel much gratified



also, at the prospect of having one of our Seniors assist in the Latin Department next semester, thereby fulfilling our long cherished ambition to be represented on the "Faculty."

We hope to make the spring semester one of pleasure and achievement and hope that it will be the same for our sister chapters. A very bright New Year to all of you.

FRANCES S. BROWN, *Chapter Editor.*

NU—LOMBARD COLLEGE.

*Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:*

With the passing of 1915 six months have been completed in the history of Nu chapter. During the half-year we have all met with many new and interesting experiences. There have been numerous good times, and close friendships have been formed. To be sure, our way has not always been strewn with roses but that has bound us only closer to each other and made us realize and appreciate more fully the inspiration and helpfulness of fraternity life.

We have two splendid new pledges to announce, Beulah Whitman, Cameron, Illinois, and Louise Drury, Galesburg. Meta Leudtke, Fairmont, Minnesota, who was pledged last May, expects to return second semester, and we hope to add one or two more girls to our number.

The night after Louise and Beulah were pledged, Edith Taylor entertained all the active chapter at a slumber party. It might better have been called a "slumberless party" for no one spent much time in sleeping. October 30, Merle Edgar gave a Halloween Party at her country home. The Lombard annual homecoming was celebrated November 18 to 21. The big event was our football game with Monmouth College. On Thursday afternoon, November 18, we gave an informal reception to the students, alumni, and friends. Friday evening we entertained at the chapter room in honor of our alumnae.

Probably there are some of you to whom the name of Lombard College is not familiar, so in order that we may feel a little better acquainted I want to tell you something of its history. Lombard was founded in 1851, and although not a large school,

is quite widely known. It was the second college in the United States to admit women on an equal basis with men. It has always been very progressive and in many ways the spirit is unusually democratic. We are proud of our beautiful campus with its great maple and elm trees. The branches of one old elm in front of Old Main spread for over a hundred and ten feet. Every one who visits Lombard is shown the "Unfinished Tower," and this is its story. Old Main was being built when the Civil War began. The building was nearly completed and when the call for volunteers came the men who were working there, as well as a number of the students, answered it. To this day one of the towers has never been completed and is always referred to as the "Unfinished tower." I wish I might tell you many more of our traditions but time and space will not permit.

To each and every Delta Zeta the girls of Nu chapter extend that old, old wish for a happy New Year.

FLORENCE M. SHARER, *Chapter Editor.*



## Alumnae Department



### ALPHA GRADUATE CHAPTER.

*Dear Sisters:*

Since our last letter to the LAMP, the Alpha Graduate Chapter has held two more meetings. The November meeting was held at the home of Helen Pearson. After the business meeting, Beulah Greer gave a splendid discussion of "The Evolution of Marriage." We were fortunate in having as our guest at this meeting Mrs. Roscoe Cummings of Bloomington. Mrs. Cummings is vitally interested in Delta Zeta and it was a great inspiration to have her with us.

Our December meeting was held on Saturday the eleventh at the home of Mrs. O. H. Hayes. Each year since the Alpha Graduate chapter has been founded, Mrs. Hayes has had charge of our Christmas party and she has always entertained us so charmingly, that no one else cares to compete with her.



Martha Railsback is treasurer of the Indianapolis Panhellenic association. She told of the first meeting of the year, and their plan of starting a scholarship fund. Following the business meeting, we gathered around the Christmas tree and exchanged gifts.

The happiest of New Years to every one.

LELIA M. BROWN, *Secretary*.

#### BETA GRADUATE CHAPTER.

The first meeting of Beta Graduate chapter for the year, was held with Mrs. Flo Easton Willey in Hyde Park, October 9. While this meeting was purely social, plans were made for the season's work.

Mrs. Anna Keene Davis entertained Beta alumnae at her home in Madisonville, November 20. Her guests were Mrs. Julia Bishop Coleman, Mrs. Lilla Stanton West, Mrs. Iva Stock Smith, Mrs. Lois Pierce Zimmerman, Mrs. Flo Easton Willey, Mabelle Minton, Helen Lane, and Rose Pierce.

It was an unusually interesting meeting—we were especially glad to have Mrs. Coleman with us, since this is the first meeting she has been able to attend. Mrs. Zimmerman is now living in Cincinnati, and so has taken up active membership again. We were glad, too, to welcome Helen Lane, a graduate of last year, into our chapter.

The subject for the afternoon was "Dress." Mrs. Davis gave a short talk on "The Evolution of Dress," and Mrs. Willey had a very interesting paper on "Colors Different Types Should Wear."

A pleasant social hour followed.

Beta alumnae sends heartiest wishes to all Delta Zetas for the New Year.

ROSE PARKER PIERCE, *Chapter Editor*.

We are very sorry to announce that Helen Lane has been compelled to give up her school work on account of ill health. She is now at her home in Ft. Wayne.

## DELTA GRADUATE CHAPTER.

Aside from the innumerable plans of our brides and brides-to-be our alumnae chapter seems to be finding little time for any thing else.

On Oct. 27th at 8:30 P. M., Grace Helen Burritt was married to Carl Sluyter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Burritt, 2812 S. St., Lincoln, Neb. The bridal party entered to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played by Miss Sluyter, sister of the groom. Esther Burritt-Foster, sister of the bride as matron of honor led the way. Six girls, Marjorie Morse, Jean Hamilton, Helen Sawyer, Iva Swenk, Grace Walker, and Katheryn Meliza, attired in white and apple green, carrying chains of smilax proceeded the bride and groom, forming an aisle through which they passed. Little Doris Peterson, cousin of the bride, carried the ring in a lovely white basket of smilax and valley lilies. The bridal party was met at the altar formed of smilax, by Rev. Hilton who performed the ceremony.

The bride was attired in white charmeuse with lace and pearl trimmings and wore a veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. During the congratulations Kathryne Meliza played a group of piano selections.

The dining room, beautifully decorated in yellow chrysanthemums, was in charge of Pearl Barton.

Grace was a truly lovely bride and we are very proud of our Acacia brother. Mr. and Mrs. Sluyter are living in Hastings, Neb. We are happy to say, near enough to us that we may see them often.

Previous to the wedding a number of parties and showers were given for Grace. Pearl Barton entertained at a miscellaneous shower; Iva Swenk at a handkerchief shower, and Mrs. Foster at a dinner party.

Just now we are all interested in the approaching marriage of Bernice Birch to Ralph Bodley of Bozeman, Montana, which is to take place Dec. 27th at the home of Bernice's aunt at Kearney, Neb. Last Saturday afternoon Edna Brown entertained for her, and we hope to all have one more real Delta Zeta affair together



tomorrow night, December 16th, when we have our annual Christmas party at the chapter house. This is perhaps the last time we will have Bernice with us for some time as she leaves Friday for Kearney and after her marriage will reside in Montana.

Rumor of the approaching marriage of two others of our alumnae is floating in. Since the names in full of the gentlemen are not known we refrain from naming the girls alone.

During the week of holidays we are planning for one all-day alumnae meeting. At this time we expect to perfect our plans for the convention. Our chapters, active and alumnae, are looking forward with greatest eagerness to seeing many of you at that time. Do not forget that you are each, i. e., each chapter, to be ready with your stunt. Begin at once making your plans to come. We are looking for you. Don't disappoint us.

#### EPSILON GRADUATE CHAPTER.

We have had only two meetings since our last letter to The Lamp—one at Frances' Tavern and the other at the home of Mrs. Morton I. Snyder in Newark, New Jersey.

Frances' Tavern is one of the oldest buildings of New York City. Washington made it his headquarters after the British evacuation of New York, and in it took farewell of his soldiers on December 4, 1783. It is now preserved by the city as an historic memorial. Not many of our number were able to attend the October meeting, but those who did had a most enjoyable time exploring the quaint old tavern and discussing their wanderings over a very delightful lunch.

The meeting at Mrs. Grace Hare Snyder's home was a most enthusiastic one. The charmingly harmonious appointments of the little home, the genial hospitality, the gayety and high spirits of host and hostess and guests alike will serve to make the day a treasured memory.

The business meeting which followed the luncheon was largely taken up with discussion of the Panhellenic convention, the National Convention of Delta Zeta and extension work.

Miss Gertrude Whitney Young, Cornell '13, Beta, was married to Mr. William Albert Humphries, October 21, at her home

in Delhi, New York. They have returned from their bridal trip in the Adirondacks and are at home to their friends in their beautiful new house in Delhi.

Miss Viene Caswell, Cornell, 1914, Beta, and Mr. Clifford Theodore Williams of Chicago, were married September 8, at Miss Caswell's home in Freeville, New York. After a wedding trip through the South, they will live in Chicago where Mr. Williams is connected with the Illinois Central Railroad.

Epsilon Graduate Chapter sends New Year's greetings to the other chapters of Delta Zeta. MABEL HOBART, *Secretary*.

#### GAMMA GRADUATE CHAPTER.

Delta Zeta graduates love always to be "Big Sisters." So our first get-together meeting of this year took the form of a rushing party at the home of our president, Mrs. Chas. F. F. Campbell, the first week after matriculation.

At this meeting we all drank in every bit of interesting news which our President had to report concerning the installation of Mu chapter at the University of California, and the details of her visit with our charming Kappa sisters, at the University of Washington.

Our first business meeting was held October 24, at the Chapter House, immediately following our luncheon with our active girls, at the Mission Tea House. At this meeting the annual election of officers was held with the following results:

Mrs. Chas. F. F. Campbell, Pres.; (Miss) Marie E. Bluett, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Hazel Bryan Stevens, Sec.; (Miss) Ethel Irene Schofield, Treas.

At this first meeting of the year the social calendar and general program was announced as follows:

Oct. 24—Luncheon in celebration of Founders Day, at Mission Tea House, followed by election of officers at the Chapter House.

Nov. 27—Meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Riggle (nee Rhea Van Meter) at which an address was given by Miss Margaret Knight of the Collegiate Bureau of Vocational Guidance.

Dec. 29—Meeting at the home of Miss Madeline Baird. A



Christmas party for the Alumnae and Active Girls in Columbus, during the holidays, which was in charge of Misses Helen Kaetzel, Marie Bluett, and Marguerite Loos.

Jan. 22—Luncheon at the Chittenden Hotel. At the meeting immediately following the Chapter will be addressed by Miss Caroline Breyfogle, Dean of Women at Ohio State University. Her subject will be "The Value of the College Woman."

Feb. 21—A joint meeting with Theta chapter at the Chapter House, to be addressed by Mrs. Chas. F. F. Campbell. Her subject is to be "Eugenics."

March 25—Meeting at the home of Miss Marie Bluett at which a paper will be read by Miss Arema O'Brien, the topic of which will be "The Value of the Fraternity Girl to the College."

April 22—Miss Helen Kaetzel will be hostess at an Easter party. This meeting will be entirely social.

May 27—The Chapter will entertain with a party for the Active Chapter, honoring their pledges, at the home of Mrs. Chas. F. F. Campbell.

Our second meeting on Nov. 27th was alive with interest and enthusiasm for it was then, the news of our "Twin Chapters" at Cincinnati and Pittsburg were formerly announced. And the same interest was evidenced at our Christmas party on December 29th, when all the girls were back home for the holidays, eager to hear the details incident to installation.

Gamma Graduate Chapter takes this opportunity of sending greetings to the older chapters and words of welcoming in the new, and wishing the Fraternity as a whole a happy and prosperous New Year.

MARIE BLUETT.

## Exchanges

### SORORITY EXPANSION.

Delta Zeta—University of Cincinnati and University of Pittsburg.

Delta Gamma—Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis.

Phi Mu—George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and University of Southern California.

Chi Omega—Kansas State Agriculture College.

Alpha Omicron Pi—University of Washington, Seattle.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Purdue University and University of Pittsburg.

Pi Beta Phi—Kansas State College and Oregon State University.

Alpha Xi Delta—Ohio State University.

IN THE Alpha Gamma Delta *Quarterly* is a new department called the Inglenook, where information is given on "good things to read in spare moments." Here new and old authors and their respective works are ably discussed for the benefit of readers who desire such information.

An analysis of grades earned by fraternity and non-fraternity students at the University of Washington shows that the "Greeks" stand higher in scholarship than do the "independents," and that sorority woman surpass all other students in this class of work. It also shows that the women of the university surpass the men, regardless of membership in secret societies.

### CO-OPERATION OF COLLEGE WITH FRATERNITIES A SUCCESS.

Northwestern University's Democratic Quadrangle Plan works out satisfactory to faculty, students and alumni. Greek-letter societies discussed:

Chicago—Taking the college fraternity under its wing, Northwestern University has supervised the expenditure of \$500,000 on a quadrangle of fraternity houses and non-fraternity dormitories. The land given for all the buildings and the non-fraternity dormitories has been paid for out of the university treasury. The fraternity houses which are mingled with the dormitories were built by the Greek-letter men on credit which the university helped them secure. The title remains with the institution.



A truer college democracy is what the university hopes to achieve by this new unique system, and it is achieving it, it is said. Better scholarship and decrease in student expense are resulting. Dr. Abram W. Harris, president of the university, is much pleased with the outcome so far.

#### STUDENTS PLEASED.

The students, boasting of quarters that are not to be surpassed and generally hardly to be touched by men in or out of the college fraternity, are themselves delighted. The quadrangle has just completed its first year's successful trial. Credit for the plan and its development lies with President Harris.

At Evanston President Harris sought to develop the established organizations for the advantage of the students. His idea worked out so well that some of the fraternities that balked at first are now asking plans for houses on the campus.

The situation which led President Harris to the campus quadrangle plan and some of the advantages he foresees which have not yet had time for their realization, were outlined by Dr. Harris to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor as follows:

"When I came to Northwestern University I found a number of national fraternities and some local clubs of strength. Most of them were paying rent and were scattered all over Evanston. It is hard to get a dwelling house for fraternity purposes and so rentals are high.

"None of the chapters at Northwestern owned their own homes. That made the quadrangle project much easier. If they had owned their own houses I do not know what we would have done. Paying high rents, the boys found their expenses correspondingly high and many were forced to drop out of school.

This state of affairs was aggravated by the smallness of the chapters. Twelve to fifteen was deemed the right size, for the feeling was that the student body did not contain any more of these select and remarkable persons fore-ordained to wear the fraternity pin. And finally there was too much society. Dances were altogether too frequent and social times were occupying the boys and girls to the exclusion of everything else.

#### PRESIDENT HARRIS TALKS.

Now it seems to me that wherever people are thrown together, some will naturally gravitate toward each other. You find it so everywhere, even in the churches. There the ushers or the Sunday school teachers will form a little group. And in the college the boys and girls naturally flock together. If they don't do it in fraternities they will band in some other organization.

"The fraternities were imbedded at Northwestern University and

so it seemed best to use them for good purposes with their national organization and ideals rather than to try to do away with them, the possibility which I doubt, or to ignore them, and by the condition of things I have just sketched, that was just what we did not want to do.

"My solution was simply a quadrangle of fraternity houses adjoining non-fraternity dormitories, where all of the men of the institution would live side by side under the same circumstances. The fraternity men now have no better quarters than the non-fraternity men. In fact, I like the arrangement of the non-fraternity dormitories better than that of the houses in some respects.

"Thus thrown together the men must get to know each other and the fact that none live in supposedly better quarters than the rest would further tend to eliminate snobbishness.

#### EXPENSE REDUCED.

"Expense has been considerably cut down by the quadrangles, one of which is complete and two others started. The social life of the students has been reduced to normal proportions and their studies have shown improvement."

The average cost of room, board and dress is not much more than \$1.00 a day.

Despite the easier financial road to travel through college and the broader one of a truer democracy, President Harris had a struggle to secure adoption of his plans. Conservatism is one of the characteristics of most national college fraternities. Dr. Harris waged a campaign of education with students, faculty and trustees, and after four years finally won.

"We rented the land of the fraternities at a nominal figure for their houses," continued President Harris, "and we enabled them to get credit to put them up, but we did make it perfectly plain that the fee should always remain with us. We must take no chances with the ultimate possession of the property or its nominal control in the present.

"Plans were drawn for the entire quadrangle by the college architect. These were revised by one or two of the fraternities but the general expense remained the same.

"The furnishings of the fraternity houses were paid for directly by each chapter out of its own funds, and this necessity held them all to about the same level. The university took care to see that non-fraternity divisions were furnished on the same scale. The fraternity houses have larger lounging rooms but I do not believe they are superior in their quality.

"Thus by planting the fraternities each in a permanent home of the same grade as the others, Northwestern University has eliminated a drain on finances which Greek-letter societies are too frequently



subjected to. They are forever tearing down their barns and building new ones, striving to excel in their exteriors. Men in college and out are called on to bear the burden and it is often large. Here we have put the fraternity on a footing where the lad without large means can join and not feel out of place.

"Another feature tending toward democracy is the enlargement of chapters which has resulted. The boys have broadened out in learning that after all the student body has had in it material for chapters of thirty and thirty-five.

"One decided advantage of this increase in numbers, aside from letting in more men on the good things, is that it insures always a fair delegation of seniors to guide and to help the younger men. It is seldom the case in a very small chapter that the senior delegation is large. If it is, some future senior delegation is proportionately small and not infrequently a chapter will have no seniors at all because of the inevitable dropping out of college of a good percentage of the men.

"This deprives the freshmen and the sophomores of the fraternity of the influence of the men who are nearing the close of their college career—one of the most helpful influences, it can be, in college life. Larger chapters mean some seniors at least and frequently a good many.

#### DISCIPLINE IMPROVED.

"For a number of years our deans tried dealing directly with the underclassmen. The results were not always exactly what they desired. Nowadays when they wish to see improvement in a freshman or a sophomore, they take the matter up with a senior in his fraternity. The senior then takes it up with the underclassman. The deans tell me they have yet to find one case where this plan has not worked.

"The non-fraternity divisions have greatly interested us. Each has been given a name and has its own individuality. We hope that each will develop into a little social circle of its own like the fraternity adjoining, so that it will work out that every man in college is a fraternity man.

"One of the pleasant things about the fraternity house is that it always provides its graduate with a home when returning to college. And if it is the same house that he lived in while in college, his return will be the more welcome. The fixed abode of the fraternities at Northwestern preserves this feature of college life and some of the fraternities have set apart a handsomely furnished room for the exclusive use of their alumni coming back to stay over night.

"The other side of the picture is the non-fraternity man re-visiting the old college with nobody to welcome him but a few professors. By building up a community feeling in the dormitory halls we hope to

eliminate this sad experience and we hope this spirit will so develop in the non-fraternity groups that in time each one of them will have its own alumni room. This is carrying out our desire to make the whole college, brothers of some kind."

#### PLAN OF BUILDING.

The quadrangles are situated on college ground overlooking Lake Michigan. The buildings are of brick and the style Florentine. In the center of each quadrangle is a sunken grass court, in front of it a long bed of shrubbery.

The arrangement of the quadrangles starting from north to south is this: Phi Kappa Psi house, on one incomplete quadrangle, Phi Sigma Chi on the completed quadrangle's north wing, two non-fraternity dormitories forming the angle, Beta Theta Pi in the center, another angle of two non-fraternity dormitories, Delta Upsilon completing the second quadrangle; Delta Tau Delta starting the third quadrangle, a big space for the erection of two non-fraternity dormitories when needed, Scribblers' house, a local club in the same position in this quadrangle as the Beta house in the first, two more spaces for non-fraternity halls, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon house completing the fraternity representation in the third quadrangle. The plans call for six quadrangles, forming one great quadrangle.

Financing through university aid, it should be noted, has removed one of the hardships that frequently attend college men and alumni when they go about building or buying unaided. The burden is too apt to fall upon the men of the past and present while the fraternity men of the future, the real beneficiaries, are frequently left debt free or else, as it does sometimes happen, with an insupportable debt resulting from the over enthusiasm of the builders gone before.

At Northwestern University the debt the fraternities have incurred can be handled at their leisure, and this permits its payment to fall on those who deserve to bear it.

Phi Kappa Psi, for instance, is levying a tax of \$100 on each freshman initiated. The new member pledges himself to pay half of this sum in his four years' course, a little over \$1.00 a month, and the remaining \$50 whenever he gets around to it after graduation. As ten to fourteen freshmen are taken in every fall, that means a substantial paying off of the debt by the very men for whom it was incurred.

These advantages, of course, are breaking down the obstacles that led some of the societies to stay out at the start. Sigma Nu and Wranglers, a local, now want to come in. Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta are still out, chiefly because of leases or property holdings in Evanston.



## ONE HOUSE DESCRIBED.

A trip through one of the fraternity houses is somewhat of a revelation to one acquainted with the run of chapter houses. With its five stories, the Beta Theta Pi house dominates the completed quadrangle. Its first floor is half given over to a big social room, splendidly furnished with imported rugs, grand piano, concealed lighting, heavy furniture. Adjoining is the dining room, tastefully set off with nicely appointed tables. The floors above are occupied by bedrooms, study rooms, a library, a dormitory and on the top, the lodge room.

Different arrangements prevail in the Phi Kappa Psi house. Here the entire first floor has been devoted to a spacious lounging room and a tasteful reception room. In front of a brick fireplace a heavy oak and leather davenport twelve feet long leans its massive back against an equally lengthy table for magazines. In the corner is a grand piano. Near it, a tall standing lamp with cerise shade. About, heavy chairs, and big circular windows covered at the rounding spaces with tapestry-like cloth.

Cerise shades on the wall lights round out the elaborate, yet comfortable effect. The reception room adjoining, designed principally for patronesses at dances, is in ivory and blue with carved furniture, a mixture of Italian Renaissance and Elizabethan of the period just before Chippendale. A winding stairs descends to the dining room with its heavy tiled floor and paneled oak walls with rustic lighting.

In building the fraternity houses and the dormitories, President Harris insisted that the rooms be made small. "If they are large they provide a place to congregate," explained Dr. Harris. "We have taken care of that social need by providing a large lounging room in each of the non-fraternity dormitories and in each of the fraternity houses. But the study rooms we have wanted kept for study.

In the non-fraternity dormitories you will notice two chairs in each room—one a straight chair and the other an easy chair. If a man's chum wants to come in and work with him he can do it. If a third drops in he has to stand up or sit on the bed, and if more come in they won't be very comfortable."

Fraternity jewelers, those much traveled men who visit nearly every house in nearly every institution, are perhaps the best versed on appearances. Many of them say the Northwestern quadrangle leads the country for looks and comfort. As regards finances the Northwestern men declare themselves perfectly satisfied. As regards democracy, President Harris repeats, the quadrangles are making for progress.—*Christian Science Monitor*. Quoted by Alpha Gamma Delta "Quarterly."

One chapter of Pi Beta Phi is trying a new plan with regard

to their chaperon. The Arrow gives a very interesting account of its success:

The chaperon of the second stage was very different. She was a younger woman, familiar with the needs of college students. She lent her aid as well as her presence to the chapter. She not only graced their entertainments—she helped to plan them. She was more in sympathy with the girls, for she understood their life and could guide them. Moreover, she had a part in the government of the house. Under the first type of chaperonage fraternity meetings were dreaded by all, however guiltless their consciences, for it was there that justice was administered, and, to use the slang expression, you never could tell who would be "hit" next. But under the present conditions, the chaperon knew the house rules, and since she was a tactful woman and in sympathy with the girls, she could keep things running smoothly, and so free fraternity meetings from the wranglings of former times. Our present chaperon is of this type and I'll have more to say of her in a moment.

Then there is still another variety of chaperon—the woman who makes a business of it, such as is found in dormitories. She is the house manager, as well as the chaperon, and receives a salary. Three fraternities at Michigan have chaperons of this type and are well satisfied. The difficulty is, of course, to secure a woman who is capable of such a many-sided occupation.

So here are the three types of chaperons—the house mother who merely chaperons, the younger woman who is more active with the girls, and the salaried housekeeper. You will know best which is best suited to your individual needs.

And now for the advantages of having a Pi Phi chaperon. I'm going to tell you our experiences. A few years ago Mrs. Broomell, after visiting our chapter, advised us to secure a Pi Phi chaperon. With the aid of the committee on chaperons and our alumnae we did so. We weren't entirely enthusiastic about it either. Of course, we realized the possibilities of such a position, but what were the possibilities? What we most feared was that we would never be able to escape her for a moment, should we care to—she would even come to our fraternity meetings. So we started the year with many forebodings.

But it was not very long before we realized our fears were groundless—Miss Patch does not attend even the meetings which we urge her to attend. She thinks it better for her to keep out of our little difficulties. But she is always ready to advise us, and since she is a Pi Phi there is nothing which we are not free to lay before her.

Another very great advantage of a Pi Phi chaperon comes in rushing. She can give us the viewpoint of an alumna as well as her experience. Another point—the freshmen always like to meet the older



women of a fraternity, so a few words from the chaperon, and the sight of her pin makes more of an impression than the whole chapter. Moreover, since she is a Pi Phi she is anxious to pledge the very best girls, and enters into the rushing as whole-heartedly as the girls themselves.

There are ever so many other advantages which I haven't time to recount, but I have saved the greatest interest till last. A Pi Phi chaperon is the strongest link that can exist between the alumnae and the active chapter. Neither group can fully appreciate the position of the other, but the chaperon, being active in both, can bring them close together. For instance, we have tried for three years to get a new house, but the alumnae and the chapter have never worked together closely enough to accomplish it until this year when our Pi Phi chaperon made us realize the difficulties attendant upon such a proposition, and on the other hand, showed the alumnae our great need of it. Together the two bodies could never have raised the \$17,000 necessary, nor could they have drawn up plans so mutually satisfactory, had not a Pi Phi chaperon been the connecting link. The relations of the alumnae and the active chapter cannot be too intimate, and this usually forms a problem in every chapter. This relationship can everywhere be strengthened by a Pi Phi chaperon who will be active in both bodies.

I can't do more than give you our experiences, and if they are of any help to you in solving the problem of the chapter chaperon I am very glad. My advice to you is just this—for your chapter chaperon above all else get a woman who is suited to the position. If she is a college woman, very good. If she is a Pi Phi—best of all!

Martha C. Gray, Michigan B.

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We acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:

September—*Banta's Greek Exchange*, Sigma Kappa Triangle, Purple, Green and Gold of Lambda Chi Alpha.

October—*The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta.

November—*The Eleusis* of Chi Omega, *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma, *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly, Tyre of Alpha Chi Omega, *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

December—*Banta Greek Exchange*, Alpha Xi Delta, *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Chi Quarterly, *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

January—Alpha Phi Quarterly, Kappa Alpha Theta, *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

TUNE—RAMBLED.

Delta Zeta, Delta Zeta  
 Let the very walls resound  
 With love and praise and loyalty for  
 Delta Zeta, Delta Zeta  
 We'll do our best for Delta Zetas' sake

Hum—Then repeat. Modelled after our song, California, or  
 for The Sake of California.

CATHERINE GWENDALEN GAYNOR, *Mu*.

CHORUS.

So we'll sing of Delta Zeta now,  
 of our sorority true.  
 Of her daughters tried and most true, all  
 Whose hearts can know no fear  
 Of her victories over all.  
 'Tis a song now long since told,  
 So we'll sing, sing and let our voices ring  
 Of our dear Delta Zeta.

A. CALDWELL, *Mu*.

TO DELTA ZETA.

Delta Zeta, we look upon thee  
 As the symbol of all we are striving to be.  
 May we cherish thine honor and blazon thy name  
 On the shield that hangs first in the high hall of fame.

Thy vows we have taken, thy high cause is ours—  
 To thee we have promised the sum of our powers.  
 We shall love and be loyal while life shall abide:  
 Hail to thee Delta Zeta, our lamp and our guide!

FRANCES BROWN.